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weather report

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noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:48 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 14 mph
- Barometer 30.00 inches and falling

- Record High today 105° (1954)
- Record Low today 44° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Sunday 100°
- Low Sunday 66°
- Precipitation none
- This month none
- Year to date 12.89

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m., high near 96, low near 64, winds north northwest 3-6 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high near 93, low around 63, wind calm becoming south southeast 7-10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 91, low around 65. Friday: mostly sunny, high near 89, low near 62.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.94 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.97
 - Corn — \$2.24 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.94
 - Milo — \$1.75 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.84 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.71
 - Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.80 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$10.05 cwt.
 - Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$15
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Shortstop heads to Dodgertown

Goodland shortstop Jake Alander (left) was picked to play in the Dodgertown World Series in Vero Beach, Fla., at the spring training camp for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Photo on Page 10.

Fair kicks off with parade

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

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The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Parade kicked off fair week Saturday with over 100 entries and a large crowd.

"It all went pretty well," said Samantha Philbrick, a member of the 4-H Ambassadors, who organized the parade.

The event rolled north down Main Ave. at 6 p.m. led by the sheriff's department, followed by a Veterans of Foreign War color guard. Next came the grand marshals, Doris and Jesse Craft, as they made their way up Main in a convertible.

Philbrick said there were 10 floats in all, most of them put together by 4-H clubs. She said county music for the parade was provided by Darin Richardson.

Politicians Dan Rasure and Jim Morrison rode in the parade, along with candidates for Sherman County sheriff and county treasurer.

Horses, tractors, bicycles, walkers and four-wheelers were all entered into the parade, with a few taking home prizes.

In the float category, the Prairie Dale 4-H club took first place. Bankwest took second place and the Rulleton Eager Beavers 4-H club took third.

Today at the fair

- 11 a.m. flower judging
- 2 p.m. Llama show
- 3 p.m. Sheep lead
- 7 p.m. Howdy Rowdy rodeo
- Wednesday
- 8 a.m. Swine show
- 7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo
- Thursday
- 8 a.m. Beef show
- 6 p.m. Family Fun night

For the individual category, Demi Mitchek won first, Zane Shores second and Jase Mosbarger third place.

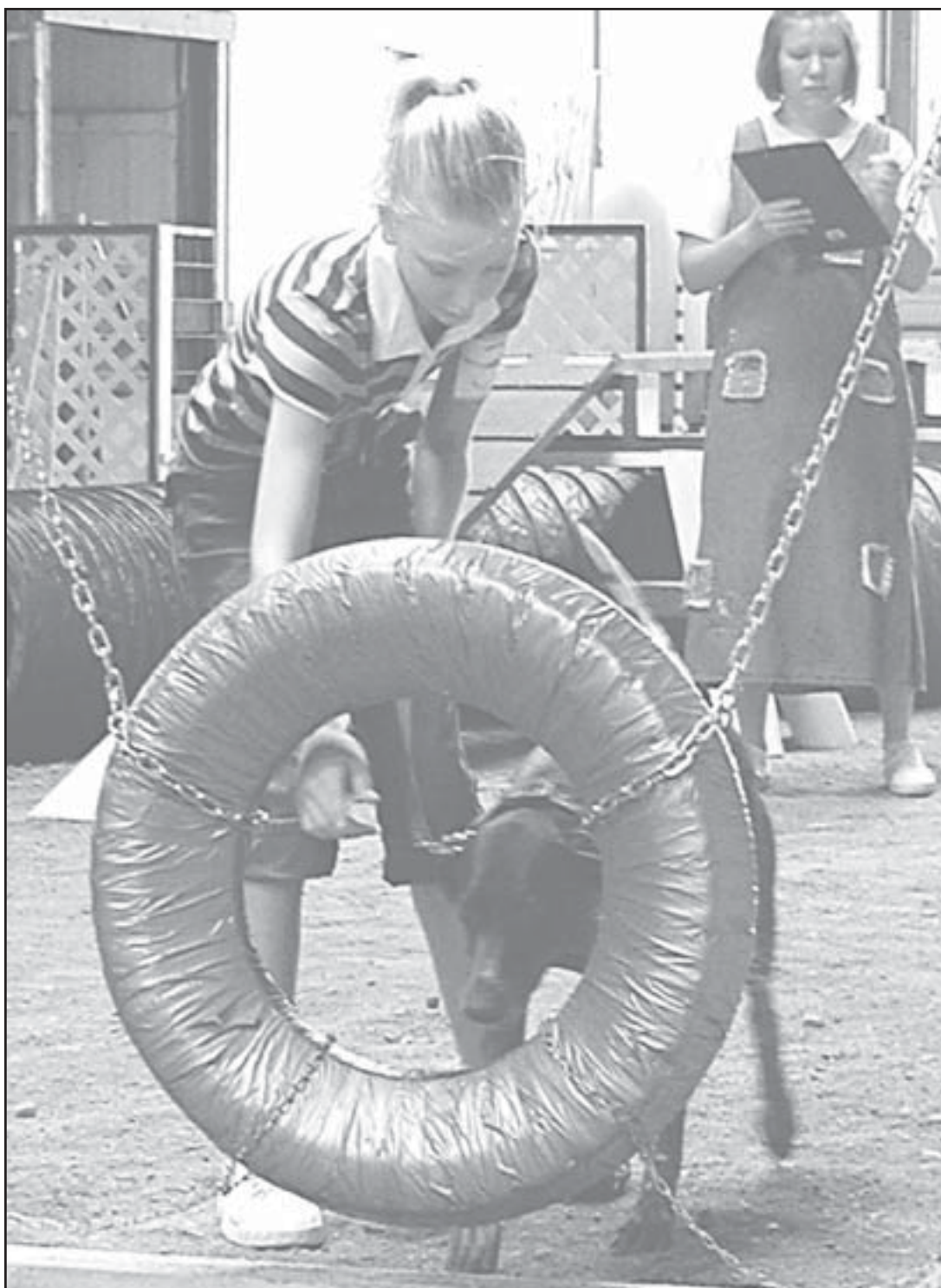
The Kara Bentzinger Memorial Horse Group took first place, Goodland Greenline second and Jessica and Lindsay Bauman third in the other category.

