

STEPS

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work. It is tedious, labor intensive work, he said, noting that most people want to do the work quickly.

"It's all about experience and patience," he said. "It could take weeks to get all the concrete out

but the ultimate result is, you will have a restored building with something that is accurate and will last longer than the original steps."

The Schamber's proposal was to go back to square one. The cement steps, which were deemed

unsafe by the insurance company, would be carefully removed so as not to damage the brick sides of the steps. All of the dirt which had been placed in the steps' cavity would be removed. The pillars which hold the floating stones would be rebuilt.

The commissioners learned several things about stones: 1) They "breathe" and need to be exposed to air. That is why they were installed as floating steps to begin with. 2) By removing the dirt, the moldy smell in the basement would go away. During cold weather, the door to the cavity under the steps could be opened and the warmth from the building would heat the underneath sides of the stone, thus, little or no ice would form on the steps.

They talked about putting up a barrier so cars and trucks could not get on the steps. They said the weight of the vehicles on the steps was what had broken one of the original stones into two pieces.

Mr. Underwood said the stone would need to be quarried to certain lengths and this would take up to 12 weeks. Since the building is 80 years old, it is impossible to get the exact same stone as that quarry is no longer in operation. However, there is a stone which will match well.

In the end, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that at this point, there wasn't a lot of choice. And, this time, he wanted to make sure the steps were put in right.

The steps will probably cost more money. Originally, they had been estimated to cost \$97,980 with a Heritage Foundation Grant through the Kansas Historical Society giving \$78,384 and the county coming up with the rest. Now, it is looking like the cost could be as much as \$150,000.

Recently, the Doris Kite Warren family donated \$500 to the steps in memory of Mrs. Warren. The commissioners are hoping there will be other donations coming in. There is also a possibility of getting another grant.

Mr. Johnson said the courthouse is a beautiful, well-kept building. Unique is the fact that the original plans and shop drawings are still available. Terry Miller, clerk, had also taken some photos of the pillars before the dirt was filled in.

Mr. Johnson went back to the drawing board and he will be contacting the commissioners when he has further information.



4-H PROJECT turned out to be a pet for the Busbys. Pictured (l to r) Doug, Darrell and Dennis. David is on the pig.

FAIR

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Revue, Life-Skills and Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts was held Monday morning. The Fashion Revue for the public was held that evening at the Cheyenne Theater.

The 4-H Dog Show took place early Tuesday morning. That afternoon, in the courthouse, the 4-H foods judging was held and later, people were able to buy some delicious cookies, cakes, breads and other items at the food sale.

Wednesday morning found 4-H'ers participating in the horse show in front of the grandstand. Rabbits, poultry, vegetables, plants and flowers were judged along with woodwork, welding, small engines and bugs. That evening, the Kid's Rodeo was held starting at 6:30 in front of the grandstand. Later, at 8 p.m., the Adult Ranch Rodeo was held.

Thursday evening

On Thursday evening, the team sorting, barrel racing and team roping will start at 7 p.m. in the grandstand arena.

Gary Cooper, chairman, said there was quite a little interest in the team sorting competition. There will be 10 head of cattle in the arena, each with a number. There will be three members on a team and when they cross the start line, a number will be called and the team will have to bring three back in order.

"We are hoping for 10 to 12

teams in the team sorting and 20 to 25 teams in the three-head-progressive-on-one roping competition.

Friday evening

Friday evening grandstand entertainment will be the lawn mower races. Mr. Zimbelman, chairman, said he is expecting the competition to be good and a number of racers have already entered. The course will be twisted and have turns. Most of the lawn mowers will be traveling a top speed of 23 to 24 miles per hour.

In between the heats, there will be four-wheeler exhibition races.

Saturday evening

Saturday evening is the demolition derby. See related article for more information.

Thursday

4-H swine show - 8 a.m.
4-H sheep show - 11 a.m.
4-H Goat show - noon.
Rocketry judging - 2 p.m.
Team sorting, barrel racing and team roping, grandstand - 7 p.m.

Friday

4-H/FFA beef show - 8 a.m.
Bucket calf show - 10 a.m.
Open class cow/calf show - 12:30 p.m.
Round Robin - 2 p.m.
Entries for lawn mower race - 5 p.m.
Premium Sale - 6 p.m.
Lawn mower racing, grandstand - 8 p.m.

