

Popular 'zipper' ride this year alongside

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The Thomas County Amusement Association has had another busy year trying to get the Thomas County Free Fair Carnival ready.

"It takes a lot to make the carnival run," Angie Gaede, a member of the Thomas County Amusement Association, said. "It is important to have volunteers, without them, we would not have a carnival."

Gaede continued to say that it takes a minimum of 175 volunteers just to run all of the games and rides. For the whole carnival to run smoothly, it takes around 250 volunteers. The volunteers come from all over the community. Most of the volunteers are found at local businesses.

"The community support makes everything possible," she said.

The carnival will be featuring almost all of the rides and games that it did last year. The only change is that there will be no Dime Toss, due to a lack of volunteers. However, the Zipper will be making its return to the fair this year. Other featured games and rides are the Scrambler, Tilt-a-Whirl, Baseball and Basketball Throw, Kiddie Swing, Fish and Duck Ponds, Plinko and many other community favorites.

"The Zipper is probably the most popular



The rainbow slide is one of many attractions at the carnival, which is run by an association of Thomas County citizens who bring in new rides and games each year as well as old favorites.