# **Prison changes** cause recycling group to review

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said the regional recycling group out of Thomas County had called him and asked that Sherman County think about joining that group.

Daniels said it was good to hear that option, because it is important to keep the effort going.

The Colby group uses trailers, and Commissioner Tiede asked if the county had to buy those.

"We would need several trailers," he added.

Daniels said he would report back to the commissioners after the meeting in Las Animas.

In other business, commissioners •Agreed to have County Attorney Bonnie Selby draft an agreement about a existing water line in the county right-of-way along County Road 17 south of County Road 65. Harlan House, a farmer and stockman who owns the adjacent land and the pipeline, was at the meeting along with Curt Way, county public works manager, because the county was talking about doing some maintenance and he did not

water line if the county hit it. "I think the water line has been in Commissioner Kevin Rasure there for 30 to 40 years," House said. "I don't want to pay for it if it gets torn up.'

> "We don't know what we might find," Way said. "If the water line is not down where it is supposed to be, we don't want to pay for it either."

> know it is there," House said.

Way said he could talk to Selby draft something that can be filed to let people know where the line is. • Approved permits for a 12-inch supported the kids."

pipeline to be buried across the southwest corner of Sherman the carnival rides was on Friday, think we had 1,200 to 1,500 people County. Thomas said Way had the company, Smith Energy Solutions, fill out the county permits and was asking the commissioners to sign them.

Tiede said a map showed the pipeline would cross two county talked to the company about how he wants them to cross the roads.

Thomas said Way had done that. He said he thought it was a gas pipewant to have to pay for repairing the line, but the permits did not specify.

### Kids in the Mutton Bustin' event in the Howdy Rowdy Rodeo last Thursday night chased sheep to try to get a ribbon tied to its ear. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News Fair ends with fun night for everyone

tionally good," said Dana Belshe, about the water line and have her county agent for the Sunflower Extension Service. "It went very well. We appreciate all the sponsors who

The last night for people to ride

to rain.

The carnival did real well, with only one minor breakdown," said Brad Schields, president of Sherman County Community Services, which runs the rides and games. "I

busy."

due to rain the first night, Saturday, amazed and flabbergasted that the July 28, the night of the tractor pull, and last Tuesday, he said, adding that carnival organizers do not take an actual head count.

There were people at the carnival rooms," Shields added.

sas City and Denver, Schields said. The overall attendance was down The couple from New Jersey was rides were home owned and maintained by volunteers, he said.

"The new building was very convenient with its handicap bath-

## Woman killed in accident near Brewster

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Troopers Josh McQuitty, Minh roads. Rasure asked if Way has Huynh, Joe Green and Colby Markham also answered the call.

> Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts and Undersheriff Roger Studer and deputies Jason Showalter, Richard Miller and Bob Pope

helped as well, and Sherman braskatag, Parker said. The family a "myspace" page on-line in which County Fire Rescue was on the scene.

A lot of help was needed with traffic control, Parker said, as it was backed up before officers arrived. About 20 drivers stopped to help the victims. Officers had to protect evidence in two lanes, he said, the westbound lane with the skid marks and the eastbound lane the vehicle stopped next to.

Dr. Daise pronounced Ramsey dead at 4:50 p.m., Parker said, listing the time of death as 3:01, when the accident occurred. The Explorer was removed by McB's Motor Co. and Repair of Goodland

Ramsey's body was taken to Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland, but services will be handled by another funeral home, said Diane Ross, an employee at Bateman's. Ramsey's driver's license listed her from Lubbock, Parker said, but she may have been living in Oklahoma. Jay and Leah Hall live in Omaha.

had hotel reservations in Denver, he Ramsey said she was excited to be said, and Deputy Showalter found going on vacation.



## Firm praises area's natural value

### By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News A firm hired to do a study on ways to market nature-based tourism in western Kansas sent representatives the area last fall and has produce written preliminary opinions, giving high praise to the natural value of northwest Kansas.

