

Carnival success growing

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Tedford, a member of the Grace Fellowship Church, which runs the putting green every year, said the church has operated the booth since the home-owned carnival began in 1997.

She said it's gotten bigger every year. "More people outside Sherman County are finding out about it," she said.

There were many people from other states at the carnival on Tuesday night, a lot of them visiting family in Sherman County.

Hall, who is from Bartlesville, Okla., said he is visiting his cousin, Jared Hall.

Jared was recently in a roll-over car accident on Old U.S. 24 and spent more than three weeks in hospitals in Denver, but is now recovering. Josh said Jared was able to attend the fair this week.

Hall said he was impressed with the booths and rides at the carnival. His favorite ride was the Octopus.

"It's fast and it spins," he said.

Gruskin said she's from Minnesota but attends the carnival here with her sister Rebecca each year while they're visiting her grandmother, Frieda

House. Rebecca said she isn't sure what her favorite part of the carnival is.

"I kind of like it all," she said, carrying a stuffed bear under her arm. "It's fun to play the games, but I like the rides, too."

Johanna said she likes the tamer rides like the Octopus and the locomotive, but the Bullet is a little fast for her taste.

Jay Herl, owner of Herl Chevrolet, which bought and restored the Bullet, was running the ride on Tuesday night. He said he told carnival board members he wanted to buy a ride that would be scary enough to give the older kids a thrill.

"They found this," he said, "and the rest is history."

Herl said he bought the ride as a memorial to his mother, Carlene, who died in 1999.

His mother, a Sherman County native, volunteered to help at sporting events, he said, and loved to see kids enjoy themselves.

He said he used some of the money in his mother's memorial fund to pay for the ride.

Herl said he thought his mom would feel good about contributing to the home-owned carnival, which provides

a safe, fun environment for kids.

Herl said he grew up in Sherman County, and before the home-owned carnival, parents felt like they had to keep a sharp eye on their kids at the fair, lest something happen.

"This is all home-owned," he said. "Parents can bring their kids out and turn them loose. Before, you didn't know whether it was safe to let the kids run off by themselves."

Carnival board members say people can be confident that the rides are in good working order and won't hurt the kids.

Jensen said the carnival bought La-Go-Go and the Sizzler, but the Lutheran Church and Sherman County Farm Bureau have offered to run them this year and keep them in tip-top shape.

He said they haven't had many problems with the rides this year.

"The Bullet blew a fuse last night," he said, "but other than that they're working well."

Roger Blume, service manager at Herl Chevrolet, was helping riders get into the bullet-shaped compartments on Tuesday. He said his favorite part is watching the kids.

"It's great to hear the kids scream," he said. "That's what it's all about."



Lloyd Holbrook, a fair volunteer, helped Alyssa Wear, 3, onto the Merry-Go-Round at the fair carnival Tuesday night. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



JoAnn Clouse organized the gift basket that won her "best of show" in the sunflower bake-off. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Sunflower bake-off supported at county fair

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agreed it found a better home.

"It really fits together," Simmons said. "People are already baking for other things at the fair."

This year's entries included breads, pies, strudel, cakes, muffins, fudge and brittle, all made using sunflower products. Other ingredients included pumpkin, chocolate, nuts and apples. Simmons noted that no trail mix was entered last year, but there were four entries this year.

She said the bake-off judge asked how people came up with such unique recipes. Some found them on their own, she said, and some looked through recipes the Chamber has collected over the years.

Simmons said each entry was given either a first or second place ribbon and the first place winners qualified for the "best of show" contest. The gift baskets were judged separately, she said, and competed in a separate best of show contest.

JoAnn Clouse won best of show for her gift basket, which featured a loaf of sunflower zucchini bread, a jar of sunflower seeds, sunflower wheat

bread and vanilla ice box cookies, all wrapped in cellophane and yellow and blue ribbons.

The basket was lined with yellow and blue fabric napkins and included an edition of the *Goodland Daily News* with a color picture of sunflowers and pamphlets promoting the Goodland area.

Clouse won \$25 and a \$25 Red Wing Stoneware Crock from Northern Sun.

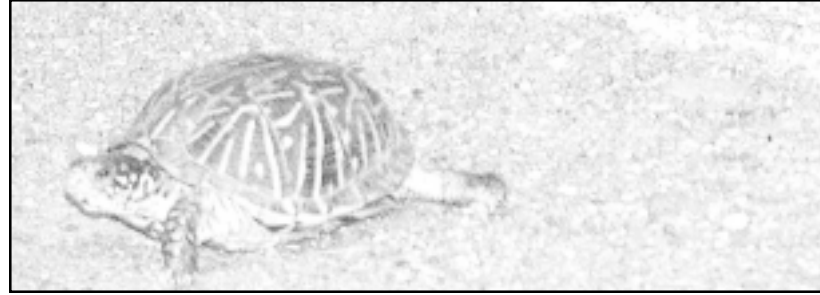
"I had fun," Clouse said. "I'm already trying to figure out what I'm going to do next year."

Ardy Showalter won first place in best of show for her sunflower yeast rolls, receiving \$50 and a \$70 Sunflower Wreath from the National Sunflower Association.

Elaine Felver took second with her sunflower twist bread, winning \$25 and a \$25 sunflower watch, and Kori Kickler took third for sunflower snack rolls, winning \$10 and a \$25 Lady in Red gift basket.

Simmons said she expects the contest to be even more successful next year.

"I'm sure we'll get more entries," she said.



A turtle crossed the finish line in a race during Thursday during Family Fun night. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Pedal tractor pull proves a draw at family night

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board, one like a doll and several were decorated with patriotic themes.

