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“I had a grasshopper I was trying to mount but it started moving so we put it in the freezer to kill it. I thought it was dead in the kill jar.”

Ryan is making a poster for the fair for his exploring project.

Kinsey showed how she lined up her shorts on the sewing machine to work on them. Ryan was there adding his comments. Ryan was also explaining how to do things on the sewing machine.

“I didn’t know you had learned so much about sewing,” said Kinsey.

Ryan said he had been listening when their aunt was helping Kinsey.

Kinsey said her mom sews mainly to fix things.

The duo said they have been participating in the summer reading program at the Goodland Public library and practicing for the Goodland swim team.

Kinsey will be in the fourth grade at Central Elementary School next year and Ryan will be in the second grade at West Elementary School.

Their parents are Mary and Leon Volk. Mary is the Goodland City Clerk and Leon works for Commercial Sign Company in Colby.

Kinsey said she hadn’t thought about what projects she wanted to do for next year except for sewing. Ryan said he thought he would take cooking.

When Kinsey was asked if she would trust Ryan’s cooking she said, “I don’t know.”

Ryan Volk showed how he pinned bugs in his entomology project for 4-H. This is Volk’s first year in 4-H. He said he has collected around 75 different bugs.

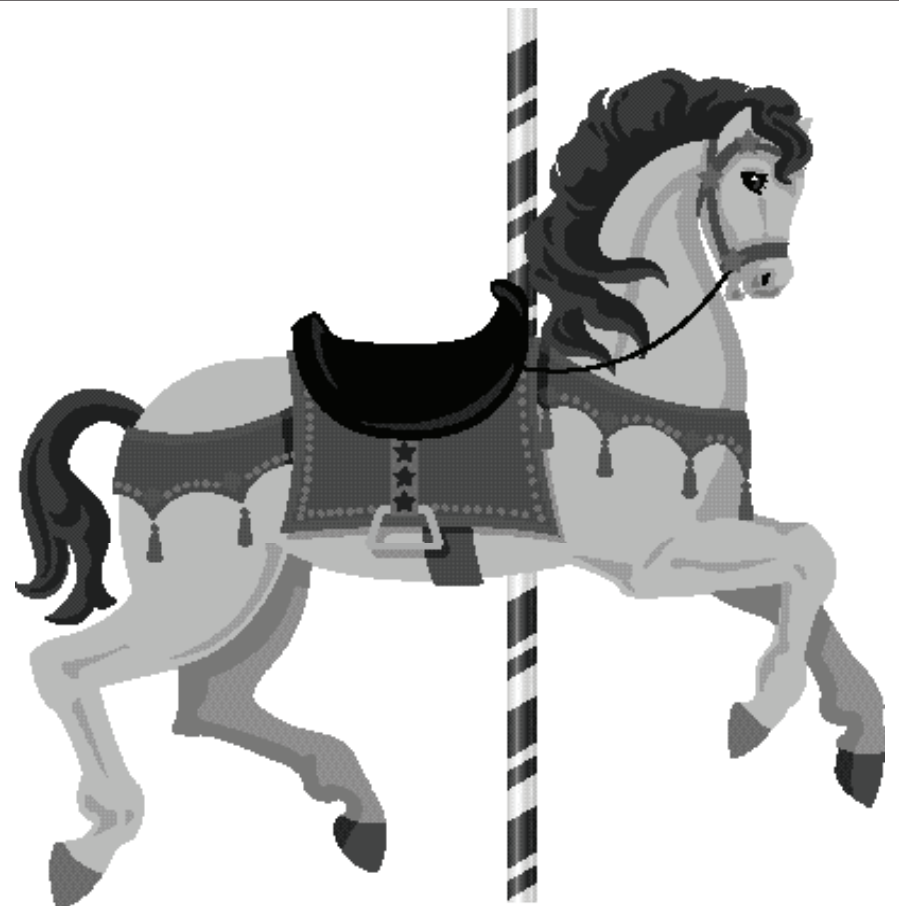
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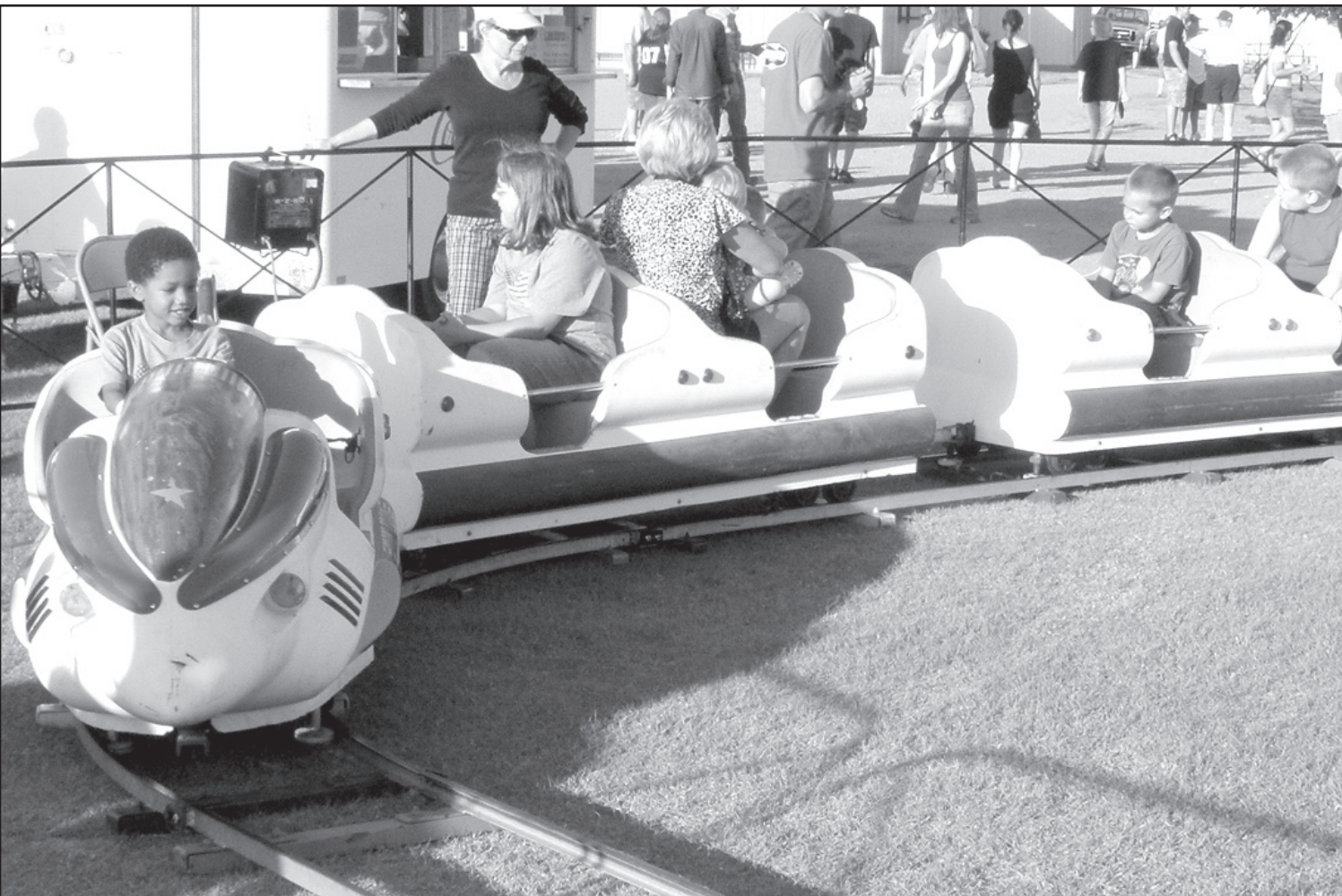
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Madison Regehr, 4, of Great Bend was the engineer for the Space Train kids ride on July 4 at the county fairgrounds.

