# Races to be held during county fair

the season July 20 at the Thomas County Speedway.

Many were hoping to get a good annual F&M Insurance Modified best IMCA modified racers in the country for a chance at a \$5,000 payday. The races will be on Aug. 1-2 the last two nights of the fair. Start time is 8 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday.

tendance for the fourth race of Darrin Deloach snuck past him for second and Tubbs was third. Ronnie Hill was close in fourth and Brady Coen ran well, winning his setup for the upcoming Thomas heat and the cash dash but had to County Fair races. The eleventh settle for fifth in the main. Randy Wilson made his first start at Col-Shootout will bring in some of the by and finished sixth with Tim Leiker and Jeff Tubbs in seventh and eighth.. Dylan Sherfick and Adam Morris finished in the top 10. Twenty Modifieds were in attendance.

#### Stocks

Travis Towns went from sev-Jason Schoenberger had his best enth place all the way to the winnight ever at the Thomas County ners circle in the stock class main. Speedway as he took a front row Jason Rogers #37 finished second starting spot and turned it into a even after having to go to the win. Nick Tubbs made several at- pits after an incident with Travis made good progress for third po-

Sixty-one drivers were in attempts to get the lead but in the end Sherfick. Sherfick finished fourth. sition. Jeff Dody had a great battle Wheat Lippelmann started on the front row and stayed up front for third. Rick Beesley finished with a top five. Brad Wagoner came in sixth and Derrick Braudaway finished in seventh. BJ Wagoner finished eighth and Ryan Wark and Dan Lauer both had mechanical issues and finished ninth and

### **Hobby Stocks**

Todd Pankonin won the main but it came with a price. His engine was claimed by Allen Snethen who finished tenth. Richard Boon started just ahead of Panokin but did not get through traffic as good and finished second. Joey Carter also started toward the rear and with Jason McIntyre #with Doty in fourth and McIntyre in fifth. Allen Kurth held off Matthew Crowell for sixth. Travis Glassman and Brett Glassman finished eighth and ninth. Sixteen cars were on hand in the Hobby Stocks.

#### **Econos**

Mark Carmichael got his first win at Colby in the Econo class. Adrienne West stayed in front of her father to get second and Alex West third. Lee Hageman came in fourth with Tyrel Smith in fifth. Cody Pancake finished sixth and JR Wolfrum in seventh. Dylan Hageman was eighth and Chris Hildebrand n ninth, Dan Blair rounded out the top 10. Fifteen Econos were on hand.

Despite gleaming venues and

70,000 smiling volunteers, the

image of Beijing Olympics may

become that of police waving

their hands in front of cameras,

hoping to block photos. This hap-

pened several weeks ago when a

reporter for German TV ZDF — a

rights holder - had a live inter-

view stopped on the Great Wall of

China. Police walked in front of

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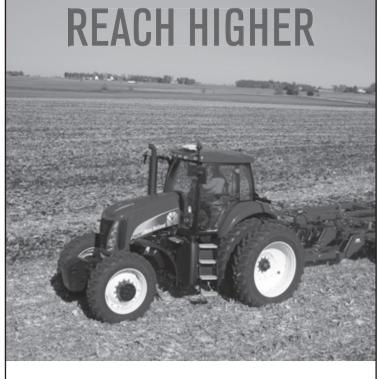
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## Broadcasters fighting with Chinese

BEIJING (AP) \_ The Beijing Olympics may not look much different from previous games on

Behind the studio sets, howbeen squaring off for months with Chinese officials over censorship. Among the issues: what they'll be allowed to get on video, where they can work and whether they can broadcast live. They've faced red tape, intimidation and restrictions on coverage, which might make it difficult to cover unexpected events away from the ven-

Broadcast officials recount months of delays applying for permits amid changing rules. They've been questioned about coverage plans by everyone from policemen to local bureaucrats. Several broadcasters spoke of ordeals just to rent office space, and one said a Chinese homeowner made an offer to locate a satellite dish on his property.

"We have no idea at the moment whether we will be able to operate freely and without severe restrictions," said John Barton, director of sport for the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, which represents broadcasters in 57 coun-

"We've been given the commitwill react. It's a lottery."

There are two classes of broadcasters. Rights holders like NBC pay for coverage at the venues: NBC has paid about \$900 million. Non-rights holders can't film the venues, but can cover athletes and stories away from the venues. Their ranks include Associated Press Television News.

Time is running out to get things settled, with the Aug. 8 opening ceremony barely two weeks away.

tive rules are likely to dampen for protesters during the games. It coverage away from the venues, particularly if protests break out. Several scenarios could worsen ever, world broadcasters have the situation: if athletes wear pro-Tibet T-shirts, if they speak out on China's policies in Darfur, or criticize treatment of the nation's Muslim minority.

'We already have to tell the Chinese everywhere we want to be in August, and what time," said one TV broadcaster, asking not to be identified for fear of having permits rescinded. "We have to provide a list of the guests who will be interviewed and the content of the interview.

"My office asked about reporting on the street, and I said: 'No way, no way, no way.' I've told my headquarters that is fantasy."

Chinese organizers list terrorist threats and necessary security measures as reasons for the delays and restrictions on broadcasters. But for broadcasters the strategy seems aimed at producing sanitized, positive images of the Beijing Olympics and China's rise as a 21st century economic and political power.

Time is on the side of the Chinese communist government. Networks like NBC — which hopes to sell \$1 billion worth of advertisment we can, but it remains to be ing time — face pressure to generseen whether we'll be able to do ate coverage. NBC is promising to around the city. that. Until it begins we will not air 3,600 hours of coverage and its know how the officials and police owner. General Electric, is one of 12 top-tier sponsors of the International Olympic Committee.

Tough visa restrictions and 100,000 police and commandos are in place to keep out foreign activists who might lead pro-Tibet protests or human-rights campaigns. Chinese dissidents with grievances have also been rounded up, or kept from entering Beijing by security-police cordons that ring the city.

On Wednesday, a security official announced that Beijing will

Countless hassles and restric- set up specially designated zones wasn't clear how easy it would be to access the zones.

> "For some of the journalists who want to report about things other than sports, they won't be able to do a lot during their two- or threeweek stay," said Li Datong, a wellknown former editor at the China Youth Daily, the official paper of the Communist Youth League.

> 'They won't speak the language, and it's so hard to do journalism in China even for those who have lived here for a long time."

> Right holders say they've made some progress since a heated meeting in late May, when broadcasters and the International Olympic Committee warned the Chinese about bureaucratic delays. Broadcasters accused Chinese officials of suffocating TV coverage under the guise of national security. Some even hinted they might seek money back from the IOC if services paid for are not delivered.

Since then, broadcasters have been promised six hours of live coverage daily from Tiananmen Square, though only "standup talent" is allowed there and interviews are banned. Meanwhile, equipment has been flowing in through customs, and Chinese organizers have promised free movement of satellite trucks

This week, however, Chinese officials reneged on a pledge to deliver a specific list of places in Beijing that are off limits to TV crews. They instead produced a vague letter saying certain highsecurity areas and other unspecified spots would be restricted.

"This document gives the police security officials the widest possible interpretation relating to the movement of vehicle, where they can park and how the operate," said Barton, the Asia broadcast official. "They will move us



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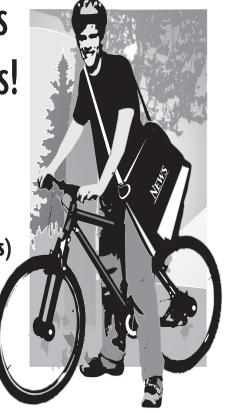
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