

weather  
report

82°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:52 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 70 degrees

• Humidity 58 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds northwest at 9

• Barometer 29.94 inches

and falling

• Record High 108° (1970)

• Record Low 42° (1974)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 73°

Low 64°

Precipitation .26 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 65, west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: mostly sunny, high near 95, west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry, lows near 60, highs near 90.

(National Weather Service)

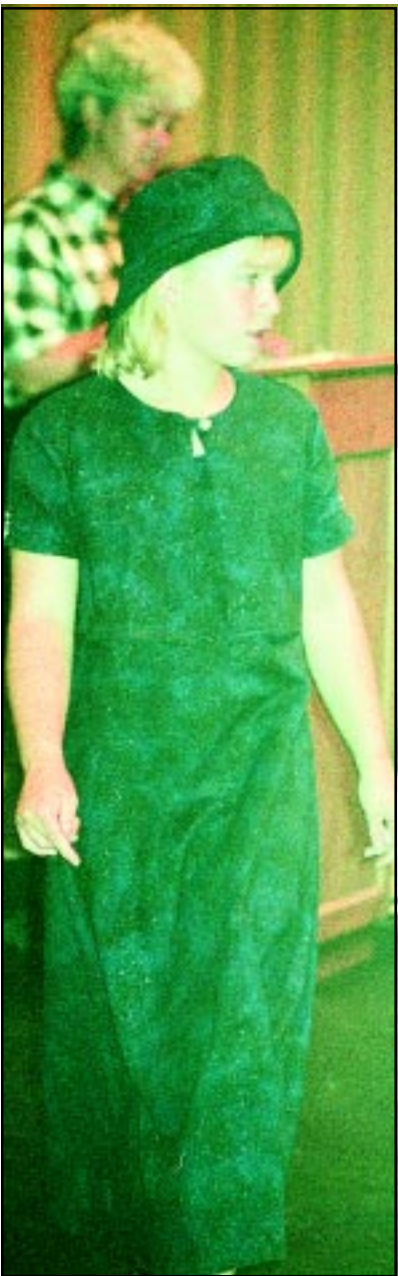
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Chris Riebel (above right, in background) announced a long dress and half jacket modeled by Rebecca Pardon at the 4-H Public Style Revue. Clay Schilling (above) was on stage while Jonathan McClung (left) and Darrick Ihrig waited their turn to dazzle the crowd. Meghan Stefan and Kali Rietcheck (below) performed during a break in the show. The girls choreographed the dance themselves.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



# 4-Hers strut their stuff

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman Theatre had a different show Thursday night. Instead of showing a movie, it was the setting for the 4-H Public Style Revue as members of 4-H clubs modeled their outfits for clothing construction and “buymanship” projects.

Even the guys got into the act. Jason Krayca wore a pair of Bronco shorts which he made in clothing construction.

“It was kind of hard,” he said, “but it was fun making it.”

The velcro was “sticky” to sew on with a machine, Krayca said, so he had to sew it on by hand. He said that was the hard part. He bought a Bronco T-shirt to go with his shorts while on vacation this summer.

“A little nervous, but not too much,” Krayca said about the modeling.

In clothing construction, leaders said, there are four levels of difficulty. All clothing made must be the work of the member and a product of the current 4-H year.

Chelsea Sheldon was in clothing construction and buymanship. For clothing construction, she made a black formal.

“It was pretty easy,” she said. “This was the first year that I did it by myself. I was able to do it while mom was at work.”

As a member moves up to the next level in clothing construction, they have to try something new. For Sheldon, it was crisscross straps on the back of her dress. She said it was hard to get them even and right.

In the buymanship project, the member has to know the fabric content of the outfit, the cost and how to care for it. Another thing in buymanship, the garments had to be purchased and modeled by the member.

About modeling, Sheldon said, “That’s basically why I do the sewing and buymanship, because that’s my favorite part.”

Kim Cook, who has been in buymanship for several years, said her favorite part of the project was shopping. She said she is planning to do this project again next year.

“It’s just parents out there, so I don’t stress out too much,” Cook said about modeling. “It was fun.”

When asked about the best part of buymanship, Rebecca Gattshall said, “You get to pick your own clothes.”

