

# Fair fun fills week

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ing. The 4-H arts and crafts, exploring and life skills entries also were to be judged. At 9 a.m., the horse show for 4-H and open classes was scheduled at the grandstand. That night featured a free hot dog dinner sponsored by KLOE, KKCI, KWGB radio, Eagle Cable, Midwest Energy, Goodland Wal-Mart and Goodland Coca-Cola.

This morning, 4-H and open class livestock entries will check in. Livestock will be weighed in and kids can sign up for the catch-it-pig contest. In the afternoon, judging

will take place along with the llama show, sheep lead, rabbit show, goat show and sheep show.

Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. will be the swine show and at 7 p.m. the professional bull riders will jump into the arena.

Thursday morning at 9 a.m. will be the beef show, with showmanship following. The Howdy Rowdy Rodeo for the kids is at 6:30 p.m. that night. The events include a pig catch, goat-tail untie, goat tail tie, three-legged goat tie, chicken run, two-man dress-a-sheep, three-man relay that ties ribbon on the tail of a haltered calf or steer, boot race and

sheep scramble, where sheep are herded together and ribbons taken off their tails.

On Friday at 4:30 p.m. will be the 4-H appreciation barbecue and at 5:30 the 4-H livestock sale. At 7 p.m. at the grandstand will be the Kiwanis Demolition Derby, and Friday is the last night for carnival rides.

Saturday morning, all projects will be released and entries will be taken for the Tri-State Royal, which will start at 1 p.m. The regional livestock show is open to fair champions from northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and eastern Colorado. That's the end of the fair.



Hazen Deeds, 14, and Chloe Goodwin, 11, grand champion winners in the 4-H Style Revue held Thursday, rode in the parade Saturday in a car driven by Jeff Deeds.

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# Goodland joins Young Guns

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box, scoreboard, markers and chains, west concession stand and rest rooms.

Hendrich said they plan to practice at North Elementary School. He had talked to Principal Jim Mull and building and grounds manager Kenny Studer about erecting a permanent goal. They plan to build a half a football field for the team to practice on, Hendrich said, but they would locate it where it would not disrupt the playgrounds. Jimenez said the Goodland Activities Center would mow and mark the field and erect the goal post.

Jimenez said they used the North playground for flag football for first

to sixth graders.

Hendrich said the teams were formed at the request of parents, and the activities center would be in charge.

School board member LeAnn Friedrichs warned that they should schedule their games carefully to avoid conflicts.

Hendrich said he would have the insurance papers from the league for the board when he got them from Hays. Jimenez said the games also would be under the insurance of the activities center.

"I have talked to Bruce Gleason about having EMT's at the games," Hendrich said, and Jimenez said the Activities Center would line up the referees.

High School Principal Harvey Swager had some concerns about the concession stands. Hendrich said Shawn Gastineau was heading up the concessions.

High School Activities Director Don Smith asked who decides whether the field is in good enough shape to be played on.

Hendrich said the person at the school who does that now will do that. He said if they need to play on the practice field, they will deal with it.

He said all they need from the district on game day is someone to unlock and lock things up.

"The new football coach, Jon Dangel, is very much in favor of the program," Hendrich said.

# Hospital buys surgical table, beds

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good patient count in the first quarter. He said the second quarter was a little below budget, but that together, the first six months were close to the budget.

Looking at the reports, Precht said June was the lowest month, with a daily count of 7, compared to 11.2 for May. The adjusted daily census is 11.4 and the budget was 12.1

May showed a net gain of

\$29,886, and June a gain of \$18,821, he said. The year-to-date financial report shows a gain of \$420,847. Precht said the accounts receivable averaged 106 days in December but in June they were down to 56 days.

He said with some changes being done through an audit of the critical access billing for Medicare, there may need to be an amendment to the budget.

He said the auditors are looking at charges from before the critical

access change and moving things around. The auditors wanted to say that \$90,000 were pre-critical access charges and Precht said he got them down to \$17,000 so far.

He said the government hasn't found any charges it won't pay, some might be at a different rate than under the critical access system.

He said expenses for the clinic were up in June. The center showed a gain in May of \$15,272, but a loss in June of \$20,699. The clinic has a year-to-date loss of \$81,308.

# School district benefits from ruling

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correct flaws in the school finance act. The bill it passed will add \$446 million to support schools statewide over three years

The court dismissed the case, which has been working its way through the courts since 1999, saying if school districts have any further complaints, they would have to file a new suit.

"The constitutionality of SB 549 is not before this court," the court said. "It is new legislation and, if challenged, its constitutionality must be litigated in a new action filed in the district court."

The court said there is no question that the legislature has responded to the concerns of inadequate funding for students in middle-sized and large districts with large number of minority and at-risk students. The ruling said there was a lack of actual cost basis

for the law's special education, bilingual and at-risk student weighting factors.

The Legislative Post Audit Cost Study Analysis cannot be used for evidence of actual and necessary costs of providing a suitable education, the court said, because it has not been subjected to normal fact-finding processes in which people can question its methodology and the qualifications of the people conducting the study.

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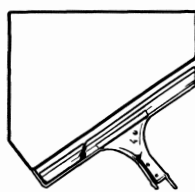
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