

County mowing to start soon

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Weed mowing along Sherman County roads should begin next week with a combination of efforts by county employees and an independent contractor the county commissioners decided on Tuesday morning.

The commissioners decided to buy two tractors and three mowers from Darrell Schrader for \$59,000 and then asked Schrader if he would lease the county a third tractor and have him do mowing with the disc mower the county had purchased.

The commissioners agreed to allow county road and bridge employees to work on mowing using the two tractors and 15-foot batwing mowers to do the rural intersections and other places where needed.

Schrader said he was willing to mow for the county, and said he could be ready to go in a short time. The commissioners agreed to pay Schrader \$20 an hour for mowing and \$25 an hour for his tractor. The county agreed to furnish the fuel for the tractor, and will pickup Schrader at the end of the day and take him back to his vehicle.

Butch Vandiver, public works manager, said he had looked at the tractors and mowers Schrader had given the county a bid on and felt they were in good shape to get started by next week.

Sherman County farmers Keith and Brian Coon were at the meeting to say they wanted to see the county begin some mowing.

"The roads are getting bad," Brian Coon said, "and we are here to straighten out the

rumors we have heard."

Keith Coon said they had heard a rumor that the county was going to do one mowing and that Schrader did not bid on doing any mowing.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the county has been concentrating on spraying the shoulders since spring, and were working on a way to begin mowing the roads.

"We are here about living in the country," Brian Coon said. "The way the roads are with a three inch drift of snow we will not be able to get to town. The weeds are between five and seven foot tall, and in cases they are taller than me."

To emphasize his point Brian Coon showed the commissioners photos of him standing in front of weeds that were taller than him on a

road near his house.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said the county is going to be mowing, and was planning to make a decision about how that would happen at that meeting.

"We are asking you to make a decision to get the roads mowed and cleared up," Brian Coon said. "I saw two large bucks on the road and slowed down, but they immediately disappeared when they hit the ditch."

Keith Coon said with the corn harvest coming up the county could have a problem. He said in some cases one pass may not be enough, and it could take two passes.

Enfield said the commissioners have been working on this, and have talked to Schrader

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weather report

72°

noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:46 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 76 percent
- Sky Cloudy
- Winds South 10 mph
- Barometer 30.03 inches and rising

- Record High today 106° (1934)
- Record Low today 47° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 82°
- Low Wednesday 58°
- Precipitation Trace
- This month 3.00
- Year to date 15.69
- Above Normal 1.45 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, chance of showers in morning. High in upper 80s, low in upper 50s. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 80s, low around 60. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy, high in mid 80s, low in mid 60s. Monday: Mostly sunny, high in upper 80s, low in the lower 60s. Chance of thunderstorms both days.

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Welcome alumni!

Who said you can't go home?



Alumni began registering Thursday morning at the Sherman County fairgrounds, and Bill and Mary (Adams) Daise (1946) were among the early ones who talked to Linda (Stull) Saint and Judy (Leonard) Althoff who helped with registration. The All-School Reunion continues today and Saturday with evens and class parties. Classes left out of the party list include 1963 who will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Sugar Hills Golf Club, and 1945 and 1946 who will meet at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Elks. The 1946 class will have dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Elks.

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Alumni Schedule of Events

Friday

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration at Fairgrounds
- 7:30 a.m. First Session Day two of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- 1 p.m. Second Session Day two of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- 3 p.m. "Meet and Greet" Former Teachers Open House at Goodland Elks Lodge
- Evening Class Parties in Various Locations
- 8 p.m. to midnight Social Gathering (Beverages Available for Purchase) at Fairgrounds

Saturday

- 6:30 a.m. Goodland Activity Center Triathlon and 5K Run/Walk at Steever Water Park. (Register at www.goodlandgac.com)
- 8 a.m. Registration at Max Jones Fieldhouse
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. SCHS Assembly at Max Jones Fieldhouse
- 10 a.m. Edson Gathering at Bateman Funeral Home
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kanorado Gathering at Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Afternoon Class Parties at Various Locations
- 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Home-Owned Carnival Rides (\$10 Wristband) at Fairgrounds Hosted by Sherman County Community Service
- 8 p.m. to midnight Entertainment and Dance with Cherry Bomb at Fairgrounds

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.73
- Corn — \$7.10 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.47
- Milo — \$6.72 bushel
- Soybeans — \$0.00 bushel
- Posted county price — \$13.57
- Millet — \$11.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$31.70 cwt.
- NuSun — No bid..
- Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)

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

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Tri-State Royal celebrates 50th year

By Pat Schiefen

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The Tri-State Royal Champion of Champions on Saturday afternoon finished off the week of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair at Goodland.

The Tri-State Royal celebrated its 50th year with special presentations and introductions at the beginning of the show.

The show was started by Wilmont Price and family in 1962. Dale and Zona Price took over after his father, Wilmont, quit. Dale and Zona turned the event over to Ron and Marsha Schilling about 20 years ago.

There is no entry fee but animal entries must be either the grand champion or reserve grand champion beef, sheep, swine or goat from a county fair in Kansas, Colorado or Nebraska, organizer Ron Schilling said.

The first show, Ron Schilling said, had four steers. They were from Sherman, Thomas, Cheyenne and Kit Carson counties.

This year more than 60 entries were from 29 counties in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Now the names of the Tri-State Royal winners are on special boards on the wall of the ag barn, and Schilling said some of the young people today are the second or third generation to participate in the event.

This year Champions and Reserve Champions from Sherman County who participated included Hannah Dechant who was the Reserve Champion in Sheep Conformation.

Dechant and Courtney Sheldon



Hannah Dechant was the Tri-State Royal Reserve Champion in Sheep Conformation, and showed in Sheep Showmanship.

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were in the Old Pro sheep division, and Dechant was in the Showmanship division.

In Goat Showmanship Jason Cowan represented Sherman County, and he was in the Goat Conformation division.

In the Swine Showmanship Laci Cowan and Evan Peter represented

Sherman County. Cowan and Garrett Taylor represented Sherman County in the Swine Conformation division.

In the Beef Showmanship Libbi Loos represented Sherman County, and she was in the Beef Conformation division.

Sponsors for the event include



Zona and Dale Price were honored at the opening of the 50th Tri-State Royal on Saturday for their many years of effort in organizing and holding the event and taking over from Dale's father, Wilmont Price.

Eklund Insurance, S&T Communications, Sherman County Fair Board, Kennedy and Coe, CHS/United Plains Ag, Jesse and Doris Craft, Frontier Ag, Ketzner High Noon Feeds, The Scouler Company, Dan Brenner Ford, Western State Bank, Oakley Veterinary Service, First National Bank, Pam Ruff Embroidery, Vanderbilt's, Schilling

Farm Services, Wallace County Farm Bureau, T-Bone Feeders, Cochran Farm Supply, Peoples State Bank, Western Sprinklers, Ag Power Equipment, Jim and Darla Mosbarger, Doug and April Hall, Sherman County Farm Bureau, Century Feeders and Goodland Greenline.

Winners are given a buckle.