

# July 4th plans changed, included races, wrestling

In the previous "From the Vault" article, plans for the 4th of July, 1932, were described as "tentative" in the news item from *The Goodland News-Republic*.

I discovered in the following issue there were revised plans as well as new details for the celebration. There was certainly a variety of activities for all ages! (The 4th was on a Monday that year.)

## CELEBRATE The 4th of JULY In GOODLAND

Turtle Races — and lots of feature races for boys and girls on Main Street at 10:30.

Baseball — Brewster and Sherman County All-Stars at 9:30. Jr. baseball in the afternoon.

Horse Races — two days, Sat. afternoon and Mon. afternoon. Fast horses from all over in a full pro-



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gram of thrilling races. 2 p.m.

Wrestling — Monday eve. 7:30 in front of the grandstand. Sol Schlegel of Topeka vs. Orville Brown of Wallace in the main event.

Dances — Sat. eve. and Mon. eve. in the fairgrounds pavilion. Fine music, smooth floor, lots of room.

Carnival — Broadbeck Shows with splendid attractions, riding devices and concession stands.

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Proclamation:

The Precurrence of the nation's birthday on July 4th calls for the fitting observance of the occasion by all patriotic citizens of the country.

By the authority in me vested, I declare the day a holiday in the city of Goodland and urge all to participate in the occasion. It is requested that places of business be closed at least a portion of the day, preferably from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Previously, the committee had

planned to have boxing matches on July 4th, but for some reason, that was changed to wrestling which included local men in the preliminaries and main event. Also given in more detail were the various races to be held for the youngsters. Some were quite original.

### Details of Holiday Events Revealed

Wrestling will be one of the programs scheduled for the 4th of July celebration. In the main event of the evening, Sol Schlegel, Topeka, who has met some of the best men in the sport, will challenge Orville Brown, a Wallace blacksmith who has stood the best in western Kansas on their ears and is rapidly rounding into a formidable contender for heavy weight honors.

Two one-fall preliminaries have been billed between local boys.

Clinton Miller of Goodland is matched against Cloy Baker of Wallace. Baker has a 10-pound advantage but little experience.

Merritt Goings, a Goodland High School graduate who won the high school league championship last year, is matched with Virgil Clark of Ruleton. He and Goings are evenly matched in weight and have for some time seemed anxious to get at each other. They will have an opportunity to settle the question of who is best on Monday night.

Just before noon, there will be a program of races for boys and girls up to age 15 on Main Street. The big event will be the turtle derby in which the youngsters will pit their fastest terrapins against a field of like speedsters.

All the turtles will be dumped in the middle of the intersection of

11th and Main. The first one to stick his head across the line around the intersection will win first money; likewise, the second and third will be decided, and the other turtles will be also ran.

Other children's races include the tarantula, shoe, potato, sack, 3-legged and 25, 50 and 100-yard dashes. Two other races have current political candidates selecting substitute runners. For the obstacle race, lady candidates choose girls ages 12-15 to run in their stead. In the sheriff's race, gentlemen candidates select boys ages 12-15 to also run in their place.

Finally, the noisiest race will be for the greased pig. The winner will get to keep the porker. Local businesses and individuals have donated money for cash prizes in the other events.

# Autism becomes evident by age 3

Autism is a neurological and developmental disorder that becomes evident in the first three years of a child's life. The disorder is defined by extreme unresponsiveness to others, lack of communication and repetitive or rigid behaviors.

According to the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 1994," about 75 percent of children with autism function on a mentally retarded level. It is noteworthy that 80 percent of all cases occur in boys, though the reasons for this are not apparent to researchers.

Parents may notice very early that their baby or young child is different. A lack of responsiveness to others is an early indicator. Infants with autism do not seem interested in being picked up by mom or dad and do not reach out for or appear to recognize others.

Delay in, or total lack of, the development of spoken language is one of the signs of autism. Fifty percent of autistic children develop no verbal skills or very limited skills.

Those who do develop language often speak in peculiar ways, including an abnormal tone, pitch and volume. They may repeat the exact word or phrase they hear, yet they



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have no understanding of the actual meaning of what they are saying.

