# star-news lland Goodland Star-News / Friday, August 13, 2004 $\,3$ Three generations compete in Tri-State Royal

#### By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News In a sweltering barn at the fairgrounds during the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair, family history filled the building at the Tri-State Royal, a regional stock show for county-fair winners.

Behind the ring, winners from Sherman County 4-H clubs were posted on the wall. Some of the family names repeated in the roster for this year's show.

Contestants had brothers, sisters, aunts and even grandparents cheering for them in the stands.

One family, the Grunds, has almost 40 years of history, cheering and showing in the contest through three generations. Members of the family have not only competed and won at the Royal, but have been regular spectators since the late 1970s.

"We come whether we're in it or not," said Donna Grund, who began the family's Royal legacy by showing a steer in 1965. "All we showed was steers when I was a kid."

Grund, who now lives in Sharon Springs, grew up on a farm near Wallace. She said since she was raised around agriculture, she became involved at an early age. She was 9 when she joined the 4-H club and started raising animals. She said she even had a champion one year.

When Grund's children, Jerry, Christy (Hammer) and Becky (Stubbs), were old enough, they joined the 4-H and started showing livestock. Grund said her kids did livestock judging at Colby Community College and Jerry judged at Kansas State University. Both Jerry and Christy won champion titles at the Royal.

"All the kids have won something here," Grund said.

Now the family is waiting for the third generation, Grace Hammer and Callahan Grund, who showed in this year's Royal, to take their animals all the way.

Grace, the daughter of Christy Royal last year and won the reserve year. champion title.



Callahan Grund (right) used a baton to steer Tommy, his pig, towards the judge in the swine conformation category at the Tri-State Royal on Saturday. His cousin, Grace Hammer (above) competed later, proudly walking her heifer, Noble Lady, through the ring in the beef showmanship category. They make up the third generation of Grunds who have competed in the Royal.

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heifer, Noble Lady to the contest. and his steer, Tommy. Callahan, 8, The 9-year-old worked to maneu- raised his animals on the same farm ver the massive heifer around the where his grandmother, Donna, had ring Saturday.

She said raising and caring for the heifer has been hard work.

"You have to spend time in the barn every single day," she said.

Noble Lady won first place at the Wallace County Fair.

Although Noble Lady didn't win, Hammer said she had fun and will and Lyle Hammer, took a pig to the try to make it to the Royal again next

This year, she took her winning anne Grund, showed his pig. Hub. raised her prize-winning animals.

> He said feeding and exercising the animals every day for the competition is hard work.

"Sometimes you get kind of tired To get on to the Royal, Grace and of going out there and doing it," he said, "but it's fun."

Callahan also had to win first their animals," said her mother. place at the Wallace County Fair with his steer and pig.

newest showman and they hope to swine and beef — but they remain Callahan, son of Jerry and Chrys- lend some of their knowledge and strongest in the beef competition.

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'We do it as a family," said Christy Hammer.

"These kids take a lot of pride in

"They've accomplished a lot." Today, the Grund family shows in The family is proud of the two all animal categories — sheep,

ning cattle is not just luck; the family raises registered Gelbvieh cattle and other commercial cattle for a living. Donna and her husband Layal

Grund run the headquarters of Grund Gelbvieh near Sharon Springs, an organization that supports roughly 400 head of cattle. The family hopes to continue livestock."

success at shows. Both Grace and Callahan will go on to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in September in Wichita and again at the county fairs and the Royal next year.

"We appreciate everything everybody does to put (the Royal) on," said Donna. "We see a lot of great

## **Chamber developing** plan to clean up city

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Stray weeds, junk cars and gen-

through the cement sidewalks on *The Goodland Star-News* Main Avenue also are an issue. One of the problems, said Clouse, eral disorder: the Goodland Area is that sometimes people forget

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting teams to sign up to play golf in the dark at urday, Sept. 18.

Chamber to hold night golf tournament at Sugar Hills rector for the Chamber, said they hazards and glowing markers for are charging \$30 per person for four player teams to enter the tour-

nament. That includes the meal. The nine holes played after dark mark players. the Sugar Hills Golf Club on Sat- will be possible with glow-in-thedark accessories.

flags and holes. She said they also tised in the Sugar Hills newsletter may sell glow necklaces and other next month and through posters glow-in-the-dark accessories to

one free scratch-off ticket to win show and send flyers to all down-

The tournament will be adverplaced in nearby golf clubs. Warden said she will announce the Golf participants will receive event during her weekly radio



Chamber of Commerce wants to banish them and make the city presentable to visitors at the Flatlanders Fall Festival next month.

A a meeting Tuesday, board member Kenneth Clouse said the Beautification and Revitalization Committee had invited city manager Ron Pickman to its last meeting.

Clouse said the committee discussed the city's role in the push to clean up the town.

In the past, he said, the city has tried to force residents to clean up yards and remove old cars and other trash. Although they have resorted to legal measures, Clouse said the process becomes too expensive for the city to pursue.

"It's a no-win situation," he said. He said Pickman told them the city is focused on the beautification of Goodland's parks. Afther the upgrades to Gulick Park, Clouse said, the city is waiting for its park committee to decide which one to work on next.

The Beautification and Revitalization Committee wants to focus on the beautification of city entrances, he said. Near some of the entrances, said Chamber Chairman Donna Swager weeds are a major issue. She said the cement on the underpass at the west I-70 exit is covered with uncontrolled weeds.

"It looks really scruffy," she said. Swager said weeds growing up



about the abandoned car or dead tree in their yard.

He said after seeing the trash every day, it tends to disappear into the background and be forgotten by the owner and by city officials.

He said the city does plan to repaint gutters and the lines on streets before the Flatlander Festival.

Clouse said his committee is committed to getting the areas cleaned up, and they hope to enlisting the help of volunteers for the campaign.

"We do have an enthusiastic group," he said, "and it's growing." In other business, the Chamber board:

• Inspected new letterhead that includes the new logo. They agreed to order the paper and matching envelopes on white paper.

• Agreed to put together a float to enter in the Kanorado Pioneer Day our office at (785) 899-2338 to reparade.

The first Chamber of Commerce teeoff at 4 p.m. Then players will entire glow-in-the-dark course kit start with a nine-hole game of golf that contains balls, ball markers, 6 p.m. The other nine holes will be played after dark.

## corrections

The About our Friends column in the Tuesday, Aug. 10, edition of The Goodland Star-News said Troy J. Dillinger was celebrating his birthday. It should be Troy T. Dillinger. This error was due to misreading hand-written copy.

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markers.

Courtney Warden, executive di- with red pin markers to highlight the sponsor.

Warden said they will order a prize. The tickets have scratch-Night Golf Tournament will start balls that will have glow sticks in- off squares with number that add out with registration at 3 p.m. and side. The Chamber may order an up to equal a golf score. If the score roughly 20 teams entered into the is low, ticket holders win.

The Chamber is looking for and then break for dinner at around golf ball glasses and giant tee businesses to sponsor holes for \$150 and flags for \$100. The flags The golf course will be fitted will be printed with the name of

town businesses. Warden said she hopes to have tournament and awards will be given to the first - and secondplace winner.

"If we can get 20 teams, that's great," said Chamber Chairman Donna Swager.