As for the modeling, she said, “It’s not too bad. The first year, you’re kind of nervous, but after that you know what to expect.”

The 4-H members presented themselves in their outfits before judges be-



fore the revue. Those in clothing construction, crocheting and needlework were judged on Tuesday, those in buymanship on Wednesday. Then at the revue, they modeled their outfits before the community and the winners were announced.

In clothing construction, for Level I, the champion was Andrew Philbrick and reserve champion was Taylor Raile; for Level II, champion was Jason Krayca and reserve champion was Stephanie Sheldon; for Level III, champion was Alyssa Mason and reserve champion was Jordan Riebel; and for Level IV, champion was Chelsea Sheldon and reserve champion was Amanda Gittinger.

The overall winners for junior clothing construction, ages 7-13, were Jason Krayca, champion, and Stephanie Sheldon, reserve champion, and for senior clothing construction, ages 14 and up, they were Alyssa Mason, champion and Jordan Riebel, reserve champion.

In crocheting, the champion was

Amanda Gittinger and reserve champion was Shannon Johnson. For needlework, the champion was Jordan Riebel and reserve champion was Kali Rietcheck.

Then in buymanship, for junior boys, the champion was John Mosbarger and reserve champion was David Livengood. For senior boys, the champion was Blake Winter and the reserve champion was Matthew Gattshall. For the junior girls division, the winners were Ashley Cook, champion and Aubrea Winter, reserve champion. In the senior girls division, the champion was Holly Stephens and reserve champion was Shala Hall.

Construction entrants also were judged for their presentation and appearance. In the category for junior constructed style revue, champion was Stephanie Sheldon and reserve champion was Ana McClung. In senior constructed style revue, champion was StevieLee Raymer and reserve champion was Alyssa Mason.

# Sunflower show begins next week

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland will celebrate its role as the “Sunflower Capitol of the High Plains with the annual Sunflower Celebration next weekend.

The event is organized by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, with sponsors including the National Sunflower Association, area sunflower processors and industry supporters. Events aimed at sunflower growers, agribusiness people and area resident will begin 7 a.m. next Friday, Aug. 14.

The show will be at the Goodland Industrial Park, a quarter mile north of the intersection of Business U.S. 24 and K-27 intersection, then west at 16th Street. It will feature seminars, sunflower production and harvesting equipment, sunflower test plot tours, sunflower processing plant tours and industry experts available throughout the day to answer any questions regarding sunflower production or marketing.

The Friday events will begin with a breakfast at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m., there will be a speaker’s forum, including:

- Larry Kleingartner, executive director of the National Sunflower Association, speaking on the role of sunflowers in the global marketplace, and on NuSun, a new sunflower oil;
- Ron Meyer, Colorado State University Extension, on sunflower herbicides and weed control;
- Curtis Thompson, Kansas State University Research and Extension, on sunflower crop production practices;
- Alan Schlegel, K-State Research and Extension, on High Plains crop rotations utilizing sunflower production;
- Roger Stockton and Robert Aiken, K-State Research and Extension, on the effects of sunflower planting dates on insect pressure.

At 10:30 a.m., there will be tours of

sunflower demonstration and test plots. There will also be processing plant tours.

Sunflower demonstration plot tours, in-field demonstrations, sunflower industry and equipment exhibits and representatives will be available throughout the event.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, events will begin at 8 a.m. with a farmer’s market at the Rasure Do-It Center at 625 Caldwell.

At 8:30 a.m., there will be a “best-dressed pet” contest sponsored by Luci’s Aquarium.

At 9 a.m., the crowning of the 1999 Sunflower queen and princess will take place in front of Collage Ltd., and an antique tractor show will take place at 1311 Main, in front of Central School.

From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, the Sunflower Quilt show will be shown at 1311 Main, in the school gym.

There will also be a Sunflower competition of plants and arrangements under the tent on the west side at 11th and Main.

The Flatlander Flyers Display of remote control airplanes will be at 9 a.m. at the old Schneider building at 11th and Main.

At 9:20 a.m., a best sunflower decorated hat contest will be judged in front of Mann’s Jewelry.

