

# 2001 Reunion Odyssey

## Pick-up reunion section at office!

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**FRIDAY**  
**AUGUST 3**  
**2001**

**50¢**

## weather report

**95°**



### Today

• Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees

• Humidity 29 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds southwest 16-22 mph

• Barometer 30.13 inches

and steady

• Record High 105° (1954)

• Record Low 44° (1974)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 96°

Low 61°

Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low middle 60s, south wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 95-100, low middle 60s, south wind 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$2.55 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.48

Corn — \$1.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.86

Loan deficiency payment — 13¢

Milo — \$3.14 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.52 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.30

Loan deficiency payment — 62¢

Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.20 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$7.15 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.19

Confection current — no bid

Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

**1 p.m.**

## Governors get free SUV, gas

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Governors attending the National Governors Association meeting in Rhode Island this weekend will have the use of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles provided free of charge by General Motors Corp.

Rhode Island, a coastal state with a high point of a mere 812 feet, can be driven from end to end in just under an hour. But \$10,000 has been budgeted for gas money, prompting an outcry from environmentalists as the country grapples with energy woes.

The conference begins Saturday, just days after the U.S. House defeated a proposal requiring an increase in minimum gas mileage standards for the popular vehicles. Governors from all 50 states are invited to the conference.

# City to hold hearing on tax increase

By Sharon Corcoran

*The Goodland Daily News*

A public hearing on next year's city budget will be the first order of business at the city commission meeting at 5 p.m. Monday.

Other business will include the Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee banner project, a state project to prevent water pollution and grant requests for two businesses.

The budget calls for a 7.5 percent increase in the property tax levy to cover the costs of operating Steever Water Park, to put money aside for possible improvements at the airport and to cover increased expenses in other areas of the general fund, the largest category of the city budget

which includes such things as operating the city government, police protection and the fire department.

The public is invited to the hearing, where people can give their opinions of the budget. The commission plans to approve an ordinance adopting the budget during the meeting that follows.

In other business:

•The commission will hear grant requests from S&T Communications and Agro-Culture. S&T is asking the city for money to offset the cost of opening a new office in Goodland. Agro-Culture is asking the city to waive \$1,535 in fees for building permits to build a liquid fertilizer manufacturing plant in Goodland.

•The Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee will be letting the city know about their plans to put up welcoming banners and to talk with the commission about possible locations.

•City Manager Ron Pickman will discuss the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment source water assessment program. The program encourages testing of anything within two miles of a city well that could cause pollution. The tests would let the city know about possible pollution in advance that could affect the city's water sources.

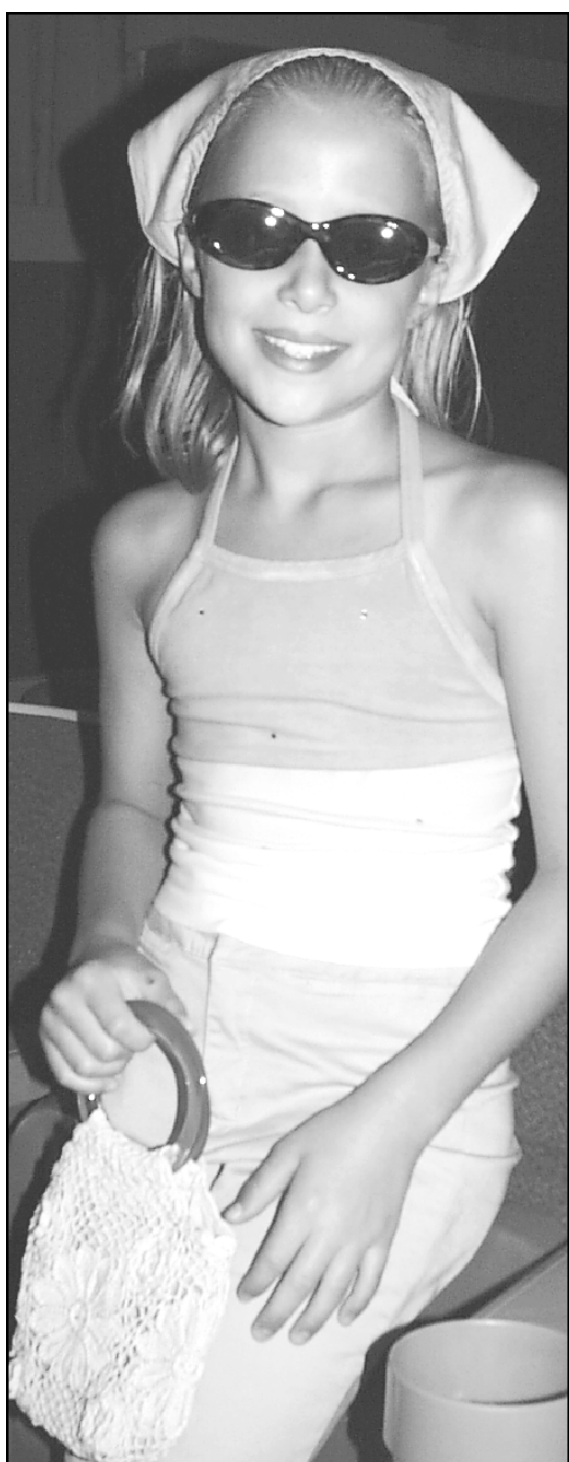
•The commission will meet in a closed session to discuss a possibility property purchase for a water well.

