

Horse wins over horsepower

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New entertainment at the Cheyenne County Fair this year was the "Horse vs Horsepower." Held on Thursday in front of the grandstand, there were 13 horses competing against eight four-wheelers. The top eight times for the horses were tallied against the top times for the four-wheelers.

In the end, the horses and their riders had 38 minutes and 40 seconds; the four-wheelers had 43 minutes and 50 seconds. The winning team each received a T-shirt and "bragging rights."

"People appeared to enjoy participating and the laughs from the crowd indicated they were enjoying the show," said Gary Cooper,

fair board member.

Each horse and rider and four-wheeler and driver competed in the barrels, pole bending and the trailer race. The trailer race with horses found riders starting in a pickup, getting out, unloading their saddled horse from the trailer, riding around the arena two times, loading the horse back up and getting into the pickup. To keep it even, the driver started in the pickup, then took off the holding straps, unloaded the four-wheeler, circled the arena twice, loaded the four-wheeler back up on the flatbed trailer, then went to the pickup.

Megan Douthit-Downey was the high-point winner on her horse with a time of 2 minutes,

58 seconds.

"The event, in general, went along well," Mr. Cooper said. "We had a few things with penalties, that had to be worked out."

"There is already interest building for next year!"

Participating on horses were: Clay Zimbelman, Mac Frewen, Alecia Zimbelman, Dennon Flemming, Megan Downey, C.J. Douthit, Margo Douthit, Slim Baxter, Harold George, Rio McCoy, Bob Kavli, Gary Yonkey, Tonya Yonkey and Dennis Krien.

Those participating on four-wheelers were: Trevor Reed, Mike Hanson, Martin Church, Tyler Enfield, Steve Douthit, Matt Moberly, Roger Zwegardt and Dustin Andrist.



CLAY ZIMBELMAN made his way around the poles as he competed in the Horse vs Horsepower competition on Thursday night of the fair.



Participating in the Horse vs Horsepower, Trevor Reed has to go around the arena twice on his four wheeler.



HAROLD GEORGE, St. Francis, is making good time as he races around one of the barrels.



This horse just doesn't seem to be able to get up any speed as his rider kicks him in the sides.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis USD 297 SCHOOL NOTICES

Schools Must Provide Special Education For Exceptional Children

State and federal court decisions and legislation have specified that all exceptional children have a right to a free appropriate public education based on their needs. This means that local public schools must identify all exceptional children, elementary and secondary, and then provide the needed special education for these students in the most normal educational setting possible. Exceptional children are defined as mentally retarded, specific learning disabled, gifted, hearing impaired, language or speech impaired, behaviorally disordered, physically impaired, multiple-severely handicapped, deaf-blind, and visually impaired.

In northwest Kansas, all of these special education services are available through the local school districts and the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Specific steps in identifying and providing special education services are followed in local districts. All parent and student due-process rights and confidentiality will be provided. All parents will be informed as soon as their child is referred for one of the special programs. The parents, and in some cases the child, will be closely involved with the school's regular and special education personnel in all steps of the process—including testing and evaluation, writing an individual program, and recommending the placement that is best for the child. If parents disagree with the school's special service team decision, they may request a due-process hearing. This is ordinarily not necessary if parents and school personnel work closely together for the child's benefit.

The stated goals of an appropriate educational program for all exceptional students is a reflection of the local district's philosophy to provide a quality education service for all children in the community. For more specific information concerning the special education programs, contact the principal or superintendent of schools. The Kansas State Department of Education also has a toll-free number (1-800-203-9462) that may be called for additional information concerning special education services, rights, and procedures.

Notice of Right To Privacy And Notice of Release Of Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that provides for the maintenance and release of student records. By that law, parents of students (or students if they are at least 18) have the right to inspect the records maintained by the school district about that student and to correct inaccuracies in the records. Access to those records by any other person (except school officials) is prohibited without prior consent by the parent (or the student if at least 18). The Board of Education has adopted a written policy concerning the maintenance of and access to student records, and a part of that policy permits the release of directory information (defined below) as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

St. Francis U.S.D. 297 has designated the following as directory information:

1. The student's name, address, telephone listing, and date and place of birth.
2. The student's major field of study.
3. The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
4. The student's height and weight if a member of an athletic team.
5. The student's dates of attendance.
6. The student's current grade of class designation (K-12).
7. The degrees and awards received by a student.
8. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.
9. Photographs and/or video tapes of the student's participation in instructional and/or school-related activities.

School officials will release this directory information without the consent of the parents or the student unless objection is made to the release of any or all of this information. The objection must be in writing to the Superintendent of Schools; the objection must state what information the parent or student does not want to be classified as directory information and released. If no objection is received by the Superintendent of Schools within two weeks after the student's school entrance, the above information will be classified as directory information and will be released in accordance with the school's normal procedures.

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