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Northwest Kansas District Free Fair

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Brineys named parade Grand Marshals

By Pat Schiefen

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A familiar sight at the scales at the livestock barn at Northwest Kansas District Free Fair is Russell Briney, who with his wife Mary Ann, have been named the parade marshals for the fair parade on Saturday.

Russell Briney has been in 4-H, served as a leader. Been on the fair board and now runs the scales that weigh in the cattle for the fair.

He says, "I do it because they can't get rid of me and I enjoy being out with the kids and talking with them. 4-H and fair time is the best chance for me to know the kids and be involved. Otherwise I wouldn't know the kids."

The Brineys only have two grandchildren left in school. They are Nathaniel Smith, who is a sophomore at Goodland High School, and Kate Zelfer, who is a sixth grader and is in lots of 4-H activities.

Russell said he weighs* the steers in the spring, for the spring show and for the fair and sale.

He said he first started weighing the cattle when he was on the fair board and never quit. There was a large number of steers at that time, he said. The breeds have changed some and the steers were smaller when he was a kid. As a kid he said he raised Herefords in 4-H.

Later the Chianina breed was raised, he said. This breed originated in Italy and was tall, white and had short horns. The fore and hind quarters



Mary Ann and Russell Briney are the Grand Marshals for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Parade Saturday afternoon.

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were heavy accompanying a long body and small head. The bulls have a crest. They were raised for meat but were used for draft animals.

Now, he said, the three main breeds are Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn.

The scales he used for weighing changed last year from a balance beam scale to an electronic scale.

In 1941 he said they started a 4-H Club in Cheyenne County of which he was a member.

The club's name was V for Victory. Their biggest project was a Victory Garden. In 1936 the fairgrounds in Cheyenne County were flooded out and the fairgrounds were rebuilt in a different location. The kids were always working on the fairgrounds, he said. A fellow donated a barn and the livestock was exhibited on the ground floor and the garden produce was upstairs.

In the fall of 1946 Russell said his parents moved closer to Goodland so he could go to high school in Goodland. He drove a 1932 Chevrolet coup back and forth to school. He said his older sister stayed with family and went to high school in McDonald.

Russell's parents were Walker and Eva Briney and both had been school teachers. They wanted their kids at least to go to high school. He was born four miles south of Bird City on a farm.

Going to high school in Goodland was a big step, he said. He had only been to a one-room school house. He graduated in 1950.

Mary Ann (Roller) Briney moved to Goodland with her family from Kansas City. She started Goodland High School the fall after Russell graduated. She graduated in 1952. Russell still calls his wife a city girl.

"She had adapted well," he said.

"I wouldn't want to live in town now," she said.

Mary Ann said they met while a girlfriend of

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Two cars sandwiched another during the Kiwanis Demo Derby last year. The action will kick off the fair at 7 p.m on Saturday at the Sherman County fairgrounds.

Kiwanis Demo Derby may add pickup division

By Tom Betz
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Cars crash, smash as the crowd cheers the drivers on for the annual Kiwanis Demo Derby coming on Saturday night after the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade to open fair week.

Rich Simon, Kiwanis project leader, said he is hoping to have as many cars as last year, and could add a pickup division this year. He said

people asked about smashing pickups and he said if at least six enter he would hold a pickup demo heat.

The derby has two classes for cars from 1979 and older and 1980 and newer.

Simon said they had 28 cars entered last year, and ran four heats of seven cars. He said if there are enough pickups he would probably run a heat between the last heat of cars and the finals.

Prizes will be given to the winner of the demo

derby and a Mad Dog (aggressive driver) award and Rookie Driver awards will be given.

He said this year Goodland Kiwanis will be working with Cheyenne County and Thomas County to offer \$1,000 in prize money to the top winners of the three demo derbys. The top points winner in all three will get \$500. Second place will get \$300 and third place will get \$200.

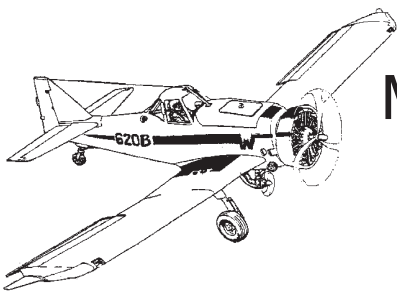
The winner of the Kiwanis Demo Derby was David Rose who had run in the Colby demo

derby and won as well. Seven of the drivers who had points from the Colby derby were in the Kiwanis Derby last year.

The third demo derby will be held at the Cheyenne County Fair.

The Colby demo will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The Kiwanis derby is 7 p.m. on Saturday, and the Cheyenne County derby is 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7.