•The board plans to approve payments for the construction of Steever Water Park and the Steever Park Tennis Courts.

•Steever Water Park will need a schedule change when school starts because many of the parks employees will be in school and will not be available to work.

•A resolution will be updated stating the prices for the use of city equipment billed to the projects in which the equipment is used.

•The city manager will talk to the commissioners about the Municipal Leadership Academy Aug. 17 in Russell, which will cover the Kansas Open Records Act and Kansas Open Meetings Act.



## 4-Hers with style

Dressed in an outfit she coordinated, Courtney Sheldon (left) waited for the 2001 4-H Public Style Review to begin Thursday night at the Sherman Theatre on Main. 4-Hers participating in clothing construction and buymanship showed off their projects at the annual show, which is part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Sheldon's outfit earned her the Champion ribbon in the junior girls buymanship category. Amanda Hoffman (above) received a blue ribbon for her evening wear outfit. She said it took about 1 1/2 hours to fix her hair, which was decorated with glass beads.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

# County to sell tax-delinquent properties

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Sherman County commissioners agreed this week to proceed with a tax sale on 128 properties with more than three years of unpaid taxes.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby and County Treasurer Shelby Miller talked to the commissioners about the details of the sale Tuesday. They said the work on the estimated 128 pieces of property

have been completed and they are basically ready to proceed.

Selby said they plan to have a county map available in the courthouse hallway showing the location of the property included in the sale.

The commissioners unanimously approved a resolution directing the county attorney and treasurer to proceed with the sale. Selby and Miller said they hope to set the sale date for the

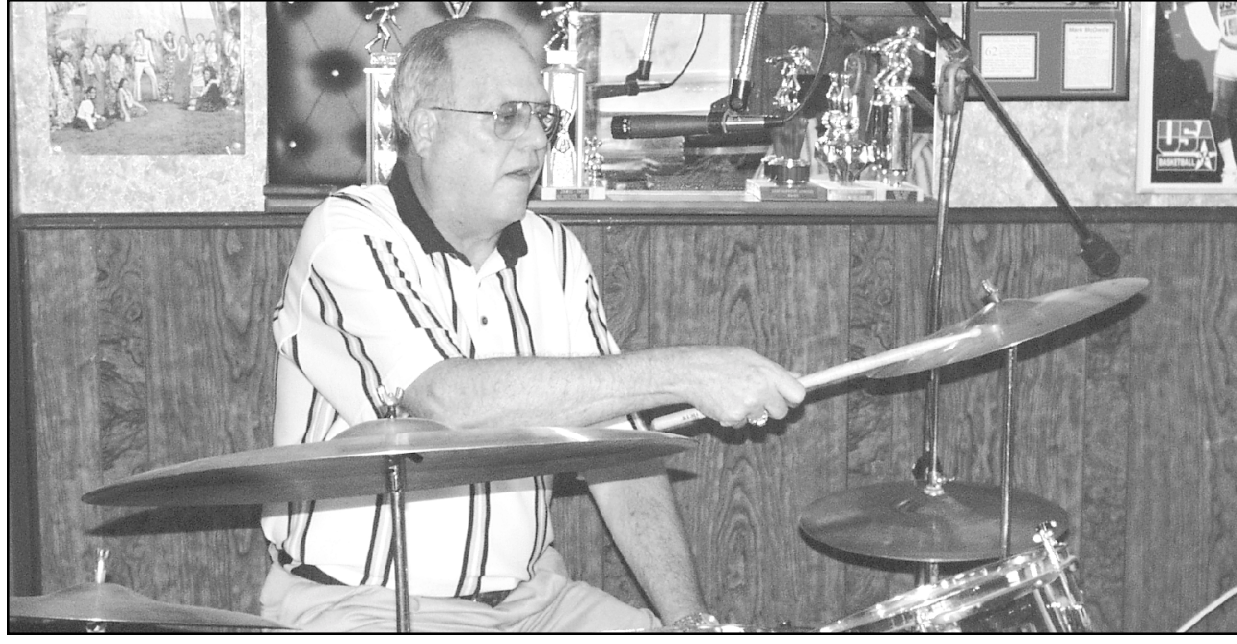
week of Sept. 17-21, and begin the legal publications later in August.

