

# Commissioners to meet on prairie dogs

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Trying to get ahead this year, the Sherman County commissioners will meet with members of the county prairie dog committee at 8 a.m. today to make plans for the baiting season, which begins on Oct. 15.

Commissioners also decided to cut the county share of the program to one-third of the cost, with landowners paying two-thirds. The county has been paying half, but commissioners noted that farmers should have more to spend this year.

Daryl West, county noxious-weed control director, who handles the prairie-dog program, said he thought the prairie dogs were pretty well under control around the county, but they are coming in from Colorado.

Keith Coon, a farmer from north-east of town, said he wanted to see if the county couldn't do something earlier this year. He said his area is looking pretty good, but he knows a couple of places where the eradication effort is not doing well.

"If you talk to the private applicators," he said, "they say the best time

to do it is the fall when the prairie dogs are storing fat for the winter."

Commissioner Chuck Thomas suggested the meeting on Friday. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said it would be good to call the members.

West said he would send out a letter and make phone calls on Thursday. Thomas said he would help with the phone calls if West would do the letters.

West said he planned to attend a seminar in Garden City on Tuesday to learn how to apply Rozol, a poison used on prairie dogs. He said the

federal Environmental Protection Agency has a new handbook on the chemical.

Thomas said he has not heard anyone complain about the way the county is sharing the cost of baiting with landowners. Rasure asked if the county is going to continue that.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he thought it was at 25 percent. Rasure said it is at 50 percent, and West said that was right.

Max Linin, a farmer who won the Republican nomination for Commissioner in District 3, came

to the meeting at the invitation of Rasure, who lost the primary. Linin suggested the county looking at splitting the difference and cut back to one-third on the cost sharing.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the county has spent \$42,200 on bait through July. She said West has spent \$1,083 out of the special prairie dog fund and has about \$19,000 left. She said the county has received about \$32,000 in payments, but some of it could be from last year.

Rasure said the county has bought a total of \$43,000 worth of bait so

far this year. Rumpel said that leaves \$19,000 available for the rest of the year.

Linin said it would save about \$7,000 if the county went to the one-third level. Rasure said he was inclined to go with the one-third county payment. Thomas said he thought that was good.

"It was pretty dry when we started," he said, "and I think things are doing a bit better now."

The commissioners agreed to leave the budget where it is, and look at doing the lower one-third cost sharing.

# County to keep weed budget about the same

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Sherman County commissioners began their budget review last Tuesday by looking at the noxious weed control budget.

The commissioners had talked to Daryl West, noxious weed control director, about how the spraying program had been doing and then turned to what to put in the budget for next year.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked how West was doing on money. West said he thought he was doing OK on the money from road and bridge for weeds.

Looking at the budget figures, County Clerk Janet Rumpel said West has spent most of the money from noxious weeds and from road and bridge for chemicals.

She said through the first half of the year, the department spent \$26,386 for chemicals, and that more was spent in July. She said \$6,000 was spent out of road and bridge and \$160 out of noxious weeds in August.

"In reality, you are saying that both budgets are nearly zero?" Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked West if he thought he would

get through the rest of the year. West said he thinks there is enough in road and bridge to get more chemicals.

Rumpel said there was \$14,000 left at the end of July and then he had spent \$6,000 since. West said with the \$7,000 he was getting that week, there would not be much left.

Rumpel said the commissioners had put some money in the courthouse general for weed spraying. Tiede said there was \$20,000 there and that has not been spent.

Rasure said it would be good to move some out of that money to help buy weed chemical. Rumpel said she could do that.

Thomas asked if that would leave enough for next year. Rasure said there will not be any extra, and they will need to budget more for next year.

Tiede said they should bump the budget up a little so it doesn't go over.

West said he did not think he would have much chemical left over, as they had last year.

Rasure said if money is put in the general fund for weeds, going to \$27,000 will make sense in the noxious weed budget, but if not, the budget will need to go higher. He said there was something in the

budget items about capital expenditures for a pickup.

Tiede said he had been saying they need to replace the old red pickup that West is driving because it was costing the county more money to keep fixing it.

The commissioners told West

to ask county dealers about a used four-wheel-drive diesel pickup for next year.

