

Three local men selected as parade marshals

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Following the theme, "A Family Tradition," the fair board selected three men who are a part of a family with a tradition of farming, 4-H and fair to be this year's parade marshals.

This year's marshals are Walter, Roger and Stephen Douthit. Each of the men said they were very honored but thought there were others out there that might have been more worthy of the honor.

The fair board recognized the Douthit men because of their generosity in helping the fair board. They have let the board use all sorts of equipment including trucks, mowers and their loader. They donate straw, bales for the demolition derby and the extra bleachers. If they have it, they are willing to loan it to the board to use. But, they never want any recognition, one board member said.

Both Walter and Roger, who were members of the Republican Valley Hereford Association, helped with the construction of the show ring which is still being used today. All three help run the carousel during the fair.

The Douthits are the sons of Jim and Helen Douthit, who farmed land that Jim's father, Frank Douthit, farmed in the early 1930s.

All three were in Plum Creek



Walter, left, and Rudy Douthit



Roger Douthit

4-H from the time they were old enough. Under the direction of Gladys Neilan, they participated in the club activities.

"We liked 4-H and the camaraderie of the other kids, especially in the summer," Walter said. But,

the best part of being in 4-H was going to the fair, they all said.

"The carnival was a fun time but 4-H was work!" Steve said.

They all remembered entering baby beef in the fair each year. Steve was quite a bit younger and, by that time, the family had relatives in Oklahoma who gave them some chickens and rabbits which he entered. He also entered garden vegetables.

They all participated in the style revue.

We didn't mind, they said. We got new clothes and sometimes shoes. Roger said he was counted down one year because he had not polished and shined his old boots.

They remembered that raising their animals for the fair wasn't always fun. One year, Steve remembered, his steer got away and ended up dying. Another steer was tied up and their mother got too

close. The steer ended up breaking her knee and nose.

They did their work in the barns and the food booths. Steve said he still is involved as his kids are young enough to be in 4-H.

Fairs were different then than they are today, they said. They told about the horse and chariot races. They especially remembered Bill Hilt racing a chariot and the horses went on either side of a guide wire and the chariot went up the guide wire. They said Mr. Hilt was kind of bloody but he wasn't hurt too bad. The Douthit boys also brought their ponies in to race.

There were the stock car races and they remembered Calvin Raile and his brother Charlie were good racers.

Rodeos were held at least one time and generally two times during the fair. Everyone came to the rodeo in those days. Local talent

sometimes performed. They remembered Arnold Magley giving bull whip demonstrations, taking cigarettes and papers out of the hands and mouths of Fred and Junior Magley.

The 4-H livestock sale was for livestock, not like the premium sale is today. Walter noted that cattle those days were smaller.

The carnivals came in on trucks and left after the last night of the fair. Each year, a car was given away. Later, they said, cash was given away.

The Douthits said they have always supported the fair and 4-H. Their kids have been members of 4-H and two, Megan and Jared, serve on the fair board.

The fair marshals will be riding near the front of the parade on Saturday. However, their mode of transportation, as of Monday, was still uncertain.

Fair schedule

Thursday, August 6

8 a.m. - 4-H and FFA Swine Show, Small Show Arena
 9 a.m. - Booths and Banner Judging, Fair Building
 11 a.m. - 4-H and FFA Sheep Show, Small Show Arena - 30 Minutes After The Swine Show
 Noon - 4-H Goat Show, Small Show Arena - 30 Minutes After the Sheep Show
 12:30 p.m. - Open Class Food Sale, Fair Building
 6 p.m. - Entries for Horse vs. Horse Power
 7 p.m. - Horse vs. Horse Power, Grandstands Arena
 7 p.m. - 11:00 P.M. Home Owned Carnival Rides and Games

Friday, August 7

8 a.m. - 4-H and FFA Beef Show, Large Show Arena
 10 a.m. - 4-H and Open Class Bucket Calf Show, Large Show Arena
 12:30 p.m. - Open Class Cow/Calf Shows, begins 30 minutes after the completion of the 4-H/FFA Beef Show
 2 p.m. - Round Robin, Large Show Arena
 6 p.m. - Premium Sale
 8 p.m. - Mario Manzini, Grandstands Arena
 7 p.m. - 11:00 P.M. Home Owned Carnival Rides and Games

Saturday, August 8

10 a.m. - Cheyenne County Parade, Downtown
 Noon - Mud Volleyball Tournament, Volleyball Area
 12:30 p.m. - Open Class Pet Show, Small Show Arena
 4:30 Knights of Columbus Barbecue
 6 p.m.-Midnight - Home Owned Carnival Rides and Games
 7 p.m. - Demolition Derby and Lawn mower Tractor Pull, Grandstands Arena



Stephen Douthit



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Knights of Columbus
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 Saturday, Aug. 8 ~ 4:30-6:30 p.m.
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— Menu —
 2 Pillsbury Grands Biscuits w/country gravy \$3.00
 Hormel link sausage (on the side) per link 50¢
 Baja Breakfast Burrito w/salsa \$2.50
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