



People needed for rides, games

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The Cheyenne County Fair is just around the corner, but there are still a lot of rides and games that do not have volunteers to run them. If those slots are not filled, then they will be closed.

Lucinda Straub has been organizing the roster of names and carnival rides and games this year, and recruiting volunteers. People are especially needed to run games and rides on Friday and Saturday night. While the grandstands are full of people watching the shows, there are also many people who wish to ride the carnival rides and play games.

Each of the rides and games need two people. Couples, friends or individuals, that are able to help are asked to call Lucinda Straub at 785-772-7380.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have already committed their time. Please show up at the scheduled time to run the ride or game you signed up for.

The carnival rides are able to continue year after year thanks to dedicated volunteers in the community. The Amusement Authority members can sometimes take a shift if there is a "no-show," but due to a lack of members, it is impossible to fill-in this year. If no one shows up, the game or ride will have to be shut down and a "Closed" sign will be hung until volunteers come for the next shift.

The Amusement Authority is always looking for new members as well so that the carnival can keep going every year at the fair. If you are interested in becoming a member, or have any questions, contact Lucinda.

If there are rides or games with a "Closed" sign hung and you would like to volunteer to fill in, you can go to the Prize Booth and sign up right then so that the ride or game can open back up.

The lack of volunteers has been a problem throughout the years. However, last year and this year the problem has become serious. The carnival cannot run without dependable volunteers. Volunteer some time so that the Cheyenne County Fair games and rides can continue to be a fun-filled community event for everyone to enjoy!



BRADY DINKEL had his flip off the diving board pretty much perfected. The hot weather has found many kids and adults enjoying the swimming pool.

Herald staff photo by Douglas Sloper

Cowboy poet, humorist set for fair on Thursday

Baxter Black will entertain at the Cheyenne County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 7. The show starts at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Tickets can be purchased on line, www.cheyennefair.com/grand-stands.html; or contact Dick Bursch, 785-821-0492; or purchased at the gate.

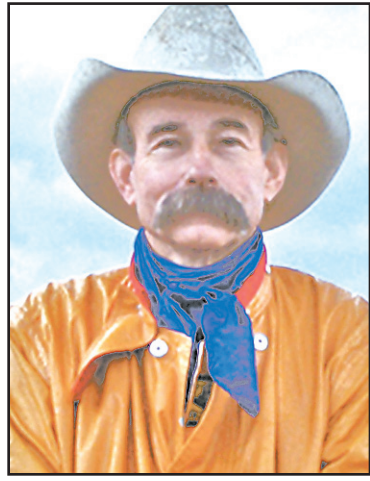
Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. As he puts it, "he has a narrow following, but it's deep!" For over 25 years he has traveled the U.S. and Canada, scattering his wit and left-handed observations to folks looking for a bright spot in their day.

When asked how many books he has written, he quotes the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "Altogether, too many." Over one million books and audios sold, a weekly column, a weekly radio program, a weekly television program ...there's no place to hide if you live in the country!

He has poked his head above the horizon long enough to attract urban followers (gentiles, he calls them), through National Public Radio, public television, Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, Random House and USA Today.

Baxter says his life has been blessed, "I like what I do. I have a great home to come home to, a couple good horses, a few cows, a good dog, and friends everywhere I go. I'm square with God and I make a living entertaining people I care about.

"My audience is my



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inspiration," he says, "Every cowboy, rancher, vet, farmer, feed salesman, ag teacher, cowman and rodeo hand has a story to tell, and they tell it to me. I Baxterize it and tell it back to 'em! It doesn't seem fair, does it?"

If you look around, you're not more than one or two degrees of separation from his omni-cowboy presence! He's kinda like a good pair of boots, a faithful cowdog, or even the flu. Try him out, he's contagious!

You can find him in Benson, Arizona at baxterblack.com. He's the real thing. Because, as he says, "You can't be what you aren't!"

Local sponsors for Black visit to the fair are The Bank, Bankwest, Western State Bank, First National Bank, Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic and Yost Farm Supply and Yost Ford.

4-H style revue scheduled for Monday evening

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The 4-H Public Fashion Revue will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at the auditorium in the St. Francis high school. This year's 4-H Fashion Revue will build on the fair theme From Cowboys to Cadillacs.

Superintendents of the fashion revue are Sharissa Andrist, Sondra Bracelin, Tina Sager, and Lynn Laten.

In year's past, the judges have been pleased with the clothing construction, the buymanship and modeling skills of county 4-H'ers.

Each 4-H'er will have the opportunity to show off their garments by modeling across the stage.

There are 4-H'ers with construction projects and others in buymanship strategy projects. There are 17 outfits that will be modeled in the clothing construction category, including a crochet project. The 4-H'ers will be wearing clothes that they have hand picked for school, church and other special events and activities.

All together, there will be a total of 60 projects this year said Linda Elfers, Cheyenne County Assistant

Extension Agent. The 4-H'ers have been busy this year building projects.

Fiber arts items will also be shown. There are three 4-H'ers enrolled in this class and three projects have been entered. The projects include crochet and quilting.

County 4-H'ers in the buymanship category buy their clothing, model it, and answer questions from the judges on how to care for the clothing and how the student will wear it. The 4-H'ers have the option of doing one dress outfit and one casual

outfit this year.

"Cheyenne County 4-H'ers pick outstanding clothing for the buymanships and have great skills in clothing construction," said Mrs. Andrist. "Come see their personalities shine through the selections they have chosen to model at the fashion revue."

Mistress of ceremony for the evening is Mariah Biekman, Cheyenne County Young Miss.

Everyone is urged to support the 4-H'ers. There is no admission.

Before the Public Fashion Revue on Monday evening, the 4-H'ers will be presenting their

clothing projects for judging at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. The 4-H Fashion Revue/ Buymanship Judging will start at 8:30 a.m. Beginning around 9 a.m. the 4-H clothing construction and fiber arts judging will begin.

All the superintendents will be present to judge from 8 a.m. until about noon said Sharissa Andrist, head superintendent of the fashion revue. They look forward to seeing what the 4-H'ers bring this year.

After the fashion revue, the clothing construction projects will be set-up for display in the fair building on Tuesday evening.

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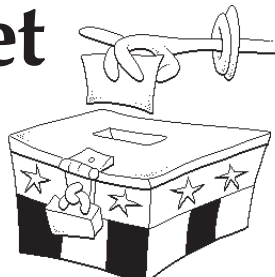


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Pom and Cheer captains, (l to r), Kylie Sherlock, Kyla Bandel and Emily Elfers finalizing plans for the Pom and Cheer Mini Clinic, to be held Aug. 11-14 in Sawhill Park.