

rides, games

you drop a ball from the top of a board that that you hope will end up in the small, medium and large prize sections. If the ball ends up in the "sorry" section, you don't get a prize, Gaede said. After the ball is dropped from the top of the board it goes through a maze before landing in the one of the sections. Pop ring toss game involves trying to throw your plastic ring around a pop bottle. If you're successful, you get to drink the pop.

The fish pond is a favorite among toddlers, Gaede said. She said toddlers get fishing poles that have a clothes pin on them. They toss the pin into the tank and win whatever prize they pull out of the water. It's a game where everyone wins, Gaede said.

The zipper, a favorite among teenagers, might not be available this year. Gaede said it's being worked on right now.

A variety of prizes will be given out to game winners this year. Gaede said they will be giving out a vast array of stuffed animals including dinosaurs, monkeys, snakes, tigers, elephants and zebras. Hats, fake swords and water guns are some other prizes that will be given away.

"We try to get as much variety as possible," Gaede said. "We try to do things a little differently each year."

Numerous local business volunteer each year to help run the games and rides.

"It's a way for businesses to make an appearance in the community," Gaede said.

Some of the businesses volunteering this year include People's State Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Bankwest, S&T Communications and the Colby Agronomy Center.

Gaede said the Colby Fire Department helps the put the rides together every year about two weeks before the fair. She said she is still looking for 30 to 50 more volunteers to help with the carnival.



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Gary Schuette of the Colby Rotary Club, worked on renovating the the game "Plinko" on a hot afternoon, Wednesday, July 14 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

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