

# Parade entries still being taken; fair scheduled for Aug. 6 to 9

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is less than two weeks away and entries can still be turned in at First National Bank.

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade will be held on Aug. 9. This year's parade theme is "Change is Good." The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Carla Lampe is coordinating the parade.

As of Tuesday, Mrs. Lampe had gotten several more entries.

"Entries are looking up and we appreciate every entry," Mrs. Lampe said.

"You don't have to build a big float—entries can be cars, tractors, bikes, golf carts, individuals and organization."

So far, there have been a number of entries submitted but more are needed.

The entry forms are ready to be picked up at the First National Bank in St. Francis. Everyone is urged to get their groups and business staffs together and start planning. And, don't wait until the last minute to enter. If unable to stop by the bank, call Mrs. Lampe, Dawn Lucas at Bankwest; or Gloria Bracelin at the Chamber office. Any one of them

will be glad who will take care of the rest.

"We just encourage everyone to enter the parade," Mrs. Lampe said.

The St. Francis Fire Department have re-painted their train and people need to check out the new look.

### Fair parade marshal

Sam Miller has been selected as this year's fair parade marshal. The fair board makes the selection each year. Last year's parade marshal was John Finley. Check next week's *St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* for more about Mr. Miller.

## Mutton bustin at kids' rodeo

By Karen Krien

McClain's Mutton Busters and Kids Ranch Rodeo will provide plenty of fun-filled family entertainment starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night of the Cheyenne County Fair and kids do not have to pay. Registration for the mutton bustin' event will be at 6:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Kids weighing under 60 pounds will be able to enter the mutton bustin' contest. There is no weight limit on the other events which include: goat tying, wild cow milking (it's a wooden cow that gives real milk), barrel racing (on wooden horses), egg and flag race, dummy roping, wild cow branding, diaper pinning, wild cow vaccination, pony express race and other activities.

There will be clown acts, jokes and fun. The McClains report that the clowns are there to watch out for the safety of the kids and animals while keeping the crowd entertained.

## Mud volleyball games planned

The Co-Ed Mud Volleyball tournament is just around the corner. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 9 at noon.

"We've had good interest so far," said organizer Tina Elliot. "Eleven teams have signed up but we only have sixteen spots available," she said. The last spots should go quick so if you have a team contact Tina or Kirby Elliott at (785) 332-3476 as soon as possible.

Teams should have at least three men and three women, ages thirteen and up, but they may have additional members. Teams will need to report to the pits by the St. Francis Baseball Field by 11:20 a.m. on August 9.

The Co-Ed Mud Volleyball tournament is a double elimination format and is guaranteed to provide some good, "not so clean" fun.



## Song producers descend upon town

By Casey McCormick

Cicadas have descended upon Bird City, but are they a danger or just a simple producer of an odd song?

Cicada (pronounced as sika'da) is a large insect with membranous wings and specialized organs producing a shrill, droning sound.

They are not heard during the heat of the day but their strange symphony of buzzes and hums fill the air during the morning and evening hours. Some people mistakenly call it the "locust," another fear of farmers which can cause damage of Biblical proportions to crops.

These insect visitors are first noticed by the hard, brown shells that are found gripping bricks, trees or another solid place. They then go through a difficult transformation from crawling bug to winged insect.

Cicadas spend most of their lives as nymphs underground. This may be as long as 17 years. Once they leave the "nymph" shell they become winged adults, but they do not have much time. The average life span of an adult cicada is two to three weeks, however many only last a day or two.

During this time they must find a mate, breed and die.

The male cicada makes one of the loudest sounds in the insect world. He has a built in sound system. This is a pair of sound-producing, or "singing," organs located on the sides of his first abdominal segment. The song he creates can be heard for up to 1 mile.

The North American periodical cicada is not a locust. The Pilgrims dubbed the cicada a "locust" when it appeared to them in Plymouth, Mass., in 1634. The insect undoubtedly reminded them of the migratory locust, a species of grass hopper, that ruined crops in Egypt in Biblical times and still is a threat to crops in many parts of the world.

There is an old-wives-tale which claims that when a cicada's buzz is heard in the morning the first frost of the season is only six weeks away. This is a "cool" thought during 100-plus degree days. Whether this myth is fact or fiction, it is reassuring that no matter how long it will take the "dog days of summer" will give way to fall, harvest temperatures.

From the editor: Do you have an interesting "old wives tale" or



A CICADA STRUGGLES to free itself.

Times photo by Casey McCormick family tradition which deals with nature? If so share it with the Bird City Times so we can list them for others to enjoy. Drop them off at the Blue Bird Cafe, mail to P.O. Box 220 or call me at (785) 734-2659.



AFTER 44 YEARS Donna Vanderput is putting up her shears. A large group of friends joined her at the Blue Bird Cafe to celebrate.

Photo courtesy of Donna Vanderput

## Long working woman retires

By Casey McCormick

One of Bird City's and McDonald's longest working individuals has retired. Donna Vanderput who, for over 44 years, has cut and styled hair, decided the time had come to retire.

She was honored at the Blue Bird Cafe for a luncheon on June 26. Seventeen ladies and one gentleman were there to celebrate a great career.

Mrs. Vanderput had customers from Brewster, Goodland, St.

Francis, Benkelman and Bird City.

