

County, hospital plans needs survey

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clinics or other suggestions. Terry said Dr. John Leatherman of Kansas Rural Health Works, which offers technical support and funding to Critical Access Hospitals and other health care providers, will be coming to Goodland to help the department and hospital conduct the community meetings.

There may also be an online survey people can complete. Terry said the community portion of the process should be completed by early fall.

Terry said the surveys and meetings will

tell the organizations what people like about Goodland's health care, not just what they feel is lacking.

The process will be paid for in part by a \$3,000 Community Health Assessment Grant from the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment. The state recently awarded nine of these grants to cities around Kansas. The money comes from Kansas Rural Health Works. The health department will be adding some funding as well from its Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant.

Once all the data is collected, Terry said, the state will help the department and hospital put

it together, so the two organizations can come up with plans to alleviate some of the needs. The organizations will have to study and make plans that they have the finances, staff and other resources to accomplish.

Goodwin said the hospital's plan will find three areas to focus on, and determine what should be the top priority. This in turn will help the hospital board come up with a long-range strategic plan.

Once all these plans are in place, Goodwin said, they will be updated each year.

Reminder: political signs not allowed on highways

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crews find political or business advertising on state right of way, the signs will be removed immediately without notice. All such signs will then be taken to the closest subarea office where they can be picked up by the owner with the agreement they will not be placed on state right

of way again. All political campaign signs not picked up will be disposed of after the election.

Political campaign advertising is allowed on private property bordering state right of way. However, people erecting signs on private property must first obtain permission from the property owner.

Harvest rolling along



The winter wheat harvest is trucking right along. Farmers are reporting widely varying yields, anything from 20 bushels per acre to 60 bushels or more, sometimes in neighboring fields. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

City OK's fireworks sale; launching banned in county

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commissioners lowered it to \$50. "We don't want to discourage this group," Gerber said. "But we don't want just anyone setting up a stand."

Gerber added that the requirements are a tradeoff for being allowed to sell in town, and that people can still choose to sell outside city limits.

City and Rural Fire Chief Brian James had been worried about the heat, dry conditions and high wind and warned the commission and the FCCLA members in attendance that the Sherman County Commissioners may put in place a fire ban. At their meeting the next day, they did just that.

The county commissioners put in place a temporary controlled

burn ban and a ban on shooting off fireworks outside the city limits until further notice. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the commissioners would revisit the ban if the county gets some rain.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said the ban will work similarly to the burn ban in terms of law enforcement. If someone is caught lighting off fireworks outside the city, they will likely get a warning first. If they are caught again, he said, the Sheriff's Department will get their information and turn it over to the county attorney's office for prosecution.

The commissioners had debated making the ban applicable to the whole county, including the city of Goodland, but decided against it, leaving that decision up to the city. Sales of fireworks in the county are still permissible after June 27.

Brick work laying not so different from the first time

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Thompson and Herman Neu on the grounds that they used "unsatisfactory methods" in awarding contracts for city improvements.

Despite protests and threats of more court injunctions, the council went ahead with more pavement orders. Not everyone was against the decision. Newspaper editor R.G. Wolfe thought there should be more.

"The fact that we have nine blocks

of swell thoroughfare cannot excuse us for the woeful lack of attention to our blocks and blocks of dirt streets," he wrote in August, 1921.

By Dec. 1, 1921, paving was finished on Main Avenue, 10th, 12th and 13th Streets. The work was completely finished by April, 1922. The work was met with a favorable review from the *Goodland Republic*.

"It was not for tourists that Goodland pave primarily, but for her own citizens and her neighbors who trade

here," read one story on April 20, 1922. "Now it is possible for lumber yards, coal yards and merchants to get their goods in town without hauling them over bumpy roads or rough streets. It is possible for a country man to drive down Main Street without breaking his auto or case of eggs. It is possible to walk across the streets after a snow or rain without going ankle deep in mud and slush."

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