



Volunteers are needed during the county fair

Cheyenne County has one of the nicest, cleanest and safest home-owned carnivals in the area. However, the carnival doesn't materialize overnight.

Shortly after the fair is over, the Amusement Authority goes back work, itemizing what worked and didn't work for next year, planning new games, and reviewing comments heard from those on the grounds. Plans are made and, then, the work begins!

The rides are repaired and overhauled on a regular basis and, then checked again before opening night. Weeks are spent painting and fixing up.

The committee orders the prizes and when they arrive, they need to be unwrapped, sorted and put on display. For those working in the prize booth, it may be a little like Christmas, seeing just what was ordered months before but, it is hard work and often, even in the evenings, it is stifling hot in the prize booth.

What is so unusual about the county carnival is the handful of people who diligently work to get it ready each year. Some have been on the Authority almost since it began over 20 years ago; others have been there less time. Nevertheless, they are a faithful bunch but, they need help. People don't have to have

a certain talent to help — just a willingness to work. There are little jobs and bigger jobs, few are hard, just time consuming.

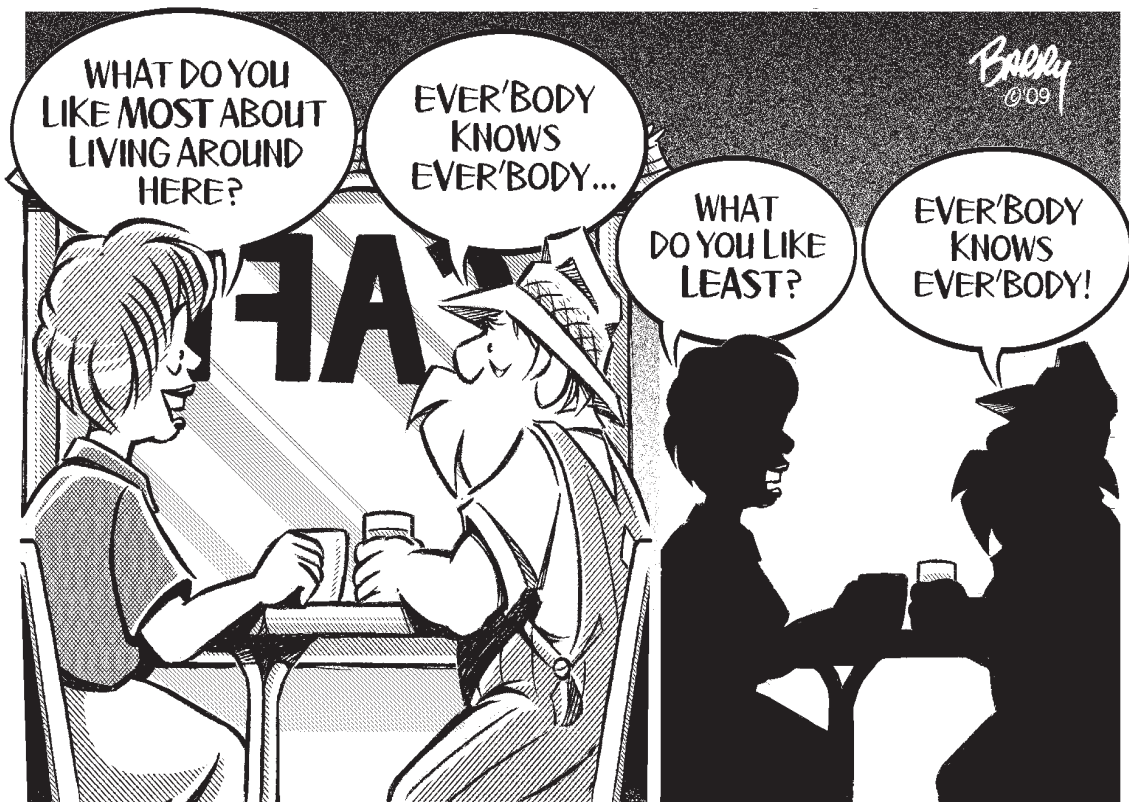
They are working Monday through Thursdays starting at 7 p.m. Just show up at the fairgrounds.

When the fair rolls around, all those people seen running games and rides are volunteers. Volunteers are needed again this year. DeEtta Knorr, who organizes the schedule, said, as of last week, there were so few volunteers on Saturday that there might not be any of the carnival open.

"If we can't get people to run games and rides, we will just have to close it down," she said.

People don't have to live in St. Francis and Bird City to be a volunteer. There are people who come home to visit family who have found working at the carnival is not only fun but, where else could they have the experience of running the Octopus or watching children's delighted faces as they pick a duck and get a prize, or see a young boy hit the bell on the high striker for the first time.

People are needed. Call Mrs. Knorr and let her know that you might be able to help. Help this be one of the best carnivals ever! — Karen Krien



News From the Past

5 years ago - 2004

Chelsey Weeden was the winner of the Cheyenne County Junior Miss. She will be representing the county at the State Junior Miss program in March in Belleville. Ale' Tygart was first runner up.