The grand champion, decorated with the seal of Kansas, went for \$60, and the reserve champion for \$30. The other five jars sold for between \$15 and \$25.

Richardson sold a two-tiered cake made by Rebecca Gattshall, a 4-H Ambassador, for \$100, which went to help pay for Jared Hall's medical expenses.

Hall, 13, was injured in a roll-over accident on June 31.

After the tractor pull, kids got a chance to root for their pet turtles in a slow race.

About 10 of the reptiles at a time

were placed in the center of a bull's eye near the west entrance of the fairgrounds. The first turtle to reach the outside of the circle was declared the winner.

Most of the turtles were young, but an older one dwarfed the others. He didn't move at all in the race, though, seemingly content to let the youngsters have all the fun.

The night included stick races and water balloons, and more people got to enjoy the events than in previous years. Smith said this year it was moved from a daytime activity so more families could attend.

"We moved it to the evening to make it more of a family event," she said. "A lot of people work in the day, and couldn't come out here."

With no citizen comments, city passes 2003 budget

By Doug Stephens

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No one commented at the city's budget hearing Monday, just as nobody came to the budget workshops in July, so there wasn't much discussion before the Goodland City Commission passed a \$10 million budget for 2003.

People may not have thought there was much to complain about.

The new budget is about 1 percent higher this year, but includes a small property tax decrease.

The city budgeted \$10,092,000 for next year, up about \$128,000.

The property tax levy is \$49,989 for every \$1,000 of appraised property in 2003, a slight drop from this year's \$50.034.

Some people will still have to pay more taxes, though, because the city's property valuation increased to about \$23.4 million from \$22.9 million this year.

The general fund is budgeted for \$2.7 million, up about \$140,000.

The water department will have \$997,000, down from \$1,049,000; sewers will have \$308,000, from \$333,000; and solid waste \$576,000 from \$631,000.

The only utility to raise spending was the electric department, which goes from \$4.7 to \$4.9 million, partly due to a plan to lure businesses to town by sharing the costs for utility connection fees.

The city will spend \$310,000 paying for bonds and interest, and \$517,000 for employee benefits. The city set aside \$11,800 for vehicle inspections by the police department, down \$3,000 from last year.

During the budget workshop, City Manager Ron Pickman stressed that costs are going up for the city, and with a shrinking population, revenue is going down.

"Let's not spend any money unless

we absolutely have to," he said.

Although money is set aside for departments to buy new equipment or replace old vehicles, Pickman said nothing would be spent until it had to be.

"We'll hold off on buying anything as long as we possibly can," he said. "We have money set aside in case we have to use it, but if we don't have to, we won't."

Highway patrol inspecting Kansas school buses for safety

TOPEKA (AP) — With classes soon to start across the state, the Kansas Highway Patrol is inspecting more than 8,000 school buses for safety.

"Those buses have to be in great condition before they're allowed to transport children," highway patrol Trooper Mark Engholm said.

Before troopers inspect a vehicle, it's checked by a mechanic who examines such factors as whether it runs

well, has good tires and has a frame that is structurally sound.

Troopers fill out a separate part of the same checklist form completed by mechanics, Engholm said, and look for such factors as whether the vehicle is clean and has fire extinguishers, first aid kits, working stop signs, lights, emergency exits and is in good working order.

During the patrol's inspection, drivers perform such tasks as using

lights, switching on turn signals and putting out the stop sign on the left side of the school bus.

"If so much as a headlight is out on that bus, it fails," Engholm said. "That bus cannot transport until they fix that problem."

By the time school starts later this month, troopers will have inspected more than 8,000 school vehicles across Kansas.

"This is a major undertaking for the

patrol," Engholm said. "All our troopers are involved in this at one stage or another across the state."

Troopers inspect every type of vehicle that might be used to transport students, including vans, utility vehicles and cars used by school security officers.

Col. Don Brownlee, Highway Patrol superintendent, said the state has an excellent school transportation safety record.



New Listing

This property consists of 2.6 acres, beautifully landscaped with many pine trees. Mobile home has had some remodeling and an addition added to North side of the house. Newer carpet plus hardwood floors in two rooms. A 20x25 rec/family room inside Morton building with wet bar, stove, refrigerator, AC and heater. This property also has 30x60 office building, which is zoned Commercial, with 6 offices, 2 baths, 1 shower, and a dark room. Property has underground sprinklers. Call Tom at 785-899-3060.

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The Sherman County Conservation District will conduct a sign up August 15th through August 29 PH for both Non-Point and State Water Resources Cost Share Programs.

Some of the State Water Resources Cost Share Program practices eligible for cost share include Contour Buffer Strips, Critical Area Planting, Diversions, Fencing, Grassed Waterways, Pipelines, Terraces and Livestock Wells. The Irrigation Practices will include Subsurface drip, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Irrigation Water Management and Irrigation System, Sprinkler. Cost Share is NOT authorized for nozzle upgrades (example 9 to 2 ft.) Exceptions shall be allowed for spacing modification (example 10 to 7.5 ft or less) if NRCS determines significant efficiency gains will be achieved. Non metered systems and systems with end guns will incur a state cost share limit of 50% or less up to landowner limit of \$1500. All other irrigation practices will be cost shared at 50% not to exceed \$2500. You will need a bid from an irrigation dealer to apply and you will be required to provide water right information. The other non irrigation practices will be cost shared at 60% of average cost or actual cost whichever is less with a \$5000 landowner limit.

The Non Point Source Funds can be used for FAILING on site waste water systems and plugging abandoned wells. We only received \$7000.00. KDHE will have to evaluate and rank the applications and there will be a \$50 fee upfront for these services. Last year we were only able to fund three systems.

For further information call Sandy Rodgers at the Conservation District Office 785-899-3070 extension 35.