

Freedom Fest promises food, fun

Celebrate Independence Day with the annual Freedom Fest planned for Monday with lots of fun for the family and a great fireworks show to celebrate the 235th birthday of The United States of America.

Aaron Duell, committee chairman, said the fireworks have been contracted with Joe Diaz who is promising another spectacular show.

Duell said the entertainment for the evening begins at 7 p.m. with the Double Shot Band performing.

The Kiwanis Shack will be open at 5 p.m. for hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, nachos, popcorn and more.

The Goodland High School Cheerleaders will have a Homemade Ice Cream Stand opens at 5 p.m.

The Goodland Rotary will hold their annual free watermelon feed in front of the doors to the Agriculture building beginning at 5 p.m. The watermelons are donated by Walmart, and usually are gone quickly.

For the kids and the young at heart the home owned carnival will be running many of the rides from 6 p.m. to about 9 p.m. The carnival rides will have a \$10 wristband for all night.

The Diaz fireworks show is expected to begin about 9:30 p.m. when it is dark.

"Diaz's goal is to have the best fireworks show from Denver to Hays," Duell said. "The cost has gone up a bit, but Diaz said the qual-

ity of the show should be better.

"We continue to offer this fun night free to the public," Duell said, "and thank those who donated to make it possible. It takes about \$10,000 each year to put this on, and any donations we get will help continue this great tradition."

The carnival group has taken over the Freedom Fest as a project, he said, and hope the event continues to grow as it is one of the busiest nights at the fairgrounds. He said it gives the carnival people a chance to check out the rides before the upcoming Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

The fair begins with the parade, Kiwanis Demo Derby and carnival rides on Saturday, July 30. The fair runs from Aug. 1 to Saturday, Aug. 6. The carnival rides and games will be open at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Monday through Friday of fair week.

Duell said people can help keep the Freedom Fest going by sending donations to Sherman County Community Foundation in care of Freedom Festival Fireworks or Freedom Festival Entertainment, Box 888 or Box 185, Goodland, Kan. 67735. On the check put either Fireworks Fund or Entertainment Fund.

Donation levels are Flying Colors \$500 and up; Shining Stars \$200; Red \$100; White \$50; and Blue \$25. Check out the web site www.freedomfest.shermanfairgrounds.com.

4th of July Freedom Festival

Celebrate Independence Day!

Sherman County Fairgrounds

5:00 pm MT	Goodland Kiwanis Club Concession Stand Opens
	GHS Cheerleaders Homemade Ice Cream Stand Opens
	Watermelon Feed by Goodland Rotary Club
6:00 pm MT	Carnival Rides (\$10.00 Wristband)
7:00 pm MT	Live Entertainment Double Shot Band
9:30 pm MT	Fireworks

Wind damages hangars

The Goodland National Weather Service office reported a high gust of wind damaged two hangars and several aircraft at the Kit Carson airport about four miles south of Burlington on Tuesday evening.

The weather service reported a small cluster of thunderstorms moved east across Cheyenne and Kit Carson counties in Colorado during Tuesday evening, said Chief Meteorologist Scott Mentzer. The storms began to lose intensity after 8 p.m., and by 9:15 p.m., Doppler radar showed all storms had dissipated.

The storm over Kit Carson county south of Stratton ended up collapsing violently, he said. A strong surge of outflow winds raced east and northeast out of the storm, producing significant damage at Kit Carson County airport, about 4 miles south of Burlington.

The automated weather station at the Kit Carson airport recorded a wind gust of 84 mph from the west at 8:35 p.m.

The two main airport hangars were oriented NNW to SSE and took the brunt of the wind along their long, west facing walls.

In addition to destroying the hangars, multiple aircraft housed inside the hangars suffered significant damage. Fortunately, no injuries or fatalities occurred.

One reason for the strong thunderstorm outflow, Mentzer said, was the presence of dry air in the lower portion of the atmosphere. When a storm produces precipitation which falls into dry air, evaporation occurs which suddenly cools the air. The air becomes more dense and aids in its rapid descent to the ground. In addition, when a storm collapses, it can channel strong winds from higher altitudes down to the surface.

Event-filled weekend planned for city

The weekend is full of events that will culminate on Monday with the Freedom Fest celebration and fireworks show at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Saturday kicks off with the Goodland Swim Team meet at Steever Water Park beginning about 8 a.m. and running through the day. A number of area teams are expected to attend and compete.

