

# Former 4-H leader selected as fair marshal

By Karen Krien

John Finley will be the Grand Marshal of the Cheyenne County Fair Parade on Aug. 3. The parade entries will gather at the high school about 9 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. on St. Francis' Main Street.

Mr. Finley is a familiar sight around the area especially at fair time when he volunteers hours and days of his time to helping the fair be one of the best. He can be seen in the livestock barns, helping with the sale or nailing tin on the roof of a fair building but this year, he will take the seat of honor as Grand Marshal.

Mr. Finley has spent almost his entire life in Cheyenne County. As a youngster, he was a member of a 4-H club which longer exists. Each year he took a steer and dairy heifers to the fair. He liked working with livestock but especially liked horses.

When he went to college at Kansas State University in Manhattan, he received a degree in animal science but his main interest was horses and rodeo. He was a charter member of the K-State Rodeo Club and participated in the calf roping event in the first Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo which was held in the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

His trip to San Francisco was long and tiring. Six of the rodeo enthusi-

asts took two cars and drove non-stop to California, stopping only long enough for short breaks, food and gas.

"I didn't place but I can say that I was there and participated," Mr. Finley said.

One winter while he was at K-State, he took a horse with him. He kept him at the railroad stockyards but the stockyards were across town from where he was staying. He had a bike which he put a motor on. The saddle was placed across the handlebars and he was off with the rest of the gear strapped on elsewhere. He was probably quite a site but it was the only way he had to get from home to the horse.

He was active in rodeo for 10 years, often being a participant in the local rodeos. He worked with the Fair Rodeo Committee from 1949 to this year and helped construct the fair rodeo arena. In 1985, he was awarded the RCA Gold Membership card.

Mr. Finley said he was 7- or 8-years-old when he attended the first fair. The exhibit area was behind the courthouse in St. Francis and temporary pens were put up. Harvey Stuart was in charge of the exhibits. Then the livestock exhibits were moved to the sale barn.

In the late 30s or early 40s, the fair-



Finley

ground was established at the present site. He remembers Jenkins Hall being erected and he pointed out that this is the only building at the fairgrounds which is named for a person. Mrs. Jenkins (Mr. Finley couldn't remember her first name) was a home economic agent.

"Everyone liked her," he said.

From Jenkins Hall, the livestock barn was added to the west and hog barns to the north. During the 1960s, the Western Republican Hereford Association was active and holding yearly sales in Jenkins Hall but it really wasn't satisfactory. They, with the permission of the fair board, added the sale ring where the Premium Sales are held today.

When Mr. Finley returned to St. Francis after graduating from college, he worked with Joe and Gladys Neilan, who were the Plum Creek 4-H leaders. Later, he and his wife Bernadine were married and when their children came along, they again became active in 4-H, being club leaders for 14 years.

"We always supported 4-H and thought that it and the fair were invaluable," he said.

In years past, he has ridden a horse in the parade but this year, he has changed his form of horse-power to a convertible. He also plans to have part of his grandchildren with him.

He will be 75-years-old on Aug. 8 and he has seen a lot of fairs and workers and, when he was asked what makes a fair — a good fair —, he said, "Volunteers! There wouldn't be a fair without volunteers and the support of parents and the community!"



# Fair rodeo slated for Friday night

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The Cheyenne County Fair Rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night in front of the grandstand. Besides being a full-fledged rodeo, there will also be junior barrel racing.

The rodeo is put on by the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association and the Nebraska State Rodeo Association.

"We are expecting the same good bucking stock from Yuma Rodeo

Stock out of Torrington, Wyo., said Cliff Pilkington, noting that the owner had promised his best horses and bucking bulls to come to St. Francis.

"They will have had a break and should be buckin' pretty good by the time they get here."

Contests will include: bareback riding, calf roping, saddle bronc, ladies breakaway, steer wrestling, team roping, ladies barrels and bull riding.

"Last year we were a little short on rough stock riders but this year, there is more money to be won and hopefully, they will have suffered less injuries," Mr. Pilkington said. "There are also no other conflicts with other rodeos."

There will be some local riders as well as the junior barrel racers participating in the show. There should be some great action and fun.

# Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade will begin on St. Francis' Main Street at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Dawn Lucas, coordinator of the parade, reported that entries were slow coming in but it looks like the parade is going to be another great one! Entries will be taken up to Friday and late comers may join the parade Saturday morning but they might not be announced as they come down the street.

This year's parade is one of special meaning since the Sept. 11 attack. The theme is "United We Stand."

Everyone is encouraged to support the nation as they participate in the parade. Mrs. Lucas expects a lot of red, white and blue.

Those planning on having 4-wheelers,

vehicles, motorcycles or decorated golf carts and want their name mentioned as they go through the parade, will need to fill out an entry form. Forms can be picked up at Bankwest, First National Bank, the extension office or at the St. Francis Herald.

"Please don't wait until Saturday morning to register," Mrs. Lucas said.

The parade will follow the same route as last year and it will begin at the high school on College Street. The parade will leave the school at 9:30 so it can be on Main Street at 10. All entries are expected to be at the high school around 8:30 a.m.

For more questions, contact Mrs. Lucas at Bankwest, 785-332-3333 or at home, 785-332-3212.

## Fair parade marshal

John Finley has been selected as this year's fair parade marshal. He has been helping with the Cheyenne County Fair for years and seldom missed a parade. Check this week's *St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* for more about the Grand Marshal

## Maverick Band to perform

For the past two years, the Maverick Band has provided music for the fair parade and this year, they plan to play again. Van Burrus along with Abby Burr and Hal Sager will be participating with the band. Following the parade, the band will be in concert in the park behind the courthouse. Later, the Cheyenne County Shrine Club members will be providing lunch for the band members.

# Watch for cattle out on the county roads

Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring reports that cattle are still breaking through the fences looking for the grass and even weeds on the other side.

"They (the cattle) are a hazard to motorists but motorists need to be on the lookout for cattle on the roads," he said.

The weather continues to be dry. Many cattle herds have been put on Conservation Reserve Program land but it doesn't take a herd of cattle long to clean it up and begin looking for something else to eat. Many of the farmers and ranchers are feeding their cattle some type of hay or feed but that is expensive and each day it doesn't rain, the price seems to creep a little higher. Some producers have taken their cattle to the sale but for many, it has taken a lifetime to build and they don't want to give it up until there is absolutely no choice.

In the meantime, livestock is looking for more to eat. Sheriff Dankenbring said that because of the dry weather, electric fences do not work as they don't ground. Calves just go through the wires.

The sheriff has calls of cattle out daily and one day, there were five or six calls.

"Farmers are trying (to keep their cattle in) but neighbors could help a little by calling the neighbor if the cattle are out instead of calling the power plant. It's hot and tempers are short. Neighbors need to work together," he said. "Also, drivers need to slow down."

The sheriff said in western Kansas, there is an "open range" law that does not hold the producer liable if his cow is out on the road. The car owner has to pay for any damage if a cow is hit. "I can't say it enough — slow down!" he said.

If a driver sees one or more cows out, they are urged to call the cattle owner if it is known and, if possible, stick around to help get them back in. If not, call the power plant so the cow(s) can be removed a quickly as possible.

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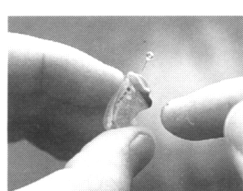
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