At 9:30, a best decorated bike contest will take place in front of Alco.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Carnegie Arts Center will display photographs from its “A Day In The Life of Sherman County” contest.

The remote-control car contest will take place on the east side of 11th and Main after the parade, as will the Sunflower Olympic games. Other games and contests will run throughout the day.

There will be a food court on the corner of 11th and Main.

# Rains save some crops as others shrivel in sun

By Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press Writer

Linwood farmer John Wise just has to walk through his 600 acres of dryland corn in far eastern Kansas to see firsthand what more than a month of drought has done to his fall crop.

He figures that between 25 percent and 30 percent of his corn plants are dead; their ears have even dropped to the ground. It has been more than a month since his parched ground has gotten any measurable rain.

“We are hoping we can get a little rain and salvage what we have,” Wise said.

His farm and those of his neighbors missed the recent rains that brought cooler temperatures throughout the state.

But just 50 miles down the road, he says, fields are looking much better thanks to those recent rains. For most of the Kansas corn crop, this week’s moisture came just in the nick of time.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics on Monday reported corn condition as 12 percent excellent, 61 percent good and 22 percent fair. Despite the drought, just 4 percent was ranked poor and 1 percent very poor.

The same unrelenting rains that delayed the wheat harvest this spring also delayed the planting of fall crops like corn throughout much of Kansas. Corn plants now are at the most vulnerable stage of their development, when they need moisture to form kernels.

“(The recent rain) definitely helped it — it was right at tasseling, when water demand reaches its peak,” said Kevin Lickteig, research coordinator for Kansas Corn Growers Association.

That is especially true for most farmers in the northern part of the state, where plants are now tasseling.

“Corn farmers in 50 percent of the state are happy now,” Lickteig said.

That is little consolation to farmers in southeast Kansas, which got little, if any, of the recent rains, he added.

To make matters worse, much of that region was hit hard by heavy rains at wheat harvest this spring. Not only did farmers there have some of the poorest wheat harvested in the state, but now they are likely to see big losses in their fall corn crop as well.

Drought also has hit Miami County hard. Lickteig said that in just a week’s time the corn plants at his farm were already beginning to dry up.

“I couldn’t believe it had changed a lot in that one week I was gone, and that inch (of rain) we got wouldn’t help that corn anymore,” Lickteig said. “It is already gone.”

For many farmers, whether they will get a corn crop at all depends on whether they have an irrigation system.

Southwest Kansas was the driest part of the state before the recent rains. The Kansas Agricultural Statistics reported Monday topsoil moisture was 86 percent short to very short in this region.

But 95 percent of the corn planted in southwest Kansas is irrigated, and farmers were able to get their seed in as early as April, Lickteig said. Their corn had already tasseled, and farmers were irrigating.

Tim Tibbits, who farms with his father 30 miles north of Salina, said the family has been running five sprinkler irrigation systems, plus another two flood irrigation systems.

# School budget hearing to be 7 p.m. Monday

The Goodland School Board will hold its annual budget hearing at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office, with the regular board meeting immediately after.

The board will discuss plans for a back-to-school picnic tentatively set for the Aug. 26.

High school mathematics teacher Gaylene Shank will talk about a summer internship.

Real estate broker Tom Harrison is scheduled to address the board about the use of the lots north of the new assisted living complex. There will also be discussion of investment bids.

The next regular board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 23, at the district office.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.26 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.14

Loan deficiency payment — .31¢

Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.78

Loan deficiency pmt. — .21¢

Milo — \$2.83 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel

Posted county price — \$4

Loan deficiency payment — .89¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.74

Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news from the Associated Press



1 p.m.

# Nuclear plant shut down by water leak

BURLINGTON — The Wolf Creek nuclear power plant was shut down Thursday when one of its feedwater regulating valves closed, plant officials said.

The valves control water flow from the plant’s condenser into the steam generators. When the valve closed, the low water level caused an automatic plant shutdown.

The valve closure was caused by the failure of a circuitry card, officials said. All of the plant systems operated as designed during the shutdown.

The plant was expected to resume power production Friday.

Wolf Creek is owned by KGE, Kansas City Power & Light, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative. It is near Burlington, in Coffey County.