Selby said they will be working through the various mineral rights that have not had property taxes paid to see which may or might not be included in the sale. Miller said some of the mineral rights do not match the state law dealing with how long they can be set for, and that these will need to be checked. Selby said the state law allows

mineral rights to be leased on a 20-year basis, but some of the ones in the list appear to be for a longer period.

Curt Way, road and bridge superintendent, said the landfill analysis plan has been submitted to the state Health Department for review, and he asked the commissioners for approval to get the electric lines run to the new landfill

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Jim Alcorn, drummer for A Reunion Band, rehearsed in his game room with the rest of the band Thursday. The group got together to perform at Saturday's alumni dance and will also play Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

# Alumni musicians form band for reunion

By Sharon Corcoran

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Three Goodland graduates and two of their friends who have played in bands in the past have formed A Reunion Band to perform at the alumni dance Saturday.

Rusty Renner (class of '73), Jim Alcorn (class of '63) and Shad Sheldon (class of '83) are all graduates of Goodland High School and have joined with John Petrachich from Goodland and James Lightle from Burlington to play at the dance. They have been practicing in the game room at Alcorn's house, a separate building in the back yard.

They have all played in many bands

in the past, Renner said, and have worked together before. They found out the Alumni Association had booked two bands for the reunion and still needed one more, Renner said, and decided to get together to help out with the reunion.

We just do this for fun, he said, and will be donating our pay back to the alumni association.

Alcorn played in bands in the '60s and '70s, one of which was called Morning Dew and Sheldon has played in Exit 17.

"I've played for thousands," Lightle

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# Anchor goes off the air

## KSNK fixture takes job in Great Bend

By Kimberly Brandt

*The Oberlin Herald*

Every night at 6 and 10 p.m. for nine years, news anchor Julie Kennedy has greeted KSNK-TV viewers with a warm smile and news from all over northwestern Kansas and southwestern Nebraska. Wednesday was the last time.

Kennedy, who grew up in Rexford, said she decided to make Oberlin her home after graduating from Fort Hays State University. She started at KSNK, Channel 8, in Oberlin in 1992. Since then, she has covered the 17-county area, doing everything from prom to high school sports to club meetings, a community calendar, accidents and fires, mixed in with a little snow chasing in the winter and tornado watching in the summer.

Kennedy gets four minutes in the 6 p.m. news and two minutes, 15 seconds at 10 p.m. for her news cast and 10 minutes every Saturday. The station here is an affiliate of KSNW out of Wichita, where Kennedy sends her stories to be inserted in the city newscast.

Over the years, Kennedy said, she has done things that most people wouldn't get to do, like ride an ostrich, drive a combine and a semi-trailer truck, and ride in a helicopter and airplanes. But overall, she said it wasn't the times when she got to interview famous people or politicians that she loved. Her favorites have been interviewing students and kids, or a farmer who has dirt all over his face during the heat of harvest.

"The real stories," she said, "with the real people."

On Wednesday, she said goodbye to the news for a while. She is moving to Great Bend, where she will be a college admissions recruiter for Barton County Community College, traveling to schools in southwest and northeast

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