

# Wildlife fishing contest held

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Over 50 young anglers under the age of 15 from across the area descended upon Keller Pond this past Saturday, for the annual Huck Finn day. Bundled for the cold morning temperatures, all the youngsters were optimistic while waiting for that first strike of the morning. Several of the anglers who had already caught fish stayed alert for the next big one.

Parents, relatives, and volunteers were on hand to lend a helping hand, untangling lines, helping the kids unhook their prize catches, and just giving out the general encouragement that they could hook a "big one" at any moment.

Helping out were Patrick Delano, who was setting up the food tent and getting the new smoker ready to go for the hotdogs, along with fixins and beverages. Brock McAtee, Francis O'leary and Jack Oathout were on hand, helping out the kids as needed. For the third year, Williams Brothers Market in Atwood donated the hot dogs, rolls and drinks for the event. Cheyenne County Wildlife donated the rest.

On Sunday, 12 teams turned out for the two-man tournament. There were still plenty of big ones in the pond waiting to be caught. The anglers braved a cold morning to get an early start and a chance of cash prizes.

First place was taken by Keegan Sherlock and Jessie Baxter. Together they caught seven fish totaling 16 pounds 4 ounces.

Second place was won by Josh McQuitty and Lawrence Sheldon of Atwood. They caught 10 fish totaling fourteen pounds.

Last years winners, Slim Baxter and Cody Baxter, came in third place. They caught eight fish, for a total of 10 pounds 14 ounces.

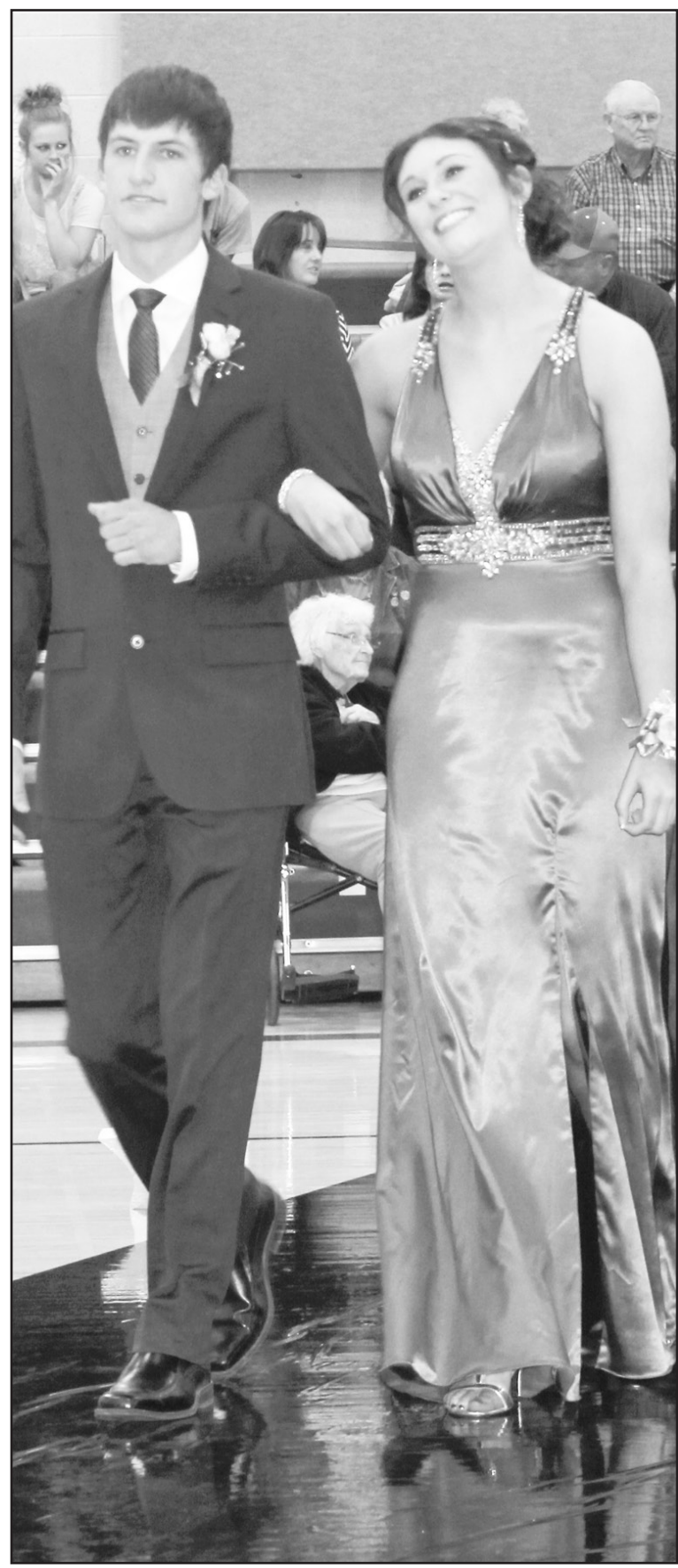
Frances O'Leary, one of the tournament organizers, was pleased with the turnout and said, "We will be back again next year."



**GAUGE FRITZ goes fishing with the help of his father Chris during the Huck Finn Days at Keller Pond.**  
Herald staff photo by Douglas Sloper



**KEEGAN SHERLOCK and Jesse Baxter competed at the two-man fishing tournament and won first place on Sunday.**  
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**MASON SCHILTZ and Aly Schlepp had a good time as they walked through the high school gymnasium for promenade.**  
Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller



**Junior class: back row - Cade Bracelin, Erik Nelson, Shakotah Blanka, Kyler Zwegardt, Jonathan Hoard, Ian Schmid, Tanner Gilliland; front row - Mariah Beikman, Dallas Reed, McKayla Taylor, Justice Wiley, Kyla Bandel, Ashlee Orth, Valerie Wurm.**

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*Thanks again,  
The SFCHS Junior Class*

# County fair will have no team roping this year

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It was announced at the Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting on April 3 that there will not be Wednesday night team roping at the fair this year. The contractor that usually stocks the cattle for the team roping event is no longer available, which will end the possibility of having the event.

In place of the team roping, the fair board is going to hold a "Redneck Olympics" on Wednesday night. This will include farm games and competitions. The board got the idea from the Rawlins County Fair's Farm Olympic Competition.

**County Commissioner Visits**  
In addition to fair board members, county commissioner Ernie Ketzner joined the meeting. When discussion turned to

having a calcutta for the demolition derby, Commissioner Ketzner said that the commissioners feel that if the board would like to have a calcutta, then it is the board's responsibility. The commissioners will not endorse it. He also recommended that they only have the calcutta in the pits and not in the stands. The board did not make a decision for or against the calcutta at this time.

The electric company would like to add lines through the carnival and place a pole in the parking lot, which the Amusement Authority is against. Commissioner Ketzner recommended that the board discuss it with the county commissioners and county attorney. The Fair Board agreed to let the the commissioners handle the situation.

**Building Issues**  
The water main that broke over

the winter has been repaired. All the bills may be able to be turned into the insurance, and the board is looking in to the matter. The water will be turned on at the livestock barns for the conservation district this week.

Linda Elfers, Cheyenne County Agent Assistant, asked the fair board if there were high levels of carbon monoxide in the furnace room, was it safe for After Prom to use the building? The board said they would discuss the issue with Heartland HVAC.

Linda also reported that Heartland HVAC asked for permission to install more toilets in the Exhibit Building. Linda told them to contact President Bursch.

**Next meeting**  
The next monthly meeting of the Cheyenne County Fairboard will be on Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the commissioner's room.