

# Derby to bring in large crowd for Saturday night

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The demolition derby, held on Saturday, is slated to have more cars and competition than last year. Because of the large participation, people are urged to get to the grandstands early to get a seat. The action starts at 7 p.m.

"Last year, we had more cars competing than any other derby from here to Greeley," said Clay Zimbelman, Derby Committee chairman. "There should be even more this year."

New this year is the "point system" with St. Francis, Goodland and Colby all participating. Andy Blackhart with Woody's Motorsports, Colby, will be the judge for all three derbies. Points accumulated by the drivers will be added to find the results. The total purse will be \$1,000.

"With Andy judging all of them, the rules will be consistent and, eventually, there will be a set of standardized rules," said Mr. Zimbelman. "Derby Committees from other counties are showing interest in the point system," he said. "So we can spread out to other derbies."

The Cheyenne County derby will be the last of the three derbies where contestants can earn more

points.

"We may have some contestants who want to try for a couple more points by participating in our derby," Mr. Zimbelman said. The point winners will also be announced at the Cheyenne County derby.

Mr. Zimbelman said the committee is already expecting 30 cars and hoping for up to 40 cars at the derby.

"We have had good response," Mr. Zimbelman said.

This year, there will be only one class — the modified hobo.

"This levels the playing field," he said.

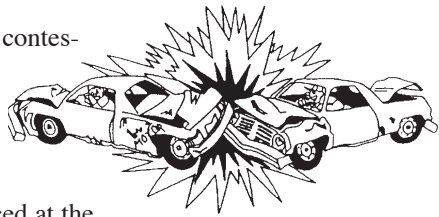
There are fewer and fewer 1960s and 1970s models which are stronger vehicles. This allows cars to change bumpers and other parts on the newer vehicles to enable them to better compete.

The rules are the same as Goodland's.

**Guaranteed \$1,500 purse**

There is a guaranteed \$1,500 first-place purse as well as a trophy. Besides first prize, there will be second-, third- and fourth-place prizes along with heat place money. There are also handcrafted trophies awarded.

The Mad Dog award has a



guaranteed \$500 purse. The most aggressive, hardest hitting (within the rules) driver in the derby earns the Mad Dog award.

