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## Fair time arrives



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Fair time has rolled around again and the action for the Cheyenne County Fair begins on Monday with the 4-H Style Revue. Judging is held that morning.

This week's *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* includes a pre-fair special section with the schedules of events through the week. There are several stories of the evening shows as well as the open class rules. Keep the section handy for references of times, days and places.

Wednesday through Friday, the home-owned carnival will be running from 7 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, the carnival opens at 6 p.m. and runs until midnight.

The 4-H food stands and other places to eat will be open at the fairgrounds. There is a new area for sitting and visiting which has been established by the fair board. It is located between the Methodist Church's funnel cakes stand and the Christian Church's ice cream parlor. All around the grounds, benches have been set up and are just waiting for people.

The Style Revue on Monday begins at 8 p.m. in the St. Francis high school auditorium. The public is encouraged to come see the 4-H'ers as they model constructed and purchased items. See the related article elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday

The 4-H dog show begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. Dogs will be shown in Jenkins Hall on the fairgrounds.

The 4-H food judging will be



**LOTS OF CUTE HATS will be seen at the fair. DeEtta Knorr, Authority member, displays one of the 'flying' hats.**

held in the courthouse at 2 p.m. The sale of items will be held following the judging.

Wednesday

On Wednesday, The horse show will start at 9 a.m. in front of the grandstand.

That evening, entries for the mutton bustin', barrel racing and Carl Keller/Gary Grice Team Roping will start at 6 p.m. with the action starting at 7 p.m. There will be no specific times for the events. Mutton' bustin will begin the evening's entertainment with the barrel racing and team roping following in that order.

The weight limit for riding in

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**PRIZES ARE STACKED to the top of the building. Susie Walz, Amusement Authority Board member was up on the ladder taking down some of the stuffed animals. She said this bull and some other stuffed animals will go for 'blow out' prices.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Style revue set for Monday

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The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday at the auditorium in the St. Francis high school. This year's 4-H Fashion Revue will have the theme "A Family Tradition."

Superintendents for the fashion revue are Sharissa Andrist and Amy Northrup.

In year's past, the judges have been pleased with the clothing construction, the buymanship and modeling skills of county 4-H'ers.

Each 4-H'er will have the opportunity to show off their garments by modeling across the stage. There are 10 4-H'ers with construction projects; 30 kids in Buymanship Strategy projects. Those in Buymanship will be wearing clothes they have selected for school, church and special events and activities. In all, there will be 18 constructed garments and about 60 different buymanship outfits presented at the revue.

Mistress of ceremony for the evening is Dale Northrup, Cheyenne County Young Miss.

Everyone is urged to support the 4-H'ers. There is no admission.

Judging

Earlier on Monday, the 4-H'ers will be presenting their clothing projects for judging at the Methodist Church in St. Francis. The 4-H Fashion Revue/Buymanship judging will start at 8:30 a.m. The 4-H Life Skill Judging contest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Methodist Church. The 4-H Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts judging will start at 9 a.m.

## Thresher show going on now in Bird City

By Linda Schneider

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Today, (Thursday) is opening day for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show. For the next three days, Bird City will be busting at the seams with visitors from all over the United States.

The Thresher show is an event that takes weeks of preparations, inspections and repairs. Every antique tractor and equipment will be checked, cleaned and ready for the parades.

One of the exhibits will include the antique steam engines. One of the main attractions this year will be

the 100-year-old Avery Undermount, other steam engine tractors that are nearly 100 years old are a 1916 Case and a 1912 Advance Rumely.

This year will also be the first for the pedal tractor and car parade that will be held today (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m. at the Wilken's Building on the

Thresher grounds. Tiny tots through the second graders are welcome to participate.

Children are encouraged to bring their own pedal tractors or borrow one available at the Wilken's Building. Two small pedal Volkswagons will be available for tiny tots.

Another first-time event will be the Tri-State Thresher Show Fun Run on Saturday and will begin at 8 a.m. There are three courses to enter and runners, walkers, and stroller-pushers are welcome, bikes will not be allowed.

