

Congressman opens Sunflower Celebration

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Introduced as a friend of sunflowerers, Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Hays) opened Goodland's ninth annual Sunflower Celebration on Friday saying he was glad to see the rain.

Lynn Hoelting of Goodland, National Sunflower Association president, welcomed about 50 farmers and others who registered at the 4-H building, and introduced Moran.

Moran said he was one of those who helped override President Bush's veto of the farm bill, adding that in some ways he felt it would be the last real farm bill.

"I was one of those who did not want to have Congress take a vacation," he said. "I felt we should be there until we voted on a comprehensive energy policy."

He said he had tried to get President Bush to call Congress back into session to deal with energy, but that has not happened.

"Agriculture has an important part of that," he said, "and on the other side of that the rising costs make the margins narrower for farmers."

In the farm bill, Moran said, he was glad they were able to keep direct payments and the crop insurance programs. He said these are important, especially where the climate is challenging like that in western Kansas.

"This is not a place where you can plant seeds and watch them grow," he said.

Moran said the farm bill passed

this year does not even have the word farm in the title, and he feels this will really be the last of what is known as a farm bill.

He said 73 percent of the items covered in the bill are food stamp and nutrition programs. Only 11 percent deals with farm payments.

"This will be the last time the farm people will be able to help pass and form a farm bill," he said.

Moran said more and more of the Congress is elected from urban areas, and these members do not have a clue about what farmers do and what farmers need.

He said there are issues with crop insurance and that the program needs to be viable and flexible for those farmers who depend on the direct payments and insurance when the weather does not produce a good crop.

He said sunflowers are not expected to receive payments and that he was disappointed some of the direct payments were cut in the bill.

"I like all of Kansas," Moran said, "but it seems to me farmers are more innovative in northwest Kansas. I believe you are trying new and innovative ways to make a living."

Moran was asked why the farm bill could not be separate from all the food stamp and nutrition parts. The problem, he said, would be finding enough support for a "farm" bill.

He said to get a large bill like this passed, a lot of things are added to get enough votes to get the measure through both houses. He said what was passed in the end was different than the farm bill the House had passed out of the Agriculture



Congressman Jerry Moran (second from right) talked to John Golden from Goodland (second from left) and farmers and sunflower experts Friday morning at the 4-H building where the registration was held for the Sunflower Celebration Field Day. Rains threatened

Committee. "Without the other pieces," he said, "we would not have enough votes to pass a farm bill."

"Another part is that Congress passed a budget that was insufficient to pay for what we wanted."

Moran said he is disappointed in the partisan philosophy in Washington today, where it is becoming an "us versus them" battle rather than both sides working together for the best answers.

"I believe agriculture is impor-

tant, and to have moms, dads and kids working together," he said. "I am afraid that this is something we might lose."

Those attending the program boarded a school bus for the ride out to irrigated test plots at the Steve Evert farm south of Caruso and then a stop at the dryland test plots along old U.S. 24 near the ADM Northern Sun plant on County Road 14.

Rain made the roads muddy and threatened to shorten the field visits.

to shorten the event, but those who attended boarded a high school activity bus to visit the irrigated plot field and the dryland plot field.

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The group returned to the 4-H building for lunch and heard from Sen. Ostmeyer and a speaker from the sunflower association.

Sponsors for the program include Mycogen Seeds, Northern Sun/ADM, the association, Red River Commodities, Bankwest, K-State Research and Extension, First National Bank, Garst/Interstate Seeds, Colorado State University Extension, Goodland Greenline, Western State Bank, Monsanto, the Goodland Chamber of Com-

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Sen. Brownback tours energy center

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Cullough said delays because of red tape and the potential sale mean they are losing the good months for construction. If they have to wait until winter to resume work, he said, it will take twice as long to finish.

He said most of the interior part of the power plant has been completed, and what has to be finished are the environmental parts, including facilities for delivery of coal and tire chips. He said the parts for most of the outside tanks and delivery bins are on site and waiting to be welded.

McCullough explained how the plant would be able to burn fuels other than coal, adding that they are working on getting the proper type of tire chips to burn in the boiler. He said the plant will have a crusher to take oversized pieces and grind them to the proper size, but wants most of the material to be the right size to begin with.

