

Demo derby slated for Saturday evening

By Karen Krien

Once again on Saturday evening of the fair, the demolition derby drivers will be revving their motors, anxiously awaiting the wave of the flag which will begin the derby. Action begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand in St. Francis.

There will be five places awarded prize money plus money given to the top two per heat (except sloop), two sloop heats and the heat flag. The first sloop winner will take home \$1,000 based on a 20 car participation. Plaques will be awarded to all heat and main event winners (except sloop).

A new name will be added to the "Bonzaï" Bobby Krien plaque for the driver who is the "crowd pleaser." This driver is determined by Bobby Krien's family. There will also be a Rookie Plaque awarded.

The fair derby always has lots of fast moving action and the commit-

tee is expecting the same for this year.

"We plan to have a good derby with lots of action and the winners will get some good money," said Wade Krien, Derby Committee.

He noted that the Compact Car division will be held again this year. Also that "heat flag" will be placed in the center of the action — the car knocking it down first receives \$25.

Each year, the demolition derby, held the last night of the Cheyenne County Fair, fills the grandstand as people gather to watch the excitement. The pit area is also crowded with drivers and crew members along with people watching. Pit passes are more expensive and identification must be worn at all times. Parents should also be cautioned to know where their children are at all times during the derby and they should never be left unattended.



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marris

Couple to celebrate 60 years of marriage

Eugene and Lola Marris are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this summer.

They were married July 11, 1944, in Colby. Their children are having a reception for them from 2-4 p.m. central time on Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska.

They request no gifts. They have four children, Dwight (Mona) Marris of Goodland; Sonia (Tim) Dahl of Algona, Iowa; Linda White of Maxwell, Neb.; and Marvin Marris of Winslow, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ball player donates to field for youth

By Casey McCormick

Area sports fans are familiar with Shea Hillenbrand, the former American League All-Star and starting first baseman for the Arizona Diamond Backs. He is continuing his off-field generosity by contributing his name and money to a youth baseball field in a Phoenix neighborhood.

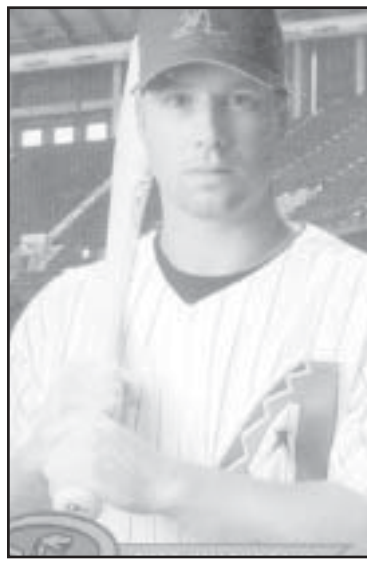
Mr. Hillenbrand was present at an unveiling ceremony of Shea Hillenbrand Field on Friday, July 23. The ballpark is the newest field in the Arizona Diamond Back Youth Field Program.

"I got the easy job," said Mr. Hillenbrand, "I just gave money."

His donation to the project was \$50,000 which went to the total cost of \$250,000. Shea Hillenbrand Field is located at the Chandler Boys and Girls Club and features a complete rebuilt field with new lights, fence, irrigation system, dugouts, grass field and scoreboard.

This ballpark is the third in the east valley region of Phoenix and the 15th in Arizona. The ball fields are built in economically disadvantaged areas and are possible by the joint efforts of the Arizona Public Services and the Arizona Diamond Back Charities.

Shea Hillenbrand Field is the first field in this program to be built at a Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Hillenbrand expressed his desire that young people have an opportunity to realize their dreams of playing baseball just as he has experienced.



Hillenbrand

Mr. Hillenbrand grew up in the Phoenix area. He was born in the suburb of Mesa, playing college baseball there. He and his wife now live in Gilbert. Mr. Hillenbrand began his Major League career with the Boston Red Sox in 2001 and played, primarily third base, for the Sox until the end of the 2003 season. He has been a Diamond Back since.

The Major League first baseman is no stranger to St. Francis. His wife, Jessica (Rice) is the granddaughter of Albert and Bessie Burr. On two occasions Mr. Hillenbrand took time after long seasons with the Boston Red Sox to stop in St. Francis and gave baseball clinics to area youth and high school players and raise money for the local ball field.



Fuller

St. Francis man selected as fair grand marshal

By Karen Krien

Bill Fuller, St. Francis, has been selected as the Cheyenne County Fair Parade Grand Marshal. The fair board announced their selection several weeks ago.

