

Seven classes available for entry in antique tractor show

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The Antique Tractor Show will be held once again at the Thomas County Free Fair, beginning at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Seven classes that will be displayed in the 4-H Building parking lot on the fairgrounds. The entries will be on view until it gets dark, said coordinator Monty Biggs, but they will be judged about 4:30 p.m.

Classes include antique tractors 1939 and older, 1940 to 1949, 1950 to 1959, 1960 to

1970, garden tractors, stationary engines, and antique combines.

The award for a blue ribbon is \$6.50, a red ribbon is \$4 and a white ribbon is \$1.50.

Biggs said the tractor show is always a good time.

"Everybody brings their tractors," he said. "It's a big fiesta."

He added that it's a good chance for owners just to show off their tractors all day.

"You'd be surprised the amount of people who stop and look at them," Biggs said.

He said most of the entries they get are antique tractors, but they don't see many

stationary engines, those which can't move themselves. Biggs said engines like this were usually used to power grain augers and things like that.

Another category that doesn't see many entries is the antique combine class.

"Every once in a while we have combines," Biggs said, "but usually just one. There's always a good showing of antique tractors."

He said for people interested in entering their equipment, there is no need for register early.

"We enter them as they show up at the show," he said. "There's no registration fee or

anything."

The show, Biggs said, can even be enjoyed by people that don't know much about these tractors.

"There's a lot of people that aren't even associated with antique equipment that come to see them," he said.

The antiques will be on display while other events take place, such as the Pedal Tractor Pull, which begins at 5 p.m., and the barbecue at 5:30 p.m.



A 4-H girl showed her horse during the Thomas County Fair 4-H horse show last year. The show will start at 9 a.m. Monday this year.

Horse shows Saturday, Monday

The open class Horse Show for the 2012 Thomas County Free Fair will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, in the small arena, while the 4-H Horse Show begins at 9 a.m. Monday, July 30.

Each show begins with halter classes, where the animals are judged on conformation – essentially how their dimensions, movement and disposition conform to allow good performance.

Following the halter classes, 4-Hers compete in showmanship, in which the exhibitor's skill in showing their animal is judged. The top two in junior, intermediate and senior age groups advance to the Round Robin show-

manship competition where each will show their horse along with a market steer, market swine, market lamb and goat to find out who is the overall livestock showman.

Further competition in both horse shows includes performance classes for both western and English riding, along with reining and trail riding.

Speed competition includes barrel racing, pole bending and flags.

This year's 4-H show will have a special class called Old-Timers Showmanship. This just-for-fun competition gives adults a chance to show off their skills – or demonstrate what they've forgotten – to the 4-H kids.

Hope you and your family enjoy the fair!



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