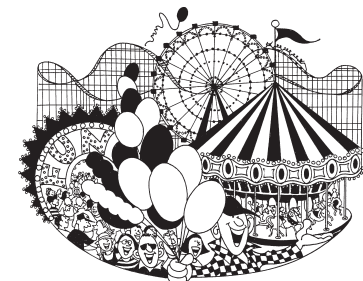


# Events at county fair include rides, roping demo derby



The Cheyenne County Fair is here! Kids can hardly wait to ride the carnival rides and play the games, while 4-H'ers have been dragging steers, leading pigs, putting the last minute stitches on garments and baking the 20th batch of cookies – all in an effort to be the best.

For months, the Amusement Authority has been repairing, painting and making sure that ever ride is safe. The fair board members have been getting building repairs made and the grounds mowed.

The 4-H food stands will be open each night of the fair and during the days while there is judging going on. The carnival opens at 7 p.m. each evening, Wednesday through Friday, and at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The grandstand entertainment will include the team roping which started at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Tonight, Thursday, will be the kids' pedal tractor pull at 7. Kids participating needs to be there early to register.

Friday is the 4-H Premium Sale starting at 6 p.m. with gives

business owners, grandparents and friends a chance to buy a premium for their favorite 4-H'er.

Friday evening in front of the grandstand will be the Tuff Trucks competition starting at 7 p.m.

Saturday is the parade starts at 10 a.m. on St. Francis' Main Street. All entries should be lined up in front of the high school by 9 a.m.

Many come back to the fair for the mud volleyball contest. The sixteen-team bracket provides lots of competition and is fun to watch. People are urged bring their lawn chairs and cold drinks.

Saturday afternoon at 4:30, the Knights of Columbus members start serving barbecued beef, beans and chips while Farm Credit serves slices of watermelon.

The evening is topped off with the demolition derby. The demo committee is expecting at least 20 cars and there will be pickups competing. This entertainment generally packs the grandstand

and pits. People should plan to get their early. This bang-up entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

At midnight, weary carnival workers and other volunteers will bid everyone good night for another year.

## Tuff trucks run again

Back again this year is the Tuff Trucks competition in front of the grandstand at the Cheyenne County Fair on Friday night. The action will start at 7 p.m. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Adam Peter, fair board member, said that the competition is for any vehicle including cars, vans, trucks and even derby cars.

The competition will be held in the demolition derby area but will have jumps, curves and other obstacles to make the race more interesting. Drivers will race one at a time and the best time through the track will be the winner.

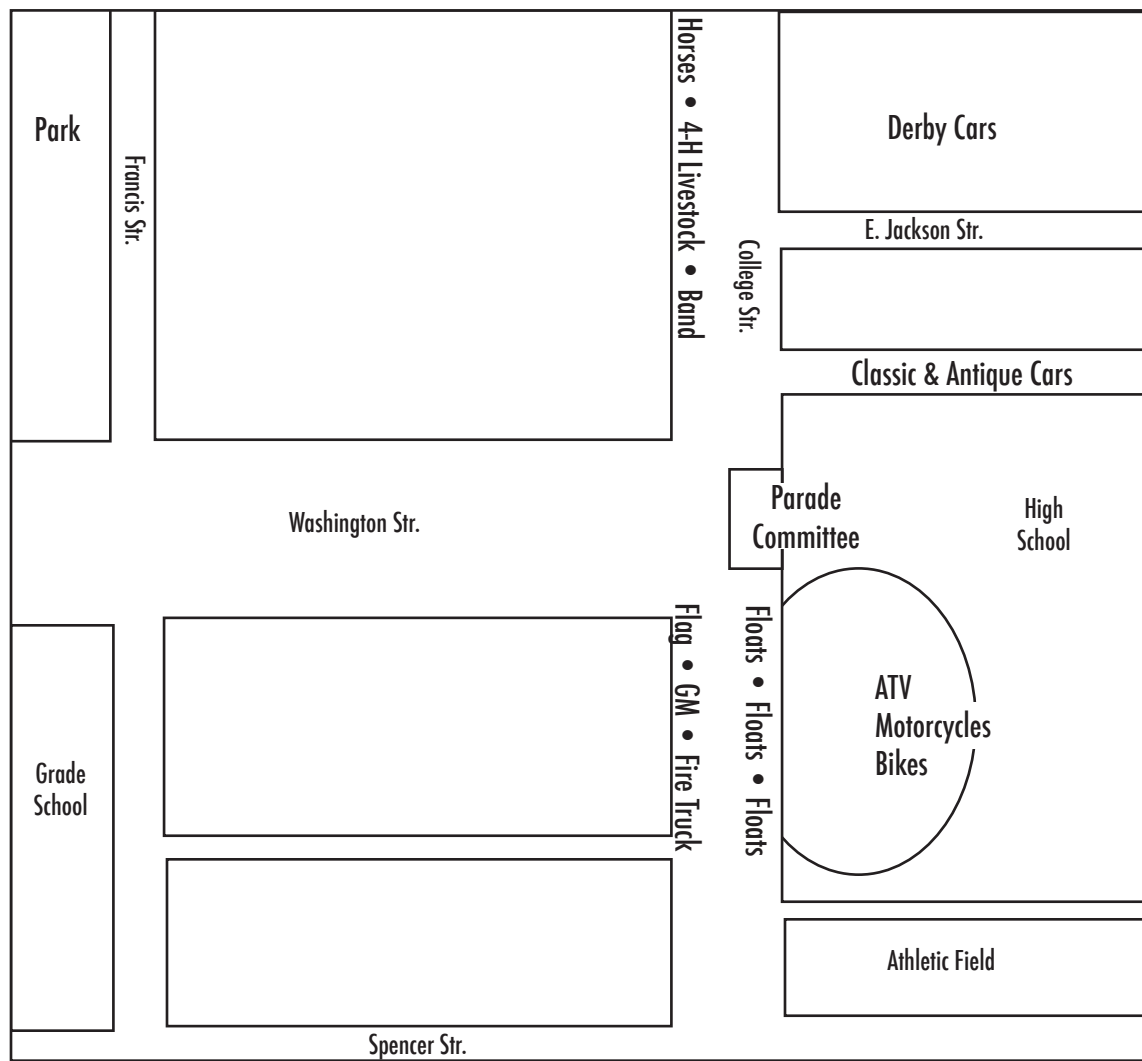
Adam said the track has been improved with more humps and bumps and the pond at the end will be more of a puddle.

