

weather  
report

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noon  
Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:49 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 80 degrees

• Humidity 35 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds south 22-28 mph

• Barometer 30.00 inches

and steady

• Record High today 108° (1938)

• Record Low today 50° (1927)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 98°

Low Sunday 68°

Precipitation none

This month none

Year to date 12.69

Below Normal 1.19 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 91, winds breezy out of the north at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 67. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 87, winds out of the northwest at 5 to 10 mph switching to the southeast and a low around 67.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 90 and a low around 66.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

# Parade signals opening of fair



The Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H Club (above) was the winner in the 4-H division, and the judges agreed they were the top overall winner in the fair parade on Saturday. Parade Marshals Ron and Marsha Schilling led the long parade (below left). The

Sunflower 4-H Club (below) was second in the 4-H division. Second over all was Jason Cowan's 1969 Camaro and third place overall was Dana Schindler with a 1965 Case tractor.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



## County explores mowing options, bids being taken

By Tom Betz

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Mowing weeds along county roads has been a topic several times for the Sherman County commissioners, and time is growing short to get this project moving and a decision will be made at the next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The commissioners met with Darrell Schroeder on Friday about weed mowing.

Schroeder said he was there at a commissioners request to see what they have in mind, and see if something could be put together.

Commissioner Max Linin said he asked Schroeder to come and asked what he could do.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said he had been asked about the mowing, and wondered if the lady had called Schroeder.

Schroeder said he got a message and had been trying to call her back, but he had not made contact.

Enfield said he felt the county needed to do something with the intersections this year.

Linin said he wondered about having Schroeder work out a rate for mowing using a disc mower.

Schroeder asked what roads would the commissioners want him to consider.

Enfield said the main roads and school bus routes.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked if the mowing should be paid for by the hour or the mile.

Schroeder said he could do a lot of mowing with the disc mower, but felt it would not do a good job on the intersections.

Linin asked about the county doing the intersections, and asked Schroeder if he had a tractor and rotary mower that would work for the intersections.

Enfield suggested Schroeder work out a price of what it would take for him to do the mowing of the roads with a disc mower and give the county a lease price on a tractor and rotary mower.

Strand said she would prefer that Schroeder run the mowers.

"I was thinking we could buy a

tractor and mower from him" Linin said. "I hate to lease it, but would rather buy it."

The suggestion was to run two ads in the newspaper one for mowing the roads per swath mile (includes both sides) and a second ad for a used tractor and rotary mower for the intersections.

The ads call for bids on the mowing and tractor and rotary mower to be delivered to the Sherman County Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, with the decision to be made at the meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The commissioners agreed they want to see the mowing begin as soon as possible after the contract is approved. They agreed to go with mail routes, and do the main roads first.

The mowing bid calls for mowing approximately 1,200 miles of county roads excluding old U.S. 24. With the need to do both sides of the road that makes it approximately 2,400 miles based on a per swath mile price.

The two ads are in today's *The Goodland Star-News*.

### local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.09 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.11

Corn — \$6.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.96

Milo — \$6.44 bushel

Soybeans — \$12.66 bushel

Posted county price — \$13.02

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$31.55 cwt.

Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28

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

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### Demo derby smashing fun

J.J. Howard's demo car was having trouble in the contest and was shooting flames out. The demo derby was a smashing success on Saturday. See photos, story on Page 10.

## Battle of Badges blood drive today

Today is the Red Cross' Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

Local law enforcement will "battle" with local firefighters and Emergency Medical Services to see who can give the most blood.

EMS personnel, firefighters and law enforcement officers give time to the community; they give a sense of security to residents; and they often give blood. As local heroes to many, their courage in the face of adversity bolsters people in need.

The Battle isn't just for police officers, emergency medical service

and fire fighters; anyone can get involved in the fun by donating blood and voting for a favorite team.

Join the Battle of the Badges and donate at the Goodland Community Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. today at the Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman.

The Battle of the Badges team winner gets bragging rights and a big trophy. But most importantly, hospital patients throughout the area are winners because they get the life-saving blood they need to survive.

Anyone can become a hero during Battle of the Badges. This is your chance. Give blood. Walk-ins are welcome at this drive. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to learn more.

### 2011 Northwest Kansas District Free Fair

Goodland, KS ~ Sherman Co. Fairgrounds

*Bushels, Bales and Tails!*

#### Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Check-in Entries 4-H & Open Class Livestock Weigh-in

10:30 a.m. Livestock Weigh-in Closed

11:00 a.m. All Entries Closed

11:30 a.m. Judging 4-H & Open Class

1 p.m. Sheep Show

3 p.m. Goat Show

5:30 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration

6 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

7 p.m. Carnival Wristband Night

#### Wednesday

8 a.m. Swine Show

4:30 p.m. Admission Gates Open for PBR

6:30 p.m. Western Plains Chute-Out PBR

#### Thursday

9 a.m. Beef Show

12:30 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship

7:30 p.m. Texaco Country Showdown Talent Show

#### Friday

8:30 a.m. Livestock Judging Registration

9 a.m. Livestock Judging

4:30 p.m. 4-H Appreciation BBQ

5:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale

7 p.m. Carnival Wristband Night

7:30 p.m. Modified Tractor Pull

#### Saturday

8 a.m. All Projects Released

Check-in Tri-State Royal of Champions

10:30 a.m. Release of Entries- Closed

1 p.m. Tri-State Royal of Champions

All Times Shown are Mountain Time

Home-Owned Carnival Open on Midway

7 p.m. tonight through Friday,

