

College Goal Sunday



Beverly Elder of Sharon Springs met with Paul Chaffin, director of student services at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, during the College Goal Sunday event. Elder came up for the financial aid event to prepare for sending her children to college. The Goodland campus is among the sites across Kansas for the annual event. Students can apply for financial aid here no matter where they plan to go to school.
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Television artist's techniques to be taught in Logan

Have you ever been flipping through the channels on the television and happened to come across the program, "Joy of Painting with Bob Ross"?

Many who have stopped for only a moment have been captivated by his simple and easy painting techniques, and the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan will offer classes teaching Ross' techniques this month.

Two certified instructors who regularly teach classes at the museum, T.R. Mathews and Sandy

Seamone of Arriba, Colo., will entertain and instruct, showing step by step how easy and fun it is to paint the Bob Ross way. No previous experience is necessary, they say; anyone can do it.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the class will be painting the "Little Cowboy" and on Sunday, Feb. 25, the "Zebra." The classes will run 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Mountain Time both days.

The Hansen Museum Continued Education Program is offering the classes at reduced rates. To register,

call (785) 689-4846. Bring a roll of paper towels; other supplies are provided.

Museum hours are 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays and holidays, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. The museum is handicapped accessible, and there is never an admission fee.

For information, call (785) 689-4846 or check out the web site www.hansenmuseum.org.

Wheat needs weed management

With the plentiful moisture we have been blessed with, it's a good idea to be making plans for weed management in your dryland or irrigated winter wheat.

Since a lot of the wheat will be topdressed with nitrogen, farmers might apply both herbicides and fertilizer in one pass.

These herbicides can provide both contact and residual control of weeds, such as blue and tansy mustard, along with other winter and spring annuals.

Control of mustard is essential in growing high-yielding wheat. Once some of this snow melts, there will be the opportunity to make a one-pass treatment to "weed and feed."

As winter melts away, it is important to keep a close eye on your fields for weeds and to catch them at an early stage. Smaller weeds are much easier to control, and it is vital to treat them before they begin



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to bolt.

Competition from even small weeds can affect overall yield. If you wait to treat, you can be limited on products used, total weed control and use of fertilizer.

In addition, it's important to get the fertilizer into the root zone before the wheat begins jointing. The greatest yield response to fertilizer occurs at this time.

One concern is your crop rotation. Certain herbicides allow you to go to a grass crop, such as corn or milo, much earlier than broadleaf crops, like soybeans or sunflowers.

It is important to consult the her-

bicide label or the 2007 K-State Chemical Weed Control Guide for rotation restrictions.

Your chemical and fertilizer

dealer can develop a program that will allow you to address your fertilizer and weed control needs now and allow you to rotate to your preferred crop in the next growing season.

This is one time to think ahead of the curve with wheat and be ready when the snow starts to melt to get protection early and give your wheat what it needs to produce bushels.

Jeanne Falk is an area crop production and economics specialist for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Business owners need balance

As a small business owner, the lines between your business and personal life often become blurred.

While it's important to put in many hours to build your business, it's also important to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

You can't work 24/7 for very long without burning out. Set time aside for your family and for yourself. Failure to do so could damage your



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family, your health and your business.

This tip was brought to you by Western Kansas Business Consul-

Economy rebounding; jobs growing

In the past four years, we've seen our economy recover and rebound. As we approach nearly three years of job growth, more Kansans are working, and wages are growing.

This growth has allowed us to make the largest commitment to public schools in the history of our state, open the doors of health care to more Kansans and begin to take advantage of opportunities in energy, biosciences and other new industries.

But while those horizons may be limitless, our budget is not. State government must continue to practice financial responsibility by holding ourselves accountable, saving and spending wisely and keeping the promises made to our citizens and to the common good.

We can and should provide incentives for businesses to create jobs in



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would jeopardize these priorities and put us right back in the financial hole we've spent the last four years digging ourselves out of.

My proposals can be done while still meeting our commitment to strengthening schools, protecting public safety and caring for vulnerable Kansans. Complete elimination of the franchise tax, meanwhile, is financially irresponsible and puts us at risk of breaking our promise to all Kansans.

We can keep moving forward but only if we continue to practice financial responsibility by maintaining a proper balance between all our obligations and only if we keep the promises made to the people of Kansas.

Kansas. That's why I've proposed reductions in the unemployment insurance tax, lower rates for corporate income tax and removing the franchise tax requirement for 16,000 small businesses.

These reductions are targeted toward the specific goal of attracting new industries and creating jobs for Kansans, while still allowing us to meet our critical responsibilities to schools, health care, public safety and other key areas.

Recently, however, the Kansas House passed a tax elimination that



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and The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and Ambassadors welcome

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It's been 3 months and several inches of snow since Randy and Jeannie Topliff decided to go big in Goodland. Just how big, you ask? Approximately 5000 square foot big! Their new building is located at 726 W Hwy 24 on the I-70 Business Loop. The Topliff's opened their doors on October 23, 2006. The new building offers more parking and a central location for all your needs!

Randy and Jeannie have offered UPS service to their customers since 1994 at their Main Street location and in 2005 started to offer FedEx as well. You may drop off packages through either service during normal business hours at their new building as well.

As for a little history, it was in 1992 that Tim Topliff, Randy's brother, started a roofing and door business in the Goodland area called American Door of NW Kansas. Randy joined his brother in 1994 and learned the business. When his brother decided to go back to school, Randy fell into the #1 spot. From there, the rest is history. The business thrived to the point of recognition by a popular company that specializes in commercial doors and is based in Nebraska. That company, Overhead Door, joined forces with Randy's company in 1998. The Overhead Door Company of NW Kansas has been a winning team ever since! John Dean, a former high school principal, does a stellar job at running the Overhead Door side of the business. Randy has most recently added the Weathercraft Roofing line to his repertoire as well. Weathercraft offers various options for roofing including sheet metal which is gaining in popularity.

Randy's wife, Jeannie, has also been successful in her endeavors with her business, American Communications. When she started in 1994, she was selling cell phones

through Kansas Cellular and helping with the books for husband Randy. Alltel purchased Kansas Cellular and is currently the only carrier that owns and operates the largest wireless network in America. Needless to say, Jeannie no longer has time to help with the books!

American Communications offers cell phones and the popular alltel service, as well as phone accessories, pagers and XM radios! The technology that exists for cell phones today is absolutely remarkable! Jeannie most recently received the Samsung U520 that has a new service for its users called Celltop. This service offers weather, stock market info, pictures, etc. that scroll on the phone itself! The Samsung U520 is also GPS capable and uses a program called NAV200 that will provide step by step directions to a specific address anywhere in the United States! You're sure to find your way with this phone! American Communications also carries several types of XM radios that are affordable and portable and can be taken anywhere; in the car, on a jog through the park or just relaxing at home.

In addition to the latest and greatest, American Communications also has phones that offer TV, video, a variety of ringbacks and ringtones, calculators, games, etc. Their phones are priced from 99¢ to \$689.89. The sky is the limit when it comes to cell phones these days!

American Communications, Overhead Door of NW Kansas, Weathercraft Roofing, UPS and FedEx hours are 8:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Come on down, if you haven't already, and check out the new building and all that it offers!

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