

Praise in the Park



A crowd of around 400 attended Praise in the Park on Sunday at Gulick Park. The First Christian Church, Goodland United Methodist Church, Calvary Gospel Church, First Baptist Church and Harvest Evangelical Church helped organize the event. The purpose of the gathering was to pray for rain as well as to collect money for the fire victims in Colorado. Special music was provided by the Stevens Family and a meal was served following the service.

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Hope you had the opportunity to visit county fair

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Most of the county fairs are over now, although a couple of them are just getting started, and there even may be one or two next week. I sincerely hope that you took the opportunity to attend or exhibit at your very own county fair!

County fairs have unceremoniously become the major summer social event of nearly every county in our great nation.

Fairs began as celebratory functions honoring farmers for their contributions to the food chain of

America. Now, in addition to that important community function, the county fair has become a meeting place for farmers and city folk alike. We not only honor those who provide the foodstuffs for our dinner table, but we also sit down somewhere on the fairgrounds and visit with friends and neighbors we

may not have seen for awhile.

It is a time to take note of the efforts of those who are considered the producers of ag products in the county, and also to see the homemade food, clothing, gardening exhibits, crafts, and 4-H project results, created by people we know.

The great fun and merriment of county fairs does not happen by accident. There surely is no other event in our respective counties that require so many hours of ef-

fort by volunteers. We all know who they are, don't we? They are Joe and Charley, Doris and Fran, Steve and Jack, Nadine and Janet, or in other words, you and me. If all the volunteers who help put on the county fair were paid minimum wage for their effort, the County would be broke. The effort is truly an American story.

I have a tendency to give a lot of the credit for a successful county fair to a group of people known as the County Fair Board. Do you know who the members of your Fair Board are? Probably not, because about the only time you see their

names in print, is in the Fair Book, and not everyone has access to a Fair Book unless you are an exhibitor. I would love to see this paper print the names of their Fair Board following this column, so that everyone would know who the people are that ramrod the work it takes to have a fair. And now that just about every county fair has its own home-owned carnival, it takes even more volunteers who find themselves involved on our behalf.

No county fair would exist without those who place the results of their hard work on view for all of us to see. 4-Hers and adults alike

bring in their livestock for us to see. And then there is home constructed clothing, gardening exhibits, rock-etry and woodworking projects, poultry, and food preservation items. Friendly competition among friends and neighbors helps create the excitement of every county fair.

I was seven when I first exhibited at the county fair, and I haven't missed too many since then, which was about 75 years ago. I hope you enjoyed the fair in your county. You were probably involved in more ways than just attending.

Meeting planned to discuss forage

Kansas State Research and Extension has planned a series of meetings to be held across the Sunflower Extension District to discuss forage/feeding options for livestock in drought stricken areas.

Sandy Johnson, Northwest area livestock specialist will visit about

utilizing failed crops for grazing and feeding. Jeanne Falk, Northwest area agronomist will discuss corn development and nitrate uptake.

Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension Agent will talk about nitrates and how to work with high nitrate forages.

In addition, sampling and testing will be discussed and a question answer session will be available.

The meeting will be held Monday at the Cheyenne County 4-H Fair Building starting at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) in St. Francis, in Goodland at Sherman County

4-H Building at 1 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. in Sharon Springs at the CAB Building.

For more information contact the Cheyenne County Extension Office at (785) 332-3171.

matters of record

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Marriages
Kerek Anthony Mason and Erica Leanna Fenner, Goodland.
Jake Everett Conger and Amber Lee Peterson, Goodland.
Jacob Kyle Culey and Jessica Nicole Ekegren, Arvada, Colorado.
Roy Wade Cummings and Antoinette Ann Becker, Goodland.

Craig Alan Lawson and Janet Lynn Arnold, Goodland.
Gregory James Kroskey and Tamara Lynn Black, Goodland.

Divorces
Cassandra Aguirre, Goodland, and Marlon D. Thomas, Jr., Diboll, Texas.
Paul K. Abernathy and Gina Gaye Abernathy, Sherman County.

Vehicle tags can be renewed online without convenience fees

Kansans looking to save time and gas by eliminating a visit to a county treasurer's office can now take advantage of the state's online option for renewing vehicle tags without credit card or electronic check processing fees.

For the next 12 months, beginning Wednesday, convenience fees will be waived so more Kansans will renew online at KSWebTags.org.

"With so many people today

using their computers, tablets and cell phones to do everything from shopping to sharing photos, we want to make sure they also know they can conveniently renew vehicle registrations from the comfort of home," Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite said.

Most people have three options for renewing their tags. They can visit their county treasurer, renew by mail or renew online.

The KSWebTags.org online renewal option is available to 1) anyone whose vehicle is registered in Kansas, 2) whose address on the renewal is current, and 3) who has vehicle insurance as required by law.

The online service requires a personal identification number, which is printed on the registration renewal notices Kansans receive in the mail.

corrections

In the outline on Page 3 of The Goodland Star-News on Tuesday, Aug. 7, the ceramic piece was made by Steve Coburn. Some of the artwork by the Barrus' is behind the violinists.

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Reader Recipes

Goey S'mores Cookies

Yield: makes about 2 dozen cookies

- Ingredients
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 1 1/3 cups flour

Ingredients continued...

- 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs (7 full crackers)
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup Mini Hershey's Kisses (or chocolate chips)
- 1 cup Jet Puffed Mallow Bits

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper and spray with cooking spray. Using a mixer, cream the butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat for an additional 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, use a food processor or blender to crush the graham crackers into 3/4 cup crumbs. In separate bowl, whisk together the cracker crumbs, flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly add the dry ingredients to wet ingredients, mix on low until dough just comes together. Add chocolate and marshmallows and stir to continue.

Place 1.5 tablespoon sized scoops of dough onto prepared cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes.

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