

Parade leaders 4-H history deep

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Saturday's parade for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair will be led by Ron and Marsha Schilling, who have been involved with 4-H for many years.

Ron said they were floored when called about the 4-H Ambassadors selecting them to be the parade grand marshal.

"It is a nice honor. We felt there are others more deserving," he said on Friday when interviewed at the family home northeast of Edson.

Granddaughter Kaelyn Schilling, almost 3, the daughter of the oldest son, Cash, was visiting at grandma and grandpa's house.

"She is the most perfect girl," Ron said. "She is wonderful."

He said the best thing about his life today is being a grandpa.

Marsha was getting Kaelyn a frozen popsicle, and said it is great having the granddaughter at her house.

Ron and Marsha will celebrate 33 years together on Aug. 11. They have three sons, and Ron said, "We had some Cash, took a Chance and got Clay."

Asked about their early years of being involved in 4-H Ron and Marsha said they had been thinking about that since they knew the interview was coming.

Ron said going back to their grand niece they have never been out of 4-H.

"Since 1968 either we were in the barn or our nephews, nieces, sisters



Marsha and Ron Schilling with granddaughter Kaelyn at their home on Friday afternoon. Marsha and Ron have been chosen as the Grand Marshals for the fair parade at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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or kids were there," he said, "until two years ago."

He said they helped at the fair every summer even while going to K-State. He said he and Marsha got more involved when they came back in 1981.

Marsha was a horse leader for a

couple of years, and Ron was beef superintendent for 25 years.

Marsha said she was the first president of the Sunflower Extension District board, and Cash is now on the extension board.

Ron said he was on the Sherman County Extension board when Dana

Belshe was hired. Ron said his father was county agent in 1968.

Schilling was on the state extension advisory board for several years, and kept trying to get a field day out in western Kansas.

"I had to teach these people it is not any longer to go there than it is

to come out here," he said. "It took 20 years to get a field day out here. I had to convince them it would be good."

"I had it set up one time, but they got scared when they looked a map to see where Goodland was."

He said it took more years to get the state people to come out to Goodland.

Marsha said when they finally did come out they had a good time. She said they got a kick out of the time zone thing, and sitting around on the patio some of their phones would show central time and some would show mountain time.

"They said it was quite a place to live out here and they could count the number of cars that went by the house," she said. "They did enjoy the cool evenings out here. We did it in May over Memorial weekend."

Ron has been on the Sherman County Farm Bureau board and served two terms (8 years) on the Goodland School Board. He said he was vice-president of the board one year.

"I felt two terms was plenty for anyone," he said. "I like getting new people on boards."

He served on the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board, and feels that is the best kept secret in Goodland. He said the community really needs to find ways to work with the college to ensure a good future.

He was a founding member of the

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weather report

87°

noon
 Monday

Today

• Sunset, 8:04 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:43 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:03 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 78 degrees

• Humidity 42 percent

• Sky clear and sunny

• Winds calm

• Barometer 30.12 inches

and falling

• Record High today 106° (1936)

• Record Low today 50° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 90°

Low Sunday 69°

Precipitation none

This month 2.84

Year to date 12.31

Below Normal .81 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, a high near 102, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 30 mph, a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and a low around 66. Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 99, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 67.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 89 and a low around 63. Friday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers.

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$6.91 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.18

Corn — \$6.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.09

Milo — \$6.42 bushel

Soybeans — \$12.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$13.23

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$31.50 cwt.

Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

4-H Dog show opens busy pre-fair week

The agriculture building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds was alive with dogs of all shapes and sizes and their owners on Saturday morning in the dog show for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Judges judged the dogs and their owners in agility off leash, obedience and showmanship.

In showmanship owners with their dogs on a show leash had to hold their dog in a show stance, walk, trot or run around the ring and stay. The judge checked each dog individually as to body conformation, teeth, legs and feet. After each contestant the judge talked to the group and gave them tips on things they needed to improve.

Dogs had to obey commands in obedience either on or off leash depending on which class they were in.

In agility dogs have to go through an obstacle course with things to go through, under and over. Owners do not have the dogs on a leash but need to maintain control over their dogs.

Adults and kids too young for 4-H can enter in the open classes.

Pre-fair events continue Wednesday with the Style Revue at 6 p.m. at the Sherman Theater.

The Horse Show begins at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Fair parade is 5 p.m. on Saturday and the Kiwanis Demo Derby starts at 7 p.m.



Savannah Bassett (top, left) with Minor, a basset hound, putting on their best show stance in showmanship for the judge at the dog show of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Saturday. A judge talks to one of the contestants (right) in showmanship to give him suggestions for his next dog show. Sydney Winston and Dakota (above) go through the agility course in Agility II off leash competition.

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Youth meet sets records

Hunter Harris of Hays made his third jump in the long jump and his 9 feet 7 1/2 inches tied Colton McCarty of Bird City for first place at the youth track meet. See photos, results on Page 10.