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# Fairgrounds gets a variety of upgrades

By Tom Betz

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A small group of people from the Sherman County Fair Board and the home owned carnival have been working on projects at the fairgrounds for several months getting ready for the fair.

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair starts this week and runs through next week, and fairgoers will find a variety of improvements to the buildings and grounds of the Sherman County fairgrounds.

In the past year the fair board with the help of the Sherman County commissioners have improved the 4-H building with a new floor and new toilets including a handicapped one for each restroom.

The bathrooms got a fresh coat of paint last week thanks to Colleen Duell with green for the men and a shade of pink for the ladies.

A used swamp cooler was installed in the south kitchen area by Steve and Adam Duell, Art Hatfield. Steve Duell said some additional electrical work would be done to hook up a steam

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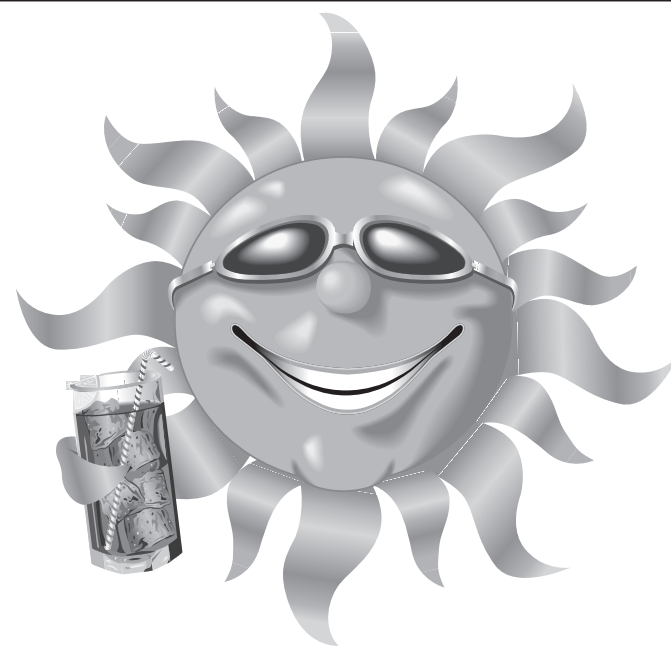
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Colleen Duell painted a shade of pink on the lower half of the walls of the ladies restroom at the 4-H building as part of the fix up list of projects for this year's fair.

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in that kitchen.

In March, Steve Duell, fair board chairman, with the help of his son Adam and farmers Scott Jarrett and Art Hatfield erected a section of new steel fence from the 4-H building to the south end of the fairgrounds.

Inside the Agriculture Building the corner area — where the fair board and 4-H had an open office area — has been enclosed and an office created with a door that can be secured.

The county commissioners approved replacement of the lower part of the roof and , and had the leaks fixed in the bottoms of the swamp coolers. Additional electrical work was done in the Ag Building and over at the livestock barns.

A new wash rack has been built on the east side of the livestock building to give the goats a place to be washed separate from the steers.

On the west side of the livestock barn an expanded dog agility course has been built because of additional jumps that had to be added, and there was not enough room in the indoor arena. The dog show was held on Saturday morning, and the obedience and showmanship competitions were held in the indoor arena.

Over at the home owned carnival two new rides were previewed at the July 4 Freedom Fest including a centrifugal force ride like a "Gravitron" and a kids train ride that was built in France.

Brad Schields, a carnival committee member, thanked the commissioners in April for the new road out to the carnival building. He said someone is donating some light poles to go along the trees on the north side, and they were installed and in operation by July 4 to help light the parking area on the south side of the fairgrounds.

He said Brad Schick of the carnival ride committee had to find some parts for the Space Train kids ride from France.

The carnival workers have been using the new building to their advantage over the past winter, and refurbished and painted the tilt-a-whirl chairs, the carousel and the Lions Club ride with the help of Kevin Bauman of KB Body and Paint who painted the seats for the carnival committee and his wife Cara of Vinyl Design who did the vinyl lettering and stars for the seats.

Steve Duell said he was proud of the work done by the volunteers to help make the fair and carnival better every year.



Adam Duell, son of Steve Duell, chairman of the county Fair Board, used a battery-powered drill to put screws in the top part of a new steel sheet fence in March on the south end of the Sherman County Fairgrounds which separates the race track and arena from the carnival. Steve Duell was marking the line of screws with the help of farmers Scott Jarrett and Art Hatfield.

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Adam Duell checked the fittings for a new toilet that was installed in the men's restroom at the 4-H building on the Sherman County fairgrounds. The toilets were sitting on paper on the newly replaced and waxed floor, which was completed last week. The restrooms got

a new coat of paint along with the new toilets and one of the new toilets in each restroom was designed for the handicapped Steve Duell, fair board chairman said.

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Cara Bauman applied a vinyl star to one of the seats on the Tilt-a-Whirl at the Sherman County Fairgrounds before the Freedom Fest. Her helper, husband, Kevin Bauman, said he painted the seats for the carnival committee. Kevin owns KB Body and Paint and his wife has Vinyl Designs, both at the corner of old U.S. 24 and County Road 17 west of town. Bauman said he has done quite a bit of painting for the carnival rides, including the carousel and the Lions helicopter ride.



The Graviton-type ride is a new feature at the home owned carnival, and it twirls and tilts into the air.