The Sherman County Historical Society has planned an afternoon of activities beginning at 1 p.m. with the showing of a video about the floods of 1935 that affected

Northwest Kansas and Southwest Nebraska. The free showing will be at the Sherman Theater.

At 2 p.m. the Historical Society will celebrate the 10th anniversary of paying off the Ennis-Handy House with an ice cream and cake social.

At 3 p.m. people are invited to visit the High Plains Museum and the District 51 Union School house.

Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. the Carnegie Arts Center will host an opening reception for an exhibit by photographer Roxie Yonkey.

The American Legion Baseball Team will be in Hays Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Wood Bat Tournament.

Monday the Kiwanis will put out 672 American Flags in the morning for the July 4 Independence Day, and will collect them in the evening. A Kiwanis member said the 672 is getting close to their goal of 700 for the year. The Kiwanis Flag Project has grown over the years, and contributes to the local scholarship funds and other Kiwanis community projects. Kiwanis will be putting flags out three more this

year including Labor Day, the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, and on Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

Many businesses will be closed on Monday including federal, state and local government offices, the Post Office, all banks and The Goodland Star-News. The Star-News will be closed and the Tuesday edition will be mailed on Wednesday.

Police Chief Joni Showalter wants to remind citizens the city has an ordinance dealing with fireworks that was passed last year.

She said the ordinance allows

fireworks to be set off in the city on Sunday and Monday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

She said the ordinance is designed to allow people to celebrate the holiday, but to do so in a safe manner.

Under the ordinance discharging fireworks on days other than Sunday or Monday is illegal. Fireworks are not allowed within 200 feet of the hospital or within 200 feet of any fireworks stand. Fireworks are not allowed, except when authorized under a permit, on the sidewalks, streets, alleys or within any city parks.

Loans to offset losses available in northwest Kansas

Sherman County farmers and surrounding counties in Northwest Kansas are eligible for emergency loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture due to losses from natural disasters.

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kansas said the agency is making emergency

loans available to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disasters.

Secretarial Disaster Designation (S3117) for drought, and related disasters, including wildfires and high winds on Jan. 1, 2011 and continuing, made the following primary counties in Kansas eligible: Finney,

Lane, Logan, Gove, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace and Wichita.

Contiguous counties in Kansas are also eligible: Cheyenne, Clark, Decatur, Ellis, Ford, Graham, Gray, Hodgeman, Norton, Pawnee, Rawlins, Rush and Trego. In addition some contiguous counties are eligible in Colorado and Oklahoma.

Producers in the affected counties have until Jan. 10, to apply for an emergency loan. Eligible loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year.

Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production

or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current rate for these low interest loans is 3.75 percent. Producers must meet eligibility requirements and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender. Farm Service Agency will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Producers in these counties may be eligible for 2011-crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments. The supplemental program is one of five disaster programs included in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses due to natural disasters. Signup for 2011

losses will be held in a future year.

Contact the Sherman County Farm Service Agency office at 210 W. 10th, or by phone at (785) 899-3070.

corrections

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Man on state fair board

Jeff Deeds of Goodland was recently re-appointed to the Kansas State Fair Board. Deeds owns and operates a diversified grain farm and has a wife, Jill, and three sons. He has served on the fair board for 10 years and was recently elected

chairman. The Kansas State Fair Board is a 13 member board appointed by the governor that acts to showcase Kansas agriculture, commerce and industry at the state fair.

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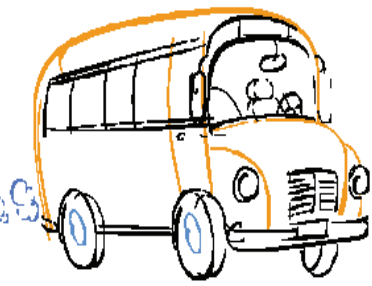


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Saturday, July 2, 2011

The Sherman County Historical Society would like you to come help us celebrate and remember historical events!

AT 1 p.m.: Sherman Theatre will be showing a video of the floods of 1935 in NW Kansas and SW Nebraska.

AT 2 p.m.: Ice Cream/Cake Social at the Ennis-Handy House. It's the 10th anniversary of the Sherman County Historical Society owning the house!

AT 3 p.m.: Visit the High Plains Museum and the District 51 Union School House

Come out for a great day of fun!

Classifieds work! 899-2338