

Tuff Trucks competition at the fair gets new coordinator

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The Tuff Trucks competition has a new fair board member that is working hard to bring some loud, fast, muddy fun Friday night for the audience! This is the fourth year for the Tuff Trucks competition at the Cheyenne County Fair, and Troy Zwegardt's first year in charge of the event. In the past three years the response, both from the participants and the grandstand crowd, has been overwhelming.

All the Tuff Trucks need to be ready to go by 7 p.m. on Friday night, Aug. 8, to sign up for the competition. Pits will open at 6 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. in the grandstands at the fair grounds.

The Tuff Trucks competition is an off-road course designed to test the durability of the truck that the contestant has built.

To test the trucks, during the day on Friday, fair board members and other volunteers will be getting the track ready for the Tuff Trucks. The competition will be held in the demolition derby area, but this track will have twists and turns, jumps, obstacles, and some muddy water to splash through to make the race more entertaining. Cheyenne County has supplied the equipment needed to build the course, and St. Francis Equity is letting the fair board use their truck and supplying the water for the course. Kelly Lampe will be there as well to pull any vehicles that may die off the course.

Troy explained that this year the water pit will not be quite as

deep, but just enough to make a splash. Last year the depth of the water hole caused some delays, and he is changing the course so that it will enhance the excitement. The thrill as the vehicles go flying over the hills and through the water pit is contagious in the grandstands.

To step up the competition this year, Troy is accepting cash donations from businesses to make a larger purse for the winners. St. Francis Auto Parts, Andy Biekman Enterprises, SpringCreek Gamebirds, Brice's Auto Repair, Yost Farm Supply, Yost Ford Mercury, Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King, L&W Insurance, Roger Neitzel Heating and Cooling, Brock McAtee Construction, Frontier Ag in Bird City, and Hot Brush Signs in Bird City have all generously donated to the Tuff Trucks competition. Troy said the committee is still looking for businesses to give cash donations to make the competition even more exciting.

The top five contestants will receive cash prizes. Each driver will receive three passes to race. Mechanics will receive two passes to compete as well, making this year's Tuff Trucks a longer show with five rounds all together. Entry fees and donations will determine how much the purse grows, and how much the five winners will take home.

There will also be a crowd pleasing award. Whoever gets the crowd going and excited will receive a trophy as well!

Ross Manufacturing made trophies for the top three drivers

and the fastest mechanic, as well as a crowd pleasing award. All of the trophies and cash prizes will be presented following the Tuff Trucks competition in front of the grandstands for the audience to see, so make sure to stay to find out who won!

All of the rules and regulations, as well as the information on winnings, can be found at the Cheyenne County Fair's website at www.cheyenneksfair.com. The rules are pretty simple. Each participant must wear a seat belt and helmet, and the battery in the vehicle must be tied down. Contestants must be 16 years old with a valid drivers license.

So far, Troy said he knows of eight local contestants that plan on competing. However, he was sure there were more Tuff Trucks being built as well. He is hoping for a large turnout, and the committee is hoping people from the surrounding area will decide to enter the contest as well.

"We are looking for a big turnout!" Troy said.



JOLENE DODD sells Mary Kay alongside other vendors at the 'Christmas in July' shopping day in Union Square. Also pictured is shopper Charlie Nipps.
Herald staff photo by Carol Sloper



BROCK MCATEE CONSTRUCTION was busy tearing out the sidewalk Monday afternoon to the west of the grade school. A new sidewalk will be in place by the time school starts this year.
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Don't forget the Tractor Convoy Breakfast in Wheeler on Friday, Aug. 1, from 8 - 9 a.m.! After breakfast, convoy down to the Thresher Show for fun at the tractor rodeo!!

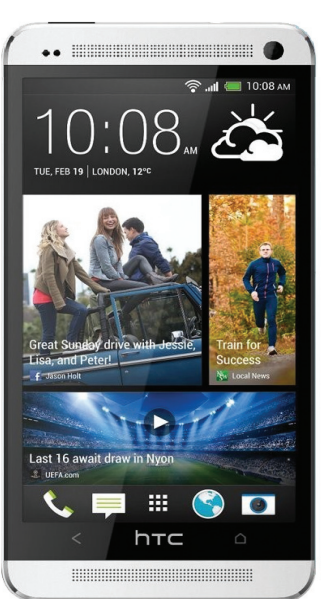
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