

weather report

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noon Monday

Today
 • Sunset, 7:53 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 5:53 a.m.
 • Sunset, 7:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil temperature 83 degrees
 • Humidity 47 percent
 • Sky mostly sunny
 • Winds variable at 3 mph
 • Barometer 29.91 inches and steady
 • Record High today 105° (1938)
 • Record Low today 48° (1990)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 93°
 Low Monday 70°
 Precipitation .02
 This month .39
 Year to date 8.91
 Below normal 5.47 inches

The Topside Forecast
 Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 90, low around 66.

Extended Forecast
 Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 96, low around 66. Thursday through Sunday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 90s and lows in lower 60s.
 (National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Fair ends with fun night for all



The oldest kids, 11 and under, were the first group to try to catch a pig in the Catch It Pig contest Thursday at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. The kids had to catch the pig and put it into a burlap bag to take to the livestock trailer. They get a pig later to raise and enter into the fair next year. The 5-and-under group only had to hold onto a pig for five seconds.

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By Pat Schiefen

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Squeals and laughter from kids of all ages marked the final night Friday of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair and the Sherman County home-owned carnival.

The fair itself marched into history with the Tri-State Royal of Champions on Saturday afternoon. The event features livestock fair champions from county fairs in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.

Courtney Sheldon of Goodland was tops in sheep showmanship at the event.

The fair included exhibits, carnival rides and games, a tractor pull, a magic show, food, family night and the popular Howdy Rowdy Rodeo.

All entries were released on Saturday morning, with only the top livestock winners hanging around for the Royal.

The livestock sale and 4-H Appreciation barbecue were Friday night, along with the Kiwanis Demolition Derby.

"The grand champion pig owned by Evan Peter sold for \$7 per pound," said Amy Sederstrom, sale clerk. "The grand champion steer owned by Kayler Reitchcheck sold for \$4.50 per pound."

She said the overall prices were about average, around \$3 per pound for pigs, cattle, goats and sheep.

"The livestock sale was excep-

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Teams preparing for Relay for Life

Teams are making their final preparations for the Relay for Life fund raiser starting at 7 p.m. Friday and running into Saturday at the Goodland High School track for the American Cancer Society.

The track is behind the Northwest Kansas Technical College administration building at 1209 Harrison.

The relay begins with an lap by cancer survivors, then one with their caregivers and a third lap with all the team laps.

Golf carts will be available for survivors unable to walk the lap, said Josh Dechant, member of the organizing committee.

Teams are expected to keep at least one member on the track all night. The closing ceremony will be 6:30 a.m. Saturday, with the relay to wrap up by 7 a.m. Members will camp in the center of the track, he said.

The theme for this year's event is Speedway, Dechant said. An auction at 7:45 p.m. Friday will include a quilt made by Nancy Kear, owner of Lonny's Quality Auto Body, from old Relay T-shirts, lawn ornaments made by Clayton Hoss and a birdhouse made by Melanie Biel's father, Keith Baker.

At 9 p.m., luminaries will be lighted in the Ceremony of Hope. People pay \$10 each to sponsor luminaries in honor or memory of friends or relatives who have cancer, survived cancer or died from cancer, Dechant said.

The band Pieces of Eight, including Richard Johnson, Andrew Melia, Heather Hays and Howard Culver, will perform. The Kiwanis Shack will serve burgers until 10

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Colorado prison changes cause recycling group to review options

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County citizens have been taking paper, glass and cans to the yellow recycling containers in Goodland and in Kanorado, but changes at a Colorado prison have made it difficult to get them hauled off.

Sherman County, Goodland and Kanorado joined the Southeast and East Central Colorado Recycling project more than five years ago, and Goodland has been one of the top recycling stops in the 19-county area since then.

Dave Daniels, the Sherman County representative on the agency's board, told county commissioners last Tuesday that a change at the private prison in Las Animas, Colo., has been causing problems, and the board is going meet on Tuesday, Aug. 21 to consider its options.