There will be three winners and the purse will be determined by the number of entries. The fair board had also agreed to throw in some prize money.

Entry fees are \$25 per person and three or four guys might race the same vehicle.

The rules are simple. Each participant must wear a seat belt and a helmet, and the battery in the vehicle must be tied down.

People interested in trying their skill on the track should either show up by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and fill out an entry form or call Adam at 785-332-4039.



Fair parade line-up for Saturday

## There's still time to enter the parade

Plan your float and parade entries around the theme, "Carnival Lights and Country Nights," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator. "We want the 2012 parade on Saturday to be the biggest parade ever."

"It's not too late to build a float or entry. The theme gives those planning floats and other entries plenty of ideas to work with."

The parade will begin at

10 a.m. on Saturday down St. Francis' Main Street starting at College Street in front of the high school. All entries are to meet at the school and those floats being judged need to be at the school by 9 a.m.

The employees at First National Bank are heading up the organization of the parade. There will be no entry blanks to fill out but those with floats can contact

the bank at 785-332-2145.

The honor of this year's parade marshal is shared by two Bird City men, Norm Dorsch and Ken Beougher. Last year's marshal was Dr. Judy Baxter.

New this year will be the Hobo Snack Shack which will be located at the park, giving people a place to grab a hamburger or hot dog.

Last year the overall grand champion float was Tri-State Irrigation. Winning the first-place commercial division float was First National Bank. The Keller family won the family division; and Living Water Fellowship Church, Bird City, took the organization division.

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.

## Reading on Sunday

The public is invited to "Rough Writers Read with Community Members" at the Old Country Church in St. Francis on Sunday, from 2 to 3 p.m. for an enjoyable hour of listening to neighbors read their creative writings or memoirs. Light refreshments will be served after the readings.

Several members of the Rough Writers, a local group of writers, will read some of their original poems, memoirs, or other genres. In addition, writers from McDonald, Bird City, and St. Francis will also share what they have written.

Readers will include Gerald Wright, Marsha Magley, Dianna Padgett, Jessica Turner, Marie Holzwarth, Joy Fisher, and Barbara Ewing. Pastor David and Lucille Rossbach will also read selections from *Memories & Musings*, a book of writings by residents of the Good Samaritan Village. Time for questions will follow the readings.

The Rough Writers have been

gathering monthly during the school year since September 2007. Their primary purpose is to encourage each other "to write and to keep on writing." Some also assist with monthly writing workshops at the Good Samaritan Village. Recently they published the book *Memories & Musings*, available through the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

These quarterly readings at the old church, located near the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36, are sponsored by the Historical Society. Freewill donations are encouraged, to help cover the expenses of using the air-conditioned church.

The Rough Writers plan to host more such readings, on a quarterly basis. Please call Lucille Rossbach (332-8903) if interested in doing a reading or joining the Rough Writers.

## Barbecue held Saturday

The Cheyenne County Fair barbecue will be held again this year on Saturday west of the grandstand on the fairgrounds. The barbecue is being prepared and served by the members of the Knights of Columbus from Bird City and St. Francis. Held before the demolition derby, the serving will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat menu will include a barbecued beef sandwich, baked beans, potato chips and iced tea. Farm Credit will be serving watermelon with the meal.

This year, the Knights are charging \$5 per person with kids under 5 eating free. Proceeds will be used by the Knights for community projects in both Bird

City and St. Francis.

### Drawing held

The Knights of Columbus members are giving away a meat bundle during the fair. The bundle consists of 70 pounds of hamburger and approximately 40 pounds total of T-bond, ribeye and sirloin steaks.


Knights members will be selling tickets before the fair and also during the fair where they will have a booth in the evenings. Proceeds will go toward their scholarship program as well as other Knights programs.

Those unable to come to the barbecue or would like to make an additional donation can send it to Knights of Columbus, in care of Mike Antholz, P.O. Box 852, St. Francis, 67756.


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