"My patrons were the best. I would put them up against any hairdresser's (customers) in the nation," said Mrs. Vanderput. "They all became precious friends."

She began the business in McDonald in the 1960s.

"I didn't want to borrow money," she said, to get her hairdressing shop started. She found a person who was retiring then and decided to rent the equipment.

After seven and a half years she

choose to move her business to Bird City.

"I prayed for a building with a southern exposure, that's what God gave me," said Mrs. Vanderput.

She opened her salon and carried on the same policy she had in McDonald.

"I didn't want my business to be a place of gossip," she said, "My customers respected that and the Lord really helped with that, too."

Although local residents will not have one of the best hairdressers around anymore Mrs. Vanderput will be busy travelling and enjoying a well-deserved break.

## Bird City girl to wed on Aug. 2

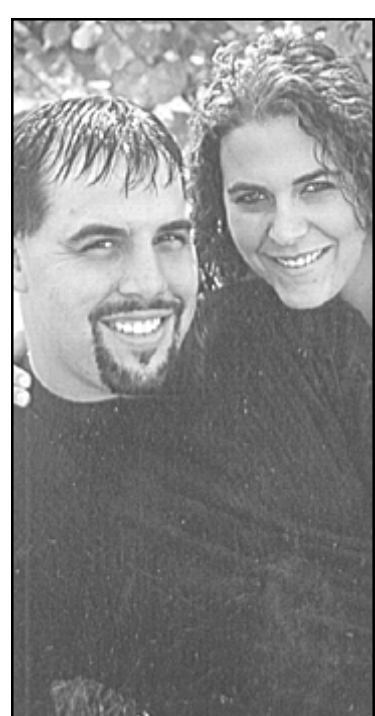
Kevin and Jeanette Burkhalter of Bird City announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Alicia Marie, to Timothy John Rippe, son of Richard and Theresa Rippe of Ludell.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Mary Schwerdt, the late Don Schwerdt, the late Kermit Downing, Irene Burkhalter and the late Arthur Burkhalter.

Tim's grandparents are Clarence Sattler and the late Stella Sattler and the late Edwin and Vernada Rippe.

Alicia, a 1999 graduate of Cheylin High School, is currently working on her bachelors degree at Fort Hays State University and plans to pursue a masters degree in psychology.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Herndon High



Schwerdt - Burkhalter

School and a 2001 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He is currently active in ranching, farming and part-time dairy work.

The couple plan an August 2 ceremony at St. John's Catholic Church, rural Beardsley.

### Bird City News

Donna Vanderput attended the beautiful wedding of Keith and Michelle Kelsey on July 18 in a chapel near Red Rocks, west of Denver, Colo. Keith is the grandson of Reva (Harris) and Peter Porsi and great nephew of Donna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorsch came to the Keith Dorsch home Friday to join their sons who spent the week on the farm with their grandparents. The returned to their home in Mesa, Arizona on Tuesday.

Sarah Walker was a weekend guest of her uncle and aunt, Keith and Hulda Dorsch. Granddaughters, Melissa Dorsch of Newton and Cassie Dorsch of Topeka who had also spent the week on the farm all returned to their respective homes on Sunday.

Who will be the #3 Bonzi Bob Crowd Pleaser Award go to in 2003?

Last year's winner was Darren Workman!

IN MEMORY OF #3 BONZAI BOB KRIEN

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of BIRD CITY CEMETERY District, CHEYENNE County will meet on the 8th day of August, 2003 at 8:00 A.M. at LeBox Manor for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at East Highway 36 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2004 Expenditures and Amount of 2003 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2004 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2002		2003		Proposed Budget 2004	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Amount of 2003 Ad Valorem Tax	Est Tax Rate*
General	9781	0.796	16421	0.793	16772	0.802
Totals	9781	0.796	16421	0.793	16772	0.802
Total Tax Levied	9870		9870		9870	
Assessed Valuation	12405045		12452113		12303192	
Total						
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1						
	2001		2002		2003	
G.O. Bonds						
No-Fund Warrants						
Lease Purchase Principal						
Total	none		none		none	

\* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Phyllis D. Carson Clerk

# BAXTER BLACK

## COWBOY HUMORIST

APPEARING LIVE

Baxter Black Cowboy Poet and Entertainer will be performing at the Cheyenne County Fair Thursday, August 7 7:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Grandstand St. Francis

Free Tumbleweed Round-up Free

2nd annual

Cowboy - Cowgirl Poets & Musicians And Just Plain Story Tellers

Wednesday Aug. 6, 2003

At 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

No Admission Charge & No Admission Charge

At the Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, Kansas

Supporting Businesses

Grace Flying Service  
Owens True Value  
Shay Realty  
Frewen Insurance  
Yost Ford - Mercury  
Ross Manufacturing  
Sunshine Travel  
K.M. Clothing  
First National Bank  
Pizza Hut  
Park Hill Restaurant  
Yost Farm Supply  
All Pro Auto Parts  
Big Ed's Steakhouse and Lounge  
Carousel Cleaners -pick up at-

Cheyenne Co. Hospital  
Stuarts Jewelry  
Video Connection  
Leach Ins. Agency  
St. Francis Tire & Service  
The Windmill Restaurant  
Goodell Greenhouse  
St. Francis Equity  
Keller Auto Supply  
Schultz's  
Van Allen Inc.  
Homesteader Motel  
Jackson Street Mercantile  
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