**Lawn mower tractor pull**

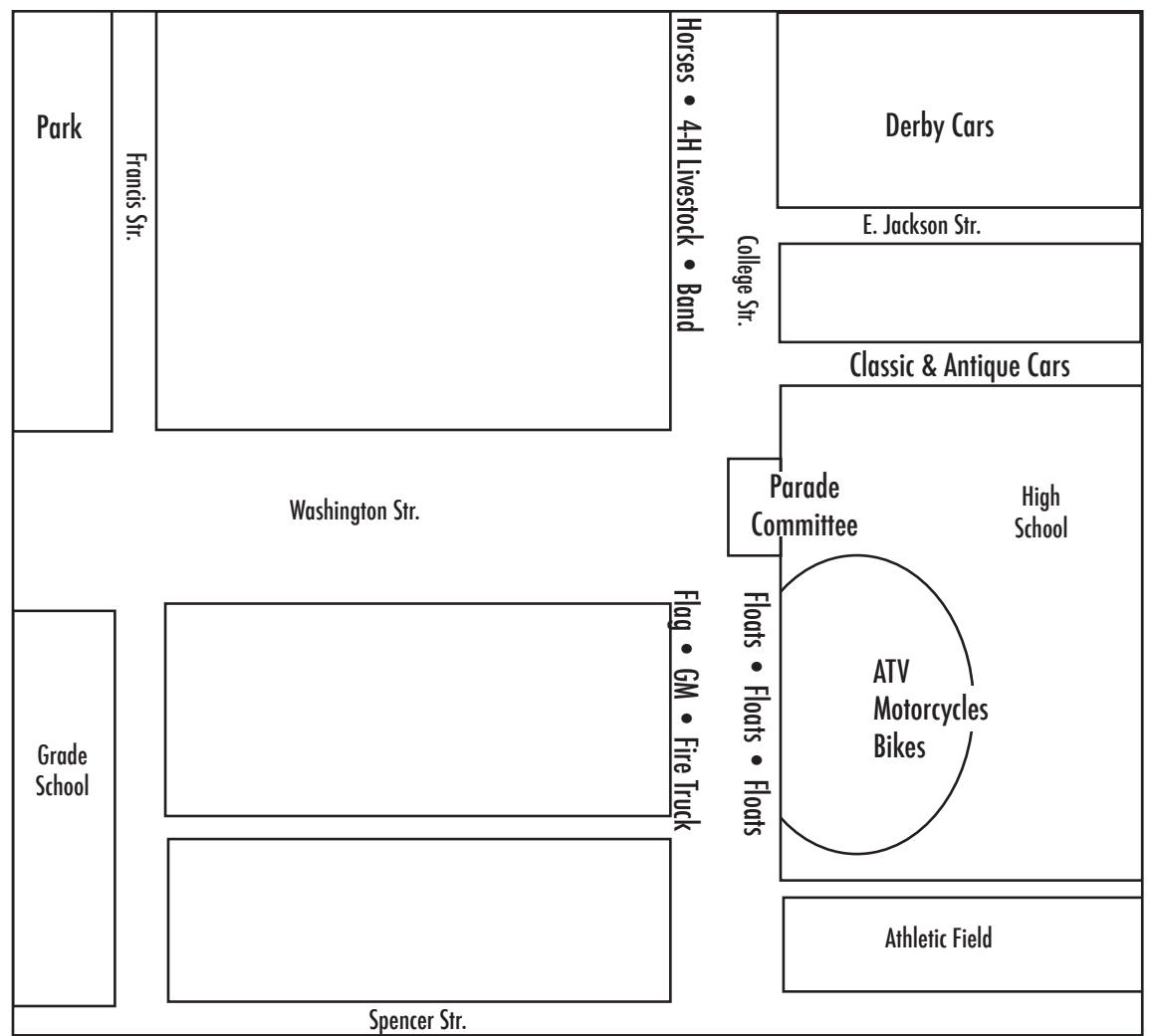
This is the second year for the lawn mower tractor pull. The event keeps the crowd entertained between the derby heats.

Lawn mowers will be pulling a sled on which weights can be added. There will be both a stock and modified class and prizes will be awarded.

Ten to 16-year-old contestants will need a parent's signed release. Contestants 10 to 14, need to have the release plus have the parent's there to help them.

All contestants must wear a helmet.

We are hoping to keep everything moving smoothly, said Mr. Zimbelman. We want the crowd to be entertained throughout the entire derby.



Parade line up

## Parade to head down Main

The Cheyenne County Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday in St. Francis. The theme this year is "A Family Tradition."

Early in the morning, Main Street will be blocked off at Benton Street down to River Street. There are to be no vehicles parked in front of businesses in that four-block area. People can park in front of the courthouse and the park.

For safety, said Carla Lampe, one of the parade coordinators, we are asking people not to drive on Main Street until the parade has ended and the cones removed.

The VFW members will start the parade off by presenting the U.S. flag.

Parade marshals this year are Walter, Roger and Steven Douthit, St. Francis. They will be riding behind the cheerleaders, who will be carrying the banner.

The parade is once again being organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lampe reported that people appear to be getting into the parade as she has had a number of calls from those planning to enter floats in the parade.

"It should be a great parade," she said. "Those people who had floats in the past are planning to have them again this year and we have new floats."

Floats will be judged in three different areas: 1) Unique theme presentation; 2) creative use of materials; and 3) originality.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to win," Mrs. Lampe said. "Just look at the criteria the judges use for picking the float."

There will be a table at the top of Washington Street in front of the high school. Those wanting to know where they should line up for the parade should stop by. Again, if someone has a float and hasn't called the Chamber office

or called Mrs. Lampe, be sure to show up by 9 a.m. and check in at the table.

Floats to be judged should be on the east side of College Street by 9 a.m. and will be judged by 9:30.

All derby cars are to line up in the Peace Lutheran Church parking lot; motorcycles, ATVs, bikes and go-carts should park in the circle drive in front of the high school gym.

