



Come to the fair

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 every 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 a garden tractor pull at 7.

Friday

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

Saturday is the parade which 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 to bring their lawn chairs and cold drinks. It begins at noon, right after the parade.

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 hoping for a number of cars in the competition. There are several other demolition derbies happening in the area. What makes the Cheyenne County derby more appealing is the additional \$1,500 being added to the winning purse.

The derby generally packs the grandstand and pits. People should plan to get there 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.

Saturday night volunteers needed

The Cheyenne County Fair has arrived but, there are still nine rides and games that do not have volunteers to run them on Saturday evening. If those slots are not filled, then they will be closed down for the remainder of the evening.

Raedell Winston, who has been organizing the roster of names and carnival rides and games, reported that people are needed to run the Pop Toss, Duck Pond, Skeet Ball, Water Ball, Pro-ball Toss, Ferris Wheel and both the Big and Kids Swings. The time slots are 8 to 10 and 10 to midnight on Saturday. Each of the rides and games need two people. Couples, friends or individuals,

if they possibly can help during that time need to call Raedell at 332-4391.

Those who have already committed to run a ride or game need to show up at the appointed time.

The Amusement Authority members, in the past, have been able to take a shift if there is a "no show" but this year, with only six members, it is impossible. If no one shows up, the game or ride will need to be shut down until the volunteers come for the next shift.

The lack of volunteers has been a problem through the years but is serious this year. The carnival cannot run without dependable volunteers.



4-H'er, RIAN ZIMBEL, was convincing her dog to sit at the dog show held Tuesday morning. Look for full results of the 4-H and open class entries in the After Fair Special Section.

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KIDS CAN WIN a whole family of bananas with tokens won at the game booths during the fair. Pictured are Deb Harris, left, and Susie Walz. Below, the St. Francis Lions Club is responsible for getting the tubs up and running for the fair. They also man the ride throughout the fair. Pictured, left to right, are Francis O'Leary, Norman Morrow and Elmer Kellner.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Hearing moved to Sept. 3

Eddy Schultz, St. Francis, attended the bankruptcy hearing concerning the Bella's Market case in Denver on Monday.

Sam Mancini, owner of the market in St. Francis, was represented by his lawyer. The opposition was a lawyer representing the Fort Morgan bank. Also, on speaker phone, were Mr. Mancini, Leroy Odell and his lawyer (Mr. Odell owns the building), and other attorneys representing various interested parties.

In a matter of about an hour, the next court date was set for Sept. 3, 2013. It has been scheduled to last for three days. Both sides, Mr. Schultz said, indicated that they are coming to an agreement.

On Aug. 3, 2012, almost a year ago, the St. Francis market was closed overnight for non-payment of sales tax. On Sept. 24, 2012, the bankruptcy suit was filed.

If an agreement can be worked out, Mike Braxmeyer, who is the owner of the Atwood grocery store, says he still plans on honoring the purchase agreement he had made two months ago to obtain and operate the St. Francis grocery store at its present location.



LOOKING FOR GROCERIES Tuesday morning were Shirley Watson, left, and Marsha Magley. The shelves had barely been stocked for months. *Herald photo by Karen Krien*

Supporters are parade marshals

Cheyenne County Fair Parade always has a variety of floats and other entries each year. One of the special entries in the parade is the parade marshals.

This year's marshals are Skip and Betty Petersen. They will be riding in Bob Gross' convertible.

The Petersens moved to St. Francis almost 30 years ago, coming to run the St. Francis Livestock Commission. While they were always strong supporters of the county fair, they became very active when their children, Robin and Brett, became 4-H'ers. They not only helped their children but also served many hours in the food stands during the fair.

If something needed done, Betty said, we were there to help.

As owners of Western Auction and Real Estate, St. Francis, they really became involved when the 4-H livestock sale needed an auctioneer. This was a family affair, Betty said. The kids helped. Skip, Robin and Brett are auctioneers, and Betty was doing the clerking.

At the parade the following day, they were on hand to help again. For years, Betty and Skip announced the entries in the parade. They were on the east end of St. Francis' Main Street while Jeff Raile was on top of First National Bank, announcing on the



RUNNING THE 4-H livestock sale were parade marshals, Skip and Betty Petersen.

west end.

We always enjoyed announcing the entries, Betty said.

Through the years, they have also had an entry in the parade. Sometimes it was their auctioneering topper while other years, they were more creative. Whatever, they had an entry.

We never dreamed we would be an entry as the parade marshals, Betty said. She added that while they are very honored, they also recognize that there are a lot of people who are also deserving.

Just because they are marshals, they are not taking it easy this year.

Betty was down at the prize booth before the fair began helping Susie Walz, carnival board member, and other volunteers setting up, putting prizes away and getting the displays ready. She also plans to put in a number of hours helping during the fair.

I love helping, she said. The kids are so excited and while they are trying to make up their mind what to buy with their tokens, it is nice to talk to their parents.

It is going to be a fun fair and we are honored that we have been chosen to be a special part of it, Betty concluded.