He told Brownback people's fear about black smoke from burning tire chips is wrong, because the chips are small and burn without putting out smoke. He said the tire chips are a good fuel as they actually burn

hotter and with less moisture than the coal.

Brownback asked what it would take to get the plant going.

McCants said \$10 million would get it up and running. He said Goodland Energy Resources had applied for a loan of \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Business and Industry guaranteed-loan program.

West said a representative from the regional office had told them the plant would have to have a formal environmental assessment before the loan could be approved.

Brownback said that seemed out of step, since the plant has air-quality permits from the state. He said he would investigate this when he returned to his office.

McCants said four groups are looking at becoming partners in the plant, and that some could provide some exciting opportunities even beyond what he had envisioned.

Brownback said he felt the energy center was on the right track and that smaller developments like this are going to be important in meeting the county's energy needs.

matters of record

Sherman County Bastille
 The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

June 21 — 10:16 p.m., Israel Henry Jeffery, 17, Pine Bluff, Ark. Arrested by city police for liquor purchase by minor and transporting an open container. Other release.

June 27 — 7:20 p.m., Craig Alan Schoenrogge, 46, St. Francis. Arrested by Cheyenne County for warrant arrest and criminal threat. Bond supplied.

June 29 — 8:17 p.m., Nicholas Tremaine Vaughn, 29, Goodland. Arrested by state trooper for three warrants from an other agency. Released to other agency.

June 30 — 2:41 p.m., Edward James Stevenson, 21, Kanorado. Arrested by city police for theft, value unknown. Court pending.

3:02 p.m., Joshua Coty Christopher, 21, Goodland. Arrested by city police for driving while suspended, first conviction. Bond supplied.

July 3 — 6:16 p.m., Jance Lucas McKee, 19, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for transporting open container, liquor purchase by minor, driving under influence, first conviction, use or possession of simulated controlled substance. Bond supplied.

10:09 p.m., Donald Matthew Baker, 23, Goodland. Arrested by city police for driving while suspended, obstruction lawful act. Bond supplied.

July 4 — 3:23 p.m., Joshua Coty Christopher, 21, Goodland. arrested by state trooper for driving while suspended and failure to wear seat belt. bond supplied.

9:41 p.m., Johnathan Andrew Keeler, 55, Security Transport Service. Release to agency.

11:53 p.m., John Lewis Stephens, 21, Colby. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence, speeding, stop lamps and turn signals, fleeing a law enforcement officer, first conviction, failed to yield at stop or yield sign and reckless driving. Court pending.

July 5 — 3:31 p.m., Joshua Coty Christopher, 21, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving while suspended, second conviction. Bond supplied.

July 15 — 9:57 a.m., Marcus Lee Graves, 55, Goodland. Arrested by city police for driving while suspended, third conviction. Own recognizance bond.

2:13 p.m., Amador M. Pena, 56, Goodland. Arrested by state trooper for transporting open container and driving under influence, fourth or subsequent conviction. Time served.

July 17 — 2:59 p.m., Travis John Havel, 20, Colby. arrested by Thomas County for probation violation. Released to other agency.

8:01 p.m., Daniel Brian Schields, 20, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving while suspended, second conviction. Time served.

July 21 — 3:02 p.m., Maria Dominga Hernandez, 21, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff deputy for probation violation. Court pending.

July 22 — 5:21 p.m., Michael Keith Hartzell, 28, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for probation violation. Court pending.

July 23 — 10:05 a.m., Daxton Richard Navarro, 20, Goodland. Arrested by city police on two warrants. Court pending.

July 25 — 4:30 p.m., Ronald Benton Adkins, 42, Milton W.V. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving while suspended first conviction,

transporting open container. Court pending.

July 26 — 2:25 a.m., James L. Cearley, 22, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence, first conviction. Court pending.

3:02 a.m., Nicholas James Gary, 22, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff for driving under influence, second conviction, transporting open container and driving while suspended, second or subsequent conviction. Court pending.

3:28 a.m., Erica L. Austin, 22, Goodland. Arrested by city police for domestic battery bodily harm and disorderly conduct. Court pending.

8:07 a.m., Richard R. Lennington, 42, Goodland. Time served for transporting open container and driving under influence, second

conviction.

