

weather report

79°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 8 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 59 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southeast at 12 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and steady
- Record High today 104° (2003)
- Record Low today 30° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	83°
Low Monday	60°
Precipitation	.04
This month	1.08
Year to date	8.52
Below normal	5.15 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 91, low around 64.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 91, low around 63. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 92, low around 64. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 95, low around 65. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 94, low around 66.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.76 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.85
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$3.22 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.95
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.87 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.25 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.81
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - NuSun crop — \$17.40
 - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Goodland's season ends

Goodland American Legion catcher Derek Fenner raced after a foul ball for an out against Norton on Saturday. Goodland lost to Colby 10-2, and to Norton 7-1, to end the season at the tournament here. See stories, photos on Page 10a.

Fair brings fun, welcome rains

By Tom Betz

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Goodland appeared to be a "no-rain" zone, as crops wilted and storms dropped moisture north, south, east and west of the town.

That changed Friday, when a small, slow-moving storm developed north of town and dropped a .66 of an inch of nice, gentle rain just in time to cool things off for the fair.

By the time the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair kicked off Saturday morning with the dog show, the sun was out to dry up the puddles, but the temperature was a bit cooler, with a high of only 89.

Clouds gathered again Saturday afternoon, but stayed south of town until after the fair parade wound up Main Avenue to the cheers of a large crowd along both sides of the street. The parade lasted about 25 minutes from the American and Kansas flags, carried by two members of the Goodland unit of the Kansas National Guard, to the last pickup carrying members of the 4-H Ambassadors, who organized the parade.

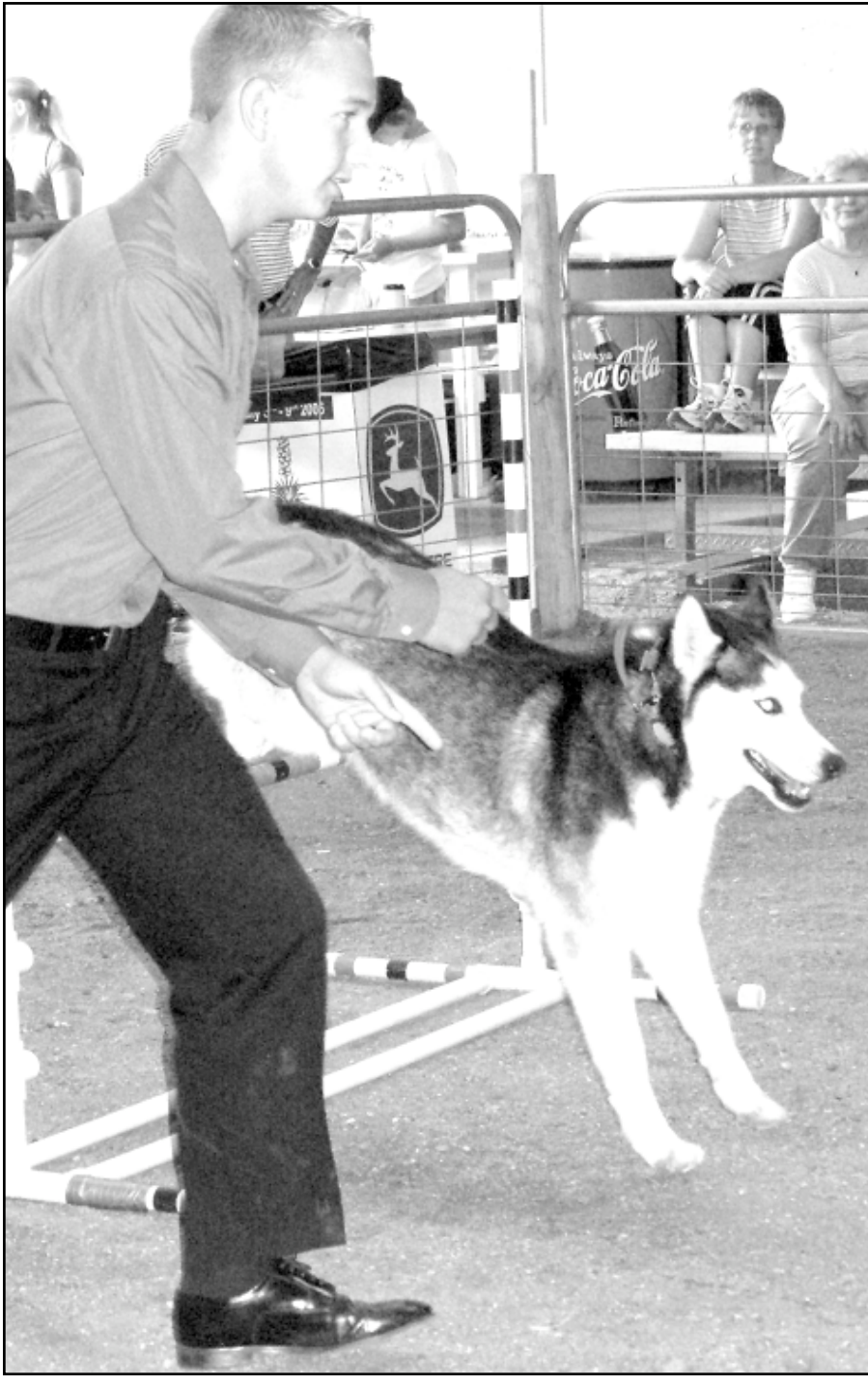
The rains finally came, but what hit town was without the force predicted by the National Weather Service. A gentle shower lasted until early Sunday morning, dropping about .49 of an inch.

The Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for southern Sherman County because of heavy rains south of town. There was a report of water across K-27 south of the city, but it was not enough to close the road.

The rains did stop play in the American Legion baseball zone tournament on Saturday with Colby and Scott City tied at 9 at the end of five innings. The tournament resumed Sunday afternoon, and Colby won the delayed game in nine innings, 10-9.

The storm forced postponement of the modified tractor pull Saturday evening at the fairgrounds and shut down the carnival rides because of fears about lightning. The tractor pull finished up Sunday afternoon.

The fair resumes today with livestock weigh-in and all entries are to be in by 10:30 a.m. The goat show is a 1 p.m., rabbit show at 3 p.m. and



Brennen Clouse and his dog Juno started the agility test, with the dog making the first of three jumps followed by a series of obstacles, at the 4-H dog show Saturday morning kicking off the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Juno was off the leash for the test, and like all the large dogs, had some problems completing the course without having to be chased down by his owner.

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sheep show at 4:30 p.m.

The kids' pedal tractor pull will begin at 5:30 p.m. in front of the

grandstand. The Fishing Hole opens at 7 p.m., sponsored by Bankwest of Kansas.

The Sherman County Farm Bureau will present Rex Getz and his "Amazing Magic of Agriculture" in

a free show in front of the grand-

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Northwest Kansas District Free Fair schedule

Today

Farm Bureau Day

- 8 a.m. Check-In All Entries 4-H and Open Class. Livestock weigh-in. Catch-It-Pig signup.
- 10:30 a.m. Livestock weigh-in closed.
- 11 a.m. All entries closed. Judging flowers.
- Noon Laser Shot Hunting Simulator..
- 1 p.m. Judging all classes (except livestock).
- 2 p.m. Goat show.
- 3 p.m. Rabbit show.
- 4:30 p.m. Sheep Lead/Show.
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull.
- 7 p.m. The Fishing Hole, sponsored by Bankwest of Kansas.
- 7:30 p.m. Sherman County Farm Bureau presents Rex Getz with the Amazing Magic of Agriculture, free show, grandstand.

Wednesday

- 8 a.m. Laser Shot Hunting Simulator. Swine show.
- 1 p.m. Llama show.
- 7:30 p.m. Heather Shelley in concert, grandstand.

Thursday

- 9 a.m. Beef show. Round-robin showmanship, 30 minutes after beef show.
- 6:30 p.m. Howdy Rowdy Rodeo.

Friday

- 4:30 p.m. 4-H Appreciation barbecue..
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock sale.
- 7 p.m. Demolition Derby.

Saturday

- 8 a.m. Entries for Tri-State Royal. All projects released.
- 11 a.m. Release of projects closed.
- 1 p.m. Tri-State Royal of Champions.

Visit the web site: www.nwksfair.com.

Hearing planned on housing grant

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland City Commission will hold a special hearing on Monday as part of the application for a \$400,000 housing rehabilitation grant to fix up to 77 houses in a target area west of Main between 15th and 17th Streets.

The commission agreed on the target area at a meeting on July 16 after a presentation by Helen Dobbs, office manager of the Sherman County Economic Development Council.

The hearing is the next step in the grant application being put together by Tiffani McMinn and Dobbs of the Economic Development office with the help of the Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kansas Planning

and Development Commission.

Dobbs told the commission she had surveyed the city, looking for an area that would meet the income requirements for a housing grant. She said she had driven all over town, and was looking for an area that had plenty of houses that need work.

She said the area needs to have low-to-moderate income levels, adding that she thought the area she was looking at would meet that requirement.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant said the grant could be for up to 200 homes, but said McMinn did not think it would be good to try to get that many. He said the city have a better chance of being approved if it asked

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Development director keeps finger on projects

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Economic Development Council members gathered around a speaker phone last Tuesday for an update from Director Tiffani McMinn, who is working from Texas while her mother recuperates from back surgery.

The council agreed to give McMinn a 90-day contract while she was in Texas, but Chairman Don Newell said they had received a resume from a young man and was going to interview him on Monday.

"We are hoping that Tiffani comes back," Newell said, "but we are looking for that right person in case she does not come back."

