Area communities to hold Independence Day celebrations (MSC News)--Many local communities are planning Independence Day celebrations this holiday weekend.

Horton will hold its annual fireworks display at dusk Friday evening at Mission Lake. On Saturday morning, the Horton Fish and Game Association will hold its annual Youth Fishing Derby at the little lake. Registration will be from 7 to 8, with fishing from 8 to 10. The event is open to kids up to 15 years old.

Highland will hold its Independence Day celebration on Saturday with a full day of activities. A parade will be held on Main Street beginning at 10:00 in the morning. Food will be available along with face painting and bounce houses. The community fireworks show will be held at dusk.

The annual July Jubilee at Banner Creek Reservoir, west of Holton, will take place Saturday. Gates will open at 5 pm, with live music, food vendors and a fireworks display at dark.

Atchison, Hiawatha and Sabetha will hold their Independence Day celebrations Sunday, with fireworks at dusk. Atchison's fireworks show will take place at Warnock Lake.

Bern, Centralia, Lancaster and Troy will hold their celebrations on Monday.

Bern is planning a full-day of activities beginning with a 5K run/walk at 8:00 in the morning. There will be food vendors, inflatables, D.J. Music and a one-hour play, "Liberties Task" will be presented at the Bern Community Building from 5 to 7. At dusk, there will be a Veteran recognition event, with a huge fireworks display at 10:00.

Centralia will celebrate the 4th of July with a full day of activities—including a parade starting at 10:30 in the morning. The activities will conclude with a fireworks show at dusk at the Centralia Lake.

In Lancaster, there will be a free-will donation BBQ pulled pork meal at City Hall, starting at 2:00 Monday afternoon. A parade will be held at 6:00, with kids games to follow by the horse arena and the annual fireworks show at dark.

Troy is planning a full-day of activities Monday to celebrate the 4th of July, including a parade on Main Street beginning at 4 pm and fireworks at dusk.

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