Fermata Inc., based in Austin, Texas, was hired to do the study by Kansas Travel Council, the South- Arikaree Breaks where the traveler

Protocol, which weighs sites rela-

tive to their tourism value. "Fermata was impressed with the quality of the geologic, scenic and natural experiences that western Kansas has to offer," the firm said in a written report called "Strategy for Experiential Tourism in Western Kansas," an update for the groups that paid for the study. "In the northwestern corner of Kansas, Fermata the Sherman County Convention fell in love with the area from along a stream), arroyos (dry stream and Visitors Bureau, the Northwest Sharon Springs north through the beds), cliffs and bluffs, prairie, etc.

to enjoy the view, take photos and picnic, the report said, and these are necessary elements for scenic drives. The study suggests developing a nature trail or viewing area on each drive to engage travelers to get out of the car and immerse themselves in the experience.

The trail should sample as many microhabitat types available as possible — riparian woodlands (trees A self-guided tour brochure or in

## "My big thing is I want people to FAIR, from Page 1 which also happened to be the first on Friday night. We were really from Minnesota, New Jersey, Kan-

night that the skies did not threaten

Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, the Travel and Tourism Division of the state Department of Commerce, the Department of Wildlife and Parks and Fort Hays State University.

Their initial report says the area has "high-quality natural resources that can support experiential tourism..., engaging history, quality bird watching, intact ecosystems, interesting geology, Great Plains culture and dramatic scenery."

The tourism groups are looking at untapped markets, said Donna Price, director of the convention and visitors bureau — things like bird watching, history, scenic byways, fossil hunting — and pulling all those things together, so a visit is an experience for travelers.

The study could lead to the area being featured in magazines and on television, she said; the Flint Hills area hired Fermata to do a study on their area, and it was featured in the April issue of *National Geographic*.

Tourism offices are having trouble keeping up with the requests for information about the area, Price said, but it will take time to build on the study — it is a long and intensive piece of work.

For two weeks last September, she said, Fermata field ecologist Bill Fontenot assessed 80 natural sites in western Kansas using the

west Tourism Group, the Western is often treated to landscapes devoid of the hand of man."

The study lists this route as one that "would easily fall into the breath-taking category by any traveler" and calls it a "life-changer," a site with qualities sufficient to affect visitors' perspectives in permanent ways.

"It has the added value of substantial stretches where absolutely no trappings of civilization can be seen," study developers said, "no farmhouses, windmills, grain elevators, at times not even utility poles!'

An appendix lists a summary of sites with assessment values for most. The group said it focused on natural sites because it feels quality natural sites are necessary to support 'experiential: tourism. Historic and cultural sites can be added as "thematic elements," the firm said.

The sites were scored on a 1-5 scale, with one being an unremarkable or degraded resource, three being average or common and five being an extraordinary resource.

The Sherman State Lake and Wildlife Area scored 4.17 in intrinsic value and 3.8 in extrinsic, and the Arikaree Breaks Wildlife Drive in Cheyenne County scored 3.9 in intrinsic value and 3.8 in extrinsic. The Sharon Springs Park scored 3.25 in intrinsic and 3.0 in extrinsic. Many western Kansas roadways firm's Applied Site Assessment have safe places to pull off the road

## Teams getting prepared for Relay for Life Friday

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p.m., with the Knight of Columbus serving breakfast from 5 to 9 a.m. Events during night will include a frozen T-shirt contest, bingo, water volleyball, scavenger hunt, sand castle contest and shoe relay, he said. A silent auction will sell baskets made by the relay teams in the Bingo tent in the middle of the track.

#### of the track.

The goal for this year's relay is \$32,000. Some of the money raised will be spent in Sherman County to help cancer patients pay traveling expenses to get treatments, Dechant said.

For information, call Josh Dechant at Bankwest at (785) 899-2342, Jessica Kannady at home, (785) 890-3285 or Sherida Shoff at The teams will camp in the center First National Bank at 890-2000.

terpretive kiosk should be developed for each trail, the report said.

The Explorer had an Oklahoma tag, and the other vehicle a Ne-



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15. Expression of sorrow or pity							6. Featured performer							
16. Fruit of the oak tree							7. Leg bone							
17. Golfers tee shots							8. Snake-like fish							
19. Radioactivity unit							9. Physician's title (abbr.)							
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sound							15. Sea catfish genus							
27. A bag-like structure							17. Tooth caregiver (abbr.)							
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