Rigid behavior is a common sign of autism, including intense preoccupation with a narrow area of interest and inflexible adherence to routine and rituals. Autistic children have been known to throw tantrums if a parent wears an unfamiliar pair of glasses or when a chair is moved to another part of the room.

A child may be attached to unusual objects, such as a rubber band or plastic lid, rather than a doll or toy. If a parent tries to take the object away from the child, a tantrum will be the likely result.

The number of children diagnosed with autism currently is one out of 150 children, says the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as compared to one in 2,000 ten years ago.

If taken literally, this would indi-

cate that the illness has increased, but that is misleading. In reality, in recent years, the scope of the definition of autism has been expanded to include a number of other related disorders, including Asperger's Disorder, and due to advances in the medical and psychiatric fields, more children are being identified as autistic at an early age.

Parents should start by talking with a medical professional if they have concerns. There is no known cure for autism, but improvement can occur, especially if interventions are started early.

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# Centers help child abuse victims, families

There are few crimes more insidious than child abuse, which is why countless individuals have devoted their careers to protecting children and prosecuting abusers.

But sometimes, the children in the system is supposed to protect end up becoming victims a second time as a result of bureaucratic red tape and disorganization.

Child abuse is a complex crime, and it requires the skill and resources of individuals from a range of areas: law enforcement officers and prosecutors, medical and mental health professionals, children's and victims' advocates and others.

Often these professionals are housed in separate agencies and departments, meaning children are bounced from office to office for different services. That's hard on the children and their families, which is where Children's Advocacy Centers come in.



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They provide a single location where children can receive the help they deserve and also enable investigators and prosecutors to more effectively pursue child abusers. These centers bring professionals from different backgrounds together under one roof with a common mission of helping children in need.

Only 10 of these centers currently exist in Kansas. That means many children don't have access to the help Children's Advocacy Centers can provide. Fortunately, that's changing.

I was in Wichita earlier this month, where children's advocates, health professionals and social ser-

vices providers are working with law enforcement and the district attorney to create a center in Sedgwick County.

Similar efforts are underway around the state, and this year the Legislature answered my call to provide state assistance to these initiatives.

Soon, existing Children's Advocacy Centers will receive help expanding their services to reach more children, and new centers will have the opportunity to open in communities that don't currently have one.

This will close the gaps through which too many children fall and will ensure that victims of child abuse receive the help and support they deserve.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for centers like these, but for now, for the children who need this help, it's here.

# Why don't plants set fruit?

Several years ago, I had several squash plants in my garden. They bloomed and bloomed, but there was no fruit. It took a little time to figure out what was going on — no pollination.

If you have vegetables that are blooming but not setting fruit, you may have a problem with pollination of the flowers. There are several possible reasons that usually vary by species. However, we do have one condition that can affect several species at the same time.

Too much nitrogen causes the plant to emphasize vegetative growth to the detriment of fruit production. Over-fertilization can lead to a delay in flower production as well as to a decrease in fruit set among the flowers that are produced.

Squash can have a couple of other problems. First, the early flowers on these plants are usually all male. Production of both



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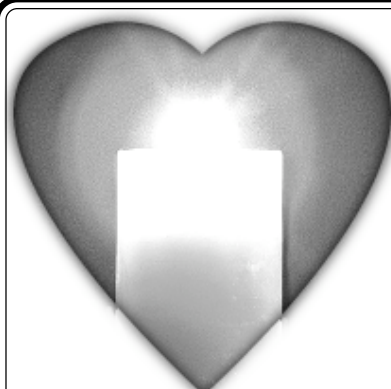
male and female flowers becomes more balanced as time passes. You can easily tell the difference between the two because only the female flower has a tiny fruit behind the blossom.

If you have both, haven't over-fertilized and still have a problem, make sure you have pollinators. Look for the presence of bees visiting the plants. If you don't see any, try hand-pollinating several flowers.

Use a painter's brush to transfer pollen from the anther of the male flower to the stigma of the female flower. If you get fruit on only those flowers you pollinated, you need more pollinators. Make

sure you aren't killing them with overuse of insecticides. Tomatoes are wind pollinated and don't depend on insects. However, they have another possible problem. Tomatoes normally won't set if the night temperature is below 50 degrees due to sparse production of pollen. They also won't set when night temperatures are above 75 degrees and day temperatures are above 95 degrees with dry, hot winds.

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