

Sheriff answers questions at forum

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Amy Sederstrom of Sherman County Farm Bureau introduced the format and the candidates for the forum held on Monday night at the Goodland High School auditorium. Each candidate was able to give an opening three minute statement and then each got to answer three to five questions. No questions were taken from the audience.

She urged everyone to vote at the primary on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Sederstrom said the forum would start with the Republican candidates for Sherman County Sheriff. Current Sheriff Kevin Butts was present but opponent Frank Tabor, who is contracting for the government in Iraq, sent a written statement read by Sederstrom.

Sheriff Butts said he went to work as an officer for the sheriff's department in July 1994. He became undersheriff in 2001 and sheriff in 2004. Butts said he was born and raised in Sherman County and has wanted to be in law enforcement since he was a kid.

"I love the sheriff's department," Butts said.

In his statement Tabor apologized for not being at the forum in person. He said he believes things are being done improperly in the sheriff's department.

"I want to make an effective change

for the better," Tabor wrote.

He said he had been in law enforcement for 12 years. The last two years he had been training Iraqi police in Iraq under contract by the U.S. Government. Three years before that he worked on the Goodland police department.

Tabor said the relationship between the city police department and county sheriff's department is not good and he would like to mend that relationship.

He did not agree with the practice of deputies being home at 2 a.m. and taking calls instead of being out patrolling. Tabor thought the sheriff should take a shift not just sit behind a desk, and be more involved in the community.

The first question was "What is the biggest challenge or issue in Sherman County?"

Butts said he thought the biggest issue is underage drinking. He said kids and parents need to be educated about the dangers.

The second question was "If elected, how would you improve the relationship between the city and county?"

Butts said he had no idea. All he knew was that when he asked for help from the city police for drug busts on Thursday, Aug. 15, Monday, Sept. 17 and Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, he didn't get any. He said if something needed to be handled he was not going to wait.

"What if your general philosophy of the role of sheriff?" was the third question.

Butts said the sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in the county and is there to enforce the laws, not write them. Jail is not the answer for every person who commits a crime. He said he was not going to let anyone tell him how to run the department.

"I want to help the people," said Butts.

The last question was: "How will you stand out in your service to Sherman County?"

Butts said that Tabor had not been anywhere more than three years.

"I've been here my whole life," he said. "I will do a good job, I promise. My record speaks for itself."

The two primary Republican candidates for Sherman County Treasurer are Wanda Schritter and incumbent Iris Scheopner.

Schritter said she had grown up in Selden and has lived in Sherman County for 28 years. She has a daughter who is a junior in college. She is the bookkeeper/secretary for the First United Methodist Church and recently has started a second job filling out insurance forms for a home health agency.

She said she wants her people to go the meetings if possible so they know what is going on.

"I am willing to complete the four

steps of training for treasurer's by the state," Schritter said. "I will do what the county commissioners want."

Treasurer Scheopner said she took office in 2005. One change she made was she moved her desk out in the office where the public can see her.

She said people leave her office with a smile.

The first question was what is the biggest challenge for the office.

Scheopner said it is delinquent taxes and that she has tried to work with those people.

Schritter said working with people and helping them with their tax problems.

The second question was what do you want the relationship of your office to be with the other offices.

Schritter thought the different offices should get together and talk about the issues between them.

Scheopner said the different departments at the court house need to communicate with each other.

The last question was how will you stand out?

Scheopner wants people to consider them professional and wants people to know she is available if they need to talk to her.

Schritter said she wants to be able to answer people's tax questions and wants to keep a friendly atmosphere in the office.

American Legion regional baseball in Scott City

The Goodland American Legion baseball team will be in Scott City as part of a four-team regional tournament including Colby, Scott City and Norton.

Goodland (7-15) the third seed will play Norton at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday in the first round.

Colby and Scott City will open the tournament at 11 a.m. (Mountain Time).

The winners of the first two games will play at 3 p.m., and the losers of the first games will play at 5 p.m.

The tournament is a double elimination and at noon on Sunday the loser of the game between the winners of the first round will play the winner of the second round game between the losers of the first round games.

The championship game will be at 2 p.m. If the two teams in the championship game should

end up with even records and only one loss they will have to play a second game to determine the champion.

Coach John Dautel said the team beat Norton in their tournament and beat everyone except Colby.

"I think Colby is beatable," he said, "but we keep letting them off the hook."

Starting pitcher will be Preston Dautel against Norton and probably Rory Kling in the second game.

"I think we are capable of winning the whole thing," Dautel said. "We are as good as any team there."

"We have been hitting the ball well at the end of the season and that has helped."

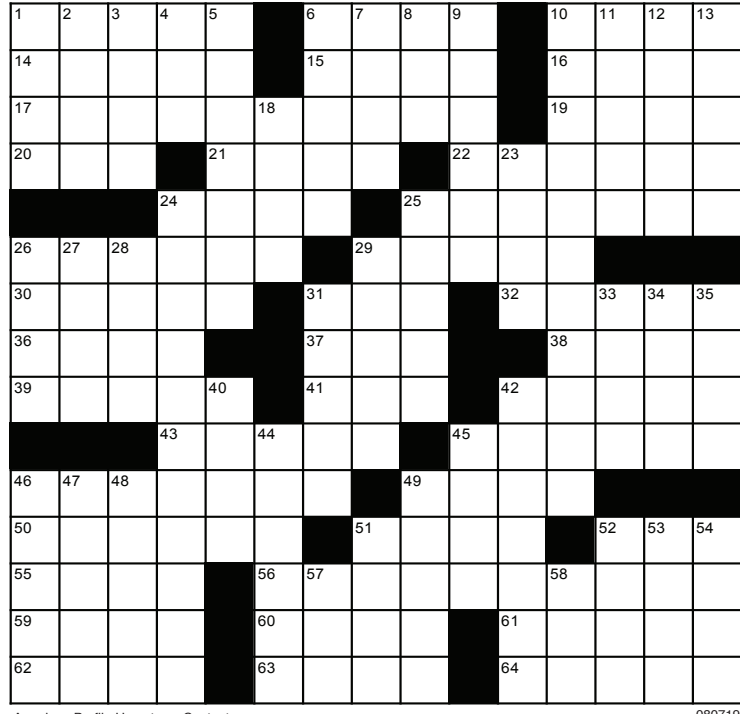
"It would be nice to catch a break and make it to state. We have been close."