Daniels said the problem began when the minimum-security prison complex was upgraded by the Colorado Department of Corrections to medium security.

"In the past, we had about eight prisoners come

and work at the recycle center in Las Animas helping unload and separate the material," Daniels said. "With the prison change, ... there are not as many prisoners who are eligible to work."

He said the lack of manpower was why the recycle truck wasn't able to come out in May to pick up the material filling up all the containers.

"Will this raise the costs?" Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked.

"I am not sure," Daniels said. "We don't want to scrap the program. The board will have to look at all the options."

"We want to work with the Colorado prison system, and have asked the Bent County representatives to see if they can get this problem solved."

"This is one of the largest recycling groups in the country, for the number of counties, the number of miles and the amount of material recycled."

"We need you to be at that meeting," Thomas said. "We have done well with the program, and we want to keep a recycling program going."

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$5.82 bushel
 Posted county price — \$5.81
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 Corn — \$3.26 bushel
 Posted county price — \$2.98
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 Milo — \$2.91 bushel
 Soybeans — \$7.37 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.21
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 NuSun crop — \$17.40
 Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Woman killed in accident near Brewster

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

A Texas woman's father and brother watched, horrified, in their rear-view mirrors Saturday as she lost control of her Ford Explorer on I-70 and it rolled across the median, killing her and sending her mother and sister-in-law to hospitals.

Traffic backed up for half a mile as police cars, fire engines and ambulances surrounded the truck, on its top in the median, but for the woman's family and others nearby, the loss of their daughter and sister was foremost in their minds and hearts.

Renee Ramsey, 25, Lubbock, died instantly and was pronounced dead at the scene by deputy coroner Dr. Travis Daise. She had been partly ejected from the vehicle despite the fact that she was wearing her seat belt.

State troopers and sheriff's officers from Sherman and Thomas counties responded to the accident three miles west of Brewster about 3 p.m. Saturday. Officers said the 2002 Ford Explorer driven by Ramsey flipped and rolled 2 1/2 times, ending up on across the median on the eastbound lanes.

She was westbound with her sister-in-law Leah Hall, 26, and mother, Rachel Hall, 56. John Hall, Rachel's husband, and Jay Hall,



This Ford Explorer driven by Renee Ramsey of Lubbock, Texas, rolled Saturday afternoon, ending up on its top in the eastbound lanes of I-70 three miles west of Brewster. Ramsey had been

westbound with her mother and sister, officers said. The driver was killed, her mother was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and her sister to Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

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their son and Leah's husband, watched the accident from the rear-view mirrors of their sport utility vehicle. Renee's husband Zachary was not with the group.

Leah Hall was taken by Thomas County ambulance to Citizens Medical Center in Colby, while Rachel Hall went to Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was transferred out in stable condition,

said Compliance and Risk Manager Mary Ann Elliott.

The driver apparently lost control of the vehicle, said Sherman County Deputy Brad Parker, and then over-corrected by jerking the wheel. The Explorer, which Parker said has a high center of gravity, flipped and rolled.

The deputy said officers aren't sure what caused the accident, but

witnesses said another vehicle signaled to change lanes while side-by-side with the Explorer, and Ramsey may have swerved to get out of the way.

The other car never actually entered her lane, Parker said, and wasn't a factor in the accident.

A doctor from Oklahoma happened to be driving by and stopped to help, the deputy said. He covered

Ramsey and focused on helping the others before officers arrived.

Parker was first on the scene, along with Deputy Mark Finley from Thomas County. Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn helped with traffic control, Sgt. Terry Kummer of the Kansas Highway Patrol did a scene analysis, and

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Demo derby smashin' fun

Terry Hubble (45 at right) was pushed into the berm by John Brown (8-11 at left) to knock him out of the second heat at the Kiwanis Demolition Derby on Friday. See story, photos on Page 12.