

Families carry on tradition

Sales on fireworks down because of dryness, burn ban

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S&M Family Fireworks out of their home three miles west of Goodland on U.S. 24, have been in business for five years, but they too are carrying on a tradition.

"When I was a kid," Steve McIlroy said. "I used to love watching my uncles set all the fireworks. Those are some of my most vivid memories."

One of his uncles ran a fireworks stand one year, McIlroy said, and that gave him the idea to try it on his own.

As he went over his stock, describing what each product does, he stopped and smiled at certain items.

"This one was a blast when I was a kid. It was the best there was," he said. "This one over here is even better, but back then, nothing was more fun than this."

So far, sales have been down some this year, all the entrepreneurs said, probably because of the dry weather, but they expect business to pick up today and tomorrow, July 4.

A burn ban imposed by the county last week has probably hurt sales a



stands. Selling fireworks in Cheyenne County and most of the rest of Colorado is illegal, Topliff said, so some people have been driving over the border to buy them in Kansas.

"We have even gotten some people from Denver," she said.

Tradition plays a big part in putting up the stands, but none of them are doing it for free. Signs are spaced out on the highway leading drivers to the stands, and each points out its advantages over the other two.

"It's been a pretty good money-maker for college," Topliff said.

Joselin's cousin, Chris Topliff, 12, who is spending the summer in Goodland, say the money is nice, but basically, "It's just fun."

"We do it as a family, and we make a little money," he said. "What could be better?"

McIlroy said his family enjoys working the stand. The kids are gone this year, he said, but there are a lot of happy memories associated with selling fireworks.

"We plan on doing this for as long as we possibly can," he said.



A sign advertising fireworks (above) on Old U.S. sits in front of a windmill painted with the colors of the American flag. On County Road 17 (left) a sign asks people to have a safe holiday.

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Hospital meeting

At its meeting Monday, the Goodland Regional Medical Center board:

- Received \$254,000 in tax credits to replace its information system. See story below.
- Elected new officers. See story at bottom.

Tax credits to buy system

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

Administrator Jay Jolly told the Goodland Regional Medical Center board on Monday that the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing approved the hospital's application for \$245,000 in tax credits.

The hospital applied for the credits in April, hoping to have the money to replace its computer information system. Jolly had told the board the hospital's system is obsolete and that the hospital would need to upgrade the mainframe computer soon, anyway.

With the tax credits, Jolly said, the hospital can afford the new system, which will remove the need to enter information in patient charts manually, saving doctors and nurses time and preventing mistakes that can occur when handwriting is misread.

He said the system will keep a comprehensive file for each patient which can be accessed by more than one person at a time, a measure that will save doctors and nurses time.

The updated system will include a fiber optic data line to handle all modern, Internet and other types of computer traffic. With the present system, Jolly said, information is transmitted on phone lines, which has at times made the phone lines inaccessible.

The tax credits are a fundraising tool for community organizations engaged in services for children and families, health care or crime prevention.

The Wallace County Foundation in Sharon Springs was awarded \$59,850 to renovate the Strand Theater for educational and entertainment events in the community.

Festival features fireworks display

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electronic ground and aerial fireworks display, which will cost about \$7,500 this year.

Here is a new list of donors since Thursday.

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Hospital board elects officers

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board held an organizational meeting to elect officers after its regular meeting Monday.

The board elected Lynn Hoelting as chairperson, Joyce Moore as vice-chairperson and Pete Whalen as secretary and treasurer.

The board selected Moore, Artie Showalter and Steve Evert to serve on the finance committee.

Larry McCants, Whalen and Doug Irvin were chosen to serve on the hospital's professional committee.

Another person will be selected from those the county commission appointed to the board at their meeting Friday.

The commission reappointed Evert and appointed Gennifer House and Kim Duell to replace the positions vacated by Dr. Robert Mc-

Cullough and Dennis Shank.

In other business, the board:

- Approved credentialing for Delane Wycoff, a pathologist consulting from North Platte, and tabled the credentialing for W. Duncan Davis, a Goodland physician, and Stuart Kennedy, an orthopedist from Denver, as some documents were missing from the files.
- Decided the aircraft liability coverage was a dead issue as the insurance company would not give the hospital a quote for \$15 million in coverage.
- Heard from Administrator Jay Jolly that Dietitian Wendy Charron had resigned and would be leaving in August. Her husband took a promotion that would require them to move to Alberta, Canada.
- Scheduled the next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 29.

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