The Ambassadors worked to make the judging easier and more organized this year, Philbrick said. Judges Danny Mangus, Carol Topliff and Jeff Deeds decided on the best entries.

Overall, Philbrick said the parade was a success.

"We're pretty happy with it," she said.

Through the tire



Sophie (top) headed through a tire, one of the stops on the agility course that was part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair dog show Saturday morning. Alexis Bateman showed Sophie, a German short hair. Connie Johnson (above, left) and her daughter Sarah, 6, got Jazzy, a teacup poodle, ready for the obedience part of the show.

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Sewer cleanup to begin Friday

By Tom Betz

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Tests on contamination at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center indicate the main problem is the sewage spill from a leak several weeks ago, not mold, and clean up is to begin on Friday.

Rick Reeser, Good Samaritan administrator, said the sewage problem appears to be the major concern, but that his maintenance people are helping to clean up areas where there could be mold contamination, too.

At least two nurses and one patient complained about symptoms from the contamination which was caused from a sewer backup and leak at the end of June. The sewer line was cleaned out and fixed, but the spill was not cleaned up.

Reeser said Dr. Robert McCullough, the center's health officer, took samples from the suspected areas and had them tested.

"Dr. McCullough said the test results did not show mold," Reeser said, "but did show contamination from the sewage."

"He did say there was some mold in the swamp coolers and some air filters, but did not believe this was the current problem."

Reeser said his maintenance people have been working on cleaning up any mold around the swamp coolers and the filters they can get to this week. He said maintenance supervisor Neil Starr was in St. Paul for training this week, and they would handle the larger filters when he gets back on Monday.

He suggested the county might submit a property loss claim on the building to get some help with the project cost.

"The sewage cleanup is separate from the mold," Reeser said.

Reeser contacted Medallion Professional Quality Home Solutions of Hays about the problem and they sent a man out to investigate last week.

Reeser said they first said it was going to cost up to \$85,000, but after it was determined that it was more of a sewer spill clean up, the price came down to \$65,000.

Keith Schmidt, the business person at Medallion, told Reeser he estimated it would take up to five weeks to thoroughly clean the home.

The area they are going to clean is the crawl spaces under three

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King's Cafe may handle Kanorado senior meals

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

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Kanorado seniors could have a new lunch site — and a new menu — if things work out with a plan to switch their meals to the town cafe. Sherman County commissioners questioned Kanorado lunch program after the Area Agency on Aging requested a \$1,000 budget increase for next year.

Now, senior meals are prepared at the Senior Adult Center in Goodland and hauled to Kanorado. The budget request prompted commission-

ers to talk about cutting out the travel and asking King's Cafe in Kanorado to supply the meals.

Sue Smith, owner of the cafe, said she would be willing if she can meet federal guidelines.

"Anything to help the seniors out," she said.

Smith would like to incorporate the senior meals into her daily specials, but she said she isn't sure she can meet the nutritional requirements set up by the state. The agency's program meals must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture

specifications.

"They have to do this and that," she said. "I would love to do it, but I'm not going to do it where it costs me. I can't do it where it will cost me."

Arlene Beneda, manager of the adult center in Goodland, said they average 10 meals prepared here and taken out to Kanorado each day. The center makes about 60 of meals for Goodland residents most days.

County Clerk Janet Rumble said the county budget for Kanorado's meals stands at \$5,880, \$1,174 less

than last year, and meals in Goodland cost the county \$2,540, \$10 more than last year.

The budget for Kanorado includes the cost hauling the meals 17 miles from Goodland in special insulated containers.

Seniors are asked for a contribution of \$2.25, but many do not pay the entire amount. Michelle Morgan, with the Agency on Aging, told commissioners that the average contribution in Kanorado is down to 96 cents per meal compared to \$1.80 in Goodland. The budget increase

would help to make up the difference.

The meals cost \$4.21 each and the county is asked to pay \$2.71, Morgan said.

Rumble said the county is at the maximum for the property tax levy it can use for senior programs. The area agency gets money from the county and then administers the meal program.

The county could give the money for the meal program directly to the

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