

weather  
report

90°  
noon  
Monday

Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.  
Saturday  
• Sunrise, 5:45 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 78 degrees  
• Humidity 34 percent  
• Sky mostly clear  
• Winds southeast 17-22 mph  
• Barometer 29.87 inches  
and falling  
• Record High today 104° (1947)  
• Record Low today 48° (1971)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 93°  
Low Sunday 70°  
Precipitation trace  
This month 2.58  
Year to date 6.86  
Below normal 6.59 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, a high near 92, winds out of east 5 to 15 mph and a low around 65.  
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, a high near 97, winds out of south 5 to 15 mph and a low around 65.  
Extended Forecast  
Thursday and Friday: Mostly sunny, highs near 100 and low around 65. Saturday: Mostly sunny, a high near 98 and a low near 66.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.39 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.51  
Corn — \$5.23 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.24  
Milo — \$4.78 bushel  
Soybeans — \$11.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$12.91  
Millet — \$7 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$17.60 cwt.  
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside  
today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News

Fastpitch  
season ends

Gabby Rangel ran from first to second base in one of the Goodland Slammers 12-and-under fast-pitch softball games at the state tournament last weekend in Emporia where the team finished seventh. See story, photo on Page 12.

Jason Cowan and his dog Harvey a chocolate Lab, (above) worked through a walking obstacle in the agility course at the 4-H dog show Saturday morning at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Cowan and Harvey were named Reserve Champion in the Senior Showmanship competition, one of the first events of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Old Man Jake, a large yellow lab owned by Jarek Crow, (center in right photo) looked down at Miner, a bassett owned by Olivia Bassett, as judge Cindy Pittman of Kingman talked to Pre-4-H kids who entered the dog show for the first time.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Dog show starts fair pre-week activities

By Tom Betz

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Dogs of all sizes and types gathered with their owners in the Agriculture Building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds on Saturday morning as the 4-H dog show kicked off events for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

The show featured showmanship and agility competition for each age and experience group, from Pre-4-H on up.

The agility course was set up west of the building to give large dogs more room to make the turns and jumps required.

Terry Richardson, program superintendent, said the course will probably be even bigger next year with the addition of more obstacles to test the dog and handler.

Before competition, Ashley Pittman of Kingman, one of the three

### Tickets available for Pro Bull Rider event

Ticket sales for the Pro Bull Riders Western Plains Chute-Out at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 6, are moving steadily, said committee member Aaron Duell, adding that the VIP tickets likely will be gone by the end of the week.

Duell, who is handling the ticket sales for the Sherman County Fair Board, said Saturday that

more than 1,300 had been sold and he was expecting to be out of the VIP tickets this week.

VIP tickets, \$20 each, include seating down by the arena and include a barbecue. General-admission tickets for the grandstand cost \$15 each.

Buy tickets online at www.nwksfair.com or call (785) 899-5888.

judges, walked the dog owners through the agility course, explaining each step and the order in which

obstacles and jumps were to be taken.

Pittman judged the first half of the

agility competition, then turned it over to Darren Richardson, who judged the second half and moved inside the Ag Building to help her sister Cheryl with the showmanship judging.

Grand and Reserve Champions were named in Senior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, Junior Showmanship, Agility, Novice and Sub-Novice.

Five youngsters ages 4-5 showed dogs in the Pre-4-H division, and each received a purple ribbon.

Richardson said moving the program into the Ag Building had worked well for those watching as well as for the dogs and their owners.

Senior Showmanship Grand Champion went to Johnathan McClung and Reserve Champion to Jason Cowan.

Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion was Hannah

Sanderson and Reserve Champion was Cooper Slough.

Junior Showmanship Grand Champion went to Simon Bassett and Reserve Champion to Layne Goodwin.

Agility Grand Champion, with a perfect score, was Chelsie Gausman and Reserve Champion was Slough.

Sub-Novice Grand Champion was Dusti Chadwick and Reserve Champion was Tristan Cooper.

Novice Grand Champion was Courtney Sheldon and Reserve Champion was Cowan.

Fair events continue this week with clothing judging at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church and the public Style Revue at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Sherman Theater.

The Horse Show will be Friday morning at the fairgrounds arena.

## Rasure seeking third term as District 3 Commissioner

By Tom Betz

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Kevin Rasure, 53, who has served for eight years as Sherman County commissioner for District 3 in the southwestern part of the county and the City of Goodland, is seeking a third term in the Republican Primary election Tuesday.

Rasure became a commissioner in August 2000 when Commissioner Gary Townsend died following a bone marrow transplant. The 3rd District Republican Committee had

Rasure

two candidates to fill the position and with the vote tied, a coin toss decided the winner. Rasure chose tails, and the coin came up tails. Barb Eisenbart was the other candidate.

Looking back at his time in office, Rasure said he's proud of the major road improvements done with the cooperation of the city. Voters approved a one-cent sales tax to pay off bonds issued to do the projects.

Two other accomplishments Rasure feels have been important are working out the trash issue

between the city and county, with the county taking over the the collection. Rasure said he believes that has gone well, and that the improvements made at the transfer station and the landfill will handle the county's needs for many years.

"I am pleased with the recycling program we have," he said, "and would like to see us improve that to enhance our recycling and encourage people to deal with the trash and their property in better ways to clean up our county."

He said he was pleased to have been on the committee that helped put together the

tax rebate and abatement program that was approved more than three years ago.

"I feel this has helped our economy," he said. "We have more than \$2 million in increased valuation over the past two years because of the rebate program."

"I like it because everybody can participate. It works for individuals and businesses."

Rasure, the only commissioner to vote against raising the property tax last year, and said he was not convinced the county really needed the money.

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## Woman running to unseat treasurer

By Pat Schiefen

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Wanda Schritter is running against the incumbent Sherman County treasurer as a Republican in the Tuesday, Aug. 5 primary.

Schritter said she is running for the job because she has always had an interest in being county treasurer, likes working with the public and likes accounting.

She said she would like to make going to state meetings open to everyone who works in the treasurer's office so

Schritter

everyone knows what the changes are in state law and procedures.

Schritter said she plans on mastering the four levels of certification for county treasurers. It takes 30 hours of class work to complete one level, she said.

"There needs to be more communication with the county commissioners on opening bank accounts, closing accounts and what is spent out of each account," she said. "The treasurer deposits all the money from taxes and titles and pays the bills approved by the com-

missioners."

She feels like she has the computer skills for the job. Schritter said she would put her desk out in the main office with the other workers, available to people who come into the office as current Treasurer Iris Scheopner has.

Schritter said she would like to see weekly or monthly meetings with county office staffs to increase communication and iron out problems.

"I think there is conflict now," she said.

She would like to maintain a

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## Goodland doctor dies at Denver Hospital

Goodland physician Dr. Kenneth D. Austin, 74, died Saturday at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

Dr. Austin had practiced in Goodland almost 40 years, coming here in 1968 from Burlington.

"A death like this is always a shock," said Jay Jolly, administrator at Goodland Regional Medical Center. "He has been a part of the medical community for a long time, making numerous

contributions over the years"

Jolly said one of the most memorable things he'd heard about Dr. Austin was that in the early 1990s, when there were only two doctors in town, Dr. Robert McCullough had a heart attack and Dr. Austin took all of the calls for the town.

Services will be at 11:30 Thursday at the Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Bateman chapel.

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