

Fireworks, entertainment lined up for July 4th

Plans are coming together for the annual July 4th celebration including a band from Hays, hamburger feed, carnival rides, watermelon feed and a grand fireworks display.

Brad Schields, president of the homeowned carnival, said the plans are nearly finalized, but they could use some additional money to help cover the costs of the fireworks and entertainment.

"I think we are close to having enough to pay for this year," Schields said, "but it would be good to have a cushion to build on for next year's celebration."

He said the Blue Healers, a classic and old time rock band, from Hays will be the entertainment playing from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The 4-H Ambassadors will have a hamburger feed for \$5. Goodland Rotary will be handing out free slices of watermelon as long as they last.

The carnival rides will open at 6 p.m. and run until about 9:30 p.m., and Schields said there will be a \$10 wristband for unlimited rides.

He said Joe Diaz has said he will have a grand fireworks display that should begin about 9:30 p.m. when it gets dark.

Schields said the fireworks money is coming in, and with some additional donations there should be enough to cover this year's show. He said it would be great to get to the \$10,000 level they had last year to have a good cushion to start on

next year's fireworks show.

Tuesday the Sherman County Commissioners approved donating \$500 to the fireworks, and the City Commission is expected to approve a \$500 donation at their meeting on Monday Schields said Wednesday.

Additional contributions are expected from the Goodland Ambassadors (\$200), Goodland Rotary (\$250) and Wane's Carpet.

He said donations received this year include \$200 from the Goodland Elks, \$250 from Tri-State Fireworks (Joe Diaz), \$100 Steve and Coleen Duell, \$500 Kiwanis Club and \$25 Thetis Club.

Jars are out around town to collect donations for the fireworks including at Kabredlo's, Presto, Howard Johnson's Harvester Restaurant, the Goodland Steakhouse Diner, the Butterfly Café, Rasure's Do-It Center, the Sherman Theater, Cowboy Loop, Hank's Café, Pizza Hut, Gambino's, Crazy R's, Goodland Grind and Gallery, Bubba's Meat Block and *The Goodland Star-News*

Special funds were set up through the Sherman County Community Foundation to allow people to make donations to the fireworks or the entertainment.

Donations should be sent to the foundation at Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735, and earmarked for the Freedom Fest fireworks fund or entertainment fund, said Kin Huang, foundation director.



Volunteers, Dean Graber (left), Dick Hayden and Dan Hayden, worked on the home owned carnival rides Wednesday night to get them ready for 4th of July and Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. They were working on the clutch of the helicopter ride run by the Goodland Lions Club. Wednesday is the work night for the volunteers. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Lease ends on building; county may purchase

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Nearly 10 years ago the Sherman County Health Department moved into the new building at 1622 Broadway, and the lease ends this year giving the county commissioners the option of renewing the lease or purchasing the building.

The Sherman County Commissioners said Tuesday they are thinking the best plan is to buy the health department building at the end of the lease.

Miller Construction built the building, and under an addition to the 10-year lease the county has the right to purchase the building for \$71,250. The county pays \$1,925 per month under the lease (\$231,000 over the 10 years).

Jodi Miller, wife of Mike Miller, and company secretary, met with the commissioners to ask what option they are thinking about for the future of the building.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt the county should pursue the buy-out that is in the lease.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the options are to continue with the lease or to buy it, and he favors buy-

ing the building.

"I think that is a good location," Tiede said, "and convenient for people."

Tiede phoned Mike Miller on the phone to ask him about the square footage of the building and ask if the price was negotiable.

When he hung up from talking to Miller, Tiede said the estimate was 3,200 square feet and that the price was only negotiable if the county wanted to pay more.

"I don't think we could find a building for a less price," Commissioner Chuck Thomas said. "If we don't buy we would have to find a place to move the office."

"I think buying is the best we can do," Rasure said.

Rasure said the lease is up on Jan. 1, and an agreement should be done 60 days before the end of the lease.

Rasure asked Jodi Miller if everything would go with the building.

She said all the improvements would go with the building and things like the emergency generator and changes inside were installed and paid for by the county.

Rasure asked if there had been any insurance claims on the roof?

"Not that I know of," Miller said. "Mike put really good shingles on that building."

Thomas asked if anyone had looked at the roof?

"I would like to have an adjuster out here or find someone to look at the roof," Rasure said.

Miller said she would talk to her insurance agent to see if an adjuster could come out or if she could find someone here to look at the roof.

Rasure suggested there were a couple of local firms or people who do inspections.

"We have time to do that," Rasure said, "but we do need to get it done under the present policy. It needs to get done before the sale."

Tiede said it needed to be done because the roof is 10 years old.

"I think that is a good idea," Tiede said. "We could wait until later in the summer in case there is a hail storm."

Thomas agreed it was a good idea to have the roof checked.

"We do not want to lease it again," he said. "We will be looking to buy it."

"We will plan on that and get things done," Miller said.

Bank has new loan officer

Peoples State Banks has a new agriculture loan officer who is no stranger to Goodland.

Chance Schilling, a 2003 Goodland High School graduate, started Friday, June 1. He attended Colby Community College for one and a half years getting his Associate of Arts in animal science and then went to Oklahoma State University getting his Bachelor of Science in agriculture business in May.

"My friends majoring in agriculture business went to work at banks, farms and for John Deere," Schilling said. "I always planned on coming back and helping farm and ranch."

He said he moved back and lives with his brother, Cash.

"My parents (Ron and Marsha Schilling) are glad to see me back and thankful for help on the farm," he said.

Schilling said he hopes to buy some pasture in the future.

At the bank he will be working with agriculture loans, operating notes and loans in general.

"I am really excited to get back and be involved in the community," Schilling said. "4-H was a



Chance Schilling joined the Peoples State Bank on June 1. Schilling graduated from Goodland High School in 2003. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

big part of my life and the beef part is close to my heart.

"I would be glad to help anyone with their loan needs."

Peoples State Bank is located at 1302 Main and their lobby hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and drive through 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Their phone number is 890-2224.

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City of Goodland, KS water has high levels of nitrate

Quarterly Water sample results collected 5/23/07 showed nitrate levels of 11 mg/L. This is above the federal nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL). Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old. **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER SIX MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

What should I do?

☐ **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

☐ Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.

☐ **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

☐ Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.) However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

☐ Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We'll let you know when the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

☐ You were initially notified of high nitrate levels on 3/20/07. Since that time we have been monitoring the nitrate concentration every three months. Seasonal fluctuations in nitrate concentrations have been observed, it appears that high nitrates occur during the later summer and fall. Note that prior to 2007 we were meeting drinking water standards for nitrates on well #3. We are investigating water treatment and other options at this time. These may include drilling a new well or mixing the water with low-nitrate water from another source.

For more information, please contact Wayne Hill, City Manager or Rich Simon, Superintendent of Public Works by phone at 785-890-4500 or by mail at 204 W 11th, PO Box 59, Goodland, KS 67735.

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