

Thresher show starts today

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Today, (Thursday) is opening day for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show. For the next three days, Bird City will be bustling at the seams with visitors from all over the United States.

The Thresher show is an event that takes weeks of preparations, inspections and repairs. Every antique tractor and equipment will be checked, cleaned and made ready for the daily parades.

One of the exhibits will include the antique steam engines. One of the main attractions this year will be the 100-year-old Avery Undermount, other steam engine tractors that are nearly 100 years old are

a 1916 Case and a 1912 Advance Rumely.

This year will also be the first for the pedal tractor and car parade that will be held today (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m. at the Wilken's Building on the Thresher grounds. Tiny tots through the second graders are welcome to participate.

Children are encouraged to bring and ride their own pedal tractors or borrow one available at the Wilken's Building. Two small pedal Volkswagons will be available for tiny tots.

Another first-time event will be the Tri-State Thresher Show Fun Run on Saturday and will begin at 8 a.m. There are three courses to enter and runners, walkers, and stroller-pushers are welcome, bikes will not be allowed.



For added fun, a special team run will take place on the green course called the "Go Fish!" Two to three on a team collect as many matching pairs of cards throughout the course as possible. There is an entry fee and all participants receive an official Fun Run T-shirt. Medals will be given out to winners. Proceeds go toward the Cheylin Athletic Fund.



THIS LITTLE AVERY DID NOT make the cut this year to be in the parade, but it still receives the service and repair it deserves. Ivan Kemp is just one of many youths helping Gerald Wright every year with repairs, service and state inspections.



WITH A STORM COMING, Caleb Frink, above, gets the job of mowing the Thresher grounds done quickly. Left, Danae Magnani, helps getting the Country Kitchen cleaned for hungry visitors.

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Fair action begins on Monday with 4-H

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Fair time has rolled around again and the action for the Cheyenne County Fair begins on Monday with the 4-H Style Revue. Judging is held that morning.

This week's *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* includes a pre-fair special section with the schedules of events through the week. There are several stories of the evening shows as well as the open class rules. Keep the section handy for references of times, days and places.

Wednesday through Friday, the home-owned carnival will be running from 7 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, the carnival opens at 6 p.m. and runs until midnight.

The 4-H food stands and other places to eat will be open at the fairgrounds. There is a new area for sitting and visiting which has been established by the fair board. It is located between the Methodist Church's funnel cakes stand and the Christian Church's ice cream parlor. All around the grounds, benches have been set up and are just waiting for people.

The Style Revue on Monday begins at 8 p.m. in the St. Francis high school auditorium. The public is encouraged to come see the 4-H'ers as they model constructed and purchased items. See the related article elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday

The 4-H dog show begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. Dogs will be shown in Jenkins Hall on the fairgrounds.

The 4-H food judging will be held in the courthouse at 2 p.m. The sale of items will be held following the judging.

Wednesday

On Wednesday, The horse show will start at 9 a.m. in front of the grandstand.

That evening, entries for the mutton bustin', barrel racing and Carl Keller/Gary Grice Team Roping will start at 6 p.m. with the action starting at 7 p.m. There will be no specific times for the events. Mutton' bustin' will begin the evening's entertainment with the barrel racing and team roping following in that order.

The weight limit for riding in the contest is no more than 70 pounds. There is no age limit to ride but kids will be on their own with no one to run along beside and catch them.

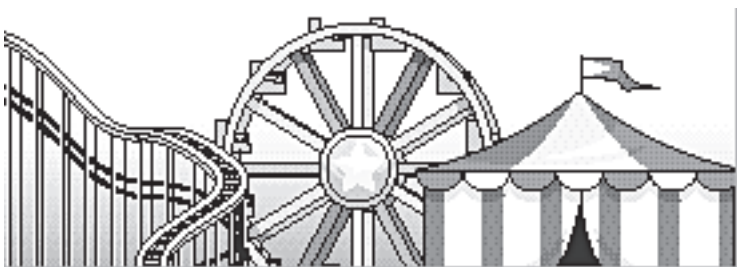
The National Barrel Horse Association race will have open, youth and peewee divisions. The peewee division is for those 8 years and under.

"Anyone can run in the race," said Shawna Blanka, coordinator.

Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Blanka at 785-332-5363.

Thursday, Aug. 6

Thursday is an active day for 4-H'ers as the 4-H and FFA swine show will start at 8 a.m., followed by the sheep show at 11 (or 30 minutes after the swine show). The 4-H goat show will start 30 minutes after the sheep show. Throughout the day, there will be other 4-H judging as well as open class judging. See



the special Pre-Fair inserted in this issue.

At 6 p.m., entries for the Horse vs Horse Power event entries will be taken. The show will start at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Later in the evening, Mario Manzini will be giving a hint of what is to come on his show Friday evening.

"We hope this will bring a lot of people to the grandstands to cheer their favorite teams on," said Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators. See related article for more information.

Friday, Aug. 7

The 4-H/FFA beef show will start at 8 a.m. The bucket calf show will start at 10 a.m. The open class cow/calf show will follow 30 minutes after beef show.

At 2 p.m., the Round Robin competition will begin in the large show arena.

The Premium Sale will start at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., Mario Manzini, an escape artist, illusionist and Elvis impersonator will be performing in front of the grandstand. There will also be some old-time country music. It will be a full evening of entertainment.

Saturday

Saturday morning will start with the Cheyenne County Parade held on St. Francis Main Street. Floats and other entries are to meet at the high school at 9 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10. See related article in the special Pre-Fair Section.

New this year is a "breakfast" tent being set up at Uptown Market. Now, people will not have to worry about fixing breakfast before the parade — they can park their vehicle or find their spot to watch the parade, then enjoy breakfast chatting with friends and relatives or just sit in the park and watch all the activities.

The open dog show and the mud volleyball will be held following the parade.

At 4:30 p.m., the Knights of Columbus members will be serving a barbecue.

The demolition derby will start at 7 p.m. The Demo Committee is expecting a big participation and a huge crowd so people are urged to come early to have a seat. See related article in the special Pre-Fair Section.

Horse verses horse power expected to be a crowd pleaser

The Cheyenne County Fair Board tries to bring a little bit of grandstand entertainment for all ages and interests during the fair. This year is no different as they bring "horse vs horsepower" to those attending on Thursday. The action begins at 7 p.m.

There will be 12 horses and 12 four wheelers competing.

They will be vying against each other in pole bending, barrel racing, sorting cattle and, last of all, the great trailer race.

The times of the horses and the four-wheelers will be totaled. Those having the least time will be the winners of a T-shirt.

"We are giving away 12 T-shirts which will give the winners 'bragging rights,'" said Gary Cooper, fair board member.

The trailer race, while similar to those in year's past, will be just a little different. The horse will be in the trailer and already saddled as the pickup pulls into the arena. The driver will back the horse out of the

trailer, rider two laps around the arena, then load the horse and get back in the pickup.

The four wheeler will be held on a flatbed trailer with a ratchet strap. The driver will need to take the unloading ramps out of the back of the pickup, take off the ratchet strap, back off, go around the trailer, replace the strap, load the ramps and get back in the pickup.

"We are trying to keep the competition on an even playing field," Mr. Cooper said, noting that the four wheeler will probably go faster than the horse.

"This is the first year for the event and there should be some excitement.

"Plan to come cheer on your favorite horse or four-wheeler."



Welcome to the Thresher Show