

Cat show



The cat show for the Northwest Kansas Free Fair was Monday at Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community. Ten 4-Hers showed their cats and kitten at the event. The judge was Cindy Smith from Nebraska. Kayley Jarrett (left) showed her black cat in the junior division. First year exhibitor Sean Sains (above) showed her neutered male red tabby that weighed between 15 and 20 pounds. Dani Mangus won the Cat Championship and Sierra Vandiver won the Cat Reserve Championship. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

School board accepts bid for new elementary roof

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After much discussion the Goodland School Board decided to accept the bid by Roofmasters of Colby for the replacement of the roof on West Elementary School with a Fibertite roof. The motion passed five to two with board president Gary Slough and member Diane Stiles voting no.

Glenn Strait of Strait Associates was also at the meeting to present the bids from Roofmasters and Overhead Door owned by Randy Toppliff whose company installs Weathercraft roofs. He recom-

mended the board accept the bid from Roofmasters.

The bid accepted would also remove eight penetration points to the membrane from beams no longer needed on the roof and add roof pads for servicing and the air conditioning units on the roof. The roof would be mechanically attached rather than glued on. The bid was for \$177,024 with \$750 for removal of beams and \$7,000 for pads.

Toppliff's bid was \$320,791. He commented at the meeting that a black rubber roof such as the ones of the junior high gym and Max Jones Fieldhouse would cost \$40,000 less

than the Fibertite roof but the bid request was for the Fibertite roof.

The board asked Strait why he picked the Fibertite roof over the other. He replied that he thought it was a better roof system and more impact resistant. The roof would be guaranteed for 15 years.

Cochran had trouble with having a company from Colby rather than Goodland do the roof. He also said that time was of the importance because they wanted as little disruption to the students at West Elementary School as possible. Also he felt that he had a responsibility to the taxpayers to spent their money as

wisely as possible.

Strait said that Roofmasters would not be able to start on the roof until September but Weathercraft could start immediately.

Board president Gary Slough said he did not wish to table the motion on the roof because if they rebid the roof it would add about 30 days to the starting date. Also the bid from Roofmasters may not be the same.

Maintenance supervisor Kenny Studer reported on the bid from American Boiler for a new heating boiler for \$57,364 at Central Elementary School. One thing complicating things was that if the

40 gallon gas water heater was to use the same flue as the new boiler the flue would have to be lined. Studer recommended that the gas water heater be replaced with an electric one.

The board decided to purchase the electric water heater locally.

Studer said that the company was not going to remove the current boiler for heat because of asbestos removal issues. He said that there was another unused boiler in the basement in pieces that the asbestos had already been removed and the new boiler would go there.

The school would be able to

use the existing boiler for heat if it needed to. Studer said the American Boiler people said they would be here before it gets cold.

Studer said he thought that the boiler replacement would cause no interruptions to the students.

The board talked about setting a time to do some strategic planning with the new superintendent. They decided to do it starting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15. This would allow the board to set some goals and help the members to get to know where each of them stood. Part of the equation is that the board has four new members out of the total of seven

Value-added producer grant workshop to be in August

Three workshops designed to assist farmers and ranchers in applying for Value-Added Producer Grants will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 9, in Hays, Aug. 10 in Salina and Aug. 15 in Lawrence.

To offer the workshops USDA Rural Development is partnering with K-State Research and Extension.

USDA Rural Development recently announced the availability of \$37 million in Value-Added Producer Grants. Producers, farmer/rancher cooperatives, ag producer groups and producer-based busi-

ness ventures can apply for planning or working capital grants. Applications are due Aug. 29. Visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/KS_RBS_VAPG.html to download the grant application.

The grant workshops will be lead by Dr. Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, and Karissa Berks, USDA Business Programs Director in Kansas.

Registration for the workshop is \$20 and includes lunch. Contact Dr. Kara Ross with Kansas State

University's Department of Agricultural Economics at 785-532-3526 or kross@agecon.ksu.edu to register for the workshop. Registration is due by Aug. 5, and the following information is needed to register: mailing address, phone/e-mail address, organization, project description, interest in planning or working capital grant and any special needs.

For additional information regarding the USDA Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant program call the Agency's state office at (785) 271-2740.

Northwest Tech to host Leadership Kansas group

Leadership Kansas is a statewide program designed to enhance and motivate future leaders from various Kansas communities.

The Leadership Kansas class session began in Colby on Wednesday, and the Goodland portion of the training session was held on the Northwest Tech campus on Thursday.

The focus of the afternoon session at Northwest Tech was on Rural Culture in Education, Rural Healthcare and Technology in Healthcare and Higher Education.

"We are pleased to welcome the Leadership Kansas Class of 2011," said Jenifer Sanderson, Leadership

Kansas local program chair. "It is a great honor to host this session, and provide these fine leaders a view of Rural Kansas. They will obtain a better understanding of the amazing technology implemented in our region, and will meet many of our outstanding citizens. It is a win-win for everyone involved."

Each year close to 500 people are nominated to apply for the program. Upon the conclusion of a thorough and thoughtful application and selection process, 40 individuals are selected to participate in the class.

Leadership Kansas is dedicated to ensuring geographic, racial, occupational, and gender diversity

so each class is truly representative of the state. Northwest Kansas is lucky enough to have the following local alumni involved with this organization: Marcia Golden, Brenda McCants, Lawrence McCants, Dr. Ed Mills, Jenifer Sanderson, Jeanie Schields and Diane Stiles.

Throughout the six-month program, the 40 members of the class are exposed to a variety of experts and educational three-day training sessions in six different Kansas communities.

For more information about Leadership Kansas visit www.leadershipkansan.org

Tech college expects another increase in enrollment

Fall enrollment numbers at Northwest Kansas Technical College show an anticipated increase in enrollment.

The total enrollment when classes begin on Aug. 15 is expected to be at or slightly above the 400 mark said Bill Finley, vice president of student affairs.

Northwest Tech had made many changes over the past two years including the introduction of col-

lege athletics, new and exciting programs and faculty, the introduction of an iPad in the hands of every student and the rebranding of the college Maverick mascot, Finley said.

These changes have brought about a sense of pride not only in the college but in the Goodland community, Finley said. Along with these changes the freshman enrollment for Northwest Tech is expected to

be up and the total college enrollment is expected to be up from last year, and should be around the 400 student mark. According to college records, Finley said, this would be the largest enrollment since 2002.

Northwest Tech continues to take enrollments. All programs begin classes on Monday, Aug. 15.

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