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**Today** 

Saturday

**Midday Conditions** 

Soil temperature 26 degrees

weather

report

noon

Monday

Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Humidity 32 percent

• Winds south 34-45 mph

• Barometer 29.68 inches

and falling

Record High today 83° (1964)

• Record Low today -9° (2004)

Last 24 Hours\*

The Topside Forecast

percent chance of snow after 11

a.m. with a high near 27, winds

blusters out of the north at 10 to 30

mph and a low around 7. Wednes-

day: Mostly sunny with a high near

30, winds out of the southwest at

**Extended Forecast** 

a high near 43 and a low around

20. Friday: Mostly sunny with a

high near 41 and a low around 20.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

near 40 and a low around 18.

local

Sunflowers

markets

Wheat - \$5.05 bushel

Posted county price —

Milo — \$2.68 bushel

Soybeans — \$7.56 bushel

Corn — \$3.37 bushel

Noon

Posted county price — \$3.50

Posted county price — \$8.06

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Oil current crop — \$13 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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Star-News

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

Thursday: Mostly sunny with

10 mph and a low around 12.

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40

none

0.14 20.37

0.71 inches

Sky mostly cloudy

High Sunday

Low Sunday

Precipitation

This month

Year to date

Above normal

Ten Pages

Voting close on holiday recipes

By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com More than 50 people tasted and voted on the holiday recipes presented at the Home for the Holidays and Taste of Goodland Saturday afternoon at the Goodland Activity

People tasted the dishes and many marked ballots with the voting on several being very close with a single vote separating first from second. More than 100 people attended the event, but many did not fill out ballots.

Recipes had been selected from the two special Home for the Holidays sections printed in The Goodland Star-News, and in most cases the person submitting the recipe was asked to make it and bring it for people to taste.

The various dishes were spread out over several tables at the event, and people picked up plates and cups to check them out as they worked their way around the room.

Kay Wessel of Oakley was the top winner in the salad division with her Ice Cream Salad.

"I enjoy things like this because you get a chance to see and taste a dish you might otherwise not try," she said. "It is a good chance to talk to other cooks about how they did their recipes and hear from those who were there to taste the food."

Each top winner received \$100 in scrip to be spent with the businesses who helped sponsor the Home for the Holidays program. Second place received a one-year subscription to the *Star-News* and third place won six-month subscription to the Star-News.



Kay Wessel dished out a sample of her prize winning Ice Cream Salad to Andrea Pritchard who won for her Roasted Pecans. Top place in main dishes went to Tina Meyer (right) for her Deep Dish Pizza, and she won for her side dish Broccoli Cheese Bake. All were

side dish division with her Broccoli Cheese Bake.

Marvin Seaman had three dishes and was a close second in the main In the main dish division Tina dish division with his Quick Shrimp Meyer was the top winner with her Newberg and in the appetizers with

second in the salad division with his Japanese Shrimp and Cucumber

Top spot in the dessert division went to Heyde Tiede and her Perfect Fudge Brownies. Second went Deep Dish Pizza. Meyer won the his Hot Crab Dip. Seaman was to Marge Pizel of Great Bend with

Fudge Brownies were made from Heyde Tiede's winning recipe. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News her Cracker Jack Cookies. Third in the appetizers with her Salmon

winners in the Home for the Holidays recipe tasting and Taste of

Goodland held Saturday at Goodland Activity Center. The Perfect

went to Marcia Emig for her White Chocolate Snack. Top spot in the appetizer division

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Roasted Pecans. Velda Bramer had a third place

Party Dip and was third in the main dishes with the Easy Roast Beef.

In the drink division a Christmas went to Andrea Pritchard for her Punch by Debbie Overmiller was

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# Deputies have improved tool to test for alcohol

By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com State troopers and sheriff deputies have an improved tool to deal with drivers who have been drinking and that could mean more arrests during the holiday season, which begins Wednesday and runs through New Years.

Sherman County Undersheriff Roger Studer showed a new machine that tests the breath of a driver to determine the level of alcohol in their system that the county got through the state Department of Health and Environment in the past few months.

"This is a bad time of year," he said, "because we have a lot of festive drinking. It is not a problem to have a drink if that is what you want to do, but when you get behind the wheel that is when we get involved."

Studer said the state troopers and deputies from Sherman County and Wallace County use the new Intoxilyzer model 8000 to test drivers suspected of being over the legal limit of alcohol in their system.

Studer said the city police don't use the machine, but take their suspects to the hospital

Goodland Police Chief Ray Smee said the city does not use the Intoxilyzer because the city attorney has wanted to use blood alcohol tests.

Studer said the updated breath testing machine is easier to operate and he believes it is more accurate and pretty much fool proof.

