

43rd Annual

# Oktoberfest

Sidney Sun-Telegraph



## Oktoberfest 2017



### Entertainment Schedule

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: CHRIS GABIS

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM OPENING CEREMONY - Dedication Ceremony  
 12:15 PM - 12:25 PM JUST FOR KIX VARSITY TEAM  
 12:25 PM - 12:55 PM POTTER / DIX SWING CHOIRS  
 12:55 PM - 1:00 PM SIDNEY HIGH DANCE TEAM  
 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM SIDNEY SINGERS / HEART BREAKERS  
 1:30 PM - 1:35 PM SIDNEY HIGH CHEERLEADERS  
 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM SIDNEY HIGH ADVANCED VOCAL / SIDNEY HIGH COMBO  
 2:00 PM - 2:10 PM KAITLYN DARNELL - Young Vocalist  
 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM FREDDIE MARQUEZ - Singing all of your favorites!  
 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM TURTLE CREEK BAND - Bluegrass at it's Best  
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM THERE WERE TWO - Jeff and Will  
 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM CSC JAZZ BAND - Chadron State College  
 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM CONNECT 4 DANCE performs "DECADES OF DANCE"  
 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM DENVER & DISTRICT PIPE BAND w/ DANCERS  
 9:00 PM - Midnight MATT SPINKS TRIO - Dance

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PARADE - Downtown Sidney  
 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM DANCE STEPS - Margaret Meier, Instructor  
 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM "GLAYVA" - Irish & Scottish Dancers - Denver Area  
 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM TURTLE CREEK BAND - Bluegrass Favorites  
 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM LOS GUADALUPANOS and HIP-HOP DANCERS  
 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM FREDDIE MARQUEZ - Singing Conway, Johnny, Elvis & More!  
 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM VICKI LYNN AND FRIENDS - Ogallala Favorites  
 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM CONNECT 4 DANCE performs "DECADES OF DANCE"  
 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM DENVER & DISTRICT PIPE BAND w/ DANCERS  
 9:00 PM - Midnight RASCAL MARTINEZ - Dance

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM OPEN MIC - Food Booths are open!  
 1:00 PM WIENER DOG RACES IN THE PAVILLION - Fun! Fun! Fun!



### Schedule of Events

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM FARMERS MARKET - Pavilion at Fairgrounds  
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM CRAFTS FAIR - Fairgrounds  
 12:00 PM Noon OPENING CEREMONY - DEDICATION - O'Fest Tent  
 Noon - Midnight CONTINUOUS FREE ENTERTAINMENT at Oktoberfest Tent  
 Entertainment Schedule available on site - BEERGARDENS  
 and a Great Variety of ETHNIC FOODS.  
 9:00 PM - Midnight DANCE: MATT SPINKS TRIP - In the O'Fest Tent

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 AM SRMC OKTOBERFEST RUN - 5K Walk & Run, 10K Run  
 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM FARMERS MARKET - Pavilion at Fairgrounds  
 GOLF TOURNAMENT - Hillside Golf Course  
 (Call Pro Shop for Details)  
 10:00 AM OKTOBERFEST PARADE - Downtown Sidney  
 Parade includes High School Marching Band Competition  
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM CRAFTS FAIR - Fairgrounds  
 10:00 AM CRUISE'N CLASS ROD & ROLL REGISTRATION  
 Noon - Midnight CONTINUOUS FREE ENTERTAINMENT, ETHNIC FOODS  
 & ICE COLD BEER (Non-Alcoholic Beer Also Available)  
 in the Oktoberfest Tent  
 1:00 PM OKTOBERFEST HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - Dbls - Fairgrounds  
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM ROD & ROLL SHOW & SHINE - Legion Park Ball Field  
 9:00 PM - Midnight DANCE: RASCAL MARTINEZ - In the O'Fest Tent

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 AM OKTOBERFEST HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - Singles 25% & Under  
 - Fairgrounds  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CRAFTS FAIR & FARMERS MARKET - Fairgrounds  
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM DELICIOUS FOOD - O'Fest Tent - Fairgrounds  
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM OPEN STAGE - O'Fest Tent  
 1:00 PM OKTOBERFEST HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - 25% & Over  
 1:00 PM ANNUAL WIENER DOG RACES - In the Pavillion



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# Oktoberfest kicks off Next Friday!

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Sidney's annual Oktoberfest starts Oct. 6 at Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

"Oktoberfest is a time to come together and celebrate after the harvest," Sally Harris, event chair, said. "We try to provide a bunch of different ethnic opportunities and have a good time."

The farmer's market and crafts fair open at 9 a.m., with an opening ceremony dedication at noon and continuous entertainment through midnight.

The event features a "variety of beers" and food booths amid a "tent-fest" atmosphere, Harris said.

"You'll see the largest circus tent you've seen probably," she said. "It depends on where you've been."

The Friday night dance features Matt Spinks trio, lead by a Sidney native, while Saturday's dance features Rascal Martinez, who appeared at this year's Downtown Sounds.

Martinez's music features "the kinds of songs you can sing to," Judy Harris, event co-organizer, said.

A highlight is the 15th annual Weiner Dog Races, being held this year at the fairgrounds, which will be adorned with astro-turf for the dogs' comfort.

"They're grouped by age," Sally Harris said, "so the young dogs are called little sizzlers and the older ones are called frankfurters."