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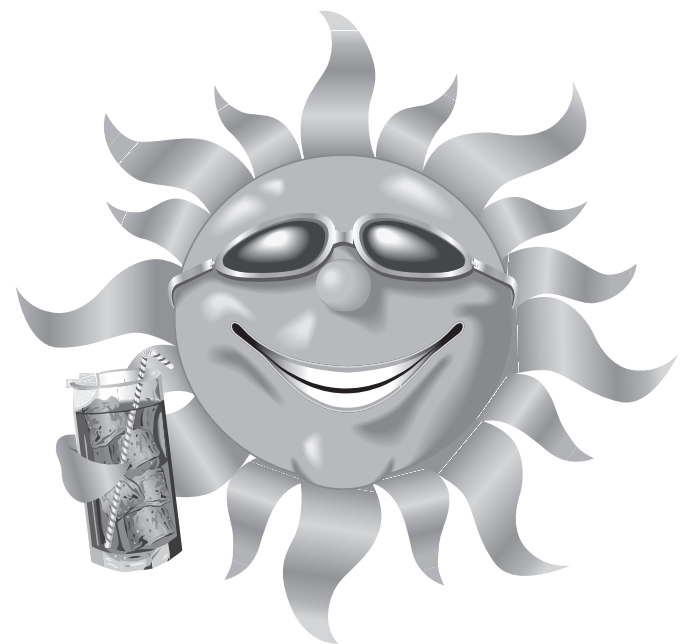
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Bassetts have a dog gone good time at the



Savannah Bassett works with her dog, Miner, in the dog obedience program.
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Simon and Savannah Bassett have a doggone good time at the Northwest Kansas Free Fair. The brother and sister are entering basset hounds in the dog showmanship part of the fair on Saturday. Both are in the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club and have been 4-H members for four years. Simon will be in the sixth grade and Savannah in the seventh at Grant Junior High. Their parents are Stuart and Kerry Bassett.

Simon said he is doing dog obedience, foods

and gun safety using a shotgun and an air rifle in 4-H. Savannah said she is doing open class dog showmanship and cats and foods in 4-H. Simon will show Clementine and Savannah will show Clementine's son, Miner. Clementine is five years old and Miner three.

The kids said the dogs like to dig, and if they can get, out like to chase cars.

Savannah said that you learn the same things in the open showmanship classes, but there are not as many competitors and the class has people of all ages. Agility classes are when the dogs do

Good luck to all the 4-H participants!



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"Miner loves to do all of it," Savannah said.

Simon said he and Clementine were in showmanship last year and he liked it. Clementine and he were the Grand Champion in Showmanship last year.

Savannah said she has learned how to make pumpkin bread, pizza, zucchini bread, spaghetti and cookies. She thought she would enter banana bars and a food item that is decorated in the fair.

Simon said he would enter his special cookies in the fair. The recipe is from a family member who went to the state fair and got a blue. Also he is doing a popcorn cake.

Both enter a recipe book that has all the recipes that they have learned how to cook.

Savannah enters the family's cat, Princess. She is three year's old and was brought home as a stray by Savannah. Princess is a dilute calico domesticated short hair.

The cat competition is held at Wheat Ridge Acres. This years was Monday. Last year Savannah and Princess won Reserve Champion Cat.

Savannah said you hold the cat on your arm with the leash. The judge pets the cat and sees how she behaves. They watch how they come out of the carriers. When cats are nervous they shed a bunch. To get ready to show, Princess will get a bath, have her toe nails trimmed and have her ears checked for mites.

"It takes me and my dad to give her a bath,"

said Savannah. "Princess' favorite toy is a laser light."

Next year Simon thinks he will take arts and crafts, build legos and do rocketry. He said his favorite projects have been gun safety and dog showmanship.

Next Savannah thought she would do dogs, cats and foods. This is her first year in dog showmanship.

Simon said his favorite subjects in school are math and science. Savannah said her favorite subjects are science and the learning lab, which is like study hall.

Savannah said she didn't know what she wanted to do when she grew up. Simon said he would like to travel around the world, build houses and do mission work.

Savannah and Simon are both on the Goodland Swim Team.

