



Fair closes for another year

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The Cheyenne County Fair is over for another year. The 4-H'ers and their families, along with all the volunteers, carnival crew and fair board members, headed home Saturday, tired but knowing that it had been a good fair.

The temperatures were hot for the most part. There was rain Thursday night which cooled the temperatures. However, it didn't slow down the Tuff Trucks event that was already getting wet as they ended the last lap of the track by going through a pool of muddy water.

Carnival games and rides were busy all four nights of the fair but lightning slowed down the rides on Thursday but they were able to resume later on.

The demolition derby drew the crowd during the fair. Clay Zimbelman, committee chairman, said it sold out again. There were 13 cars competing with St. Francis man, Alan Rose, raking in the first prize money of \$1,500. Second place went to David Rose who won \$700; third prize went to Kelly Lampe, and Keaton Frewen, fourth. David Rose earned the Mad Dog award of \$500.

Top winners and winners of the heats were also awarded custom-made trophies by John Guthmiller, Ross Manufacturing, and Mr. Zimbelman.

New this year was the pickup derby. Winning first prize was Dennis Vandike, Benkelman.

For the first year, said Adam Peter, fair board member, we had a good turnout of drivers who had a lot of fun and the grandstand crowd seemed to enjoy the action. There have been several people indicate they will be there next year and we are expecting more competitors.

Since this was the first year for the event, there were some problems with the track. Next year, Peter said, we will make some



CHECKING IT OUT — Kaleb Todd was intrigued with what the judge, Keith Vanskike, was saying on Wednesday morning.

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changes to the course.

This was the fourth year for the lawn mower pull contest.

The Friday grandstand entertainment drew a big crowd as local acts performed. There was a variety of entertainment and each routine received a round of applause. Winning was Darby

Sabin who performed a vocal solo. Taking second place was the Isernhagen family; and third place went to Breeilyn Brigola, Matthisen Witzel, Hadleigh Hilt and Makaila Matthies who performed a sock hop to "Dance Around The Clock."

On Wednesday, Cheyenne

County Memorial team roping was the grandstand entertainment. The local ropers, in a round-robin order, had some good roping. Seasoned St. Francis ropers, Butch Ewing and Lyn Wiley, took home belt buckles provided by the St. Francis Equi-

ty. The local roping was followed by the open roping. Contributors added money to the pot, adding to the excitement of the show. Winners were Dennis Walters and TJ Watts, first; Dwight Arnold and TJ Watts, second; Shelby Tyan and Roger Meritt, third; and Tice Watts

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Music concert set for Sunday

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Bring your lawn chair and plan to spend Sunday afternoon at the Haigler Music Festival. The 10th festival will be held around the Haigler Village Park. Meals will be available in the park and a free-will donation will be accepted. Proceeds go toward Village improvements and the Haigler Improvement Committee scholarship.

Featured musical groups are the Garage Bunch, Nate and AJ, and Skeeter Bite.

The Garage Bunch started in 2002 when Vern Bauer retired and moved to the north side of the tracks in Burlington, Colo., right across the street from LaVoine Smith. One day Vern was sitting in front of his garage plunking on his banjo, and LaVoine walked over to listen to the music.

When Vern asked if he played, that was the beginning of the weekly jam sessions at Vern's garage. Soon the word spread, the ranks grew and most Friday afternoons they were making music in Vern's garage.

Most of the time, they have the Burlington bunch. Loren Lambert on vocals, lead guitar, the fiddle and bass. His brother, Doyle Lambert on lead and rhythm guitar. Vern on steel guitar, banjo, guitar, dobro and mandolin. Vern Jacobsen, the harmonica player. LaVoine Smith, who grew up in Haigler, playing rhythm guitar and vocals.

Sometimes, Loren's son, Kyle shows up to play bass or guitar. Other regulars include Vern Warner from Flagler, Colo., providing vocals and guitar. Don Ammons from Hoxie, who plays the bass,

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University student lands internship in California

St. Francis resident, Sara Miller was selected from roughly 1,100 applicants for one of 39 spots in the Academy of Television Foundation's coveted summer internship program. This summer, she will be supporting the Los Angeles-based production company, Mark Burnett Productions, working in tandem with some of the industry's top show runners.

In addition to hitting the agency's in-house "9-5," Sara began July 25 attending professional development workshops put on by the Television Academy Foundation, and being exposed to multiple industry networking opportunities.

Sara discovered the internship program online. It was my ultimate dream goal to plan the Oscars someday, she said. As she searched, she kept that goal in mind

"When I found the Emmys Foundation and its internship program, I just couldn't pass it up!" she said.

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SARA MILLER works at her desk in Los Angeles. She was selected out of over 1,000 as an intern and will be helping with the Emmy production.

Strong storm takes off roof northwest of Bird City

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The National Weather Service in Goodland sounded the alert about 6 p.m. on Monday that a severe storm was headed toward eastern Cheyenne County. Emergency crews were out watching the storm and the tornado siren was heard in Bird City.

Bird City received mostly high winds, uprooting some large trees on the west side of the city. There was significant tree damage in the

city, said Ryan Murray, county emergency manager.

Another tree at the roadside rest area in McDonald was split and laid over onto U.S. 36. An irrigation sprinkler belonging to Claude Gleason in the Big Timber area was overturned.

With wind speeds of over 70 miles per hour, a protective roof was blown off at the Sam Beeson place northwest of Bird City. Norma Martinez, who lives southeast of Bird City, said the hail was

marble- to dollar-size and there was a lot of it along with about 2-inches rain.

The corn crop in that area also suffered from the hail but, at this time, the amount of damage is not available.

Mr. Murray said no tornado was seen and the tornado warning was lifted about as fast as it had been announced. Within 30 minutes, the storm had made it's way out of the county and was into Rawlins and Thomas counties.

Congressman plans visit

Cheyenne County residents are urged to meet Congressman Tim Huelskamp on Wednesday, Aug. 17, for a town hall meeting. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room in the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Francis.

Besides St. Francis, Congressman Huelskamp will also hold a

meeting in Atwood from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Rawlins County Courthouse.

The meetings were postponed because of unforeseen changes in the Congressional calendar.

The congressman said he had heard from hundreds of constituents over the past few weeks as Washington attempts to deal

with the debt and spending problems facing the country.

"I look forward to continuing to listen to what Kansans have to say on these issues and others," he said. "Washington still has a lot of work to do when it comes to reducing excessive spending. I need to hear from Kansans what their priorities are."

Board member honored

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St. Francis man, John Finley, was recognized for his years of helping at the fair at the Wednesday night team roping. He was presented a huge belt buckle which he immediately replaced his old buckle with.

He is a fair board member and has helped with the Cheyenne County Fair almost since it began. He even remembers the fair being behind the courthouse.

Mr. Finley has spent almost his entire life in Cheyenne County. He was the son of John and Dorothy Finley.

As a youngster, he was a member of a 4-H club which no longer exists. Each year he took a steer and dairy heifers to the fair. He liked working with livestock but especially liked horses.

When he went to college at Kansas State University in Manhattan, he received a degree in animal science but his main interest was horses and rodeo. He was a charter member of the K-State Rodeo Club and participated in the calf roping event in the first Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo



JOHN FINLEY put on his new belt buckle after he was given it on Wednesday night of the fair.

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which was held in the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

Mr. Finley said he was 7- or 8-years-old when he attended the first fair. The exhibit area was behind the courthouse in St. Francis and temporary pens were put up.

In the late 30s or early 40s, the fairgrounds were established at the present site.

From Jenkins Hall, the livestock barn was added to the west and hog barns to the north. In those

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