

Carnival offers many rides, games

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There is nothing more exciting to young and old as the sound of the carnival music, the clacking of the rides and the squeals of the riders.

This is the 28th year that the carnival will be running during the Cheyenne County Fair. The members of the Amusement Authority and other volunteers have been spending hours, days and weeks at the fairgrounds getting the rides ready to go and the booths set up for opening night on Aug. 5.

When the carnival opened in 1981, the Authority wanted to keep the prices affordable so everyone could ride. Reasonable prices seemed to be 25¢ for children's rides and 50¢ for adults. This year, the rides will still be the same price. Kids can spend an evening on the grounds with only \$5 in their pocket.

To top it off, when the win at the games (almost everyone can win), they receive a token. Tokens can be collected to purchase a big prize from the prize booth, or a single token can purchase a smaller prize. There is always a line at the prize booth as kids figure just how many tokens it is going to take to get that special stuffed animal, water gun or jewelry, just to name a few of the many prizes.

One of the reasons rides are only 25¢ and 50¢ is that the carnival is ran by volunteers. The Amusement Authority members are volunteers. They, in turn, ask for volunteers to help run rides and games throughout the fair.

DeEtta Knorr, Authority member, lays out the four-day schedule. Many of the people who work at the carnival have volunteered for years. They often call to reserve a special spot. However, there are others who don't care... they just

want to be a part of the fun.

Having fun as a carnie is something not only local people enjoy but those coming to visit during the fair also volunteer, telling Mom to be sure and call DeEtta so they can help.

This year, Mrs. Knorr said the calls haven't come in as fast as she would like and there are still a number of slots left on the schedule. She is hoping people will volunteer or some of the rides and games will be closing early on Saturday.

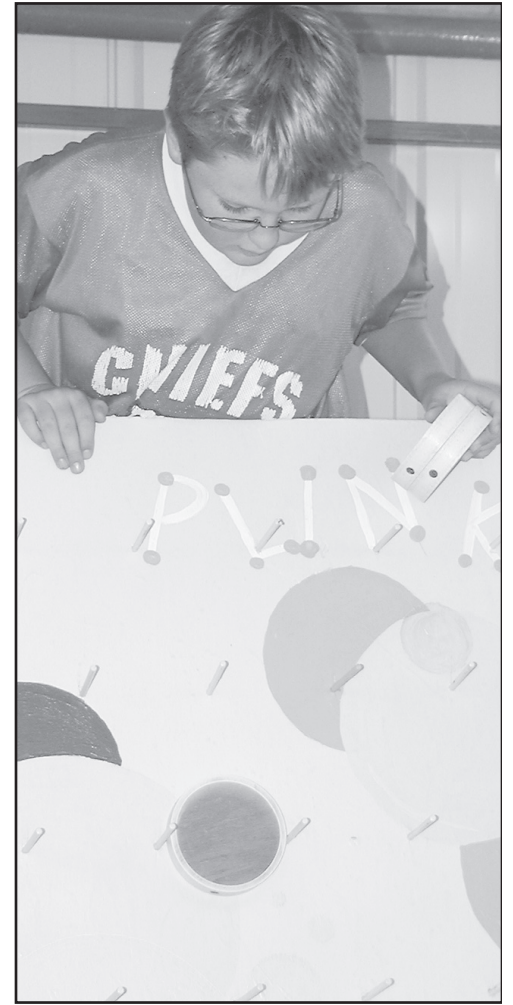
Money earned during the fair goes to pay for the insurance, prizes and other expenses. Any left over goes into a fund used to do major and minor repairs including paint, material to recover seats and replace roofs. Eventually the Authority would like to buy another ride.

Mrs. Knorr said rides are so expensive, even used rides. Each ride also increases the amount of insurance paid. They would like to maybe trade in one of the rides and replace it with a different ride but, they want to find one they think is a good buy and is safe.

Members needed

The Amusement Authority is looking for new members. Many of the members have served for years and would like to retire but, because of so few members, they continue to serve. Those interested in helping should contact any Authority member.

Members include: Kenneth and DeEtta Knorr, Greg and Susie Walz, Bill Ehrman, Sam Miller, Bill and Connie Wilger, Bill and Geri Lampe, Royce Gienger and Penny Gienger.



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