

weather report

86°  
noon  
Monday

Today

Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:6 a.m.

Sunset, 7:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 72 degrees

• Humidity 37 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds south 20-30 mph

• Barometer 29.85 inches and falling

• Record High today 102° (1985)

• Record Low today 39° (1944)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 95°

Low Sunday 65°

Precipitation none

This month 2.66

Year to date 17.27

Above normal 1.02 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms after noon, a high near 92, winds out of the north at 10 mph and a low around 61. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high near 86, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 60.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 83 and a low around 52.

Friday: Sunny with a high near 84 and a low around 56.

Saturday: Sunny with a high near 91 and a low around 58.

(National Weather Service)

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$5.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.61

Corn — \$3.66 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.69

Milo — \$3.37 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.31 bushel

Posted county price — \$9.62

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15.90 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News

Runners open at Sugar Hills

Cowboy Cross Country runner Steven Buller crossed the finish line in under 20 minutes on Friday. The teams open the season at 4 p.m. on Thursday at Sugar Hills Golf Course. See story, photos on Page 9.

# Top champs in Tri- State Royal

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County fair winners and their animals from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado gathered in the show arena on Saturday, Aug. 7, to compete in the Tri-State Royal livestock show at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

The Tri-State Royal is an extra event that brings county fair champions from across the state and the surrounding states of Colorado and Nebraska to compete in showmanship and confirmation for beef, goats, sheep and swine divisions.

Schilling Limousin, owned by Ron and Marsha Schilling of Edson, is in charge of the event, and the competition is sponsored by several area people and businesses. The Sherman County Fair Board pays for the judge. This was the 49th year for the event, Marsha Schilling said, and there are families who have had three generations compete in the event.

The Price family started the event, Schilling said; Dale's father started it, and Dale and Zona Price ran it in the early years. Schilling said her family has been involved with the event close to 27 years. Their son Cash showed his first calf at age 3.

Marsha Schilling said plans are already being worked on for the 50th Tri-State Royal to be held next year.

Sheep were the first group up with judge Bill Disburger, an agriculture instructor at Hutchinson Community College, who was judging his second Tri-State Royal. He checked each contestant for how their sheep looked and felt the body. In the showmanship division he watched how the youth handled the animal and if they knew how to make the most to show the animal in the best light to hide any flaws.

Disburger took the microphone and explained what he liked about each of the animals, and how the young people had shown them. He said at this level of competition it was good to see the young people understood how to keep their animal under control and to keep their eye on the judge.

Laura Brunk of Cheyenne County was the winner for the second year in the conformation division. Chantelle Scott of Ness County was second for her second year and Hannah Dechant of Sherman County was third.

Kasandra Huser of Ellis County was the winner in the showmanship division with Chantelle Scott of Ness County second and Amelia Vasko of Scott County third.

Each animal class had an "Old Pro" division where the competitors showed on a market basis with the top winners getting a share of the pot, and the youngster did not have to be 4-H members.

In the sheep division Brandon Mazanec of Thomas County was the winner, and Lori Scott of Ness County was second. Joshua Mazanec of Wallace County was third.

Goats were the second group up for judging and Chantelle Scott of Ness County was the winner in the conformation division. Chris Davis of Scott County was second and Lacie Cowan of Sherman County was third.

Davis of Scott County was the winner in the showmanship class. Jason Cowan of Sherman County was second and Michael Schmidt of Thomas County was third.



