

**weather
report**

86°

noon
Monday

Today

• Sunset, 8:03 p.m.
Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 75 degrees
• Humidity 41 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds south southwest 20-30
• Barometer 30.04 inches
and falling

• Record High today 105° (1910)
• Record Low today 50° (2005)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 86°
Low Sunday 62°
Precipitation none
This month 3.31
Year to date 14.04
Above Normal 0.81 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 98, winds breezy out of the south at 20 to 30 mph and a low around 64. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 95, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 65.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 94 and a low around 64. Friday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 91 and a low around 66. Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers.

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**local
markets**

Noon

Wheat — \$4.55 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.55
Corn — \$3.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.33
Milo — \$2.75 bushel
Soybeans — \$8.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$9.60
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$16.55 cwt.
Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**inside
today**

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

Dog Show opens pre-fair week

Fair Edition special inside

By Tom Betz

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About 40 dogs and their owners helped open the annual Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Saturday morning with the Dog Show at the Agriculture building at the fairgrounds.

Terri Richardson, who helps with the dog programs and the show, said it was a great day and the cooler weather was nice. She said moving the dog show into the Ag building has worked well, and said those involved are pleased with how the show went.

The dog show is the first event of the pre-fair week events. Today clothing judging begins at 8:30 a.m. at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

Style Revue judging will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church. The Style Revue and awards will be 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Sherman Theater.

The Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Saturday will be the big fair parade at 5 p.m. and the Sherman County home owned carnival and Kiwanis Demo Derby will kick off at 7 p.m.

Champions in the Dog Show Saturday were in Showmanship, Obedience and Agility.

Junior Showmanship Grand Champion was Brooke Keim and Reserve Champion was Keyley Jarrett.



Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion was Matt Murray and Reserve Champion was Jonah McClung.

Senior Showmanship Grand Champion was Sydney Winston and Reserve Champion was Kendra Promise.

Novice Obedience Grand Champion was Matt Murray and Reserve Champion was Paige Cullens.

Sub-Novice Obedience Grand Champion was Mikail Freeman and Reserve Champion Jonah McClung.

Agility Grand Champion was Ashley Anderson and Reserve Champion was Sydney Winston.

Richardson said three of the dogs entered in the open class were Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter dogs being given obedience training to make them better dogs for adoption.

Class Champion in the 6 and under obedience was Caleb Dechant. Class Champion in the first year was Austin Keim, and Ashtin McClung.

Class Champion in the sub novice was Hannah Dechant (Sub B), Jonah McClung (Sub C). Open Class Sub Novice Class Champion was Tessa Hill.

Richardson said the sub novice is with the dogs on leash and novice is off leash.

In the novice off leash Class Champion was Murray.

In Junior Showmanship the Class Champion was Keim. In Intermediate Showmanship the Class Champion was McClung and Lucas Wood. In Open Class Youth Showmanship Class Champion was Chalee Luther. The Pre-Junior Class Champion was Caleb Dechant.



Kendra Promise (top photo) walked her basset Shadow for the showmanship judge Saturday morning. Promise won Reserve Champion in the Senior Showmanship. Keyley Jarrett (left photo) held her dog's ear while judge Adam Jones check out the condition. Jarrett was the Reserve Champion in the Junior Showmanship. Zachary Hunter (above) calmed his dog as they waited their turn with the judge in the junior showmanship. The Dog Show held Saturday morning kicked off the pre-fair week of events.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

County hears update on visitor's bureau

The year started slow for the city's hotels, but things have picked up in May through July Sherman County Commissioners were told by representatives from the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Donna Price, executive director and Bill Stock, chairman and owner of Super 8 Motel, said the first four months of the year were very slow.

"However," he said, "May through July were awesome."

He said there are pretty good revenues coming into Goodland. He thought the city could use another 140 rooms for lodging.

Right now Stoick is seeing about 55 percent occupancy. He said travelers seem to be looking for "new" and modern hotel rooms, and willing to pay more.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked about putting up more billboards for advertising.

Price said the state has very strict rules about the billboards and there

is a huge amount of paperwork to go through. She said the board spends about \$1,500 a month on billboards. She said the Convention and Visitors Bureau owns the billboards at mile marker 10 and 25 on I-70, and they cannot be leased out to anyone.

Strnad asked if it would be financially beneficial to combine the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Economic Development and the Goodland Chamber of Commerce into one location.

Price said the three groups share a building on 10th and Main. She said it works out nice for all to be located in one place, because when one office is closed there is someone there to direct people to the information they need.

Stock said the convention and visitors bureau is having a hard time with the budget because the transient guest tax, that funds the entire program, doesn't always come in when it should.

He said some of the counties are slow in getting the money sent out. Delays cause the money to run short, as he showed on a report he gave the commissioners.

Price said the board has made changes in marketing and board members, and it has made a big difference.

Plans are to have her attend the convention in Wichita.

Another show the Sherman County group will attend is the Shot Show held in Las Vegas in January. The booth rental for the show is \$2,500 Stoick said.

He said the show puts out a magazine daily, and is only open to convention and visitor bureaus, businesses and manufacturers. He said the board is considering asking the economic development council to share the booth.

Price said the Goodland Guide continues to increase in size with the local businesses help.

Street, water projects moving forward

By Tom Betz

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People driving along K-27 north of the I-70 interchange are getting to drive on the new concrete lanes as the construction project has moved to the west half.

Rich Simon, public works director, said the Smoky Hill of Salina, workers were able to move the construction to the west and by Friday had removed all the old asphalt from the west lanes.

He said the contractor would begin removing any needed base dirt on Monday and hoped to be able to start getting the fly ash mixed in by mid week. He said the work has moved on schedule, and hopes to have the major part of this completed by the end of August.

The city has gotten approval from the Kansas Department of Transportation to let the bid for the third phase of this project in August, and Simon hopes Smoky Hill is the winner of the third

phase. He said if that happens it is possible the third phase from the Walmart entrance north to the intersection could be started in early September.

Simon said the VanKirk of Sutton, Neb., crews are ready to begin putting in the new water taps along Caldwell Ave. this week from 17th to 10th. He said the new water main has been completed and pressure tested.

"We have water in the line," he said, "and hope to be putting in the taps this week."

When the Caldwell Ave. water work is done Simon said the contractor will move back to 10th to complete installation of the new backbone 20-inch water main from Kansas to Eustis.

Simon said the toughest part is going to be from Center Ave. to Clark Ave. He said VanKirk hopes to be able to bore this whole stretch without having to tear up much of the streets.

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Demo derby on Saturday

The Kiwanis Demo Derby brings crashing, smashing fun at 7 p.m. on Saturday night to open the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. See photos, story on Page 10.

