

weather  
report

88°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 7:51 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:50 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest at 12 mph
- Barometer 29.99 inches and falling
- Record High 108° (1937)
- Record Low 53° (1965)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 86°  
Low 63°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 60 to 65, light and variable winds.

Tuesday: mostly sunny, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 90, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, low near 60, high near 95.

Thursday and Friday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 60, highs near 95.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.29 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.14
  - Loan deficiency payment — 31¢
  - Corn — \$1.84 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.78
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 21¢
  - Milo — \$2.83 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.12 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.04
  - Loan deficiency payment — 85¢
  - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.74
  - Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.
  - Confection current — \$17 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.

Lines drawn  
in tax debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans say they're willing to fund the government at current levels for as much as a year until a budget agreement with the White House can be worked out, but they plan to pressure President Clinton into signing their \$792 billion tax cut package.

Clinton, meanwhile, bashed the GOP tax cut in a speech Sunday to the nation's governors in St. Louis, saying the proposal would automatically trigger billions of dollars in cuts to Medicare, veterans and other programs.

He professed optimism that a compromise can be reached.

The budget talks and tax cuts are linked politically as each party strives for support from voters next year, when the presidency and control of Congress hinge on the November elections.



# Big parade starts fair week

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair kicked off with a parade Saturday evening which entertained those who lined Main Street and filled the youngsters' hands with candy.

The parade, which lasted for nearly an hour, featured floats from many 4-H clubs and several marching groups.

Winners in the float category were: first, Beaver Valley 4-H Club; second, Prairie Dale 4-H Club; third, Good Samaritan Center.

In the non-float category, the winners were: Sherman County Four-Footers Dog Project, Short and Son Trucking and Toplift Seeds.

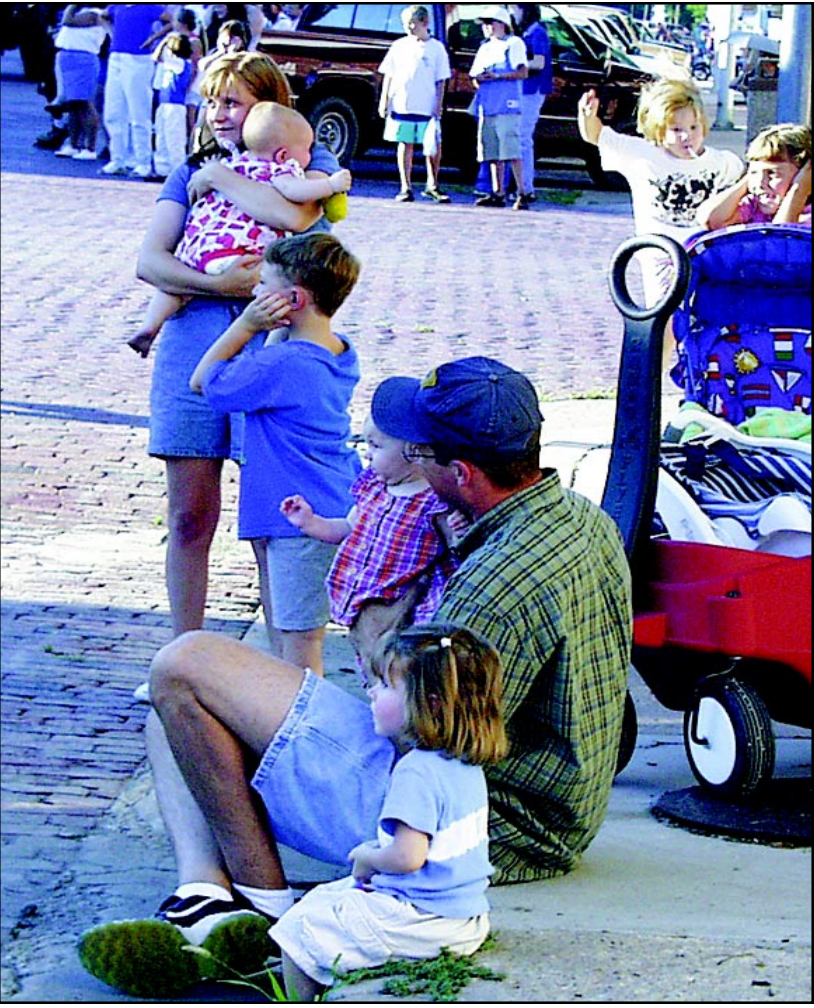
Individual winners were: Merle Armstrong, Gary Coon and Russell Briney.

