

County fair action begins

Carnival help needed for Saturday night

The Cheyenne County Fair is here and volunteers are still needed to help run the rides and booths on Saturday night. By this time, the Amusement Authority usually has the schedule of workers filled but, this year, DeEtta Knorr, Authority member, who is in charge of lining up workers, reported that 45 people are needed Saturday evening of the fair. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings work slots have finally been filled.

We really need help, Mrs. Knorr said. If no one steps up and volun-

teers, we will have to close those games and rides.

The kiddie and big swings and the blue and black octopus rides needs volunteers to run them. Games which have no workers include: Ric a Sha, Waterball, Plinko, Lawn Golf, basketball and High and Low strikers.

The shifts are only for two hours. Anyone who can work one of those games should call Mrs. Knorr at 785-332-2551 or her cell, 332-4073 or call Susie Walz, 785-332-8507.

Tuff Trucks run Thursday night

New entertainment in front of the grandstand at the Cheyenne County Fair is the Tuff Trucks competition on Thursday night. The action will start at 7 p.m.

Adam Peter, fair board member, organized the event but he noted that it was a competition for any vehicle including cars, vans, trucks and even derby cars.

The competition will be held in the demolition derby area but will have jumps, curves and other obstacles to make the race more in-

teresting. Drivers will race one at a time and the best time through the track will be the winner.

There will be three winners and the purse will be determined by the number of entries. The fair board had also agreed to throw in \$100.

Entry fees are \$25 per person and three or four guys might race the same vehicle.

People interested in trying their skill on the track should either show up by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday or call Adam at 785-332-4039.



MANY NEAT PRIZES will be waiting for kids with tokens to claim them during the fair. Susie Walz, left, and Nicky Easter unpack big prizes as well as little prizes. There are over \$10,000 in prizes this year. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Free carousel rides on Wednesday
In appreciation for all the support from the people.
Courtesy of the Amusement Authority

Schedule

Thursday

- 8 a.m. - Open Class Entries Received, Fair Building
- 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 and Mutton Bustin'
- 7 p.m. - Tuff Trucks, Grandstands Arena
- 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Home Owned Carnival Rides and Games

Friday

- 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
- 1 p.m. - Round Robin, Large Show Arena
- 6 p.m. - Premium Sale
- 8 p.m. - Amateur Variety Show, Grandstands Arena
- 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Home Owned Carnival Rides and Games

Saturday

- 10 a.m. - Cheyenne County Parade, Downtown
- 11:30 a.m. - Mud Volleyball Registration
- Noon - Mud Volleyball Tournament, Volleyball Area
- 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

Lots of action in store for derby

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Each year, the demolition derby held Saturday night of the fair, is one of the biggest attractions. This year should be no exception, said Clay Zimbelman, one of the derby coordinators.

Last year, the seating sold out so those wanting to attend need to arrive early to get a seat. New this year is the pickup derby. There has been a lot of interest shown in this event, Zimbelman said. Although, as of Monday, he wasn't sure just how many would enter.

"We are expecting at least 20 cars and probably more," Zimbelman said. "The number of cars in other derbies is down but we are expecting most of the drivers from last year to be entering the fair derby this year."

"We are expecting some really

good competition this year," Zimbelman said.

Guaranteed \$1,500 purse

For the derby, there is a guaranteed \$1,500 first-place purse as well as a trophy. Besides first prize, there will be second-, third- and fourth-place prizes along with heat place money. There are also handcrafted trophies awarded.

The Mad Dog award has a guaranteed \$500 purse. The most aggressive, hardest hitting (within the rules) driver in the derby earns the Mad Dog award.

The pickup derby will have a guaranteed \$800 purse and will also be awarded trophies.

Check-in

Check-in starts at 4 p.m. and ends at 6:30. The derby begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Zimbelman said the derby is expected to start on time with the

drivers' meeting being held prior to starting time.

Lawn mower tractor pull

This is the fourth year for the lawn mower tractor pull. The event keeps the crowd entertained between the derby heats.

Lawn mowers will be pulling a sled on which weights can be added. There will be both a stock and modified class and prizes will be awarded. This year, there will be some twin-engine tractors and that will add to the tractor pull.

Marty Church, coordinator, said

there will be different classes but the general rules include weight restrictions and, if the mower is not a stock riding mower, wheelie bars will be required.

The number of classes will depend on the number of people signing up. Deadline for the tractor pull contest is 6:30 p.m.

We are hoping to keep everything moving smoothly, Church said.

We want the crowd to be entertained throughout the entire derby, added Zimbelman.

Barbecue meal planned Saturday

The Cheyenne County Fair barbecue will be held again this year on Saturday west of the grandstand on the fairgrounds. The barbecue is being prepared and served by the members of the Knights of Columbus from Bird City and St. Francis. Held before the demolition derby, the serving will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat menu will include a barbecued beef sandwich, baked beans, potato chips and iced tea. Farm Credit will be serving watermelon with the meal.

Mike Antholz, Knights member, said, with the help of the McDonald Lions Club, the meat will be prepared using a different recipe than in past years.

A free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$5 per person will be collected. Proceeds will be

used by the Knights for community projects in both Bird City and St. Francis.

Last year, the Knights helped county families in need during times of disaster and other county projects. Mr. Antholz said they also gave two scholarships, one to a Cheylin student and another to a St. Francis student.

"We encourage everyone to attend the barbecue and help make an impact on Cheyenne County," Mr. Antholz said.

He also noted that many of the businesses have helped support the Knight's barbecue. Not able to come to the barbecue or would like to make an additional donation? Send to Knights of Columbus, in care of Mike Antholz, P.O. Box 852, St. Francis, 67756.

Talent show set for Friday evening

"We've Got Talent!" is the theme for the Amateur Variety Show to be presented at the Cheyenne County Fair. The show begins at approximately 8 p.m. on Friday in front of the grandstand.

The St. Francis Music Club is helping sponsor this event along with the fair board. "There is a variety of entries to compete for the prizes to be given," said Ruth Milliken, coordinator. First prize is \$200.

The Community Chorus, under the direction of Althea Lebow, will present a selection of patriotic numbers while the judges deliberate. The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts will present the flags during this time.

Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the evening.

Mrs. Milliken and the entire Music Club is urging everyone to come enjoy the evening!!

Parade begins at 10 a.m.

Plan your float and parade entries around the theme, "Reach for the Stars, Lasso the Future," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator. "We want the 2011 parade on Saturday to be the biggest parade ever."

"It's not too late to build a float or entry. The theme gives those planning floats and other entries plenty of ideas to work with."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday down St. Francis' Main Street starting at College Street in front of the high school. All entries are to meet at the school and those floats being judged need to be at the school by 9 a.m. Check the map with this article.

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.

This year's parade marshal is Dr. Judy Baxter who has been helping 4-H'ers and the fair board for the last 20 years. Last year's marshal was Norvin Anderson, who had led the parade as a law officer for many years.

The 2010 grand champion float went to the Kelly Family The float had many of the Kelly descendants riding. On the side was a sign, "A few old boots gave us a lot of Kelly roots." Capstone Counseling won the business di-

vision; the Matthies-Hilt family took home the family division winnings, and the Living Water Fellowship Church, the organization division.

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.

