



## Showing off clothing buying skills

Judging for 4-Hers entered into buymanship and clothing construction took place the Goodland United Methodist Church on Wednesday morning. Jade Artzer (above) answers the questions of her judge Liz West (above left). She and Layne Goodwin (right photo) modeled the outfits they put together. Questions include why they picked out the clothes, what they paid for them, how much they cost and how to take care of them. Artzer's outfit included

turquoise leggings with a layered top which also had the same color blue in it. Artzer said, "It's my favorite outfit." Goodwin's outfit had sneakers with bright pink shoe laces and leggings of the same pink. She wore a short pleated skirt with a white top, a short jean jacket and black beads. The style revenue for the public to see everyone in their outfits was Thursday night at the Sherman Theatre.



## Cats take the stage



Dani Mangus (left) let her siamese cat down on the table at the 4-H Cat Show as part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Monday afternoon at Wheat Ridge Acres. The judge was Cindy Smith (right) of Max, Neb.

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## Power plant goes to banks in sheriff's sale

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About 20 people were in the foyer of the Sherman County Courthouse Tuesday morning for the sheriff's sale of the power plant at the Goodland Energy Center north of Caruso with the banks being the only bidder.

Sherman County Undersheriff Roger Studer handled the sale for the county and Jerry Fairbanks of the First National Bank was present to enter the bid for the banks.

A question from one of the people was if the investors would be liable for any of the debt once the banks had the property.

Fairbanks said under an agreement with the investors the sheriff's sale would not leave any liability with Goodland Energy Resources for the debt and none of the investors would be liable for any debt.

Studer opened the sale asking if anyone wanted to have the legal

printed in *The Goodland Star-News* read. When no one indicated they wanted the legal read Studer turned to Fairbanks for the bank's bid.

Fairbanks said the total bid was \$20,302,068.89, and included \$264,000 in property taxes paid to Sherman County, \$166 in filing fee, \$768 in publication cost and \$980 for a title search. The principal and interest owed the banks was about \$20,096,000 he said.

Studer asked if there were any other bids. With no one speaking up he announced the property was sold to the banks and closed the sale.

Fairbanks said after the sale the banks hope to sell the plant, and does believe it is possible something good will come out of this in the future.

"We have been down this path many times before," he said, "but many of the investors tell me they hope something positive can happen, and we remain optimistic it will

work out in the future."

Earlier Fairbanks had said the banks hope to find a company willing to come in and buy the existing plant and to settle with the contractors. The contractors are owed about \$2.5 million, he said, but the mediation agreement was to pay them off with \$1.5 million.

Fairbanks said he believes the power plant can be sold and a deal made with the contractors.

Fairbanks was asked about another sheriff's sale legal running in the newspaper today, and he said it was from Western State Bank and deals with lots at the Goodland Energy Center, but does not include the power plant, ethanol plant or where the bio-diesel plant was to be built.

The sheriff's auction of the energy center land is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Sherman County Courthouse.

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## Police booth stresses fun, safety

Kids will find fun and prizes at the law enforcement booth at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair next in the Ag Building.

Police Chief Ray Smee said the police, Sherman County Dispatch and Sherman County Sheriff's Office are cooperating on the fair booth to encourage safety.

At the booth a tub will colored balls will be fun for kids 10 and under, Smee said. The kids will pick out a ball and the number will correspond to a safety question.

The kid will have a chance to answer the question, and if correct will receive a prize. He said if the kid is wrong the officer will explain

the correct answer and then give the kid a prize.

Each day there will be a drawing for a larger prize from all the 10 and under kids who come to the booth. He said the prizes have been donated by businesses and the three organizations.

The booth will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

For those over 10 the booth will feature the "fatal vision" goggles and will give kids a chance to try to do tasks with the goggles on to show how they do under the influence.

The law enforcement groups will be working with the Northwest

Kansas Family Shelter to help raise money.

Smee said for \$5 anyone can have someone "arrested" and the will be brought to the booth to be booked into "jail" for five minutes. If they want out earlier they can pay \$5 to be released.

All the money will go to the family shelter Smee said.

He said they will be collecting old cell phones and these will be given to the family shelter. The old cell phones may not work for phone calls, he said, but all cell phones will work for 911 emergency calls as long as the battery holds out.

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