



## It's fair time

### The county fair started Wednesday; ends Saturday

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair has begun. The lights and sounds of the carnival are exciting as the young children and their parents make their way to the fairgrounds. Grandstand activities are every night throughout the fair, Wednesday through Saturday.

The 4-H'ers, who have spent months preparing their livestock and other projects, will know the outcome of their labors and most will have at least one (they can only have two) at the Premium Sale which is slated to start at 5:45 p.m. on Friday.

"The fair board and many volunteers have been working days and evenings getting the equipment, buildings and arena ready for the fair activities," said Dick Bursch, president.

"As usual, we are expecting one of the best fairs in the area with some of the best exhibits, best entertainment and the best parade."

The home-owned carnival is open every evening. (See related article.)

The grandstand entertainment at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening was the Kids Ranch Rodeo.

On Thursday evening at 7 p.m., "Streetside" will be entertaining the audience with a variety of songs. (See related article.)

Friday night is the Adults/Kids Ranch Rodeo which offers more action than the Wednesday night event. (See related article.)

A brief schedule of Thursday and Friday fair activities are listed.

#### Thursday:

- 4-H swine show - 8 a.m.
- 4-H sheep show - 11 a.m.
- Open class judging - 11 a.m.
- Rocketry Conference judging - 2 p.m.

Streetside, Grandstand, - 7 p.m.

#### Friday

- 4-H/FFA beef show - 8 a.m.
- Premium sale - 5:45 p.m.
- Adult/Kid's Ranch Rodeo, grandstand - 7 p.m.

See related article for the Saturday fair activities.

Fair special sections and fair books can be picked up at the courthouse, St. Francis and Bird City banks and *The Saint Francis Herald* office.

## Saturday fair events planned

By Karen Krien

Saturday will mark the beginning of a day packed full of activities and the end of the Cheyenne County Fair.

The day will start with the parade at 10 a.m. beginning at the east end of St. Francis' Main Street.

Mud volleyball action begins at noon. Tina and Kirby Elliott are in charge of the games. They reported that the teams are filling fast and they are expecting 16 teams this year, however, as of Tuesday, there were only 15 teams. Each year there is more and more interest in playing and teams need to get their registration fees paid in advance to guarantee they have a place on the roster.

The mud volleyball games are held at the two courts just west of the baseball diamond at the fairgrounds. Team members are encouraged to show up at the courts directly after the parade. Mrs. Elliott advises that anyone playing should plan to wear protective coverings on their feet as the sandbars are terrible.

The volleyball tournament is co-ed and there should be an equal number of girls and boys on each team. Teams consist of six to eight members.

At 12:30 the open class pet show will start in the small show arena at the fairgrounds. This show has grown from just a few pets to a large, interesting show. Classes will be formed as the pets are entered. Ribbons will be given for the best in each class through fifth class and there will also be a best of the show award.

The home-owned carnival will start the engines at 4 p.m. for the last night of rides for another year. They will shut down at midnight.

A free-will barbecue will start at 5 and last until 7 p.m. There will be barbecued beef, baked beans and iced tea. Western Kansas Farm Credit will also be serving watermelon.

The demolition derby will start at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. See related article for more information.

Since there are no attendance awards this year, the evening will end following the demolition derby and when the carnival shuts down.

## Congressman changes dates of visit to county

Congressman Jerry Moran will be visiting four northwestern Kansas counties on Monday during his ninth annual Big First Listening Tour. This is a change from the original schedule of Aug. 19.

Town hall meetings will be held in each of 69 counties of the First Congressional District and he will be in Goodland, Bird City, Atwood and Colby.

Congressman Moran will be at the Bird City City Hall from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. He will head on down the road to Rawlins County where he will meet with people from 4 to 5

p.m. at the Country Corner Bed and Breakfast, South Highway 25.

Earlier in the day, he will stop at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry in Goodland from 11:45 to 12:45 p.m. mountain daylight time. Later that afternoon, he will be available to visit with residents from 5:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby.

During the tour, the congressman will travel more than 5,000 miles, meeting with Kansans to discuss their thoughts and concerns and answer their questions about federal issues.

## Remote-controlled airplanes fly again

As early as Thursday, people flying radio controlled model airplanes will start arriving at the Cheyenne County Airport for the annual flying meet.

Organized by Larry Forsythe, St. Francis, this will be the sixth year for the meet which is officially held Friday and Saturday each year during the county fair.

There are a number of the model planes equipped with

lights for night flying.

"This a neat sight," Mr. Forsythe said.

There is no admission and kids and adults interested in learning to fly or just enjoy watching the miniature planes are encouraged to stop by.

"If you have one, bring a plane and join us," Mr. Forsythe said.