Tonight is the Kids Rodeo at 7 p.m., plus the opening of the home-owned carnival and the exhibits.



Enjoyment was evident for both parade-goers and participants Saturday to kick off the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. The fair continues through the week with activities each day and the home-owned carnival each evening. (Please see additional photos on Page 4.)

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# County to set schedule for inspecting roads

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Commissioners are to discuss a schedule for inspecting roads which are the target of objections to proposed closures at their meeting Tuesday morning.

They also will talk with architect Blane Davis about additional work at the courthouse to comply with federal handicapped regulations.

Objections to specific road closings proposed earlier this year, have been submitted to the commissioners and County Clerk Janet Rumpel said a few have come into the office since the hearing held on July 30.

At the hearing the commissioners took objections and said they would be looking at a way to individually view these roads before making any further decisions about closing the roads.

Amy Griffey, of the Northwest Kansas Planning Commission, will be present to hold a public hearing about a proposed grant for the rural fire dis-

trict to purchase a used fire truck to serve the city of Kanorado.

City Building Inspector Jerry Nemechek will ask the commissioners to waive their new construction and demolition fees for the houses which are being demolished under the current city housing grant. There is a maximum amount allowed for the contractor which was established before the new fees were approved.

Finishing the work on the courthouse to meet handicapped regulations will be proposed by architect Davis. He has previously talked to the commissioners about updating all the door handle hardware at a cost of \$7,500 and a bid for electrical work to upgrade the fire alarm system at a cost of about \$9,200. These will partly be paid through the grant the county received for the handicap upgrading of the courthouse facilities.

The commissioners will review the holiday schedule for next year and consider allowing county employees to have Friday afternoon off for the fair.

Public Works Director Curt Way is to discuss the road and bridge work week and report on the experience of the department since they have been on a four-day, 10-hour schedule. Questions were asked last week by Commissioner Davis, who said he had received complaints from citizens about the current work system.

Also the commissioners will consider an expense reimbursement request from the deputy coroners. At the last meeting, the deputies asked for

money to attend a seminar in Hays, but the motion by Commissioner Gary Townsend died for lack of a second.

A report on prairie dog enforcement efforts from County Clerk Rumpel will be presented, along with, a possible resolution.

Commissioners will also consider a request from Thomas County to pay part of the special alcohol tax as part of the budget of their alcohol program which also serves Sherman County.

Completion of the process on the

temporary notes with Dave Warren of Chapman Securities will allow the county to reimburse the general fund for the cost of the Caruso bridge replacement. The county is waiting for a petition time to expire to issue bonds to pay for the bridge project, as well as the arterial road bonds which will be used to fund the first portion of the old U.S. 24 resurfacing project.

The next commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the Sherman County courthouse.

# Yeltsin fires prime minister, cabinet

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin fired Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin and the entire Cabinet today, and announced that the new premier is the man he'd like to see as president next year.

Yeltsin's unexpected move marked the fourth time in 17 months he has fired the government. Yeltsin immediately

named Vladimir Putin, the head of the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the KGB, as acting prime minister.

Putin, 46, has little experience with political or economic issues. But Yeltsin, whose term expires next year, declared Putin would be his preferred successor.

"I'm convinced he will serve the nation well while working in this high post," Yeltsin said in a television address, "and Russians will be able to appraise Putin's human and business qualities."

"I also want everyone who goes to the (presidential) polls in July 2000 to make their choice to trust him too."