

**weather
report****81°**

noon Monday

**Today**

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 68 degrees

• Humidity 47 percent

• Sky Sunny

• Winds east 16 mph, gusts 22

• Barometer 29.96 inches

and rising

• Record High today 100° (1969)

• Record Low today 36° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 90°

Low Monday 59°

Precipitation —

This month —

Year to date 7.1

Below normal .38 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 88, east wind 10 to 15 mph. Low near 60.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high around 92. Breezy. Low near 58, with 20 percent chance rain and thunderstorms. Thursday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 91. Low near 56. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 93, low near 61. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high around 88, low near 58. Sunday: High around 87. (National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$4.56 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.51

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.19

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.05 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.15 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.30

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.60 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$9.60

Confection — Call

Pinto beans — \$15.50 (new crop)

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

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golfer fourth**

Jance McKee carried his golf bag at the State Class 1A golf tournament in Winfield. He finished fourth with an 11-over-par 83. See story, photo on Page 10.

Slice of Life raises over \$80,000

By Pat Schiefen*The Goodland Star-News*

The 2006 Slice of Life benefit auction and golf tournament are history, but will leave equipment and scholarships for Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Former Harlem Globetrotter basketball player “Gator” Rivers thrilled the audience at the benefit auction Saturday with a demonstration of basketball control.

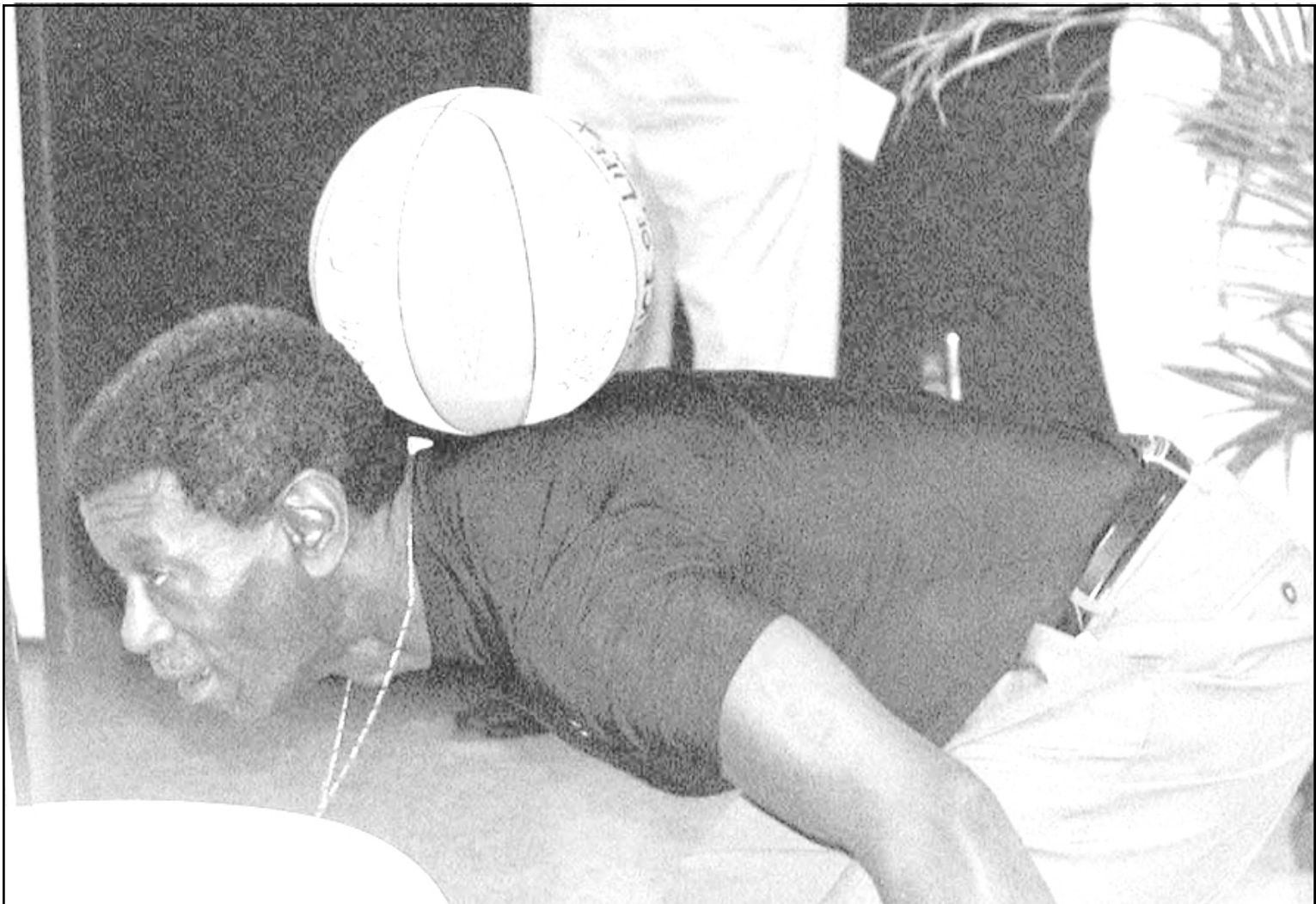
This is the 17th year for the auction and tournament, and this year’s edition raised over \$80,000, up nearly \$20,000 from last year. The tournament and auction are the major fund raiser for the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation.