Horses should line up on the 400 block of East Webster. The Parade Committee asks that horses not be allowed on the football practice field. Antique and classic vehicles need to park on the drive north of the auditorium. Trailers carrying

livestock should park on College Street north of Washington.

New this year will be the breakfast tent set up at Uptown Market at the east end of Main Street. Forget making breakfast at home. Plan to stop by and pick up breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, cinnamon rolls or muffins. Rolls, drinks and other food items can also be picked up at Manna Bakery and St. Francis Super's on Main Street.

"Main Street has lots of shade trees and there are benches but to make sure you are comfortable, bring lawn chairs," Mrs. Lampe said.

"It should be a great parade!"

## Escapologist to perform at fair

A "Guinness world champion escapologist" will be performing at the Cheyenne County Fair at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Mario Manzini will be presenting a two and one-half hour show in front of the grandstand. As a preview on Thursday night, he will attempt his death-defying escape from a strait jacket while suspended 60-feet high, upside down, from a burning rope.

Manzini has performed this aerial stunt many times on television specials and over the Snake River Canyon in Idaho.

His show will consist of feats of magic and illusions, fire eating and breathing; and his tribute to Elvis show. He has been rated No. 3 top Elvis tribute artist in the midwest, but will feature these thrilling escapes which is his main show.

Manzini has appeared on the David Letterman show, the Tonight show and many major television shows and specials. He has

performed at Caesars casino in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

Manzini will be inviting members from the audience to come up on stage to strap him into a strait jacket, tie him to a chair with 100 feet of rope; lock him into 15 or more pairs of assorted police hand and leg cuffs, lock him in chains, lock him inside a U.S. mail bag, tie him inside a sack; lock him inside a wooden box and much more.

He has escaped from 26 locked prison and jail cells by challenging prison officials to lock him in their strongest maximum security cells. He's leaped off bridges while handcuffed and escaped while under water.

Brought to Cheyenne County by the fair board, they are hoping the Manzini performance will be a show the audience will never forget.

**Additional act**

An extra featured act is Victoria Halterman who will be play-



Manzini

ing her electric fiddle. She's been playing since the age of 9 and has performed at the top theaters and fairs around the country.

## Association names director

Shelia Stannard, a 1992 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, has been named the director of activities and events for the American Angus Association. She assumed her new responsibilities Aug. 1. Ms. Stannard has been with the Association nearly 11 years, starting as assistant director of public relations and most recently serving as director of communications and events.

As director of activities and events, she will continue planning educational and leadership events

for the membership, including Cattlemen's Boot Camps, Beef Leaders Institute, the National Angus Conference and Tour and the annual convention. As well, she will coordinate the Association's participation in open shows and oversee the Roll of Victory show program.

"Shelia brings a wealth of attention to detail and organizational skill to this position," says Bryce Schumann, Association Chief Executive Officer. "She is familiar with all Association programs and

services and the diversity of our membership. She will continue to be a tremendous asset as her role at the Association evolves."

Ms. Stannard is a western Nebraska native and a graduate of Kansas State University, with a bachelor's in agricultural journalism and animal science. She recently completed nine years on the advisory board to the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors, and in 2008 was inducted to the Honorary Angus Foundation.

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of **Sunflower Extension District #6**, Sherman County will meet on the 18th day of August, 2009, at 4:00p.m. at the Sherman County Commissioners Room hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at each District Extension Office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2008		Current Year Estimate for 2009		Proposed Budget Year for 2010	
	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*
General	352,908	2.073	379,800	2.077	407,500	2.091
Debt Service						
Totals	352,908	2.073	379,800	2.077	407,500	2.091
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	352,908		379,800		407,500	
Total Tax Levied	272,959		274,089		xxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation:	131,640,335		131,911,802		134,824,773	

Outstanding Indebtedness,	2008			2009			2010		
	Jan 1,			Jan 1,			Jan 1,		
G.O. Bonds	0			0			0		
Revenue Bonds	0			0			0		
Other	0			0			0		
Lease Pur. Princ.	0			0			0		
Total	0			0			0		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

*Clay Zimbelman*  
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**Hays Medical Center Introduces Nephrology Center of Western Kansas**

**Johanna L. McCullagh, MD**

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