



THE MATTHIES FAMILY won the family division in the 2012 Cheyenne County Fair parade held on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Another great fair parade enjoyed by crowd

It was Aug. 4 and most of the time, the weather is hot, starting early in the day. However, this year, it was cool. In fact, there were several seen wearing jackets. However, by the time the parade was over, it had warmed up but the high for the day was only 83 degrees – nice weather for the fair!

There were many people on St. Francis' Main Street to watch the Cheyenne County Fair Parade. Many had reserved places along the side of the park and courthouse where there is some shade. The traffic is blocked from parking west of Benton.

Many people find the time before the parade to see and visit with people they have not seen since the year before. Sawhill Park and the city park offer a cool, shady place just for those people.

The Bolin's Hobo Snack Shack had set up at the park and served hamburgers and hot dogs following the parade.

The pom pon girls, the band representing Unger Chiropractic and the Living Waters float provided music.

The parade was made up of business, organization, family and individual floats and other entries. There was a variety of entries from fire trucks, to old and unique cars, politicians, big and little equipment, the demolition cars and candy – lots and lots of candy for children to pick up as the floats went by.

Coordinated by First National Bank, the parade was headed by Carla Lampe,

It was another great parade, said Mrs. Lampe. "I think everyone had fun!"

Candy and trinkets along with popsicles were thrown to the crowd along the parade route; and Living Waters Church members were passing out iced bottles of water and there were several floats handing popsicles.

This year's theme was "Country Nights and Carnival Lights" and people found many ways to use the theme in their floats.

Winning the first-place commercial division float was St. Francis Redi-Mix. The Matthies family won the family division; and Living

Water Fellowship Church, Bird City, took the organization division. This is the second year the church has won this division.

Presiding over the parade this year were grand marshals, Ken Beougher and Norman Dorsch. They rode in their 1927 Model T and were having a good time. They were recognized for the many years of helping 4-H'ers and participating in the parade.

The county fair is over and Mrs. Lampe is hoping people are planning their float for next year's fair parade.

The next parade held in the city is the Christmas opening Light Parade. It may be hot now but it won't be long until the Christmas season rolls around and their could be snow on the ground. The Light Parade is one of the highlights of the season as the sparkling lights twinkle in the crisp,



THE COLORFUL CHEYENNE Shrine Club has their fire truck in the parade every year.

winter air. People need to be thinking about their float for this parade.... all it takes is a trailer, a bunch of lights, a generator and an idea.