The auction Saturday started at 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The tournament was the next morning at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Items for the auction lined tables against one wall at the VFW. Autographed photos of sports greats lined the wall and everything from an Apple iPod to movie posters filled the tables. Tables and chairs were set up for golfers and partiers.

Guests helped themselves to tables loaded with shrimp, fresh veggies and bite-sized desserts. Water and coffee were provided and the bar was open for drinks.

Dale Schields, director of re-

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At the Slice of Life benefit auction Saturday night, former Harlem Globetrotters player “Gator” Rivers entertained the audience with

a demonstration of his basketball-handling abilities set to music. Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Curbs next step at 12th and Main



Efrain Aguirre of Miller Construction smoothed the edge of a new curb from inside a storm drain manhole as Ben Ramirez smoothed the curb from the outside. The west curbs at 12th and Main were poured on Friday. Contractor Mike Miller said the east curbs should be poured this week, and the next step will be the sidewalks. Miller said the bricks have been removed from Ninth and Main, and water line replacement there should begin this week.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Special jars out for fireworks

By Tom Betz*The Goodland Star-News*

The fund drive for the July 4 fireworks show is more than halfway to the goal of \$7,000, and special jars have been set out around town for people who want to contribute.

Kay Younger, project coordinator for the Sherman County Economic Development office, gathered 15 jars and decorated them.

She said it was a small way for people to help and show their support for the Freedom Fest.

A special fund has been established through the Sherman County Community Foundation to take all the fireworks donations.

“We are happy to be part of a project that has been providing entertainment to people of all ages on Independence Day for the past 10 years,” said Kin Huang, foundation president. “It is a nice tradition to keep.”

Huang said people who want to contribute should make their checks to the Sherman County Community Foundation, and earmarked for the fireworks fund.

The donations can be dropped off with Mike Briney, foundation treasurer, at Bankwest or sent to the foundation at Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Huang said donations are tax deductible because the foundation is a registered non-profit tax-exempt organization.

“Let’s make it a year-round project,” Huang said. “People are free to donate to this fund at their convenience.”

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Sheriff wants truck for emergency events

By Tom Betz*The Goodland Star-News*

Nasty winter storms — like the one last Thanksgiving — don’t happen every year, but the Sherman County sheriff would like to have an all-wheel-drive truck on hand for the next one.

Sheriff Kevin Butts told the Sherman County commissioners on Wednesday he was looking at different types of trucks.

“I am looking for something useful and inexpensive,” Butts said, “to move a lot of equipment or a lot of people.”

Butts said he had been talking to Curt Way, public works manager, who was looking at a rebuilt military truck to use in the road and bridge department.

“Roger Studer, the undersheriff, and I went down to Army Surplus of Dodge City to talk to Roger Polkinghorn about a truck for our purpose,” Butts said. “I wanted to get your ideas. For the price — estimated at \$18,440 — you could buy a good four-wheel drive pickup.”

Butts told the commissioners he had talked to Gary Rogers, regional emergency coordinator, about the



Sheriff Kevin Butts wants an emergency truck similar to this one from Army Surplus of Dodge City.

truck.

Rogers, who was at the meeting, said it might be a good idea for the county.

“It may sit more than it is used,” he said, “but if you ever need it once it will pay for itself.”

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said

it appeared to be a good idea, but wondered where the truck would be kept.

Butts said he felt the truck could be stored in the round top at the county fairgrounds during the winter. He said the truck could be parked outside during the fair, and he might

park it where people could see it during the fair.

“We could use the truck with Cheyenne County,” Butts said, “if there was a time when the Cheyenne County sheriff asked for help.”

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked how many people a truck like

that might be able to carry.

Butts said probably at least 30. He said the dealer recommended going with a vinyl top over canvas. He said the military is going to all vinyl because it wears better and resists tears.

Butts said the dealer in Dodge City has been rebuilding military vehicles for over 40 years, and that the operation was impressive.

Rasure asked Rogers if there was any money available from Homeland Security grant funds, but he said no.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it sounded good, but wondered how to pay for the truck.

“That is why I am here,” Butts said.

“That is what everyone says when they come here,” Thomas said.

Butts said he has some money in his budget because he did not buy a vehicle this year.

“I would like to split the cost somehow,” the sheriff said.

“You mean with the county?” Thomas said.

“Split the cost?” Tiede said. “Do

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