Tiede suggested putting \$15,000 in for a down payment and doing a three-year lease purchase for the rest of the cost. Rasure said if they are replacing the pickup, they could cut

the maintenance down by \$2,000.

"If you leave the \$20,000 for weeds in the general fund, you can leave the noxious weed budget at \$25,000," Rasure said. "That would give you a little leeway."

Tiede said that would give them about \$5,000 to work with.

Thomas said West doesn't have an assistant, and they could cut the payroll item down some to bring the weed budget back down to \$89,000, about the same as this year.

The commissioners and West agreed that sounded like it would work.

## matters of record

**Goodland Police**  
The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Aug. 11** — 7:21 p.m., 1016 E. Seventh, arrested Dustin Rumback on a warrant for another jurisdiction. Case referred to county attorney.

**Aug. 12** — 9:36 a.m., 613 E. 10th, arrested Michael Joe Garza on a warrant from the state of Missouri. Case referred to county attorney.

**Aug. 13** — 12:14 p.m., 1209 Harrison Ave., Northwest Kansas Technical College reported burglary and theft.

**Aug. 14** — 8:16 a.m., 1215 Clark Ave., George Edward Morrell reported criminal damage and theft.

**Aug. 15** — 7:48 a.m., 603 W. 11th, Craig L. Orlovski reported motor vehicle burglary and theft.

**Aug. 16** — 12:21 p.m., 1209 Harrison Ave.,

Engineering Technical Department at Northwest Kansas Technical College reported a theft.

**Aug. 16** — 1:40 p.m., 1303 Arcade Ave., Ward Dennis Stegman reported motor vehicle burglary and theft.

**Aug. 16** — 2:23 a.m., 100 E. 16th, arrested Dana Jane Keller for driving under influence. Case referred to city attorney.

**Aug. 16** — 11:17 p.m., 110 W. 15th, arrested Hannah Marie West and Nicholas Steven Kough for criminal trespass obstructing legal process and minor in consumption. Case referred to city attorney.

**District Traffic**  
The following fines have been paid to the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.  
**July 7:** Vitaliy Barlyak, 34, Woodburn, Ore., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

## Worship warms the heart



<p><b>Calvary Gospel Church</b> Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor Fourth &amp; College • 890-3605 <b>Sunday:</b> Kid's Church: 10:30 am Morning Service: 10:30 am Evening Service: 5:00 p.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m. Small Group Ministries meets through out the week. <a href="http://www.calvarygospel.net">www.calvarygospel.net</a></p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment <b>Mass Schedule:</b> Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am <b>Spanish Mass:</b> Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Word of Life</b> <b>A Foursquare Church</b> 10th &amp; Clark • 899-5250 Pastor: John Coumerilh Associate Pastor: Ben Coumerilh <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am <b>Life Groups</b> - call for times and locations <a href="http://www.wordoflifegoodland.org">www.wordoflifegoodland.org</a></p>	<p><b>Pleasant Home Church</b> Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 Pastor: Perry Baird 890-3375 <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks Fifth &amp; Broadway 890-7368 <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9 a.m. Morning Service: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</b> 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 <b>Sacrament Meeting:</b> 10 a.m. <b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Priesthood/Relief Society:</b> 12 a.m.</p>
<p><b>United Methodist Church Brewster:</b> Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST <b>Winona:</b> Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</b> Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos Eighth &amp; Arcade • 890-5233 <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:15 a.m. <b>Activities:</b> Junior High &amp; High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship <b>Special Notice:</b> Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>
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<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Pastor: Travis Blake Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th 890-3450 <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided) Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. <b>Thursday:</b> Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p><b>St. Paul's Episcopal Church</b> 13th &amp; Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett <b>Holy Eucharist:</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday <b>Morning Prayer:</b> Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday For emergencies 890-6969</p>
<p><b>Seventh Day Adventist Church</b> 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Mike Larson <b>Saturday:</b> Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Lutheran Church</b> 13th &amp; Sherman • 890-6161 <b>Sunday:</b> Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Goodland Bible Church</b> 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Harvest Evangelical Free Church</b> 104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg <b>Sunday:</b> Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Junior high 6:30 p.m. at Fugleberg's, 708 Washington Senior high 6:30 p.m. at church</p>
<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 401 Caldwell 890-6185 <b>Sunday:</b> Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	

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