



Bryan Bowler and his 4-year-old son Victor from St. Peters, Mo., enjoyed the carnival rides at Freedom Fest Thursday night. Several tourists from attended the festival. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

# Fireworks display attracts out-of-towners

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they flew into Detroit and will fly out of Denver, but will make the rest of the trip by car.

The couple travels about 200 miles a day, Malinda said, noting the trip will take about a week and a half.

She said they arrived in Goodland on Thursday and being history buffs, decided to take a tour of the Historical Society's 1907 Victorian House, which they saw in a pamphlet.

After the tour, Malinda said, Holbrook, a society member, told them about the festival.

The couple said they enjoy traveling the U.S. routes because it gives them a chance to visit small towns and see things they'd never notice driving on the Interstate.

"Everyone does different things for vacation," she said.

"We get to see little communities. Now we know what Goodland, Kan. is."

Malinda said they've eaten a "made-right" sandwich in Quincy, Mo., and

toured a John Deere tractor factory in Waterloo, Iowa.

"We've seen most of the national parks," she said. "Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Moab."

Bob, an IBM consultant, said he started driving federal highways when he was in college.

He wanted to see the country, he said, so he headed out on U.S. 6, which runs through his hometown of Bedford, N.Y., all the way to California.

He said he's been traveling the U.S. highways ever since, and he and Malinda made it a tradition when they married five years ago. Malinda said they drove U.S. 101, which spans from Olympia, Wash. to Los Angeles, on their honeymoon.

Bob said the most interesting thing he's seen so far was a Kazoo factory in upstate New York.

But he said he's surprised on every trip.

"You just find neat stuff you'd never see at home," he said, noting that the scenery is always nice.

"Mountains, hills, fields, industrial complexes," Bob said, "they're all beautiful in their own way."

The Mortell's weren't the only tourists at Freedom Fest.

With his 4-year-old son Victor sitting on his shoulders, Bryan Bowler from Missouri said the family stopped in Goodland on their way to Colorado

Springs and saw signs for the festival. Bowler and his son were at the ticket booth buying tickets for the carnival rides.

He said he and his wife Mary were impressed with Goodland.

"My wife was commenting that this would be a great place to settle down," he said.

## public notices

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	Residential Fences	\$15.00
	Residential Roofing	\$15.00
(b)	Total Valuation	Fees
	\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$15.00
	\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	
	\$15.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00.	
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	\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$175.50 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$1000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00.
	\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	
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	\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	
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**SECTION 2.** Section 4-207(1) of the Code of The City of Goodland, Kansas is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect July 2, 2002.  
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 1st day of July, 2002, by the Governing Body of the City of Goodland, Kansas.

Tom Rohr Chairman of the City of Commission of the City Goodland, Kansas

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# County reviews development group's resolution

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Commissioners reviewed a draft resolution on Friday setting up the Sherman County Economic Development Council, and agreed it was what was needed to officially organize the group.

Dave Daniels, vice-chair of the economic development group, presented the draft and said it had come from several examples that both County Clerk Janet Rumpel and County Attorney Bonnie Selby had found. Daniels said the draft he was presenting was a bit different than an earlier draft drawn up

by Selby.

The resolution would set the council up under the county and have all the money run through the county voucher system. Daniels said this was what the board and steering committee had wanted, but they wanted to have more say about what the economic development director's duties would be if one is hired in the future.

The commissioners agreed that they would rather not be in charge of hiring, firing or overseeing the director.

"I am concerned about the director you want to hire," said Commissioner Kevin Rasure. "I think it would work

fine at this time because the commissioners favor what you are doing, but as commissioners change that might as well and it may be a problem."

"I don't want to see the commissioners too involved in overseeing the director," said Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld.

"We feel this is the way to go at this time," said Harlan D. House, economic development board member. "This is the best way to keep people informed and keep everyone going the same direction. We've got to sell it, and if we can't sell it to two commissioners we probably should not be in operation."

"Looks like a double standard, where the commissioners have the ultimate power to hire and fire," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede. "It would be like a check and balance where both sides have an interest in seeing the program do well."

Kim Bohme, treasurer of the board, said all the costs of the director including the benefits, insurance and Social Security would come out of the economic development budget.

The commissioners each indicated they would like to have Selby review the draft resolution and have it presented at the July 9 meeting.

# Groups paying more than expected at fairgrounds

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Groups that use the Sherman County Fairgrounds have been hit with an expense they weren't expecting this year — monthly electric bills at least \$600 more than they were last year.

The city raised the electricity rates for commercial and residential customers earlier this year, and they eliminated the government rate. Since the fairgrounds is now classified as commercial rather than government property, the groups are having to pay a demand charge, in itself over \$500.

Members of the Sherman County Stock Car Racing Association and the fair board and two Sherman County commissioners showed up at a city commissioner meeting this week to find out why the rates had gone up so much, and what they could do about it. Some of them weren't even sure what a demand charge was.

Ed Wolak, city public works director, explained that a demand meter measured the highest amount of energy used in a 15-minute period over a month. The city has to supply power whenever someone flips a switch, Wolak said, and it costs money to keep energy at standby.

"We have to have the power there when you want it," Wolak said, "and there is a cost to everyone to make that happen."

Robert Normandin, member of the Sherman County Racing Association, wanted to know if the demand meter effected the utility bill every time the lights were turned on.

It's a once a month charge, Wolak told her, at whatever the highest energy peak was during the billing month. The demand meter has been in place for many years, he said, but the city can't afford to subsidize it any more. The city

used to have on-peak and off-peak rates, Wolak said, but now there is only one rate based on the highest demand.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure told the city that the first time anyone knew about the charge was when the county got the bill. Normandin said if the racing association would have known of the charge earlier, they could have raised admission prices to the races.

The races barely break even during most of the season, she said, and the extra cost is really going to hurt.

Steve Duell, fair board member, said the cost is going to hurt the Northwest Kansas Free Fair, too, although maybe not as harshly as the racing association. "I don't think so many groups can afford to pay what is being charged," Duell said. "We only have so many dollars. To jump \$500 in one year, that's kind of tough. We'll be able to handle it, but it is going to be really tough on the racing association."

City Commissioners Rick Billinger and Curtis Hurd said they would like

to do something for the groups, but they weren't sure what the city could do.

"I'd like to help, believe me," Hurd said, "but the city is paying for this. We have to be able to help ourselves."

Hurd asked City Manager Ron Pickman if the city could lower the charges for the groups.

"No, not legally," Pickman said, adding that it would be unfair to everyone else who has to pay the charge. Pickman did say it might be OK for the city to make a donation to help pay the costs.

"I can see where some of this is our fault," Hurd said. "We didn't tell you it wouldn't be subsidized anymore." Pickman said the city doesn't send a letter to everyone whose rates change. That's part of the reason any changes have to be discussed and approved in a public meeting, he said.

About the only way to reduce the charge would be to replace the lights at the fairgrounds, Wolak said. Trent Blythe, with B and B Electric, told the



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