St. Francis resident Milton Lampe has started the new and unique business of building pine caskets.

Seven junior high girls formed a team and competed in the Atwood Summer Basketball League, ending the season with a 10-0 record, which included the final tournament games. Playing for St. Francis were Joni Pevler, Jami Pevler, Andrea Holzwarth, Sidnee Crabtree, Elizabeth Gienger, Taryn Richard and Ashley Zweggardt.

The theme for the 2004 fair parade is "As Good As It Gets." The parade will be held on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Building a webpage for St Francis on the Internet was among the topics discussed at the City Council meeting.

Bonnie Hill retired at the end of the school year after having worked in the school cafeteria for 28 years.

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers are busy getting ready for the fair. The Fashion Revue will be held Monday of fair week.

Gavin Smull, St. Francis swimmer, did well at the Kansas Sunflower Games, earning him the right to compete next summer at the State Games of America.

40 years ago - 1969 Reverend Jack Harris, from Hill City, has moved to St. Francis to assume the pastoral duties at Wesley and Calvary United Methodist churches.

Twenty boys from Boy Scout Troop 120 of St. Francis, along with other Scouts in the Buffalo Bill District, took a trip to the United States Air Force Academy. Making the trip were Chris Andrist, Mike Frewen, Randy Goodale, Mike Grace, Tim Harkins, John Henry, Bruce Jensen, Phillip Jensen, James Lippert, Tim Miller, Charles Nippes, Michael Schlepp, Bradley Smull, Gary Watkins, Robbie Brazier, Mike Richard, Terry Miller, Shawn Alsop and Ron Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edundson are the new owners of the Cheyenne Theater.

Five area youths and their counselor traveled to the Co-op Youth Leadership Camp at William Jewel College in Liberty, Mo. Attending were Tina Andrist, Steve Douthit and Jorn Keller from St. Francis and Patricia Flick and Ralph Peters from Idalia. Connie Edgington was the adult counselor.

Herman C. Miller, president of the Cheyenne County State Bank, received an award from the Kansas Banker's Association for his 50 years of service.

45 years ago - 1954 The junior class of the Lawn Ridge Methodist Sunday School has adopted Petrini Roukouri, a 10-year old Greek girl through Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc. Adoption is financial, not legal. The Foster Parents merely promises to contribute \$15 monthly toward the child's support for at least a year. In return they receive a brief history of the child and a photograph and correspondence through the plan office, since the children need the feeling of being loved and belonging to someone someplace.

The Plum Creek 4-H Club held their annual wiener roast in the Albert Zweggardt back yard. Four Cheyenne County men received their induction call and will report to Denver and induction into the armed forces on Tuesday, July 13. The men were Donald Kramer, Terry Gardner, Robert Martin and Elmer Richers.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Time is such a funny commodity. Some moments all we want is a little to catch up on our busy lives. Other periods we wish for it to wash away difficult times. And then the instance arrives when we can't believe it's passed us by so quickly.

This writing deals with the last example. Can it really be 40 years since man first set foot on the moon? Last Monday marked the anniversary of Neil Armstrong's

achievement.

I still have vivid memories of watching the folk's large, grainy, black and white television set on Carmel Drive in Lakewood, Colo. It was the original "big screen." Our family gathered around as Walter Cronkite described what was happening. We watched in awe as the fuzzy images came to us from so very far away.

Once things had settled down and my 9-year-old attention span left the

TV, I remember us kids running out to the front yard and looking up at the moon. To think that there were actually human-beings way up there was mind boggling

Looking back; Armstrong was 39 years of age and Cronkite, whom we just lost, was 52. Now I am 49. Speaking of mind boggling, what happened to all those years?

Writer shares 'how to catch wild pigs'

To the editor:

We, the American people, face one of the most difficult financial times in recent years as our federal government seems to be getting bigger than ever...so big that it's impossible for most of us to really fathom.

As this happens, I'm reminded of a quote by Thomas Jefferson and a story that a foreign exchange student told his college professor. I'd like to share both with you.

Jefferson said, "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have!"

And the foreign exchange student? Well a chemistry professor in a large college relates the story that he had some exchange students in his class. One day while the class was in the lab the Professor noticed one young man (an exchange student) who kept rubbing his back, and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked, "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke.

"You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put

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a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to this side and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat; you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity."

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America. The government keeps pushing us toward socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops, welfare, medicine, drugs, etc...while we continu-

ally lose our freedoms, just a little at a time.

One should always remember: There is no such thing as a free lunch. A politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

Also, if you see that all of this wonderful government "help" is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to share your thought with all your family and friends.

If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life then you will probably not share my thoughts; and you'll probably take issue with me and what I've written. But God help you and all the rest of us when the gate slams shut.

My advice is let's all keep our eyes on our newly elected politicians who are, in my opinion, about to open the fence for socialism.

Remember, "A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have!"

Thank you for your indulgence in reading my thoughts and opinions.

Richard John Rippe
Atwood

GOD SAYS
Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. I Peter 5:5-7

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