

## Fair goers enjoy cooler weather



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Fair week, July 30 through Aug. 4, was reasonably cool with the temperature on Thursday being 84 degrees. On Wednesday, a fierce rain storm with wind closed down the Ranch Rodeo and the carnival rides stopped until after the storm. The rodeo was held during the grandstand show on Thursday. About midnight, just when the carnival was beginning to wrap up for the night, there was more lightning.

"It was a fantastic fair," said Dick Bursch, fair board president. "Everyone worked hard and things went smoothly."

"Hopefully, the community really enjoyed the fair."

Greg Walz, Amusement Authority member, reported that the carnival didn't have as good of a year as last year but it was still good.

"We needed more volunteers," he said. "Some of the games had to be shut down because there were not people to work them."

However, all in all, Mr. Walz said there were a lot of people on the grounds, the weather was pleasant and there are very few prizes left.

The demolition derby drew the crowd. Clay Zimbelman, committee chairman, said they had to turn people away because the stands

were full. Matt Green, Atwood, took home the big purse and was also awarded the Bonzi Bob award.

This was the first year for the lawn mower races and there were only three entries. Mac Frewen had his lawn mower running the fastest.

The team of Carl Keller and Cliff Pilkington won the team roping on Thursday night. Gary Cooper, chairman, said he had some positive feedback and there was a small crowd staying until the last steer was roped. Mr. Keller, Toni Keller and Brett Petersen won the Ranch Rodeo trailer race.

The parade on Saturday was once again another long parade. The grand champion ribbon went to the Isernhagen family. The Lacy boys were first in the family division; the hospital was first in the commercial division and the Living Waters Church was first in the organization/church division.

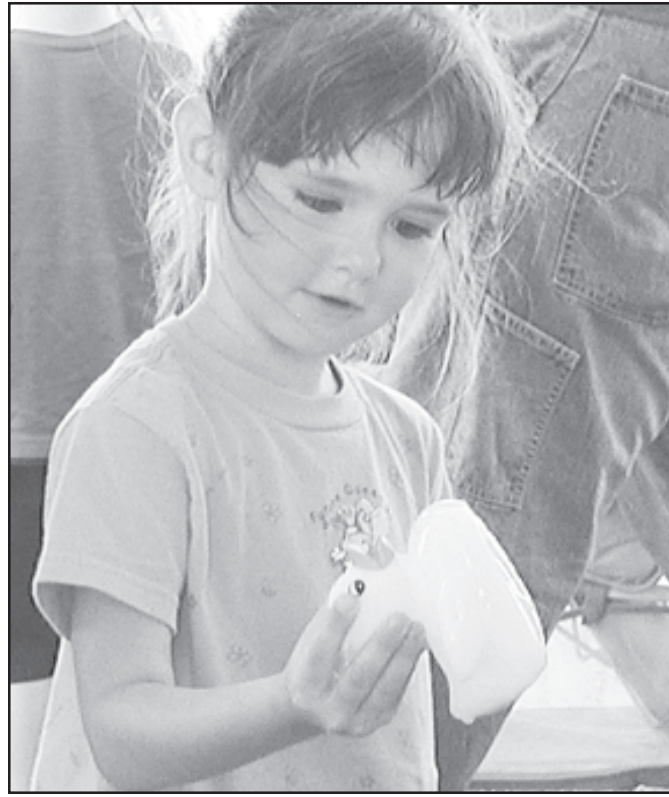
The 4-H and open class results along with articles and photos of the events and happenings at the fair will be inserted in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* on Aug. 23.

The fair board and Amusement Authority members will be meeting within the next month to start planning next year's Cheyenne County Fair.