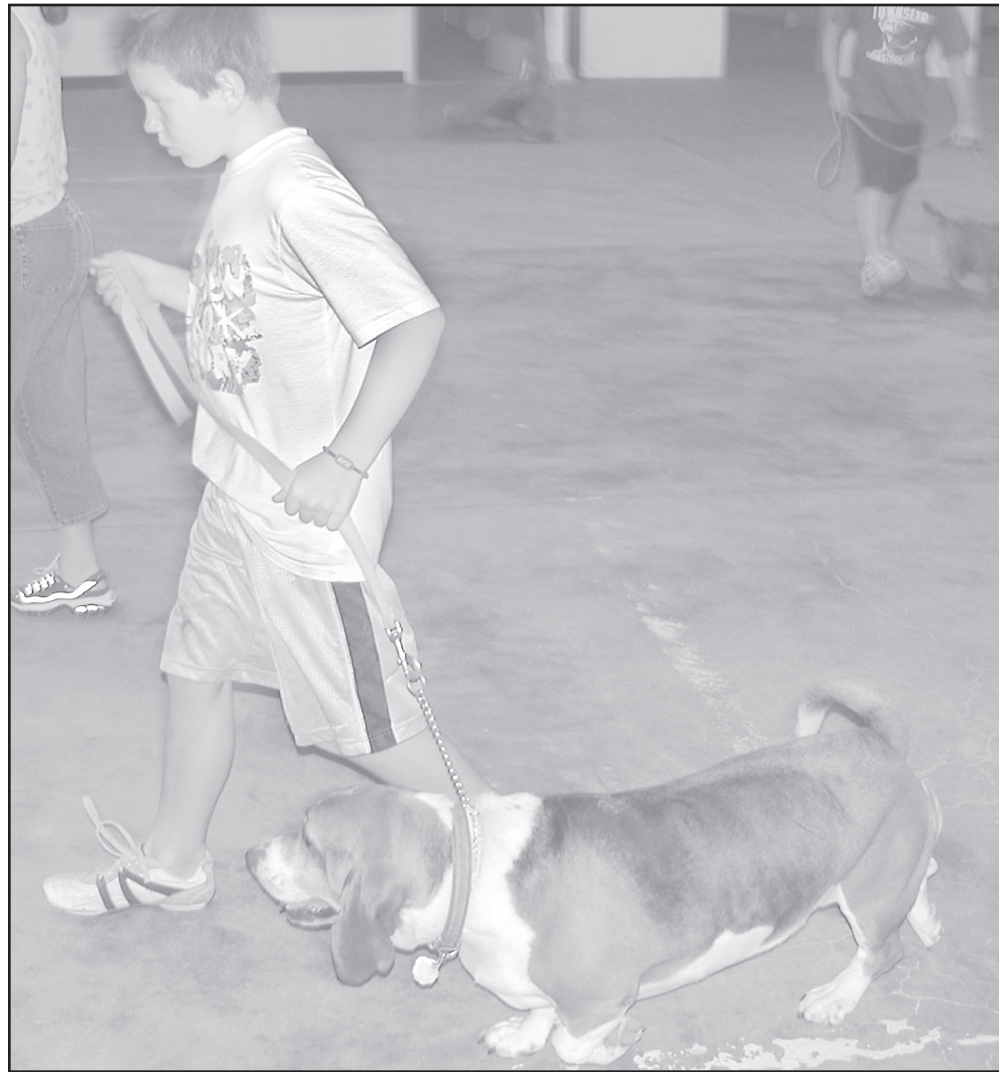
Savannah said she would like to play sports in school and wants to continue taking dance lessons at the Right Combination Dance Studio.

Simon said he wants to continue in Junior Cowboy football and Kansas Kids Wrestling next year.

Simon and Savannah have a younger sister, Olivia.

Simon Bassett works with Clementine in dog obedience for one of his 4-H projects.

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hers was dating a friend of his.

The Brineys' farm within a 30 mile radius of their home. He said he started raising wheat and cattle 56 years ago with his dad. He figures he has been farming on his own 48 years. When the couple were first married he said they raised milo, wheat and feed cattle. In 1955 he put in his first irrigation well and then grew corn. Russell said he grew sugar beets 19 years until a year or two before the sugar beet factory closed down in 1983. Now he also grows sunflowers. He said he turned over the irrigation to his son, Scott, and hasn't had cattle for four or five years at least.

Russell said he grows dryland wheat, sunflowers and corn. His grandsons help with combining and harvesting.

Their children are, Mike and his wife, Diana Briney of Hays; Steve and Pat Briney of Goodland; Scott Briney of Goodland; daughter, Diane

and Sam Zelfer of Goodland; and daughter, Sandra and Bob Smith of Goodland. They have 11 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Russell said his kids all went through 4-H and the girls were in Little Britches Rodeo.

Farming is such a multi-faceted business that getting bored is in people's minds because so many things are involved in farming, he said.

"The biggest problem the modern farmer has is the book work and the paper works snow them under," he said. "It's challenging but fun. There will always be farmers."

The smaller number of farmers has isolated them, and the social networks that were there when he and his children were young is not there anymore, he said.



Titus Beringer out distanced Jazlyn Fenner in the pull-off to win the pedal pull last year. More than 50 kids ages 4 to 12 entered the annual pedal pull held Tuesday at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

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