

Fair events start with dog show July 26

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The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, with a parade on Main Avenue, and the Kiwanis Demolition Derby at 7 p.m.

The home-owned carnival will open at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and from Monday through Friday, Aug. 4 to 8. Wrist-band nights will be Tuesday and Friday, costing \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids' rides. Prices on the other nights of the fair will be 50¢ per ticket.

The carnival has two new rides and several have been repainted and improved over the past year.

Major fair schedule changes this year

move two events up a week, including the horse show to be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, and the dog show at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 26.

The public Style Revue will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at the Sherman Theater. Style revenue judging begins at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, at the First United Methodist Church.

4-H hand pets and cats will be judged at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 28, at Good Samaritan Society. Aquariums and home environment judging begins at 8:30 a.m. that morning with judges coming to the 4-Hers home.

The constructed clothing, knitting, crocheting and needle work will be judged on

Tuesday, July 29 at the 4-H building. The time is to be announced said Dana Belshe, Sunflower Extension Agent.

Monday, Aug. 4, events begin at 8 a.m. with entries for 4-H food and arts and crafts. Judging and the food sale will be in the afternoon.

A Kids Pedal Tractor Pull will be at 5 p.m. in the grandstand. At 6 p.m. is the KLOE/KKCI/KWGB and Eagle Cable free hot dog feed, and at 7:30 p.m. a free concert with the Tropical Shores Steel Drum Band.

On Tuesday morning, entries for 4-H and Open Class will be taken from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., with judging to follow at 1 p.m.

The afternoon gets started at 2 p.m. with the goat show, 3 p.m. rabbit show and 4:30

p.m. the sheep lead and sheep show.

Entertainment for the evening begins at 7 p.m. with the band Streetside in concert, sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau and the fair board. Adult and youth tickets will be \$5 each.

Wednesday morning begins at 8 a.m. with the swine show. At 1 p.m. is the llama show.

The Pro Bull Riders Western Plains Chute-Out begins at 6:30 p.m., and the grandstand will open at 4:30 p.m. for ticket holders.

Tickets for the bull riding event are available online at www.nwksfair.com or by calling (785) 899-5888.

Thursday at 8 a.m. will be the beef show,

and the round-robin showmanship will begin half an hour after that. Family Fun Night and the Howdy Rowdy Rodeo begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Friday morning, livestock registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and at 9 a.m. the judging begins. The 4-H Appreciation barbecue will be at 4:30 p.m., and at 5:30 p.m. is the livestock sale. At 7 p.m., the modified tractor pull will be held at the grandstand.

Saturday morning at 8 a.m., all projects are released, and entries are taken for the Tri-State Royal. At 1 p.m., the Tri-State Royal of Champions will begin in the arena.

The Tri-State Royal brings champions from surrounding counties in Kansas, Colo-



Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract and Title, filled out some papers in her new downtown office last week. She moved the business out of her garage in April.

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Business moves to downtown office

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A business with a 123-year record has moved into its own office in downtown Goodland, remaining in the hands of an owner who says she appreciates its history.

Annette Fairbanks said she moved Teeters Abstract and Title from her garage to a downtown office both to support Goodland and to have an office that is easier to find and more professional.

Fairbanks said she had the front garage on her home at 517 Main redecorated as an office and ran the business from there mostly for convenience while her children were young, but about a year ago began looking for space downtown. She moved into the former Chamber of Commerce office at 112 W. 11th in April and is renting the space from Jeremy Jennings.

Fairbanks said people have asked her if she's going to change the name, but she said she has decided since the Teeters name is well established, she wants to keep it.

The business began in 1885 when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Leonard moved from Illinois to Leonardville, a township south of Goodland, Fairbanks said. They started the land title business for early settlers of the county and prepared abstracts of title for farm land and for lots in town.

When the dispute between Eustis and Goodland was settled, and Goodland became the county seat, the Leonards moved to town and built a two-story frame building at

921 Main, now the site of Artisan Woodworking and the Vault Creamery, which was next to a hotel.

When the hotel burned, Fairbanks said, the Leonard building was also destroyed. It was replaced with a two-story brick building, which housed both the Leonards' abstract and insurance businesses and the post office.

In July 1918, Fairbanks said, Marie Tapper started working for the Leonards while also working part time at the post office next door. Jesse L. Teeters and Marie Tapper married on Sept. 19, 1923, and in July 1925 bought the abstract business. Mr. Teeters specialized in insurance and real estate until his death in 1965, and Mrs. Teeters continued the abstracting work until her retirement in 1966, when she sold the business to Bernard E. "Pete" Whalen.

Gracia Maricle worked with Whalen and Mrs. Teeters to learn how to prepare abstracts, Fairbanks said, and later became owner and manager. Fairbanks worked 10

years as Maricle's part-time assistant before buying the company in 1998. A few years later, she moved the business to her home.

Fairbanks, who grew up in Kansas City, said she has enjoyed learning the history of Sherman County. You learn a lot about the people here by doing land-title research at the courthouse, she said.

Her husband Jerry grew up south of Kanorado, she said. The couple met at Kansas State University, and he went to law school at Washburn University in Topeka. He returned home to work for Whalen, and they lived in Sharon Springs a couple of years before moving to Goodland. In all, they've lived in the area 28 years.

Their children, all Goodland High graduates, are David, 1994; Christi, 1998; and Stephanie, 2003.

Workers prepare fairgrounds

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Workers are at the Sherman County Fairgrounds almost every day now, as the opening events of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair are only about 10 days away.

Steve Duell, fair board chairman, was at a county commission meeting last Tuesday with an update on the work and asking about borrowing a water truck to help keep the dust down during the fair.

Duell said things seem to be going well, and that his son Aaron reported more than 1,000 tickets have been sold for the Western Chute-Out Pro Bull Riders event at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

"That is less than half of what we hope to sell total," Steve Duell

said, "but the numbers are coming in pretty quickly now and we expect to be close to sold out by the time the fair starts."

Aaron Duell said Tuesday the on-line ticket sales are doing well, but people who do not have access to a computer can call him at (785) 899-5888 to buy tickets. He said the VIP tickets are selling the best, but there are plenty of general admission tickets available.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he would mention the need for a water truck to Butch Vandiver, road and bridge assistant.

Steve Duell said he had talked to Vandiver, who has been helping out on Wednesdays, but wanted to be sure the commissioners knew he was asking for the water truck.

Duell reported he was trying to get some tractor pullers from Nebraska to come down to help keep the tractor pull event going. He said it was getting harder to get people willing to drive to Goodland to enter.

He said work has begun replacing the floor tile in the 4-H building, and he hoped it would be done by the end of the week.

Over by the animal barns, Duell said, they were working on another wash pad for the goats. He said the number of goats has doubled and it is not a good idea to have the goats and steers washing in the same area.

He said more fencing has been added to the south, and that inside the Agriculture Building, the office area has been enclosed so it can be locked at night.

Girl Scouts promote new Blizzard



Emily Whisnant (center), a third-year Brownie Scout from Goodland, wore a Thin Mint costume to promote Girl Scouts and the new Girl Scout Thin Mint Blizzard at Dairy Queen on Wednesday. She had help from her mother Tina (left), the Brownie leader here, and Becky Ayers (right) of Oberlin, membership services manager for the Heartland Girl Scouts.

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