

Freedom Fest family fun



Rolling around and around is the object of this ride (above), and this pair of girls worked hard to get their cage rolling 360 degrees. A trio gets locked into the Octopus (top right) as they laughed and yelled as they made the rounds of the rides at Freedom Fest on Monday evening. Goodland Rotary member Doug Gerber sliced another watermelon (right) as a couple of young customers found the piece of pieces they wanted to eat. The annual Freedom Fest event was a great crowd pleaser.

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Office escapes closure knife

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This year the legislature directed SRS to cut \$42 million from its all-funds budget, including \$1 million in administration costs for next year, the statement said.

"The legislature told us to find savings, and we have identified a way to achieve those savings while still providing exemplary services to our beneficiaries," said SRS Secretary Rob Siedlecki.

The SRS beneficiaries served by the affected offices will see no disruption in services, he said. As staff and casework is reassigned, customers will be notified of how

and where to contact their assigned caseworkers.

There are no staff lay-offs associated with the office closures, Siedlecki said; staff will be reassigned to neighboring offices based upon service needs in the areas served.

As a result of these efforts, SRS will save taxpayers over \$1 million every year, Secretary Siedlecki said.

All the communities where offices will be closed have public libraries providing Internet access to the public, he said. SRS maintains Access Points, where individuals can receive informational materials and traditional hard copy applica-

tions for assistance.

Of the nine offices being closed the largest is Lawrence with 87 employees. Two offices will be closed in the northeast including Marysville, 12 employees and Lyndon, 10 employees. Two offices in the south central are on the list McPherson, 17, and Wellington, 18. Three offices in the southeast include Garnett, 5, Coffeyville, 16, and Fort Scott, 30. In the west Pratt's office will be closed with 13 employees.

For more information about SRS services or how to apply, please visit www.srs.ks.gov or call toll free 1 (888) 369-4777.

Post offices decides to change truck times

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Pivovar said the Business Mail Entry Unit will remain open for discounted or permit imprint mail, so businesses will not have to open new permits for Salina and the postal rates will not change.

In a related move the U.S. Postal Service has asked Congress, including Sen. Jerry Moran, member of the Postal Service's oversight commit-

tee, to enact legislation to return the organization to financial stability.

In a joint letter Board of Governors Chairman Louis Giuliano and Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe, urged Moran and Congress to pass legislation to eliminate current mandates requiring \$5.5 billion annual retiree health benefit pre-payments; allow the Postal Service to access \$6.9 million in Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Em-

ployee Retiree System surpluses; and the Postal Service the authority to determine the frequency of mail delivery (The last provision would allow the postal service to eliminate Saturday mail delivery).

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Large Household and Antique Auction for Janis Still

Saturday, July 16th at 107 Western, Kanorado, Kan.
Starting at 10 a.m.

NOTE: For health reasons Janis has had to sell her property and move to Stratton. Her and her late husband, Jerry, collected antiques for many years. The garage is FULL so this will just be a partial list. We have put several pictures on the web site however I know there will be lots of surprises. We will be selling a lot of it a box full at a time so this will be one you won't want to miss.

PARTIAL LIST ONLY

3-8' large glass show cases from hardware store; Small glass show case; Oak buffet with mirror; Oak buffet; China hutch; Oak arm chair; Victoria; Large safe; Oak wash basin; Singer sewing machine; Several large trunks; 20, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 gal crocks; Crock bowls; Cast iron kettles & skillets; Ant. lamps; Horlicks Maltco Milk jars; Ant jars of all sizes; Arrow cutter; Several scales; Cream & milk cans; Dog collection; Salt & Pepper collection; Ant toaster; Sad irons; Army hats; Ruby Red glassware; Pink Depression glassware; Green Depression glassware; Hobnail glassware; Boxes of ant. plates, cups, bowls, glassware; Refrigerator glass; Oil lamps; Ant. skates; Pop bottles; Butter churn Plymouth mantel clock; Horse hames; Several saws; Oval picture frames; Several ant pictures; Ice tongs; Cookie jars; Meat grinder; Ant bottles of all kinds; MUCH, MUCH, MUCH, more.

HOUSEHOLD; Portable TV; Game table; Extension ladder; Cutoff saw; Round glass top end tables; 2 end tables; Rocker/recliner; Several more items.

Pictures and complete sale bill on www.goodlandhomestead.com

There will be a lot of small items so plan on spending the day. For more information contact Homestead Realty & Auction, 1023 Main, Goodland, Terry Richardson Broker/Auctioneer 785-899-2328 or 899-8094

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