

## Pony Express Rodeo set for two nights

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The 23rd Annual Pony Express Rodeo is back for two nights—Wednesday, July 3, and Thursday, July 4, with a 5K “fun run/walk” igniting the celebration on Independence Day.

The Tail Twister 4-H club is putting on the event in Ehmen Park at 8:04 a.m. on July 4. Registration will be at 8:0 a.m. with an individual fee of \$10 and a family fee of \$30. The event is part of the Youth in Motion project with proceeds going towards Dawson County 4-H.

A change to this year’s rodeo events is mutton bustin’ and the calf scramble being included in the rodeo, that begins at 7 p.m. both nights.

The mutton bustin’ will be after ladies breakaway roping and the calf scramble will occur after steer wrestling.

There will be pony rides and roping dummies provided for entertainment before 7 p.m by Becky’s Buckaroo’s. Proceeds will go towards the Dawson County Relay for Life that raises funds for cancer research.

The Boy Scouts will have their annual barbecue at the Senior Center from 4-7 p.m. on July 4.

The scouts will also run the concession stand at the rodeo from 4-10 p.m. on July 3 and provide breakfast, lunch and dinner on July 4 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Proceeds will go towards the boy scouts.

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The high school Rotary Interact Club will provide sno cones in the rodeo grounds as a fundraiser towards projects for the school year.

After the rodeo ends Thursday, the night will be capped with a beer garden provided by the Rotary After Dark Club and DJ services from RTI.

Fireworks, sponsored by the Gothenburg Rotary Club, the City of Gothenburg and the Gothenburg Volunteer Fire Department will begin at dusk

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