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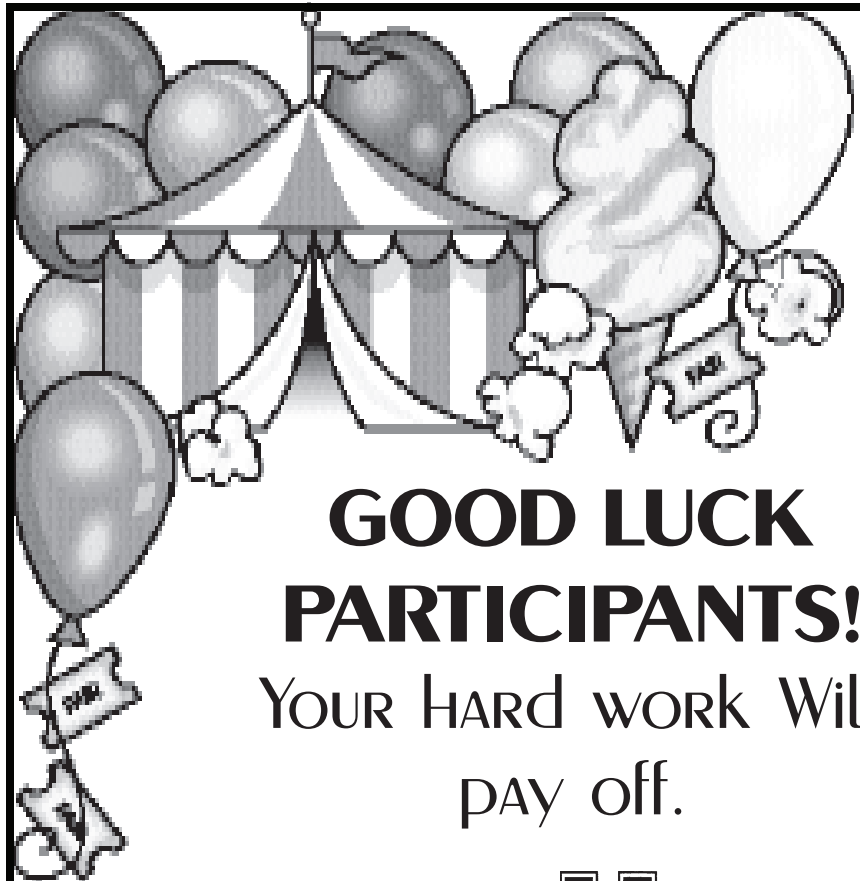


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# Saturday, Aug. 2nd thru Saturday, Aug. 9th

## 2008 Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Schedule

### Saturday, Aug. 2nd-Kiwanis Day

Dog show rescheduled for July 26th at 8:00 a.m.

- 8:00 A.M. Fairgrounds open for set-up
- 4:00 P.M. Parade line-up
- 5:00 P.M. NWKDFF Parade  
By: Sherman County 4-H Ambassadors
- 7:00 P.M. Kiwanis Demolition Derby  
Adult=\$6.50  
Youth=\$3.50  
Pit Pass=\$20.00

### Sunday, Aug. 3rd

- 1:00 P.M. Fairgrounds open for set-up
- 5:00 P.M. Fairgrounds closed

### Monday, Aug. 4th-KLOE Radio & Eagle Cable Day

Horse show rescheduled for August 1st at 9:00 A.M.

- 8:00 A.M. Judging 4-H Foods, Arts and Crafts  
4-H Foods Sale  
4-H Life Skills Judging
- 9:30 A.M. Judging Exploring 4-H
- 5:00 P.M. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 6:00 P.M. Free Hot Dog Feed  
By: KLOE Radio and Eagle Cable
- 7:30 P.M. Tropical Shores Steel Drum Band

### Tuesday, Aug. 5th-Sherman County Farm Bureau Day

- 8:00 A.M. Check-in Entries 4-H and Open Class  
Livestock Weigh-in  
Catch-It-Pig Sign-up
- 10:30 A.M. Livestock Weigh-in closed
- 11:00 A.M. All Entries Closed  
Judging Flowers
- 1:00 P.M. Judging All Classes (except Livestock)
- 2:00 P.M. Goat Show
- 3:00 P.M. Rabbit Show
- 4:30 P.M. Sheep Lead/Sheep Show
- 7:00 P.M. Streetside in Concert  
By: Sherman County Farm Bureau and NWKDFF  
Carnival wristband night

### Wednesday, Aug. 6th-Western Plains Chute-Out

- 8:00 A.M. Swine Show

- 1:00 P.M. Llama Show
- 4:30 P.M. Admission Gates Open
- 6:30 P.M. Enterprise Rent-a-Car PBR  
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### Thursday, Aug. 7th-Family Day

- 9:00 A.M. Beef Show
- 30 minutes after beef show: Round Robin Showmanship
- 6:00 P.M. Howdy Rowdy Rodeo and Family Fun Night

### Friday, Aug. 8th-4-H's Day

- 8:30 A.M. Livestock Judging Registration
- 9:00 A.M. Livestock Judging
- 4:30 P.M. 40-H Appreciation BBQ
- 5:30 P.M. 4-H Livestock Sale
- 7:00 P.M. Modified Tractor Pull  
Carnival Wristband Night

### Saturday, Aug. 9th

- 8:00 A.M. All projects released  
Entry for Tri-State Royal
- 11:00 A.M. Release of Projects-closed
- 1:00 P.M. Tri-State Royal of Champions

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