

weather report

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noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:50 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:56 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 39 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south at 13 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High today 105° (1964)
- Record Low today 48° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 93°
- Low Thursday 63°
- Precipitation —
- This month 1.81
- Year to date 10.33
- Below normal 4.33 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, high near 99, low around 65.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, high near 100, low around 66.
Sunday: Sunny and hot, high near 100, low around 65. Monday: Sunny and hot, high near 98, low around 66. Tuesday: Sunny and hot, high near 99, low around 65. Mostly sunny, high near 94.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Joyce Jury at 804 Arcade showed off the purple sunflowers that she grew in her back yard. She said she has had a lot of fun growing them and showing them off to people.
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Purple sunflowers draw attention

By Pat Schiefen

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People have been driving down the alley to look at Joyce Jury's purple sunflowers at 804 Arcade, and the new homeowner says she's having fun showing them off.

Jury moved into her house in December and says she has been busy fixing it up. She moved to Goodland several years ago from Colorado via Montana. She said she had lived in her motor home for 3 1/2 years traveling after she retired.

The flowers are deep burgundy to purple on the tips, the stems are purple and they have more than one flower. Jury said she got the seed from her friend, Mary Hamman, in

Atmore, Ala. She said her friend's sister got them at the Laguna Beach (Calif.) Botanical Gardens three years ago.

When her friend planted her seeds, Jury said, she got only sunflowers with yellow flowers. One of Jury's plants had yellow flowers as well.

"The burgundy sunflowers put out a real pretty show," said master gardener Christie Rasure. "The petals are so velvety and extremely soft."

She said the flowers are hybrid but the seeds will still produce some burgundy flowers.

"I have not grown them but I've judged them," Rasure said.

Sunflowers are native to North America and seeds have been found at archeological sites from 3,000 B.C. where the plants were grown by Native Americans for medicine, fiber, seeds and oil, says the Burpee Seed website. Burpee sells seeds for the Chianti Hybrid, which is burgundy to purple, and Indian Blanket Hybrid, which is orange red with yellow edges.

The burgundy hybrid has three-to-four-inch flowers and the plant is four to five feet tall with purple stems.

European settlers took sunflower seeds back to Europe, where they were grown in flower gardens, Burpee said. In Russia, the seeds became a major agricultural crop

since sunflower oil could be eaten without breaking church dietary laws. Early in the 20th century, Russian growers led in sunflower breeding. The colorful flowers became a big part of American agriculture starting in the 1960s.

Burpee said that sunflowers can be from four inches to 12 feet tall and have yellow petals with yellow or brown centers to orange and red petals with brown centers, or be puffy with no visible center.

"It sure has been fun to see people drive down the alley to look at the sunflowers," said Jury. "I'm planning on planting them again next year."

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.94 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.03
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$3.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.15
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$3.01 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.63 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.42
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- 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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Modelers' show opens

Dale Shields, a Goodland Arts Council member, checked out the models at the opening reception for the Scale Modelers Society's display Sunday at the Carnegie Arts Center. See story, photo on Page 5a.

Champions compete in Tri-State Royal

By Sharon Corcoran

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County fair winners and their animals from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado braved the heat Saturday to compete in the Tri-State Royal livestock show at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Schilling Limousin, owned by Ron and Marsha Schilling, is in charge of the event, and it is sponsored by several area people and businesses.

The Sherman County Fair Board pays for the judge. This was the 46th year for the event, Marsha Schilling said, and there are families that have had three generations compete in the event.

The Price family started the event, Schilling said; Dale's father started it, and Dale and Zona Price ran it in the early years. Schilling said her family has been involved with the event close to 24 years; their son Cash showed his first calf at age 3.

There were 26 counties were involved this year, Mrs. Schilling said, and there were a record number of entries, 84.

Sherman County youths had the grand champions in beef and sheep showmanship, and the beef showmanship champion also had the grand champion heifer. A Wallace County youth finished in the top three for swine, old pro.



Clay Schilling led his heifer out of the ring at the 4-H Beef Show at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Schilling won grand champion in beef showmanship with the heifer at the Tri-State Royal Saturday, and the heifer was grand champion in the beef show.
Photo by Dana Belshe/Sunflower Extension District

Clay Schilling was the grand champion in beef showmanship and also had the grand champion heifer. Courtney Sheldon was the grand champion in sheep showmanship. Jamie Eder of Wallace County had the third-place animal in swine, old pro.

Reserve champion in beef showmanship was Dustin Aherin of Phillips County, Kan., and third was Tarra Eldson of Rice County. Reserve champion heifer was owned by Austin Vieselmeyer of Phillips County, Colo., and third was owned by Cheyenne Wiley of Bourbon County.

Reserve champion in sheep showmanship was Kasandra Huser of Ellis County, and third was Kisha Scott of Scott County. In swine, old pro, the top two were Taryn Faulkender of Logan County and L.T. Plunkett of Hamilton County.

In market beef, the grand champion was owned by Chance Friedly of Washington County, Colo., reserve champion by Cody Couchman of Scott County and third by Janae Ochs of Hodgeman County.

In sheep conformation, the champion was owned by Jamie Briscoe of Lincoln County, reserve champion by Kisha Scott and third by Callie

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Car show, horseshoes planned at Kanorado Day

The top city in Kansas will swell in population on Saturday as people celebrate Kanorado Day with a car show, horseshoe tournament, free barbecue and live entertainment.

City Clerk Susan Adams said all the events will be held at City Park in the northwest corner of Kanorado. The car and bike show will begin at 10 a.m., she said, and

plaques and door prizes will be given to the winners. The entrance fee is \$20.

"We had about 25 cars last year because of the early morning rain," she said. "That was about half of what we had the year before when it was sunny."

A cake walk will be held in the park until all the cakes are gone, she

said. People can play a form of "Chicken checkers" in another part of the park.

The Kanorado Museum will be displaying a special quilt that was donated by Janice Hooker. It will be given away to help raise money for the museum, Adams said.

Lunch will be ham and beans for \$3. The Kanorado Horseshoe Tour-

namment begins at 1 p.m., she said, with an entry fee of \$10.

"We have a lots of interest in the horseshoe tournament," Adams said. "A lot of people come from miles away to enter."

She said the entertainment is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. with Dell Mullen of Seibert, Colo., playing steel guitar for at least two hours.

A free barbecue starts at 5 p.m., and people should bring a side dish.

"We provide the meat and the table service," the clerk said. "We ask that people who are going to eat bring a side dish to share."

Kanorado Day volunteers organize the event, Adams said.

"We get a lot of sponsors to help," she added.