



**PACKED** is the only way to describe the grandstand during the demolition derby during the Decatur County Fair last year. — Herald file photo

# Grandstand shows popular

Dirt bikes will race, so will trucks against the clock, vehicles will slam into each other and those in the grandstands will have a chance to test their knowledge during this year's Decatur County Fair.

The fair board, which runs the evening activities in front of the grandstands, during fair/carnival week, have tried to bring in some new activities this year. Stan McEvoy, commissioner, who is an advisor to the board, said the board got some comments from people about trying to bring some different things to the fair.

In the last few years, the board had added a tractor pull and roller demo derby. This year, said Mr. McEvoy, they couldn't get the tractor pull because there was a conflict of dates. The roller demo derby never seemed to take off, he said, so the two gave the board the opportunity to try some new entertainment.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, the board has booked the Game Show Road Show out of Manhattan. Basically, said Mr. McEvoy, it is a trivia show with contestants out of the stands. The man who runs it will ask for volunteers from those attending or people can just watch.

Mr. McEvoy said he saw the Game Show Road Show at Country Stampede and it was funny, that's where he got the idea that it would work at the fair.

The show will be general trivia questions and some prizes will be given away. Mr. McEvoy said there isn't a charge to see the show. People should bring the whole family and plan to have a good time.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7 is the Tough Truck Competition in front of the grandstands. Basically, said Linda Schroer, secretary/treasurer, this is a timed obstacle course for trucks. Anyone

can enter their truck as long as they follow the rules.

The rules, said Mr. McEvoy, are pretty simple. The vehicle has to have a roll bar, the battery has to be secured, seat belts need to be worn and also a helmet.

He said Benkleman, Neb., has one of these competitions and guys there build a truck just for the race and others use their everyday drive to work truck. Either works.

The driver will have to maneuver the obstacle course in the truck. The best time wins.

There's a \$35 registration fee, said Mrs. Schroer.

A 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 the board will host the demolition derby. Mrs. Schroer said she isn't sure what the entry fee will be.

In both the derby and truck competition the winners will win cash, but the amount hasn't been determined.

People can pick up a complete list of the rules in the road and bridge office on the first floor of the courthouse.

It sounds like there are going to be quite a few vehicles at the derby, said Mr. McEvoy, including a good number of local drivers.

The last night of the fair, Saturday, Aug. 9 there will be motorcycle racing. The racing starts at 7 p.m. Mr. McEvoy said it's flat track dirt bike racing with a man out of Wichita running the show.

There will be 100 motorcycles here to race. Oberlin, he said, is just one leg of a three race swing with the bikers going to Stockton, Nebraska and then here.

All of the riders are part of the motorcycle association, so it won't be open to riders from here.

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