See related article for Saturday's fair activities.

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They are both strong supporters of 4-H, noting that it helps kids to grow and develop. Our kids, they said, learned how to speak in front of groups. In later years, the kids said 4-H had helped them in many ways but especially in public speaking.

For 14 years, Mrs. Busby worked in the Extension office as the secretary. But her job didn't always end there as she took kids to state fair and Rock Springs 4-H Camp. Mr. Busby also did his share of traveling, going as far as Rye, Colo., to take 4-H'ers to Camp Crocket.

On the home front, Mr. Busby was a Lawn Ridge 4-H woods leader for 20 years and he said he still has his 20-year pin to prove it. He said he liked watching the kids build things and learn how to work with wood. He was also a livestock superintendent at the county fair.

Mrs. Busby took on the job as 4-H boys cooking leader. Mr. Busby said everyone enjoyed their disasters. Mrs. Busby said they would bake pans of cookies trying to find five cookies that looked exactly alike.

When her granddaughter Trish was in 4-H, she baked her poppy seed bundt cakes at the Busby home.

Having four boys in 4-H also meant the parents spent a lot of time in 4-H. Mrs. Busby said she has no

idea how many pies she baked and chickens fried for 4-H events.

However, what they both remember is spending many hours sweating in the 4-H food booth. In those days, the week before the day, the old wooden buildings were cleaned. The large wooden doors that closed off the eating windows were opened to let in the air and sunlight so all of the dust that had collected over the past year could be removed. There was no air conditioning so it was hot — especially in the back where the hamburgers and cheeseburgers were fried. If the wind blew, there was dust everywhere and napkins and cups were out of control. There were flies and other bugs.

Mrs. Busby said she was generally the dishwasher and Mr. Busby fried hamburgers.

No matter how much work they put into 4-H, they were glad they did it. They have seen many of the Lawn Ridge 4-H'ers move on to good careers and they had three of their sons listed as national 4-H winners.

They also said Lawn Ridge 4-H'ers were motivated by Mardell DeGood, who was a leader for many years.

Mr. Busby was the owner of Busby Morman Feed for many years and helped sponsor 4-H'ers. He said he has all 12 letters written by Joe Leibbrandt, current county Extension leader, when he snagged one of the catch-in pigs.



YOUNG AND IN LOVE — Bonnie and Willard Busby in their courting years.

They still think it is important to come to the fair and encourage the kids.

Willard and Bonnie have been married 60 years. Besides their four sons, they have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Busby's will have a big crowd cheering the fair parade marshals on. A reunion has been planned and their family will be there.

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getting their floats together.

"It should be a great parade," she said. "While people don't have to fill out an entry form, those people who had floats in the past are planning to have them again this year and we have new floats."

Floats will be judged in three different areas: 1) Unique theme presentation; 2) creative use of materials; and 3) originality.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to win," Mrs. Lampe said. "Just look at the criteria the judges use for picking the float."

The Once Again Band will be performing again and, this year, will be judged in the organizations category.

There will be a table at the top of Washington Street in front of the high school. Those wanting to know where they should line up for the parade should stop by. Again, if someone has a float and

hasn't called the Chamber office or called Mrs. Lampe, be sure to show up by 9 a.m. and check in at the table.

Floats to be judged should be on the east side of College Street by 9 a.m. and will be judged by 9:30.

All derby cars and motorcycles are to line up in the Peace Lutheran Church parking lot; bikes and ATVs should park in the circle drive in front of the high school gym.

Horses should line up on the 400 block of East Webster. The Parade Committee asks that horses not be allowed on the football practice field. Antique and classic vehicles need to park on the drive north of the auditorium.

"Main Street has lots of shade trees and there are benches but to make sure you are comfortable, bring lawn chairs and lots of water," Mrs. Lampe said.

"It should be a great parade!"

DERBY

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cars, Mr. Zimbelman said, lets the owner build it stronger than the original "weld-car" class.

Trophies and prize money will be handed out to the winners. Besides the first prize, there will be second-, third- and fourth-place prizes along with heat place money. Trophies are unique, hand crafted by Mr. Zimbelman and John Guthmiller.

