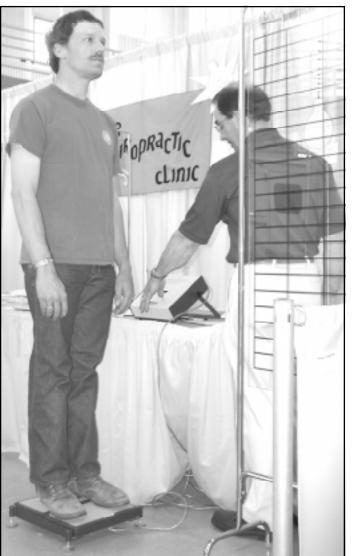
The feature page about interesting people, places and things to do

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WITH A BANG, the crash simulator hit the bumper and Haley Leitner brought her set up outside the Decatur County Health Fair, showed what it would feel like to be in arms in front of her chest for safety. The belts kept her safe, however. The simulator, a minor accident, going just 5 miles an hour.



ON THE SCALE, Gaylen Huntley was weighed by Dr. Doug Fair to see which side of his body carried more weight.

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IN FRONT OF THE CHART, Lisa Davies stood to check her posture with the help of Dr. Doug Fair and a mirror in front of the lines.

Fair offers information about health

Kids and adults learned about pos- Gamblin said the blood was screened ture, the impact of a car crash, reaction time while operating farm machinery and many other health issues during the Decatur County Health Fair

The arena at The Gateway was filled with booths covering about every aspect of health from infancy to old age, ing lot where school kids tried on hats and from learning about jaundice to the Kansas Lions Mobile clinic, which wear. In the morning, a rescue helidoes screening for vision, hearing, dia- copter from Nebraska landed, but was betes and blood pressure.

sponsored by the county health de- case. partment, said Administrator Marilyn Gamblin. When the fair started, a committee made up of her and representatives from the hospital, emergency Center invited people to man booths. turn and then there are always new ones, said Ms. Gamblin.

She said compared to past years, there weren't as many people at the fair, but she still was pleased with the turnout. Before the fair, visitors had a chance to have their blood drawn for \$25 and then on Friday results from and nutrition into the day, since neithe tests were distributed. Ms. ther areas was covered this year.

for sodium, potassium, kidney function, cholesterol, thyroid and just about everything you can think of.

A bone density screening test was done on site at the fair. Ms. Gamblin said quite a few took part in this test.

Outside, a fire truck sat in the parkand coats which volunteer firemen only on the ground for five minutes This is the third year for the fair, before the crew was called for a heart

On the other side of The Gateway, the Kansas Highway Patrol had a crash simulator. After being strapped into a seat, the "crash victim" slid down a medical services and Good Samaritan track into a black bumper. The fivemile-an-hour impact bounced the oc-Each year, some of those people re- cupant in the seat around, but a seatand-shoulder-belt harness kept them safe. A state trooper told several students to imagine what that would feel like in town at 20 miles per hour or on the highway at 65.

> Next year, Ms. Gamblin said she wants to incorporate physical fitness





WITH HER HAND OUT, Justin Miller (above) gets orange goop in her palm as Trina Shields and Kelly Olson watched. The goop glowed under a special light, showing the girls how much bacteria was on their hands. Outside, Assistant Fire Chief Katie Glading (left) tried on a helmet.