

Awareness ride will stop here

Run for the Wall, the motorcycle ride to bring awareness to veterans, prisoners of war and those still missing in action, will be stopping in Goodland in May for its third straight year.

The run will begin in Cucamonga, Calif., on May 16. Day four of the ride – Saturday, May 19 – will begin in Angel Fire, N.M. and end in Goodland. The riders will come into town about 5:45 p.m. at Exit 17 and go north to Eighth Street, over to Caldwell and north again to the Armory.

There will be a dinner for the riders at the Armory, doors open at 4 p.m.. The public is invited to come and see the bikes and visit with the riders. More than 400 riders participated in last year's run. Many stay at the Armory for the night while others get rooms in the hotels or stay

at campgrounds. The organizers are planning a welcome with flags at Exit 17 as the riders come into town.

Sunday morning there will be a non-denominational church service at the armory and the Rotary Club will serve a breakfast for the riders. They will depart the Armory and head down Caldwell at 8:15 a.m. The organizers are asking people to bring out their flags for a sendoff.

After leaving town the riders will head to Junction City, where they will stay the night. The ride will end at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 26.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to help with any of the events should contact Joe Wahrman at 890-3277, Dick Liess at 890-6357, Darren Kannady at 890-3285 or Dave Daniels at 890-6538.

Six seniors honored at program

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seniors Reed Bellamy, Caleb Fugleberg, Nicole Hendrich, Michaela Garrett, M'Lynn Hinger and Jessica Klemm and Brewster senior Kasey Hoyt.

Sherrie Wiedeman of Colby was the regional chair for the dinner and the designated master of ceremonies. She asked Jeff Mason, a Goodland lawyer and KU law grad, to fill in for the scheduled speaker, Dr. Don Steeples, a professor of geophysics and former deputy provost of the university, who grew up in western Kansas.

Melissa Stramel of Colby, a pharmacy graduate, took over for Danny Lewis, director of alumni programs for the association, who was to have presented the gifts.

The crowd, including principals and students, parents and area KU alums, filled the dining room at the service center.

Mason gave the students a little advice as they get ready for college, but warned:

"I am not an expert. An expert is someone who's more than 50 miles from home. Also, I don't expect you to remember anything I say."

He advised parents to be patient with their children.

"Some of you probably feel like you've fallen off the stupidity cliff recently," he said. "But some day your child will come back to you as a resource. Be prepared for them to come home, too."

He told the students they shouldn't be afraid to change majors. He advised them to dream big.

"Don't underestimate yourselves," he said. "Go out and get to work. Have fun and stay curious."



Brewster Superintendent Janci Mills introduced senior Kasey Hoyt at the Kansas Honors Program on Wednesday in Oakley. Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Star-News

Eisenhower library offers education class

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum will hold one of seven workshops for educators in the summer of 2012, presented across the nation by staff of the National Archives and Records Administration. Primarily Teaching: Original Documents and Classroom Strategies will be held in Abilene from July 16 to 20.

This summer, educators of all disciplines are invited to participate in Primarily Teaching, whether they teach history or civics, English, STEM-related courses (science, technology, engineering, math) or the arts. Last year the focus was on the STEM disciplines. Because of that success, teachers of all disciplines across the curriculum are urged to apply – the records held at the National Archives touch on every imaginable subject matter.

Primarily Teaching is designed to provide access to the rich resources of the National Archives for K-12 educators, librarians, media

specialists and museum educators. Participants will learn how to research historical records, create classroom materials based on the records and present documents in ways that sharpen students' skills and enthusiasm.

Primarily Teaching is supported by the Foundation for the National Archives and Texas Instruments.

The cost of the institute, including all materials, is \$100.

Graduate credit is available for an additional fee.

Participation is limited to 10 educators.

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Participants will receive a stipend upon successful completion of the course and project submission.

The deadline to apply is June 4.

An application for the institute is available online at www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching or call (785) 263-6700 or (877) RING.IKE for more information.

Fire districts get together on Brewster

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total cost of the Brewster department around \$43,000 a year.

The Brewster Fire Station, valued at \$175,000, is owned by District 5, Jamison said; everything else belongs to either the city of Brewster or the Sherman County Rural District.

Cloyd proposed that District 5 and Sherman County Rural each contribute about \$18,000 a year, with a cap on spending at \$36,000 a year. The Sherman County Clerk would keep Brewster fire expenses on a line item so they could be tracked. If there are any major unanticipated repairs, Sherman County Rural would pay for the first \$5,000 and then split any further cost with District 5.

Sherman County would provide the vehicles, management, insurance, equipment and training. Brewster would provide the firefighters themselves and any personal safety equipment they need such as helmets, boots, gloves, air packs, etc. Brewster would also

be responsible for half the cost of communications equipment and supplies.

Cloyd said it should be a two-to-three year agreement instead of open-ended, so the districts could evaluate how it is working.

Jamison said the Brewster department has looked into some other options, but their first choice would be to stay with Sherman County Rural. Jamison said he wouldn't have a problem with the proposals. Brewster has historically contributed about half the personal equipment, but Brewster Fire Chief Willard Crumrine said the city has been very good about buying anything the fire department has asked for.

However, Jamison said District 5 wouldn't be able to raise \$18,000 a year. The district is a stand-alone entity and only gets what money it can raise, he said. The current fire protection tax levy is 1.418 mills, and with a valuation of \$3.9 million, one mill would bring in \$3,900. Bringing that up to 4.5 mills – which Cloyd had suggested – would bring

in about \$17,500, but the district would have to factor in expenses on the building such as utilities.

Cloyd said it was the feeling of the Sherman County Rural board and the Sherman County commissioners that whatever District 5 could contribute, Sherman County Rural would match. If the total is not enough, he said, they would just have to cut down on the carryover for vehicle replacement.

Jamison said raising taxes isn't an issue. He talked to many farmers in the district, all of whom said they would pay whatever it took to keep fire protection in Brewster.

"It's been too good of a deal for two long not to keep it going," said Thomas County Commissioner Ken Christiansen.

Jamison said the Brewster Department is in good shape, with good vehicles and more volunteers than it can take.

As a next step, Jamison asked Cloyd to draw up an agreement that can be presented to the District 5 board. The mill levy for District 5 can't be changed until next year,

he noted. Christiansen said the Thomas County budget is made up in June and published in August. The Brewster City Council will also have to approve paying for all the personal equipment.

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