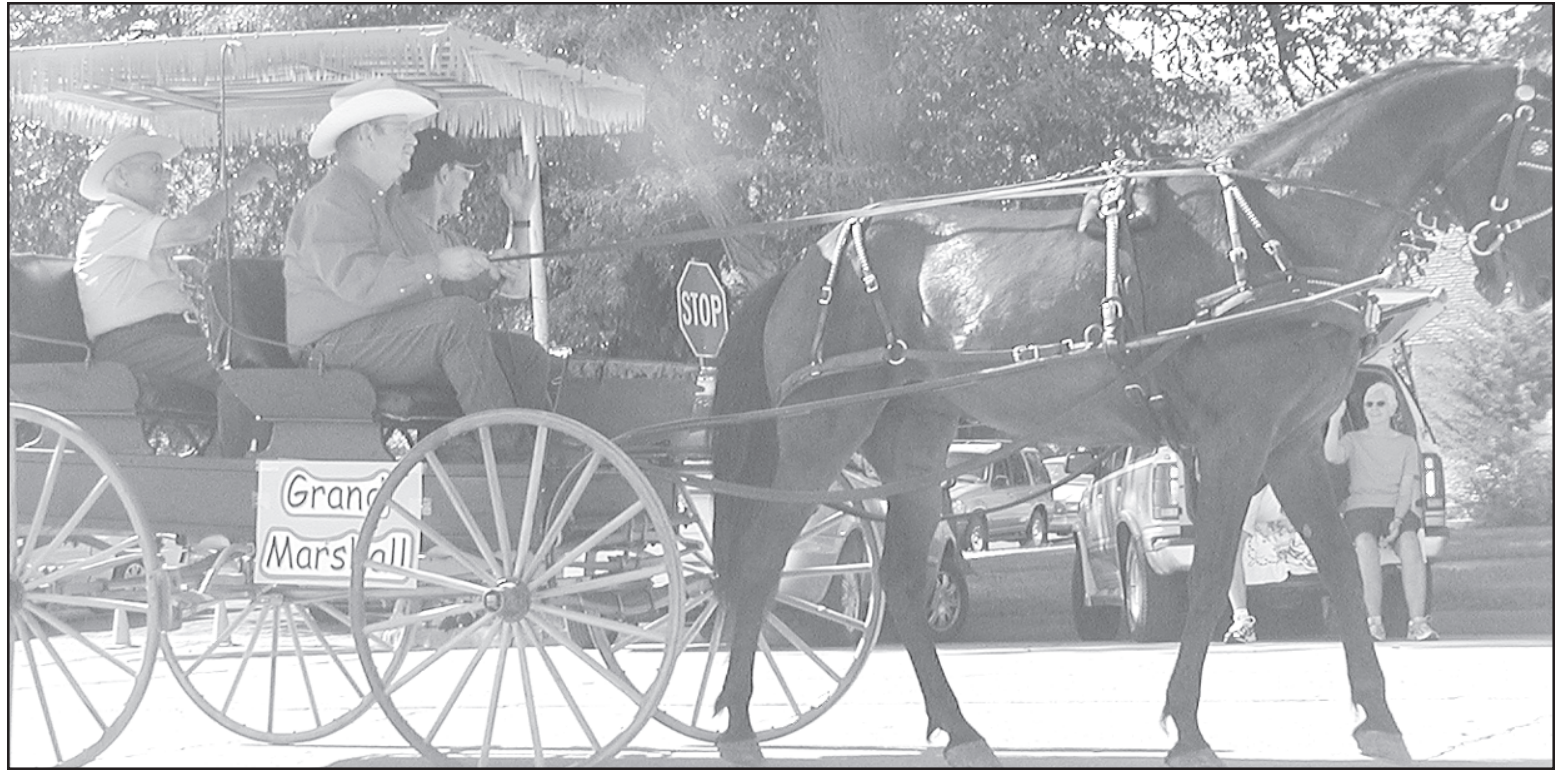
**TAKES TWO** — It took two boys to get this goat down so they could tie the ribbon on its tail. The contest was held during the Kid's Ranch Rodeo on Wednesday night.

Herald photo by Chase Barnhart



**EVERYONE IS A WINNER!** Jordan Hunt checked out the number on the bottom of the duck to see what prize she won.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



**GRAND MARSHAL**, Tobe Zweygardt, led the fair parade. Driving the horse was Eldon Zimbelman. Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick



Grand champion float was the Isernhagen family. There were so many people connected with the float that it went on for almost a block.

## Prairie dog control still on the commissioners agenda

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Prairie dog control was once again discussed at the July 31 meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners. After talking to the county attorney, they learned that they could hire someone to go onto a person's land to eliminate prairie dogs.

The commissioners asked the county attorney, Justin Barrett, if county employees could go on to

private land and treat prairie dogs. Mr. Barrett said that they can, but suggested following the procedure outlined in the county's resolution.

The resolution states that, before entering on the land, the county should give written notice to the landowners. Landowners can choose to make a diligent effort to get rid of the dogs but, after 15 days, the person hired to take care of the dogs can go onto the land. It should be noted that the costs of getting rid of the

dogs will be taken care of by the landowner.

He said there are people who want prairie dogs on their land but they have to maintain them on their land and keep them off of neighboring pastures. They also need to contact the commissioners telling them of their intentions.

### IV classes

Several months ago, 10 emergency medical technicians said they wanted to take an intravenous class.

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said all 10 had been ready to take the class and the paper work had been done to get a grant to help with the costs. Now, six of the 10 have decided that they don't have time right now.

"The class was supposed to be the first of June, and, now, here we are!" said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner.

Mrs. Bowers said there is also another problem as the state board of emergency medical service may

change the guidelines for intravenous classes and the class could take twice as long. If this happens, there will be even fewer technicians who will feel they have the time to take the training.

Mr. Ketzner said he would like to see technicians sign a letter of commitment when taking the class. Mrs. Bowers said they already do.

She suggested the county participate in the "Kan Set Off" program. The program offers collection of

ambulance bills through tax refunds. The county attorney will look into the program and, if he finds no problem, the commissioners will proceed.

Ambulance write offs for \$1,761 was signed by the commissioners.

The commissioners signed a notice to the Kansas Region I Board of Emergency Medical Service stating Mrs. Bowers, Cynthia Poling and Mike Hanson were designated as

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