Mr. Fuller has lived in Cheyenne County most of his life and, for years, when he worked for Rudy Rieb, an implement dealer, he drove a truck in the parade.

"I didn't know what a great parade we (Cheyenne County) had until I was able to just sit back and enjoy it," Mr. Fuller said.

After that, he has always attended the fair parade and other activities at the fairgrounds.

He has a 1950 Ford pickup that he often talks one of his daughters or grandchildren into driving through the parade. Several years ago, he had a 1930 Model A Ford truck which was in the parade.

This year, he will be riding in the parade in Bettye Winston's convertible. He has come a long way from the trucks he drove in the parade.

Mr. Fuller and his wife Belva had three daughters. Some of the girls were 4-H'ers for a short time but not for long. However, several years ago when the Lawn Ridge 4-H Clubhouse needed work (the Fullers lived in the Lawn Ridge area for years) and they just couldn't get the volunteer labor to finish the job, Mr. Fuller took it

upon himself to finish it by hiring contractor Leon Merklin and his crew. The outside of the building looked so nice but the sign was in poor shape so — he hired someone to paint the sign.

Mr. Fuller has not only supported the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club but has been a member of the Lawn Ridge and St. Francis Community High School boards as well as being on the Kansas State Farm Management Board in Colby.

Mr. Fuller served in the Army in the European Theater. When he came back home from the service, he worked at several jobs before settling on the farm south of St. Francis in the early 1950s. Mrs. Fuller died several years ago. They had three daughters Linda, Peggy and Rita.



Couple plans to wed

Katie Krutsinger and Randy Partch, both of McCook, Neb., announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Katie is the daughter of Bobby and Joan Krutsinger of Benkelman. She is a graduate of Central Community College in Hastings, Neb., with a degree in culinary arts and restaurant management. Katie is employed as a chef at The Looking Glass Lounge in McCook.

Randy is the son of Ted and Carol Partch of Bird City. He is a graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland with an associate's degree in electrical technology. Randy is employed as an electrician at Trenton Electric/L&L Plumbing.



Partch—Krutsinger

The couple is planning a Sept. 4 outdoor wedding at the Partch residence in Bird City.

Premium sale details told

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Premium Sale will start at 5:45 p.m. on Friday in the small show arena located on the fairgrounds. There will be something for every bidder to purchase including livestock to crafts and woodworking to baked items, just to name a few.

Participants enrolled in the 4-H

and FFA programs will each be allowed to sell two items in the premium sale. This is the 12th year for this type of sale where community members are encouraged to come out and support the local youth.

Donating their auctioneering services to conduct the sale will be Rodney Shay and Royce Rambat.

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The governing body of **CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS** will meet on the 16th day of August, 2004 at 9:00 A.M., at the COUNTY COURTHOUSE for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

Budget Summary

Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and the Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2003		2004		PROPOSED BUDGET 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,240,364	17.917	1,294,712	25.060	1,543,593	759,139	19.716
Road and Bridge	755,911	10.136	755,600	12.669	780,400	440,054	11.429
Bridge Building	66,272	2.046	25,700	0.082	83,000	82,661	2.147
Noxious Weed	22,151	0.064	38,630	0.349	48,550	22,790	0.592
Hospital	540,089	8.138	525,000	6.347	525,000	212,572	5.521
Bond and Interest	294,271	8.884	295,136	7.457	309,060	278,542	7.234
Prairie Dog	7,649		6,700		9,205		
Special Parks & Recreation	0		1,100		7,565		
Special Alcohol	6,448		1,000		5,900		
Health Grants	39,635		20,000		43,923		
Solid Waste	3,824		0		0		
Special Machinery	81,014						
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	0						
Spec Ambulance Cap Outlay	0						
Equipment Reserve	186,656						
Totals	3,244,284	47.185	2,963,578	51.944	3,356,196	1,795,758	46.639
Less: Transfers	276,122		171,247		238,000		
Net Expenditures	2,968,162		2,792,331		3,118,196		
Total Tax Levied	1,398,097		1,398,097				
Assessed Valuation	36,234,870		35,951,970		38,503,182		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1							
	2002		2003		2004		
GO Bonds	92,000		82,800		1,204,400		
Lease-Purchase	0		0		200,000		
Total	92,000		82,800		1,404,400		
Fire Districts:							
No. 1 - General	40,528	1.532	36,000	1.484	44,000	35,344	1.308
No. 1 - Equip Reserve	0						
No. 1 - Special Equip	0						

*Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Terry Miller
Clerk