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Crazy Horse, for one
6. Police jacket letters
10. "___ 18" (Uris novel)
14. "Amazing" magician
15. Andean land
16. ___-Eaters (shoe inserts)
17. Something to look for in clothes
19. Infamous "fiddler"
20. Banned insecticide
21. Con votes
22. Turkey's capital
24. Does some lumbering
25. Pew attachment
26. Take charge
29. Bad guy
30. Like Peary's explorations
31. Lacto-___ vegetarian
32. K.T. of country music
36. Grid coach Mangini
37. Indy 500 locale
38. Radiator attachment
39. Shriveled up
41. ___ Tafari (Haile Selassie)
42. Bran provides it
43. White House architect James
45. Made taut
46. Fastest land animal
49. Dog treat
50. Send again
51. January 1 song word
52. Suppositions
55. Workbook segment
56. Movie stand-in, perhaps



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59. Roger Bannister event
60. Move like the Blob
61. "Molly Sweeney" playwright Brian
62. Pretzels go-with
63. Mimicking sort
64. Che cohort

DOWN

1. Filthy deposit
2. Two pairs, e.g.
3. "What's ___ for me?"
4. Tokyo, formerly
5. Like to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport
6. Neuters
7. Fly catchers
8. "___ we there yet?"
9. New Orleans school
10. Playful prank

11. Model of excellence
12. Mr. Moto player
13. Loud, like a crowd
18. Croquet area
23. Nautilus skipper
24. Portable source of warmth
25. Granny, Windsor, etc.
26. Eject, as lava
27. Actress Spelling
28. Monarch crowned in 1953: Abbr.
29. Bottled water brand
31. First name in daytime TV talk
33. Soft tosses
34. "That's clear"
35. Social goofball
40. Words of denial
42. Repel, as an attack
44. Stallone's fictional boxer
45. Spilled the beans
46. Biscuit bit
47. Actress-skater Sonja
48. Writer Zola
49. Part of an eBay transaction
51. Wood-dressing tool
52. Footnote abbr.
53. Run for it
54. ___ out (turn traitor)
57. Caveman Alley
58. Mentalist Geller

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SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Practice Indianapolis

12 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Sprint Cup Practice Indianapolis

1 p.m. 7/11 CBS PGA Tournament RBC Canadian Open: Third Round from Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville, Ontario

2 p.m. 4/6 ABC Horse Racing 2008 Breeders' Cup Challenge at Saratoga from Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

2:30 p.m. 8/8 NBC AVP Volleyball AVP Cross Slam Bud Light Long Beach from Long Beach, Calif.

5 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Cincinnati Reds from Great American Ball Park

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger 200 from O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis, Ind.

2/2 PBS High School Football Shrine Bowl All-Star Game

8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis East West Bank Classic: Women's Quarterfinals from The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

Sunday

11 a.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers from Comerica Park

12 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NASCAR Sprint Cup All-state 400 at The Brickyard from Indianapolis Motor Speedway

25/38 IND MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

1 p.m. 4/6 ABC AFL Football Arenabowl XXII San Jose Sabercats vs. Philadelphia Soul from New Orleans Arena

7/11 CBS PGA Tournament RBC Canadian Open: Final Round from Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville, Ontario

23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Rogers Masters: Men's Final from Rexall Centre in Toronto, Canada

8/8 NBC Championship Off-Road Racing Chula Vista International Raceway from Chula Vista, Calif.

2:30 p.m. 3/9 NBC AVP Volleyball AVP Cross Slam Bud Light Long Beach from Long Beach, Calif.

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis East West Bank Classic: Women's Final from The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif.

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox from Fenway Park

Monday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Pittsburgh Pirates from PNC Park

Wednesday

22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Teams TBA

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Pittsburgh Pirates from PNC Park

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wednesday Night Fights Jose Luis Castillo vs. Lanardo Tyner from Sycuan Casino in El Cajon, CA

6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 USA Basketball Pre-Olympic Game USA vs. Turkey

8 a.m. 28/40 TNT LPGA Tournament Ricoh Women's British Open: First Round from Sunningdale Golf Club in Berkshire, England

Thursday

11 a.m. 22/28 ESPN Champions Tour U.S. Senior Open Championship: First Round from The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo.

23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Western & Southern Financial Group Masters: Round of 16 from ATP Tennis Center in Cincinnati, Ohio

12 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers from Miller Park

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12 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Practice Final Practice from Montreal, Canada

1:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Sprint Cup Qualifying Pocono Raceway from Long Pond, Pa.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Western & Southern Financial Group Masters: Men's Quarterfinals from ATP Tennis Center in Cincinnati, Ohio

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Florida Marlins from Dolphins Stadium

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Jean Pascal vs. Fulgencio Zuniga from Gar Windsor in Montreal, Canada

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