For added fun, a special team run

will take place on the green course called the "Go Fish!" Two to three on a team collect as many matching pairs of cards throughout the course as possible. There is an entry fee and runners receive a T-shirt. Medals will be given. Proceeds go to Cheylin Athletic Fund.

## Couple buys parts store

By Karen Krien

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Keller NAPA, St. Francis, has a new name and new owners.

Mike and Barbara Grover signed the final papers on Friday and have named the business at 100 E. Washington, Republican Valley Auto Supply, Inc. They are familiar faces having been running the business since July 1.

Mark and Gwen Keller had owned the business for the last 23 years.

When the Grovers bought the NAPA store, they brought with them a great deal of knowledge in the parts department.

The Grovers came from Colby where they have lived since 1987. For 33 years, Mike worked as a John Deere parts manager. Barbara worked in the same department as a parts analyst where she looked for the best prices and deals for the company.

In 2003, Mr. Grover went to work in the John Deere business in Burlington where he was the service manager.

"Our goal is to offer the customers the right parts at the right times and at the right prices," he said.

The store will be able to furnish auto and agriculture parts and accessories. They also have a parts,



**NEW NAPA OWNERS, Barbara and Mike Grover conduct business as usual. They welcome people to stop by and introduce themselves.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

supplies and accessories catalog that customers can stop by and pick up.

If they don't have a part, they can order it. Most orders, Mr. Grover said, are available the next day.

They will also continue as a Nex-Tech authorized agent.

In the future, the Grovers plan to expand and provide more service to their customers and the community.

The summer store hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on

Saturday.

The Grovers are very familiar to the community having attended church in St. Francis for the last few years. They are also the parents of Shannon Grover, who, with his wife Raquel and grandchildren, live in St. Francis.

This is a warm and welcoming community, the Grovers said. We have had numerous offers to help us move — everyone is so friendly.

Mrs. Grover loves gardening in which she found comfort while recovering from breast cancer. Their

new home on 702 S. Adams, she said, had a yard that was calling her.

Mr. Grover, the owner of a 1977 Corvette, is a member of the Cheyenne County Car Club. He also enjoys shotgun shooting sports. His other hobby is gunsmithing.

Besides Shannon, the Grovers have two daughters, Trinity and family, who live in Hays, and Leanna and family, who recently moved to Colby. They also have five grandchildren.

The Grovers welcome people to stop by the store and introduce themselves.

## Horses meet horsepower on Thursday night

The Cheyenne County Fair Board tries to bring a little bit of grandstand entertainment for all ages and interests during the fair. This year is no different as they bring "horse vs horsepower" to those attending on Thursday. The action begins at 7 p.m.

There will be 12 horses and 12 four wheelers competing.

They will be vying against each other in pole bending, barrel racing, sorting cattle and, last of all, the great trailer race.

The times of the horses and

the four-wheelers will be totaled. Those having the least time will be the winners of a T-shirt.

"We are giving away 12 T-shirts which will give the winners 'bragging rights,'" said Gary Cooper, fair board member.

The trailer race, while similar to those in year's past, will be just a little different. The horse will be in the trailer and already saddled as the pickup pulls into the arena.

The driver will back the horse out of the trailer, ride two laps around

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## Impersonator and illusionist performs

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Friday's grandstand show at the Cheyenne County Fair may well be classified as "unforgettable."

Mario Manzini, an escape artist illusionist, magician as well as an Elvis impersonator, will be appearing in front of the grandstand at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. On Thursday, during the Horse vs Horsepower event, Manzini will be performing a daring escape comparable to those of Houdini.

Mario was born and raised in New York City and has been practicing his profession since he was

6-years-old. He has appeared on many major television shows and specials.

"He is a top professional performer who can hold and entertain, whether he is escaping, using magic and illusion or impersonating Elvis.

There will also be a session of good ole country music.

There will be a little bit of everything to please the audience, said Clay Zimbelman, one of the fair board members.

Look for more on Mario Manzini in next week's *Herald* and *Times*.