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Bicycle Rodeo wrangleskids

# **Denver man** arrested for theft

### By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland-Star News The Sherman County Sheriff Department seized a stolen truck from Colorado Wednesday seven miles west and a half mile south of Goodland off of Interstate 70 near the Ruleton exit.

found marijuana in the glovebox of the 1985 Chevy pickup driven by Joseph Current, 36, of Denver.

Current was taken to the Bastille, where he is being held on a \$2,000 bond for marijuana charges.

After checking the computer, the Sheriff's Department found the vehicle had been reported stolen earlier that day from Arvada, Colo. Sheriff Doug Whitson said the extradite him, but the sheriff's deowner of the truck plans to come to Goodland to pick it up.

Showalter told the sheriff he be- charges.

came suspicious after stopping to assist Current, who claimed to be working on a door speaker.

Current said he had no driver's license, registration papers or insurance papers and said he had borrowed the vehicle.

Showalter got permission from Deputy Jason Showalter said he Current to search the vehicle, and he found the 65 grams of mariiuana.

Sheriff Whitson said the department received a warrant for Current for criminal mischief, attempted escape and resisting arrest from Jefferson County authorities in Golden, Colo. Bond for those charges is \$25,000.

Whitson said they will want to partment will not let him go until he takes care of the marijuana

## **Chamber looks** back at success of Freedom Fest

### By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland-Star News While the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce counts this year's Freedom Fest Fourth of July weekend as a success, rain dampened their income, forcing the Chamber to ask businesses to chip in.

In a letter sent out last week, rector of the chamber, said when the rain started July 4, Chamber food sales stopped as people sought shelter. They didn't serve enough chicken wings, crab legs, hamburgers and chips to pay for the fireworks display.

Last year, she said, the Chamber raised enough at the dinner to cover the entire event.

With a \$4,000 budget shortage, the Chamber is asking business to donate money. Members models on display. will get six months of advertising on the Chamber website in return for donations. At a meeting Friday, the Chamber board discussed in- hit, with more than 20 entries volving the Veterans of Foreign Wars to help pay for the fireworks next year. Warden said the roughly 100 veterans and active veterans group would like to raise their visibility for the Fourth of July. This year marked the first year the Chamber decided to do anything other than just the meal and the fireworks for the Fourth, said Warden. The events started on Friday with downtown sidewalk sales that extended through Saturday. A city-wide garage sale on Saturday allowed participants to bring their wares to Main Avenue to set up, or have their sale at home. The Chamber printed more than 300 maps that listed the 29 participating sites.

Steever Water Park had new events for the festival this year. Although they didn't hold an organized tournaments they had planned, Warden said over 100 people visited the pool that day. Employees set up ring toss games, a watermelon race and a net for volleyball.

This year, the first annual Mr. Courtney Warden, executive di- Firecracker and Miss Sparkler contest for children ages 2 through 7 was held at the water park. Warden said they had nearly 20 contestants and the pageant brought parents and other spectators to the pool.

Rides at the home-owned carnival were open Sunday and the Goodland Area Singers provided entertainment. A scale model show also was held Sunday in the Grandstands with more than 20

The Chamber held the first annual street dance downtown on Saturday night. Saturday's parade also was a along with kids on bikes and scooters. The floats highlighted duty soldiers from Goodland and Sherman County. "It was a great parade," said Warden. "We'd like to involve more people next year," said Donna Swager, Chamber board chairman. Although rain delayed dampened the fireworks, forcing it to be put off a day, Swager said she though the display went well. Billed as the largest between Kansas City and Denver, it was put on by Joe Diaz, who grew up in Goodland and puts together fireworks displays in the Denver area.

Jed Gray (far left) picked up his bike to leave after the Bicycle Rodeo at the Sherman County Fairgrounds on Thursday. Kaitlyn Laue (left) hopped on her bike, helmet strapped firmly to her head, as she waited for her parents to pick her up. They were two of the 73 participants at the rodeo, put on by the City County Recreation department, the Goodland Police, Sherman County Extension Office and the 4-H Junior Leaders. The day included a bike safety course, where participants learned to use turn signals, helmet safety and more. The police made sure each bike's tires were good and everything was tightened in a safety check. Kids then took their bikes through an obstacle course to apply the lessons they learned. They were given lunch, goodie bags that included completion certificates and prizes from a drawing. When the festivities were over, kids were off in every direction on their bikes.

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### Arts center accepting photo contest entries

Entries for the Flatlander Photography Exhibit are being accepted at the Carnegie Arts Center through Friday, Aug. 27.

All local photographers are welcome to enter color and black-andwhite images, framed or matted and ready to hang.

In a new twist, they will be dis-

played through the month of September this year, rather than just tors, and winners in both the adult she said, "and we're hoping to build during Flatlander week.

Director Tina Goodwin said last year they had over 100 photographs from 30 to 40 photographers.

The display is open to photographers of all ages taking all types of pictures.

Pictures will be voted on by visiand youth categories will receive off of that." small prizes.

The exhibit should open on Sunday, Sept. 5. Over 200 people visited the center in the second half of September last year and voted on the winners, Goodwin said.

"Last year, we had a great show,"

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