

Fair fun begins with parade



The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair began Saturday as the parade marched up Main Avenue from 17th to Eighth. The parade, which lasted 25 minutes, featured floats from the county 4-H clubs using the theme "Going Back to the Good Ole Days." The Prairie Dale 4-H club float (top right photo) had members sitting around enjoying the relaxing summer, with two hanging fishing lines off the tail end. Kids along the parade route rushed out to gather all the candy being thrown, and one of the participants (top left photo) had to give his sister a piece to help keep her toy truck moving the right direction. A young girl on a bicycle (left photo) was dressed as a character from the movie "Runaway Bride." The parade judges (below), on a truck in front of Central Elementary School, watched the entries as they went by. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Fair brings fun, welcome rains

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stand at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The rains coincided with the completion of the street projects on North Caldwell from Toelkes to the airport, and 17th Street from Main to the railroad crossing at Cherry. Saturday morning, Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who handled the projects for the city, was smiling and said it was good to have the streets open.

"We are not done, but they are open," he said.

He said no more work will be done on either project until after the fair. He said some entrances on Caldwell need more asphalt and a few concrete sections on 17th will have to be replaced.

Neufeld said after the fair, contractor APAC Shears will come back to mill and overlay Caldwell from Eighth Street to Toelkes as the final part of that project.

These are the two major parts the city had in the joint city-county project being paid for by the special 1-cent sales tax passed last year.

Those who have been riding across the county on old U.S. 24 are enjoying the new layer of asphalt that has been put down so far. That project calls for another layer of asphalt to be added across the county, said Jerol DeBoer, engineer for Penco Engineering of Plainville, which designed most of the county projects in the program.

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