

Start thinking float for the fair parade

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 4 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Carnival Lights and Country Nights."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

For years, the parade was organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, however, when the organization dissolved at the first of the year, Carla Lampe and First National Bank employees agreed to take over the parade.

The rules have not changed. Floats will be judged by three people. 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.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe or any bank employee at 785-332-2145.

Volunteers needed to run the carnival

By Karen Krien

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The fair is about six weeks away. The members of the Amusement Authority as well as other volunteers are starting to get the carnival grounds, equipment and game booths ready for opening night on Wednesday, Aug. 1 (the fair runs Aug. 1-4).

The carnival is one of the main attractions of the Cheyenne County Fair. It is a home-owned carnival, with rides and booths being run by volunteers. Because of these volunteers, rides are still 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Winners of games receive tokens. These tokens can be collected and exchanged for great prizes.

At the end of the season, work lists are made for the coming year. Every Thursday, members and volunteers meet at the fairgrounds.

This year, new fences are being put up to make them safer for those attending the fair.

There is painting to do. The fences, booths and rides need paint. Bill Wilger, board member, reported that the painting needs to be done two weeks before the fair because they don't want any wet

paint left on people.

People are welcome and needed to join the hustle and bustle and fun of being part of the carnival. Come to the fairgrounds on Thursday evenings.

For more information on getting the carnival ready to go, talk to Bill Ehrman, 785-332 2748, or Greg or Susie Walz, 785-332-2968; or Bill and Connie Wilger, 332-2835; or just show up to work.

Running rides and booths

Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the fair. These jobs are only for two-hour shifts (more if the volunteer requests). Not only do local residents volunteer to run these events but people coming to visit at that time often sign up. People can call Connie Wilger 785-332-2835, to volunteer or get more information.

"It is best to sign up early so we can make sure you get the ride or booth you want to help with," Mrs. Wilger said.

However, if people are not sure of their plans until closer to the fair, they are encouraged to call anyway.

"We just want to make sure all the games and rides have people running them," she said.



CRAIG BUSSE operating the combine and Ron Smith running the grain cart for Busse Grain And Cattle Company.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

2012 County harvest is all but over

As you drive the roads and view all the stubble fields, it appears that the 2012 wheat harvest in Cheyenne County is all but over. "There are a couple of producers who are finishing their last fields, and should be done within a day or two. The big push is well over," reported Sean Cravens, location manager at Frontier Ag in Bird City.

Often, producers have to return to previously harvested fields to finish cutting the low spots and lagoons that needed to dry out. "That won't be the case this year. Man, its been so

hot and dry, everything got ready fast." said Shirley Zwegardt of the St. Francis Equity. Weather, which usually plays a roll during harvest, again played a roll by providing good cutting conditions. Since the beginning of harvest, there was only one rain event which delayed cutting by only about a day. This harvest, which may have been one of the earliest to have begun, may also be one of the earliest to be completed.

Grain dealers report that most producers seem quite pleased with their yields. There had been

concern that the hot and dry spring may have hurt the crop, but that doesn't seem to be the case. Wade Carmichael, Bird City producer, stated that he was very pleased with his harvest. "We had some continuous crop that wasn't very good, but the rest of our harvest was great."

"We're hearing some very good numbers on yields, and we saw excellent quality" said Dale Weeks of the Wheeler Equity. The elevators were able to handle the harvest pretty efficiently, moving some grain out by rail and truck, to be able to keep dumping. A

lot of grain also went in to farm storage according to the grain dealers.

The dry spring is having an effect on the county cattlemen, also. Grass, which should be tall and lush this time of year, is short and brown. Cattlemen are being forced to intensively manage their pastures and feed resources much earlier in the summer than usual. Weather, in our agricultural community, governs our farming and ranching efforts. The weather forecast for the remainder of this week is continued hot and dry.

South of McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Leon Brunton and Ron Harper of Ozawkie, and Roland Query of Firestone, Colo. have been guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer this past week helping with harvest.

Elda Kramer and girls were involved in a wreck Monday night. Elda was in the Rawlins County Hospital until Sunday.

Bethel Goltl attended the Red Hat meeting in Bird City Tuesday. On Wednesday Bethel and Don Bruder traveled to Wichita to keep eye appointments. They were guests of Bethel's brother, Bruce and June Ochsner Wednesday until Friday and also

got to see Matt Goltl, and Marty Goltl, Sophie and Jack.

Devon and Trinity Crayton are guests this week of Grandpa Jerry and Grandma Sandy Binning.

Kelly and Tayten Dewey were participants in the swim meet Saturday in Benkelman, Nebraska.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Craig and Diane Cox hosted a birthday party Saturday for Ada Fae Bell and Ada Lee Cox. Many family members and guests attended. Craig and Diane Cox, Jim and Cindy Imel of Bucklin remained as weekend guests.

Donations still coming in for cancer relay

Donations continue to pour in to the American Cancer Cheyenne County Relay Committee. Actually, the local committee has until the latter part of August to continue to collect donations for our 2012 relay fund.

You might wake up to the "lovely" pink flamingos in your yard, said Betty Loudon, one of the coordinators. By donating, the person gets them off their yard and then gets to send them to their "best" friend.

The various teams are still holding fund-raisers.

If you would still like to donate, said Pat Rose, chairman, just

contact any of the committee. Those available to help are Pat, 332-5348, Vickie Coates, Dana Rose, Amy Hilt, Cristi Wurm, Betty Petersen, Betty Loudon, John Finley, Allison Grice, Tammy Grice and Crystal Schultz.

Funds raised go for research to fight and cure cancer. The local committee has a packet of ways help can be obtained by any Cheyenne County victim.

Many thanks go out to all our corporate sponsors, the many volunteers who helped, and the teams who all worked so hard to make this year's Relay, held on June 9, one of the best ever.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

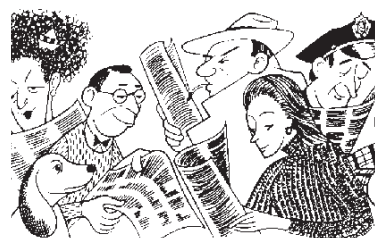
Karlyne Atchison called on Aunt Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis Thursday afternoon.

Connie Sabatka, and Marlene Johnson were present at the wedding of Kaedra Dickson and Caleb Kneighton Saturday in Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bethell and Marlene Johnson were Tuesday overnight guests of Terry and Tara Lesiak of Clarks, Neb. Wednesday they were joined by Connie Sabatka and Tish Loker, and all were present when the

Lesiak became parents of two adopted children.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sabatka, and Marlene Johnson helped Jalyn and Jalyssa Sabatka celebrate their birthdays Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka home in Colby.



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Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks, (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2012.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

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