Newell said he felt the advertising for the director's position should be renewed in *The Goodland Star-News* and on the advertising channels of S&T Communica-

tions and Eagle Cable Television.

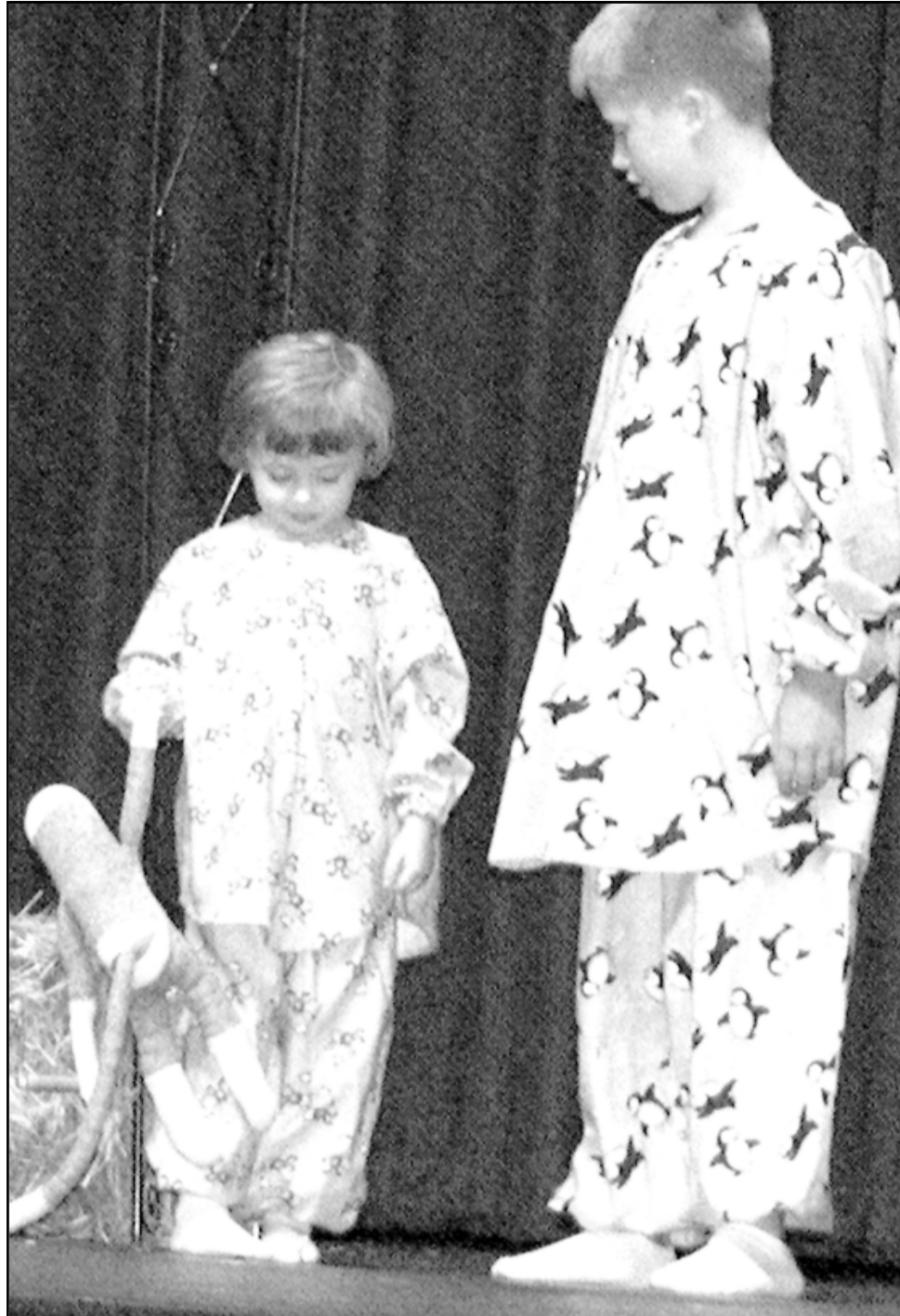
McMinn said office manager Helen Dobbs is doing a great job helping her keep on top of the projects and the two have been in frequent contact. She said she has talked to Newell regularly also.

For the Shine On Sherman County strategic planning effort, she said, the contact people for consultant Terry Woodbury will be Dobbs and Steve Rains, pastor of Calvary Gospel Church.

Dobbs said at the last steering committee meeting, people said they did not feel things were happening. She said the American flags are now up on Main Street, and there was a report that the kids had raised about \$50 for the skate park on July 4. She said the idea was to get reports back from the other action teams, and find a way to

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Showing off style for bed



Jonah and Austin McClung were all ready to hit the hay as Jonah showed his sewing projects at the 4-H Style Review on Thursday night at the Sherman Theatre. Jonah is a member of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club.

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