



GREAT FUN FOR KIDS as well as adults. The Silver Zepher is a popular ride at the Cheyenne County Fair. Scott Knebel, left, and his children, Jacob, Jessica and Jeremiah, were having a good time. Driving the train was Carl Jenkins.

Carnival once again is well attended at the fair

The summer had been hot with day after day of 100-plus degree temperatures. For the first part of fair week, the temps continued to be hot. Thursday, it began to cool down and the temperature was warm but not as hot – just right for riding the carnival rides and playing the games.

The Amusement Authority is made up of a board of volunteers who have been working on rides, painting and ordering prizes, since the carnival ended last year. Throughout the year, the members and other volunteers have been making repairs.

They thought everything was up to good working order and rides had been inspected. However, on Wednesday, the Ferris wheel ride had a malfunction and was shut down. A number of the volunteers who help with the carnival are also me-

chanics. They worked most of the day on Thursday and the ride was up and running that night.

The Ferris wheel is one of the more popular rides at the fair and there are always long lines of people waiting their turn.

The carnival games and rides are manned by volunteers but, as of the first of fair week, it looked as though many of the rides and games would not be running on Saturday night, the busiest night of the fair. Connie Wilger, authority member, reported that some of the games and rides did not have anyone signing up to run them. However, the people pulled through and practically everything had volunteers, some serving several shifts in a row.

Susie Walz, Authority member, said most of

the members would fill in when a volunteer was needed at a game or a ride.

Greg Walz, member of the Amusement Authority, said the attendance was the same or even up this year.

Looking at the prizes, Mrs. Walz said, a big majority of them were purchased with tokens. This year, there were almost \$12,000 in prizes to be given away.

“Overall, it was a good carnival,” Mr. Walz said. “But, we couldn’t put on four days of the carnival without all the people who help.”

“No matter how big or small of a job they did to get ready for the fair, every person who helped is appreciated,” he said.

The authority members and volunteers will

start working on equipment the first Thursday in September and will work each Thursday evening until it is too cold.

“We need people to help,” he said. “Just come out and we will find things for you to do.”

Mr. Walz, who has been helping at the carnival for 20 years, said seeing the looks of enjoyment on people’s faces, especially the children, is all the payment he needs.

“I see people sitting on the benches and they are enjoying talking with people who have come to the fair to do the same thing,” he said. “Seeing these smiling people and hearing the laughter of children makes all the work we do throughout the year worthwhile!”

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