The state purchased more than 200 of the Intoxilyzer 8000 breath alcohol instruments and distributed and trained the operators

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Sherman County offices will

close at noon on Wednesday, for

Christmas, and will not be open

on Friday for an extended holi-

day for the county employees.

a day of vacation or as non-paid

County Clerk Janet Rumpel

told the commissioners at their

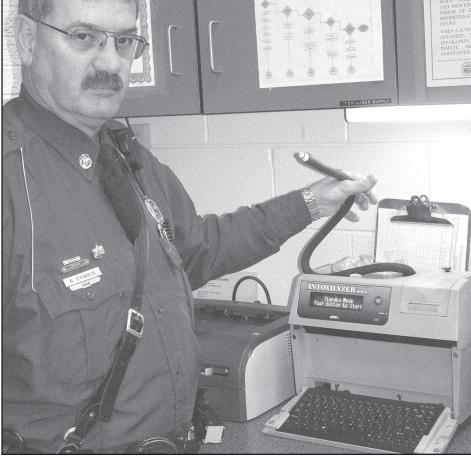
meeting on Dec. 9, that she

had been asked by Register of

Deeds Billie Hoyt about closing

early on Dec. 24.

The commissioners agreed



Undersheriff Roger Studer showed the Intoxilyzer 8000 at the Sherman County Bastille used to test the breath of drivers suspected of being intoxicated while behind Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

"This was a significant effort," said Roderick L. Bremby, Health and Environment secretary. "Thanks to the efforts of our staff and local partners, it is a worthwhile investment in keeping Kansas travelers safe."

The state's Breath Alcohol Program is responsible for the certification of agencies, instruments and officers who test drivers suspected of being under the influence of

The Intoxilyzer 8000 features the latest advancements in breath alcohol detection Bremby said, ensuring every driver is receiving an accurate breath test. He said the instruments are more mobile, enabling officers and troopers to run a higher volume of impaired driving checks. The instruments are more user-friendly, decreasing the marginal incidence of operator error and ensuring greater viability in the prosecution of offenders.

Studer agrees the updated testing equipment is easier to use. He said with the older machine it had to be turned on and warmed up before the test could be run, and there were more details that had to be watched.

"This one is on all the time," he said. "This machine uses a gas we don't have to change it like we used to. The state sends someone out to check the machine on a regular schedule.

"It is a close loop system. There is nothing from outside. Nothing goes in except the breath."

When asked when an officer makes a decision to test a driver, Studer said it is usually

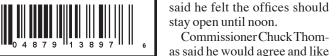
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### Cowboys finish second

Junior Jay Cotter gave Goodland just enough points to beat Garden City for second in the Holiday Classic wrestling tournament Saturday. See story and photo on Page 10, and more photos on Page 9.



By Tom Betz



### to see them close at non.

County office to close early

people would just be standing around gabbing.

Rasure raised the question of how they would be paid.

Thomas suggested it be non-paid unless the employee to allow all offices to close at wanted to take a half day of noon, and that employees can either take the afternoon as half

The commissioners unanimously approved closing early on Wednesday.

Sherman County offices will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1 and on Friday Jan. 2 <check

In other business the commissioners:

Commissioner Kevin Rasure Agreed to keep a \$75 deposit for the use of the fairgrounds when someone did not as said he would agree and like clean up after an event. Tiede

said Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Commissioner Mitch Tiede Snethen had asked her about said he felt that after noon the a recent event where William McKnight, grounds supervisor, said he had to clean up after the event. Tiede said not only did the people not clean up but they left beer cans in the trash.

"I told Mary Ann we would keep the \$75," he said. "We will need to let them know they need to do the cleanup and that no alcohol is allowed."

Rasure said he would agree the county should keep the deposit since they were told to clean up when they signed the contract.

• Talked to Kathy Ryan, health department administrator, about two-way radios and replacing the county van.

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## Offices, banks close for holidays

and banks will be closed the next two and New Year's Day. There will be Thursdays for Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Goodland Star-News office will close early on both Wednesdays and will be closed both holidays. People will receive their Star-News editions normally on Friday of both weeks. The office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 26, but open for regular hours on Friday, Jan. 2.

City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Day (Wednesday and Thursday) and be open for regular hours -7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - on Friday. They will be closed on Thursday, New

The Sherman County Courthouse will close at noon on Wednesday and be closed until Monday, Dec. 29. They will close on New Year's Day till Monday,

Jan. 5. The post office and state and federal

Government offices, businesses offices will be closed on Christmas Day no mail pickup or delivery on those holidays.

The First National Bank will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, be closed on Thursday and open regular hours on Friday. They will close at 2 p.m. on Dec. 31 and be closed New Year's Day.

BankWest will close at noon on Wednesday, be closed on Christmas Day and open regular hours on Friday. They will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and Friday, Jan. 2 and be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Western State Bank will close at noon on Wednesday, be closed on Christmas and open regular hours on Friday. They will close on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Peoples State Bank will close at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday be closed on

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