

Fair Parade — 'Family Tradition'

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People are already talking about the 2009 Cheyenne County Fair Parade. The theme, "Family Tradition," is giving those planning floats and other entries plenty of ideas to work with.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, down St. Francis' Main Street. It will start at the east end of the street and go west. All entries are to meet at the school and those floats being judged need to be at the school by 9 a.m. A map will be published in *The Herald* and *Times* the week of the parade.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is heading up the organization of the parade. There will be no entry blanks to fill out but those with floats can contact the Chamber office at 785-332-2961 or Carla Lampe, 785-332-2145.

Last year's Parade Marshals were Willard and Bonnie Busby. This year's marshal will be announced the week of the fair.

The 2008 grand champion float went to the Good Samaritan Village. The float depicted St. Francis Main Street which drew a lot of interest.

Criteria for judging floats include: 1) Unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material and 3) originality. There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/Church; and Commercial.

Mrs. Lampe reminds anyone thinking of having a float that it isn't too late to get it together and enter it in the parade.

"Every entry makes the parade just that much bigger and better," she said.



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