For more information call Mr. Forsythe at 785-332-3205.



4-H FASHION REVUE was held Monday. Both Mikaela Grace, left, and Lauren Bandel, above, were among the participants. Full results of the revue will be printed in the special After-Fair Section.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Marshal attends fair for 59th time

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday with the route going west on Washington Street, St. Francis. This year's fair parade marshal will be a woman, a change since most of the marshals in the past have been men.

The fair board has voted Hazel Douthit as this year's marshal. She said she has been involved with the fair for at least 59 years. Through the years, she has been 4-H leader and has entered items in the fair many times.

Her first experience with 4-H was 45 years ago when Pete O'Brien asked her to help with the Pleasant Hill 4-H secretary's book. She said she had looked at all the notes and decided this work needed to be started before the end of the year. She and her husband Thad were working with 4-H'ers before their own children ever joined the organization.

Since then, she has been a leader and helper in the club. Her children, Jane, Thad, Joyce and Becky, along with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have either been members or are members today.

She thinks 4-H is good for children.

"It's (4-H) a good tool for parents if they use it right," she said, going on to explain that parents need to be involved — that's how children learn. "It's a family affair."

She said that 4-H helps children in public speaking and learning to complete things they have started.

"They (kids) are not quitters if they are 4-H'ers. They have rewards no matter what they are."

Mrs. Douthit was a foods, canning and clothing leader just to name a few. As a leader, her favorite



Hazel Douthit

project was entomology (bugs). Mr. Douthit generally helped 4-H'ers with the livestock.

Mr. Douthit was a big supporter of the fair and served on the fair board for many years.

"Thad enjoyed working with the fair board and during the fair but he always said the highlight was working with the kids," Mrs. Douthit said.

She added that he was sad when he saw the little people as they loaded their animals off after the 4-H livestock sale.

Mrs. Douthit remembered the fair when it was held at the sale barn and that Harvey Stuart was involved as a county agent. She said that the Jenkins building on the fairgrounds was named for Helen Jenkins, an agent.

She sees lots of changes since the fairground was first established adding that a lot of them have been made to save money and she hoped they were good.

"We just have to try them before See MARSHAL on Page 9

## School enrollment set for Aug. 11, 12

By Karen Krien

The fair will soon be over and it is time to think about the new school year. In fact, start thinking next week!

Enrollment schedules for the St. Francis schools have been set for Aug. 11 and 12. Seventh through 12th grade students will enroll at the high school from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. both Thursday and Friday. Kindergarten through sixth grade students will enroll at the elementary from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11.

Kindergarten students enrolling for the first time will need to bring proof of immunization and a birth certificate.

A reminder to all students who

plan to participate in sports, cheerleading or pom pon — the physical signed by a physician will need to be turned into the school before they can practice.

#### Unable to enroll

Those unable to enroll at the specified time may enroll several days before or after the dates.

#### First day of school

The first day of school will be a half day 8:35 to 11:35 a.m. on Aug. 24. High school sports practices begin on Aug. 15.

#### ABC Pre-school enrollment

ABC Pre-school enrollment will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Methodist Church Education Building.

## Fair parade starts at 10 a.m. sharp!!

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. It will start in front of the high school and go west down St. Francis' Main Street. The judging will take place at 9:30 a.m.

It's not too late! It doesn't take much to come up with an entry to be a participant in the parade. There will be divisions for organizations, businesses, families, churches and individuals.

"We are looking for another great parade," said Carla Lampe, Chamber Parade Committee member.

The theme this year is "Proud To Be An American." It will be interesting to see the many different ideas built around the theme.

All entries should have their name fixed to both sides so people along the street will be able to identify the person, organization or business.

Each division will have a first place and there will be an overall grand champion. Money will be awarded to the winning entries.

Everyone is urged to find a bench, bring their lawn chairs or just sit on the curb as the new parade route will go only down

Main Street. Several years ago, the route was changed which let many see the entries as they went down Spencer Street on their way to Main Street.

Mrs. Lampe also encourages everyone to bring an umbrella and some water.

"The Shriners will start down Main Street at 9:45 a.m. with their balloons," she said, noting that last year, handing out the balloons had taken more time and sometimes held up the parade.

The Maverick Band will be a highlight as they play music to add to the spirit of the day. If it can be arranged, the Maverick Band will appear twice during the parade. Following the parade, the band will be playing in the city park behind the courthouse. Everyone is invited to just come and listen.

#### Lining up entries

The line up of entries will be a little different than in year's past. All people entering the parade should check in at the table at the high school and they will be told exactly where they should line up.

Antique vehicles will gather on Spencer Street just south of the football practice field. Demolition derby vehicles will

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