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Local Weather Forecast

Wednesday Night
50% chance of showers & thunderstorms with a low around 65



Thursday
50% chance of showers & thunderstorms with a high near 88



Thursday Night
Showers & thunderstorms likely with a low around 65



Friday
30% chance of showers & thunderstorms with a high near 90



Friday Night
20% chance of showers & thunderstorms with a low around 64



Saturday
Mostly sunny with a high near 93



Saturday Night
Partly cloudy with a low around 64



Sunday
Mostly sunny with a high near 94



Sunday Night
Partly cloudy with a low around 65



Monday
Sunny and very warm with a high near 98



Monday Night
Mostly clear with a low around 70



Tuesday
Partly sunny and very warm with a high near 98



Tuesday Night
Mostly clear with a low around 66



Wednesday
Mostly sunny with a high near 97



Wednesday Night
Clear with a low around 72



History Exposition fills Wallace County with people and stories

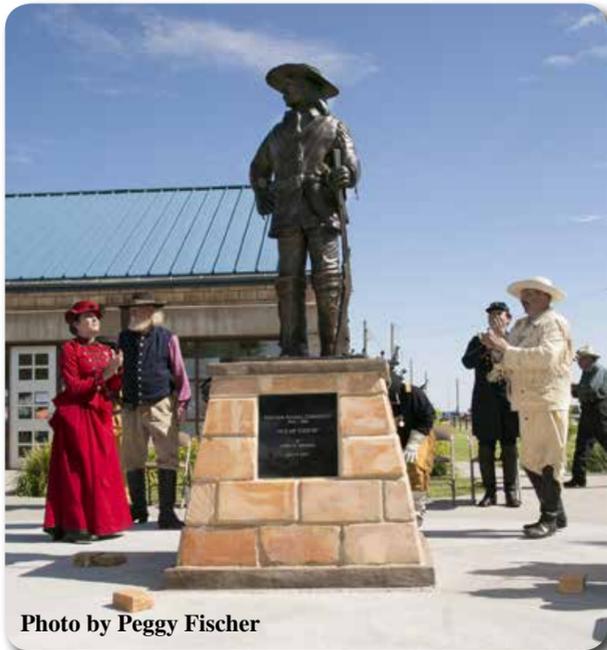


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By Jayne Humphrey Pearce

The Great Fort Wallace and Western Kansas 1867 Exposition is itself now in the history books and what a week it was for Wallace County! More than 2,000 people attended the Exposition, including a very full Saturday, when the new William Comstock statue was unveiled by Jerry Thomas, the Milford Becker Addition was opened to the public, and the Museum grounds filled the senses with the sights, sounds,

smells and experiences of the 19th Century!

The re-enactors participating in the Expo came from New York City, Montana, Ohio, Philadelphia, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and from all over Kansas. They were from all backgrounds and creeds, and were there to tell the Western Kansas story. The encampment included horses, wagons, tents, tipis, a blacksmith forge, a saloon complete with gambling table, an undertaker,

a pioneer family, buffalo hunters, buffalo soldiers, laundress, the Custers' tent and the tent and equipment of railroad photographer Alexander Gardner. The Indian attendees included representatives of the Navajo, Cheyenne and Lakota Sioux people. High Plains Public Radio also did a live broadcast from inside the Museum.

A special edition of the Fort Wallace Bugle (created by Deb Goodrich, Debra Fischer and Jerry Prawl) was distributed throughout the day to attendees. Copies of this newspaper (printed by the Goodland Daily News) are available at the Fort Wallace Museum.

On Saturday night, 600 attendees enjoyed the music of Mr. Michael Martin Murphey who played many of his hit songs with sons Brandon and Ryan. The last two days, the area was blessed with beautiful

weather that enhanced every event.

Friday's Symposium was enjoyed by 100 attendees, who gathered in the now-opened up front section of the Museum to hear 7 speakers on the history of 1867. These experts included local historians, college professors, and instructors at the US Army Command College at Fort Leavenworth. That night, Exposition sponsors and volunteers enjoyed a prime rib meal under the large tent on the grounds, serenaded by the music of the Akers Family.

On Sunday, a splendid Memorial Service was held at the Fort Wallace Cemetery. A procession from the Museum to the Cemetery was led by the 10th Cavalry, Company F from Nicodemus, KS. These buffalo soldiers led the way with singing of cadence songs. The procession also included the

mounted G.A. Custer, W.W. Cooke, more mounted cavalry, a riderless horse, mounted Indians leading a riderless horse, and carriages carrying Libbie Custer, General George Meade, Tom Custer and Capt. Myles Keogh. After a flag ceremony conducted by Boy Scout Troop 145 and their costumed adjutant Taylor Pearce, a 19th-Century Memorial Service was conducted by US Army Chaplain-retired Stan Copeland, assisted by the Pearce Family. The service was concluded by prayers offered in Lakota by Sioux medicine man Moses Brings Plenty, who also spoke movingly about peace between all people.

The events were a powerful reminder of the importance of the history of Western Kansas, and the place it has in the overall American story!



This week's Veteran served in the Navy from 1945-46. If you think you know who this is or would like to, call The Western Times at 785-852-4900 or email at westerntimes@wbsnet.org to find out. The answer will be printed in next's week's edition as well as another Veteran's photo. If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran

and would like to see them in our new Saluting our Veterans section, bring in or email a picture of them with their name, what year the picture was taken, where they were stationed and what their designated job was.

Last week's Veterans
On the left: John Swanson
On the right: Jim Swanson

Wallace County Foundation's opportunity for \$500,000 of additional Community Grant Monies

Wallace County has been fortunate to receive \$200,000 for community grants from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation through the Wallace County Foundation over the past two

years. With those grant dollars we have been able to assist in many projects throughout the county. Many organizations and projects have reaped the benefits of money given through the Dane Hansen Foundation and distributed through the Wallace County Foundation.

Projects funded in part by the grant monies include North

Park Playground, the anti-bullying video project "Jocks and Gentlemen," Way Out West judging camp, literacy backpacks for USD 241, Mount Sunflower Wellness Center equipment, USD 242 Santa Fe Art Trip, community-wide

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Front Page Notices

Please join us for a bridal showers honoring bride-elect-to-be, Sarah Dinkel, on July 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Sunflower Bed & Breakfast. Sarah is registered at Walmart and Amazon.com. 4-3tc

What are your dreams for Wallace County? \$500,000+ over the next five years! Plan to attend the Wallace County Strategic Doing-Community Conversation on July 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the CAB Building at 7:00 p.m. Free meal will be served. 4-1tc

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Re-enactors at the Museum Expo have also posed for Jerry Thomas over the years and for the Brenda Troph is making.

Last Weeks Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
7/4	87	61	
7/5	91	65	
7/6	99	63	T
7/7	93	51	.10
7/8	92	82	T
7/9	95	67	
7/10	99	66	