July 27 — 10:53 p.m., Ronald Calvin Kernal, 44, Goodland. Arrested by city police for trespassing on area, unlawful acts, disorderly conduct and obstruction lawful act. Release to other agency.

July 28 — 8:06 a.m., Marcus Lee Graves, 55, Goodland. Arrested by city police on driving while suspended, third conviction. Journal entry. Court pending.

7:55 p.m., Carlos Flores-Castillo, 36, Dodge City. Arrested by state trooper for warrant arrest, speeding, driving while suspended, first conviction and child passenger safety. Own recognizance bond.

July 29 — 4:59 p.m., Connie Marie Carson, 46, Goodland. Arrested by deputy sheriff on a warrant. Court pending.

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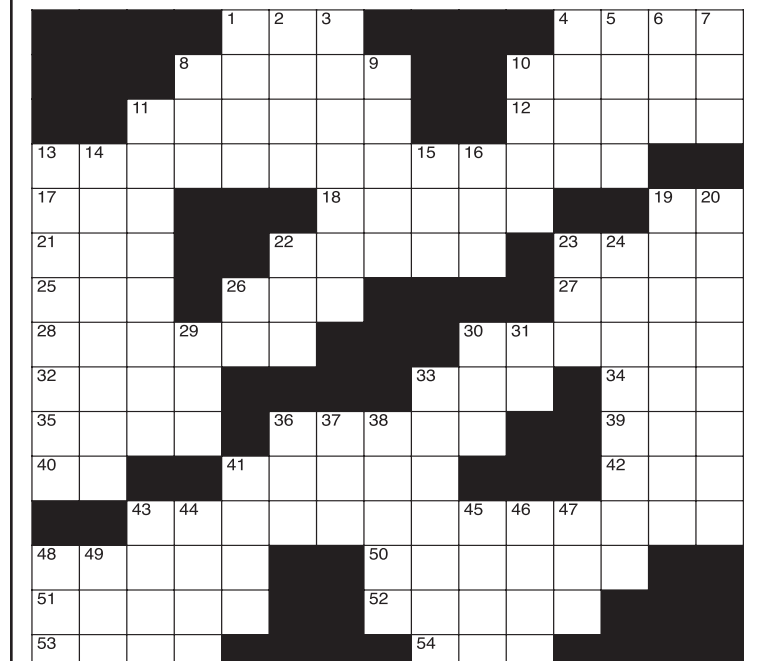
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- Dish baked in pastry-lined pan
 - Radioactivity units
 - Overcooked toast
 - Gaultheria shallon
 - "I Am Sam" actress Fanning
 - Central Florida city
 - Soothsayer
 - Wrath
 - Stomach creases
 - Of I
 - Tooth caregiver
 - Retire from military service
 - Glimpse over
 - Gadget: ___mo
 - Terminal
 - Sharp spasm of pain
 - Something that baffles understanding
 - "Gunsmoke" actress Blake
 - Source of the Blue Nile
 - Possessed
 - Holiday egg drink
 - So
 - A hard translucent fossil resin
 - Prizefighter Muhammad
 - Atomic #66 symbol
 - Once more
 - Rubbish container
 - Irrelevant
 - "1836 siege" in Texas
 - Hacks
 - European nation
 - Regarding
 - F___: bone concavity
 - European money
- CLUES DOWN**
- Antelope genus Adenota
 - Symbol Fe
 - Went into
 - People of the same genetic stock
 - ___m: warning device
 - Decalitre
 - Patti Hearst's captors
 - Nocturnal flying mammal
 - "Paper Moon" actress O'Neal
 - Dover fish dish
 - Green goddess or blue cheese
 - Moved restlessly
 - Commonplace
 - Self-importance
 - Workplace for scientific research
 - Pear shaped lute-like instrument
 - Tending to draw favorable attention
 - Double helix genetic material
 - Health resort
 - Dried leaves of the hemp plant
 - Auntie in "The Wizard of Oz"
 - Crunches federal numbers
 - Swiss river
 - 7th state (abbr.)
 - Hyoseyamus
 - Length of time something has existed
 - Member of the family Homini-dae
 - Combined flora & fauna of a region
 - River in England
 - Popular avocado
 - Macad___: nut
 - Company officer (abbr.)
 - No. Japan aborigines
 - Process of soaking flax
 - Volcano in Kyushu, Japan
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