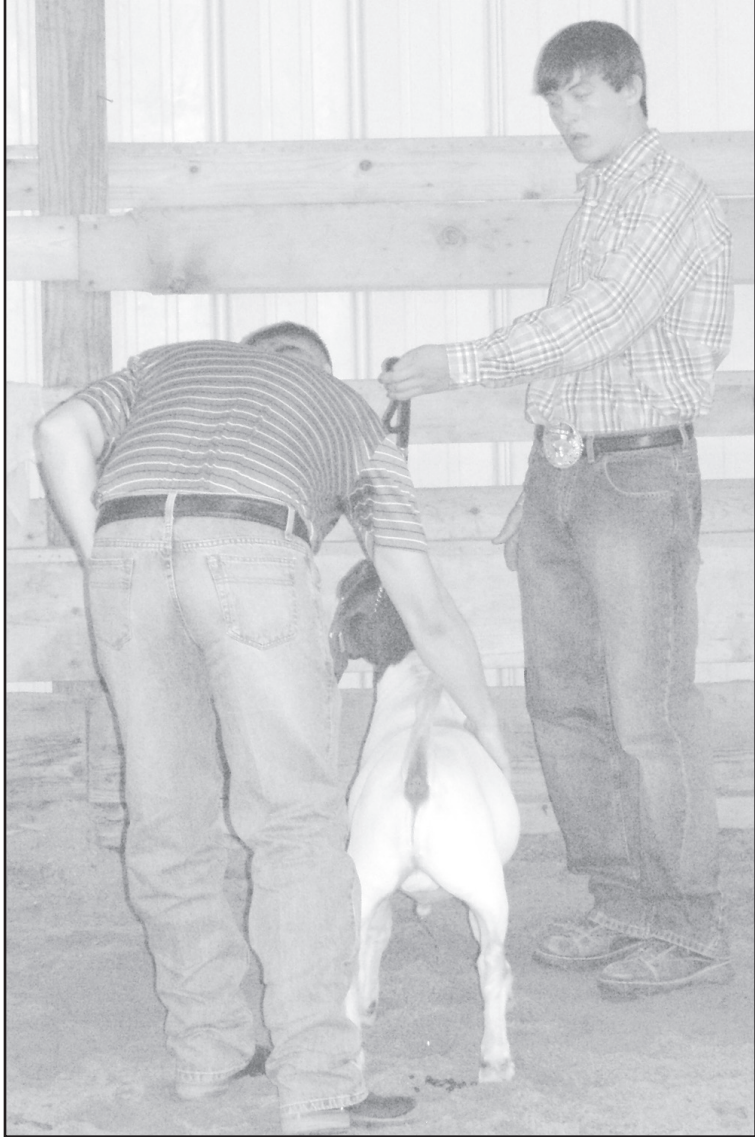
Judge Bill Disburger (top center) called all the swine showmanship contestants together to have a short chat while the pigs were separated in the ring. Hannah Dechant (above) was third in the sheep conformation. Judge Disburger checked out the goat (above right) shown by Jason Cowan who was second in the showmanship class. In the swine division Josh Dorn (right) watched the judge as he moved his pig around the arena. Dorn did not place.

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Davis of Scott County was the winner in the goat old pro competition. Jason Cowan of Sherman County was second and Shakotah Blanka of Cheyenne County was third.

The swine class was up next and in the showmanship division the 16 pigs circled the ring as Disburger watched and checked each one out.

At one point he called all the kids over and talked to them about how to show their pigs. Pigs, unlike sheep, goats or beef, do not show standing still, and are constantly on the move.



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# Auditor gives city good financial report

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The city audit report was good with the city showing a savings in every department last year, and an increase in the electrical revenues with losses in both the sewer fund and water funds.

The report was presented by Harold K. Mayes, cpa, from Alger and Gaeddert of Ottawa. A change had to be made in auditor's this past year because of the city getting federal money from the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for an airport improvement project.

The federal money requires the city to do a single audit, and the other audit firm the city has used does not handle this type of audit.

Mayes said the audit opinion was all the city funds that were checked were within the accounting principles, and the auditors did not find any discrepancies in any of the tests done on the individual funds.

Mayes said the city showed a drop in cash balance due to the spending of the street improvement fund.

He said the electrical came in with an increase of \$300,000, but that was not because of an increase in sales, but a drop in the contractual expenditures.

The general fund was up about \$100,000, most coming from collection of back taxes. The sales tax income was down, but not as much as budgeted.

He said the court fines were up. No budget

violations were found.

"Every department was under budget," he said. "I know that was on purpose. That worked and the net results was a spending level of \$2.5 million as compared to the budget of \$3.2 million.

The city received \$502,330 in federal money for an airport improvement project to replace an asphalt intersection and section of the taxiway.

The city used the Federal Aviation Administration maintenance funds as part of the project total and the city paid \$38,299 of the total of \$795,184.

Mayes said the electrical fund showed an increase in revenue, but it was not due to an increase in cash receipts. He said the reason

was the contractual expenses were down a considerable amount.

He said the sewer fund showed a loss, and the water fund showed a loss.

The city debt went down by about \$800,000, he said, and is down to \$3.2 million.

He said the city is currently in the middle of a water improvement project expected to cost about \$4.4 million.

"We felt the city was in compliance and did not have any deficiencies," Mayes said, "and we felt the city had internal controls to keep it in compliance."

The commissioners did not have any questions, and thanked Mayes for his presentation.