

### Have a fun and safe After Harvest Festival



By Mike Courson It finally happened. After a few misses in the Duck Run, I finally won something last year. Money goes fast so I cannot even remember what exactly it was that I won, but I think it was \$50. Onto bigger and better things! This year I'm going for one of those grand prizes. But seriously, the Duck Run is fun for me and a great way for the Ellinwood Fire Department to raise some money for services provided to the community. Sponsor a duck or two!

This year's AHF kind of snuck up on me. Last year, we ran our special section on July 10 so it's only two days different, but those must have been two big days. Coming out of the July 4 holiday, there was a little bit of panic Tuesday morning to get this thing printed by Wednesday afternoon!

There are many things I'm already looking forward to this year. I always stop in at the pool event on my way to our Lyons office Thursday morning,

then come back in the evening for some live music. Anyone who knows me knows I'm a bit of a Swiftie (that's a massive Taylor Swift fan). I've not heard Sara Morgan's music, but I'm ready to give it a try!

Speaking of music, Homebrew makes its return to Saturday night. Get out and see those guys. They play a great variety of music and play it well. It's looking to be hot and muggy - what's new - and I've seen those guys work pretty hard in those conditions.

Kiddos - let Clayton Davis be your inspiration! The winner of the AHF tractor pull gets to compete at the State Fair in Hutch. Last year, Davis made it all the way to nationals. It's often brutally hot out there on the bricks during the tractor pull, but get out there and make a name for yourself! As Clayton proved last year, Ellinwood kids can do just as well as anyone in Kansas!

Last year, I relayed the story of a fist fight I saw during one of the concerts in 2014. Again, I offer these words of wisdom: keep it fun and safe. Even though neither party in that fight was seriously injured, someone could have been, or someone could have been hauled off to jail. And for what?

Get out and listen to some live music. But remember everyone is out there to have fun. Why let some drama ruin all that?

Big thanks to Wayne DeWerff and all of the Wheatland stories he has submitted over the past few months. We are not always staffed to take on big stories like that. We printed the 16th part of that series in the July 8 Leader, and those were usually pretty long stories. If a novel runs about 60,000 words, surely Mr. DeWerff got at least a third of the way there!

Welcome all Wheatlandites and I hope everyone has a great After Harvest Festival!

Finally, the news business is unpredictable but I'm hoping to have a big story on the front of next week's Leader. If it's on there, you'll know it. I encourage you to stop and read that. It's about a young lady who has battled a lifetime of illness. It's something I've been wanting to write up for some time but I finally got in touch with the young lady Tuesday afternoon with the hopes of saving it for our July 15 edition. That's a story we want to share with the biggest possible audience.

Here's to another AHF and I hope to see lots of familiar faces around town next weekend!

# Chamber welcomes you to 2016 **After Harvest Festival**

Welcome to the 2016 Ellinwood After Harvest Festival!

As president of the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of the board of directors, I wish to welcome you to Ellinwood for the 43rd annual After Harvest Festival. We hope that you will find it a weekend full of fun and excitement.

We invite you to attend the Community BBQ on Thursday evening in the City Park that will also include a concert with Sara Morgan. Sara is an up and coming singer, songwriter from Gardner, KS and has a new release "Drive a Tractor". Join us again Saturday evening for the dance with Homebrew, a talented group of musicians from the local area.

We have added a few new attractions and events this year and hope vou enjoy them as much as our long time traditions such as the carnival and Kansas Sidewinders M.C. beer garden. Be sure to pick up a list of the entire schedule of events or check our

While you are in Ellinwood, we encourage you to visit our local businesses to shop, enjoy a delicious meal or just to chat with family and friends. The After Harvest Festival is a time for fun, family gatherings, relaxing, class reunions, reminiscing, and making new memories. The Ellinwood Chamber wishes everyone an enjoyable, safe weekend while in Ellinwood.

Justin Nash, President Curtis Wolf, Vice President Angie Colman, Secretary Lindsey Bogner, Treasurer Rob Dove Rod Weber Mark Batchman Judy Hayes Jordan Bangert Renee Miller, Event Coordinator Jacque K. Isern, Chamber Administrator

### **Quack! Duck Run offers many cash prizes**

An After Harvest Festival would not be complete without the Ellinwood Fire Department's Duck Run. This year, the prize list includes many cash prizes along with a variety of other prizes.

The top cash prize is \$300 from Scott's Welding Service. Hi-La Pump and Engine is giving away \$200 and is also giving away two \$50 prizes. Joe's Farm Repair is giving away two prizes of \$125 each. K&N Petroluem has two \$100 prizes to give away, and LD Drilling is also giving away \$100.

Twenty businesses are giving away \$50 cash prizes in the Duck Run. They are: Chemical Services, Inc, Dick's Engine Service, S&K Dirt, Isern Electric, Heat, and Air, Alan Moeder Plumbing, Sue's BBQ, Exterior Design, Birzer Funeral Home, Birzer Granite Memorials, Achieve Rehab, Central National Bank, Outlaw Tank Service, Kizzar Well Service, RW Bit Service, Gressel Oilfield Service, Marmie Chrylser, Schartz Construction, Marmie Ford, and Community Bank of the Midwest.

Cheyenne Angus Farms is giving away a \$50 beef bundle, and Ellinwood Home Lumber is giving away a \$50 gift card. Lone Wolf Restaurant is giving away a \$50 gift certificate.

Birzer and Stickney Home Improvements, Kala's Kurls, and LDI are each giving away \$25 cash prize gifts, and Ellinwood Packing is giving away a \$25 gift certificate.

Non-cash prizes include: season pool pass from the city of Ellinwood; two 18-hole green fees from Grove Park Golf Club; prize to be announced from CHS Transport; Car wash detail bucket from RMAC Repair; Coleman stove and lantern from Chlumsky Liquormart; camping supplies from Harper Camper; and three 16-pound prime rib packages from Barton County Feeders.

Ducks will be available for purchase up through the start of the Duck Run on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Find a local firefighter to sponsor a duck for \$5. Proceeds from the Duck Run benefit the fire department's Christmas Candy



## City of Ellinwood Welcomes you and your family and friends to the Annual Ellinwood After Harvest

Festival. Enjoy the celebrations City Hall 104 E. Second 620-564-3161 **After Hours:** 620-564-3001 620-564-2211

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Youth (6-11 years) Runner (12 and up) Family (2 youth & 2 runner) Extra T-Shirts (S-3XL) \$10 (only available for order until July 8)

Medal winners (male & female) in each age category: 10 and under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, & 50 and over

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