Saturday's parade, starting at 10 a.m., will be held along Illinois Street, though it is still unpaved due to the ongoing Highway 30 rehabilitation.

"I would foresee people going

slower in the parade and watching where they're walking," Sally Harris said.

Judy Harris sees a silver-lining in this, though.

"I don't think it will hurt to slow them down anyway. Sometimes they go through a little too fast," she said. "The ones it will affect is the bands, more than anything."

Missing from this year's event will be a polka band, Sally Harris said.

"They are harder and harder to come by," she said. "But we have some leads on one for next year."

The yearly event is only possible through the efforts of a hard-working group, Sally Harris said.

"We have a group of about 13 people come through and everybody does their own piece, and we really work well together," she said. "By the time Friday comes, we're ready to kick it off and have a good time."

Judy Harris has been involved in Oktoberfest since the 80s.

"It started as a money-maker for the Chamber of Commerce, because they always ran out of money about this time of year," she said. "One of their members was a family where the wife and mother-in-law were from Germany. They came up with the idea of having an Oktoberfest. It took off from there."

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Oktoberfest-Sidney-Ne-1683987008340689/>.



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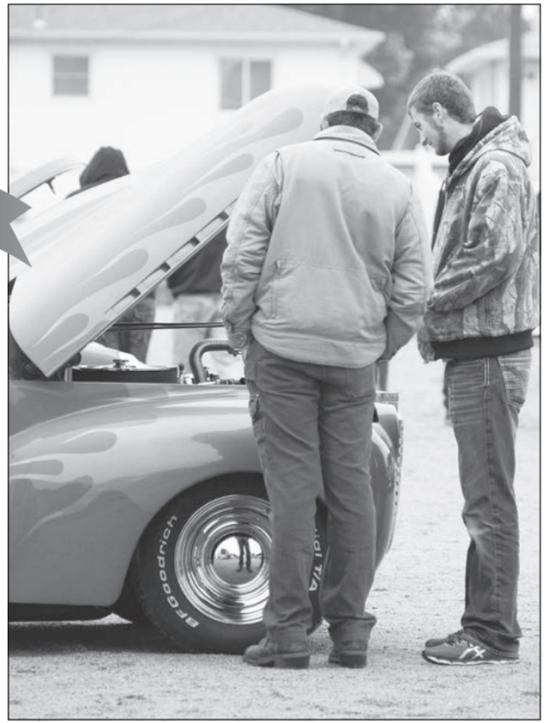
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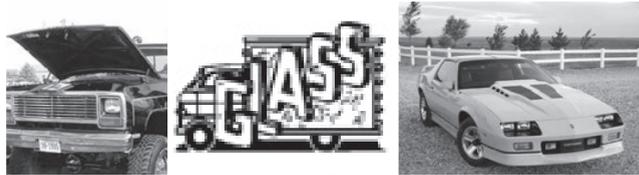
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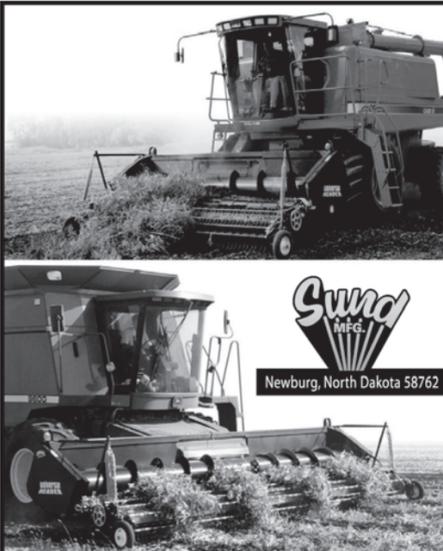


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# Oktoberfest to include Annual Weiner Dog Races

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The contestants will soon be lined up. The red devil nudging close to the mini version of a happy clown. They're a little nervous, eyeing the goal while nipping at their neighbors. They have an almost childlike fun in their little brown eyes.

The race is divided into age groups, from the youngest to the senior. Organizers are considering adding a class for disabled runners as well.

It is the 15th annual Oktoberfest Running of the Wieners, scheduled for October 8 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Registration is free. Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting Judy Scott at 308-249-1411, or emailing seasonsuhrig@gamil.com, or gfdnjms@msn.com.

In addition to online or by phone, entry forms are available at Sidney Veterinary Hospital, Bomgaars, and Sidney Feed & Seed.

The race is limited to purebred dachshunds, and to dachshunds registered for the race. Only dogs registered to the race will be allowed access to the race site. Additionally, all dogs must be on a leash and have current shots.

The event started when Judy Scott's grandson was given a dachshund. They returned from Grand Island where a race was held with the idea of having a similar event in Sidney. She said with the dachshund being a German breed, it would fit perfectly in the Oktoberfest celebration.

In addition to the race itself, the event will have a costume contest at 1 p.m. The theme or style of the costumes is almost limitless, according to Scott. It is an opportunity to have fun and dress up your canine family member.

"It is all free, and fun," Scott said. "We give out really good prizes."

Prizes are given to the top three winners in each category.

She stressed that while they do use a camera for the finish, the event is only about having fun.

For more information, contact Judy Scott at 308-249-1411 or Seasons Uhrig at 308-249-7434.



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