

# Even holidays have rules ...

BY JEFF GOODWIN

Lincoln residents planning to celebrate the Fourth of July should be aware of the local city ordinances governing fireworks, an assistant city attorney said Monday.

Lynn Miserez said that fireworks may only be used from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. except on the Fourth itself when the hours are 8 a.m. until midnight.

She added that people wanting to sell fireworks need a permit from the city as well as a state permit.

Ed Cropp of the state fire marshal's office said that certain types of fireworks are prohibited by state law.

"Any type of bottle rocket or sky rocket is illegal," he said. He added items such as cherry bombs and M-80s are illegal in all states.

Cropp said a major problem with people buying fireworks is that Nebraskans go to neighboring states such as Missouri, Kansas, and South Dakota to buy fireworks which are more powerful.

Cropp added that the only place fireworks may be legally sold is inside the city limits. In Lincoln, the sale of fireworks will run from June 24 to July 4.

Mary Clark of the State Game Commission said that fireworks would be permitted in nine recreation areas around the state, including Branched Oak near Malcom. Fireworks will be permitted only on the fourth in these areas, though, she said.

For some, the sale of fireworks can be a profitable sidelight. Pat Egan of Lincoln has been selling fireworks for 23 years. He opened his first stand when he was 15 and has been doing it every summer since then.

Egan currently owns 18 stands of his own and supplies 12 more.

"This is just like a hobby to me. It gets in your blood after a while," Egan said.

Egan said that most dealers who get into the business continue doing it year after year.

Bob High, the manager of Duffy's Fireworks, said that the business can be very profitable. He said most dealers make from \$100 to \$2,000 during the season but a dealer with a good location who is in a large city can make up to \$10,000.

Duffy's sells their fireworks on consignment to about 120 dealers throughout the state, High said.

For those who like to watch, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the City Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a program at Holmes Park on the Fourth.

Terry Dageford of the Chamber of Commerce said the program will start at 8:30 a.m. and run all day. Among the activities are canoe races, a softball game, and music by the band "Paddywhack."

The program climaxes at about 10 p.m. with a fireworks display.

UNL students who want to celebrate on their own with firecrackers should be forewarned.

Dolores Simpson-Kirkland, assistant to the dean of students, said the use of fireworks is specifically outlawed by the UNL Student Handbook.

She said anyone caught using fireworks could be subjected to disciplinary action.

She added that there had been no problem with this sort of thing in the past during the Fourth. "We're very glad about that," she said.



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Randy Meyer runs his Moto X bicycle through the course behind the Northeast YMCA, 2601 N. 70th St., the site of organized BMX races on Saturdays.

## Orlo and Fanetta to be replaced

BY MARTIN NEARY

The Fanetta and Orlo apartment buildings, standing in Lincoln for almost seventy years, lost a recent city council bid for survival.

The brick buildings, considered by some to be historically meaningful, will be leveled and replaced by an office building, a parking lot and apartments.

Developer Don Bowman is planning details for construction after special permits were approved by a 4-2 council vote. Council members Margrethe Ahlschwede and Eric Youngberg voted against the permits.

The permits allow the new buildings to exceed a 45-foot height limit and 20-foot street setback requirement. The council required several residential housing units be built in the office building.

Glenn and Alice Bailey, residents of the Orlo and Fanetta buildings for 24 years, said that to attempt to re-

store the buildings would prove futile.

Thelma Kinston, a retired resident of the Fanetta, cited the downtown location as one of the buildings strong points, adding, "The reason I object to tearing down the buildings is the loss of students and activity. I like to be around and see students because they are all so interesting and nice."

Mrs. Kingston will move before July 1.

The Fanetta is at 13th and K streets. The Orlo, now demolished, stood at 14th and K. The Fanetta will re-

main until the office building is completed.

Work on the new office building should begin this autumn. The developer expects to create close to 90,000 square feet of office space plus apartments or condominiums atop the building.

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