

# Entertainment for all ages at Cheyenne County Fair

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. Entries will start at 6 p.m. with the action beginning at 7 p.m.

The committee is planning for 12 horses and 12 four wheelers to be competing.

They will be vying against each other in egg race, 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 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 the arena, then load the horse and get back in the pickup.

The four wheeler will be held on a flatbed trailer with a ratchet strap. The driver will need to take the unloading ramps out of the back of the pickup, take off the ratchet strap, back off, go around the arena twice, drive it onto the trailer, replace the strap, load the ramps and get back in

the pickup.

"We are trying to keep the competition on an even playing field," Mr. Cooper said, noting that the four wheeler will probably go faster than the horse.

"This is the first year for the event and there should be some excitement.

"Plan to come cheer on your favorite horse or four-wheeler."

### Mutton Bustin'

Mutton Bustin' is also held on Thursday evening before the Horse vs Horsepower event. Kids weighing no more than 70 pounds are urged to sign up starting at 6 p.m. There is no age limit to ride but kids will be on their own with no one to run along beside and catch them.

# Republican representative visits on campaign trail

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Republican John Faber, Representative of the 120th District, was in St. Francis at Majestic Service on Thursday morning on the campaign trail. Among the topics discussed were the 1-cent sales tax increase, school funding and budgets and the Capitol remodeling.

He was concerned about the tax increase which was added to the taxes earlier this year to help balance the budget. Faber stated he supported a .4-percent increase which would have been enough to help the budget. He said some towns will now have as much as a 9- and 10-cent tax so there will be many people who travel to Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri to do their spending. He talked about the gas tax in Kansas compared to Missouri. Bud Erskin, owner of Majestic, said the state gets 24 cent on every gallon of gas and the federal government gets 18 cent.

Ryan Shay, who was at the meeting, wondered how the state got by years ago on 3- and 4-percent sales tax.

Rep. Faber said he felt that the state has a lot of property that can be sold including some Wildlife and Parks Land southwest of St. Francis.

As far as school funding, he said the eastern schools are getting more and more of the funding. At one time, the weighting factor had been set up to help smaller schools. Now, the bigger eastern schools are getting more of the weighting factor.

He and Rob Schiltz, St. Francis school superintendent, disagreed



Representative John Faber visits with Lee Nichols during his stop in St. Francis last week.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

on the amount of money that small schools were getting, noting that Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) and Capital Outlay funds were thrown into the figures.

I guess we will just agree to disagree, said Mr. Schiltz.

"If you are re-elected, I just ask that when matters come up in the legislature concerning schools, would you please talk to the superintendents in your five districts and see just how it might concern us," Mr. Schiltz said.

When asked about the remodeling of the Capitol in Topeka, Mr.

Faber said it really needed work. Major work, he said, hasn't been done on the building since the 1930s. Those attending the meeting agreed that it is a state symbol and needed to be kept up. However, there were a few things that might have not been remodeled.

Mr. Faber was featured in the July 22 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* as were Ward Cassidy and Bob Strevey. Those wanting more information on any of these candidates, should take time to read the articles. They are on page 3 of *The Herald* and page 5 of the *Times*.

# 4-H'ers provide food for fair

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The sights, the sounds and the smells of the fairgrounds during the Cheyenne County Fair are memorable. The clatter of the carnival rides, the sounds of contented cattle, the entertainment in front of the grandstands, whether it be music or derby bashes, all mixed with the smell of a cheeseburger coming from the 4-H food booths are remembered as soon as a foot is set on the grounds.

To some, coming to eat at the fair is a once-a-year tradition; to others, it is the convenience of having something to eat between the sheep show and the cow show.

The 4-H food booths are a necessity to people who are participating because they cannot get home or to a restaurant to eat.

For the third year, Vicki Cress has been hired as the coordinator for the 4-H Council booth.

Since the day starts early for

many of the 4-H'ers, their families and other people entering items, she will be serving biscuits and gravy (whole or half orders) starting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday. This speciality breakfast can be enjoyed not only by fairgoers but by the public who is looking for a different place to have breakfast.

The Council booth will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday, it opens up after the parade and closes at midnight.

There will also be barbecue beef sandwiches and homemade potato salad. New this year are ham and cheese sandwiches and turkey and swiss sandwiches. If that isn't what you are looking for, there is a wide variety on the menu, ranging from hamburgers to salads, beans and homemade pie.

The 4-H Council food booth is right beside the Lawn Ridge booth. Lawn Ridge is known for its pork burgers and there is generally a line waiting for them.

Not only are 4-H'ers found working in the food booths, but entire families show up to work. In year's past, former 4-H'ers have also put in time, knowing how often extra help is needed.

The food booths are the main money maker for the year. Often the money is used for community services. The 4-H Council uses the money to help fund camps and trips as well as the Discovery Days event. This year, plans for recruiting 4-H'ers are in the air.

# Many float ideas in this year's theme

"Cowboy Boots and Country Roots" is the theme for Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

"There will be many different 'takes' on the theme and many ideas for different floats for this year's parade," said Carla Lampe, parade chairman.

"We hope everyone has been getting the materials around and building on their floats."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, down St. Francis' Main Street. It will start at the east end of the street and go west. All entries are to meet at the school and those floats being judged need to be at the school by 9 a.m. A map will be published in *The Herald* and *Times* the week of the parade.

The St. Francis Area Chamber

of Commerce is heading up the organization of the parade. There will be no entry blanks to fill out but those with floats can contact the Chamber office at 785-332-2961 or Carla Lampe, 785-332-2145.

Criteria for judging floats include: 1) Unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material and 3) originality. There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

Mrs. Lampe reminds anyone thinking of having a float that it isn't too late to get it together and enter it in the parade.

"Every entry makes the parade just that much bigger and better," she said.



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