

# Freedom Fest features family fun



One of the younger optimists who did not give up hope for Fourth of July fireworks on Sunday found one of the easier ways to wait out the delay.

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Lifeguard Colleen Koehler joined in a watermelon race Saturday at the Steever Water Park. Players raced in teams carrying the melons across the pool. Although the water volleyball and water basketball games were canceled, organizers dropped coins in the pool for divers, held a watermelon race and set up the volleyball net for swimmers.

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Tanya Cox, Bankwest vice president, Ashley Anderson, Shelly Thompson, assistant cashier at the bank (as the Statue of Liberty) and John Boyington, a World War II veteran, displayed their patriotism on the bank's float in the Freedom Fest parade Saturday.

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Randy Schoenthaler (left) made change at the end of the chow line put on by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce after the operation was moved inside.



Mr. Firecracker, Manten Crow (left), and Miss Sparkler, Hannah Dechant, enjoyed the bubbles they won as they were named the winners at the Fourth of July pageant Saturday at the Steever Water Park. Participants were asked to strut their stuff along a sidewalk 'runway' while judges deliberated. Everyone came away from the pageant with bubbles, a Tootsie Roll and a sash for participating.

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Rides at the Sherman County fairgrounds were closed down when a severe weather warning was issued. The weather caused the fireworks display to be postponed until Monday night.

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