Head judge this year is Ron Neitzel. He will have his crew out on the derby arena. Mr. Neitzel is a judge at other derbies and he has received good reviews.

The starting time for the derby is 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, in front of the grandstand at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Mr. Zimbelman said the derby is expected to begin on time with the driver's meeting being held prior to starting time.

Lawnmower tractor pull

To keep the crowd entertained between the heats, the board has organized a lawnmower tractor pull. A sled which weights can be added has been constructed to fasten on the mowers.

There will be two classes: a stock class and a modified class.

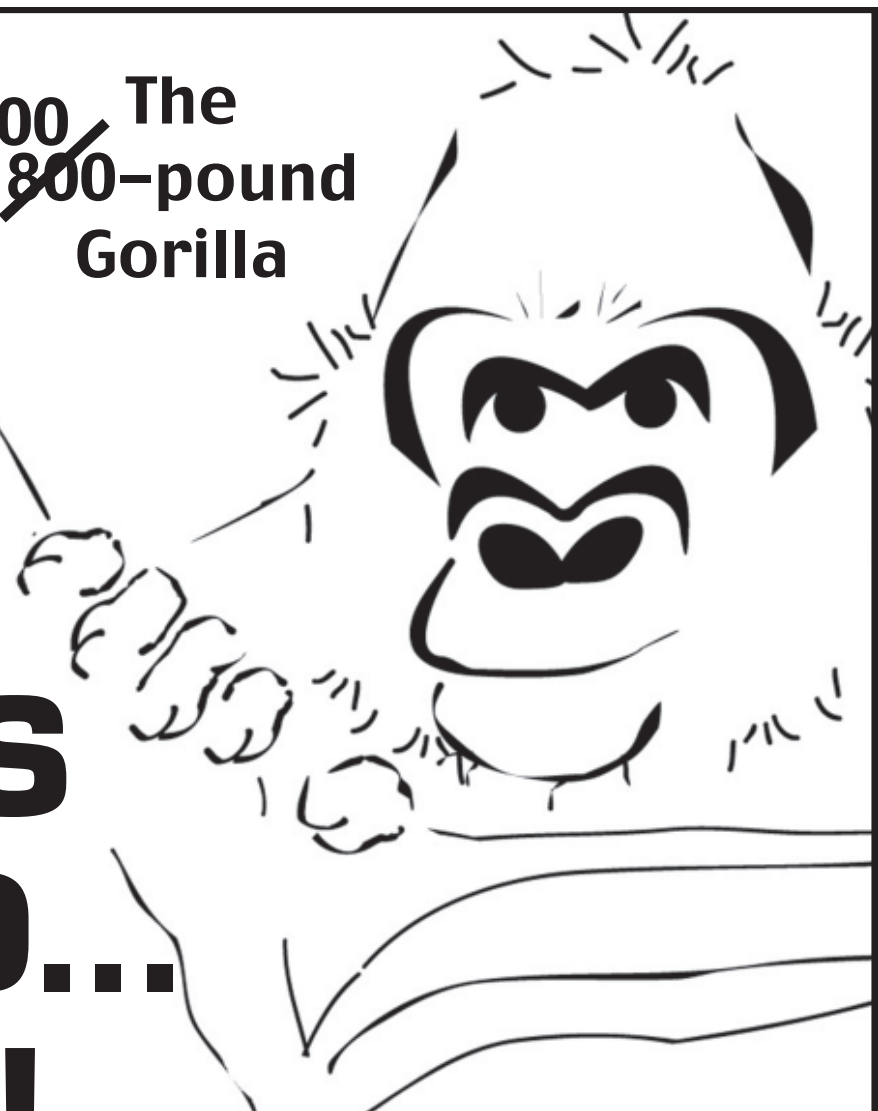
Mr. Zimbelman said the only restrictions are: the mower has to be air cooled and the motor can be no larger than 30-horse power.

Those 10- to 16-year olds entering will be allowed to ride only stock mowers and will need a parent's signed release. Contestants 10 to 14 need to have parents present to help them.

Those entering the modified class must be at least 16-years old with a valid driver's license.

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