

Chase County Fair kicks off Saturday, ticket sales jump

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Chase County's fairgrounds will buzz with activity next week as the 2012 version of the Fair & Expo kicks off Saturday, Aug. 11.

The first event of the fair features the 5th annual cattle dog trials, beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday in the rodeo arena.

The event was moved to the first weekend this year to better fit the schedule of the dog owners.

The annual 4-H horse show will highlight activities Sunday, beginning at 8 a.m.

The Hee Haw Lip Sync Contest scheduled for Sunday evening has been cancelled after a number of acts dropped out early this week.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Tuesday kicks off with the 4-H dog and cat show along with entry day for 4-H, FFA exhibits and

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livestock, and open class exhibits.

There will be a 4-H, FFA and open livestock judging contest in the livestock barns at 4 p.m.

A ranch rodeo will be held in the arena, beginning at 5 p.m. This will be followed by a Barnyard Scramble for toddlers through age 12, beginning at 6 p.m. in the arena.

The ranch rodeo is filled with the maximum of 10 teams, according to coordinator Chance Skomp. It will feature teams of four on horseback competing against time in a variety of "ranch work" such as trailer loading, stray gathering and more. Cash prizes will go to the winners.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Wednesday begins with the 4-H and FFA swine show in the show arena at 8 a.m., followed by the goat and sheep show at 11 a.m. The poultry and rabbit show is set for 2 p.m.

At noon, the largest expo in the tri-state area featuring farm equipment, vehicles, service companies, apparel and more opens at 12 noon through 7 p.m.

The 4-H exhibit building opens to the public at 12:30 p.m.

Activities in the arena begin at 3 p.m. with the mutton bustin' for kids ages 5-7 who weigh no more than 60 lbs. The frozen t-shirt contest follows at 4 p.m., which is open to all ages.

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There's ice cream and pie available at 3 p.m. at the Hughes Farm Supply booth in the expo. From 5-7 p.m., there's a bratwurst supper on the grounds outside the grandstand area to benefit the Mercy Meals program.

The carnival opens at 5 p.m. that afternoon and will run until 11 p.m.

A late addition to the activities to the fair include a bounce house and mechanical bull. The bounce house will open at 1 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, closing each day at 6 p.m. For \$5, youngsters can gain access to the bounce house for the entire day.

The free Christian Family Show begins at 7 p.m. in the grandstand, featuring allison, casto & williams.

The evening wraps up with a square dance beginning at 8 p.m. in the open air pavilion.

Ticket sales up 15 percent

Ticket sales for the two grandstand shows got a 15 percent boost during the last week.

The Friday night show stands at nearly 36 percent while the Saturday night show is nearly 34 percent, according to ticket manager Larry Munger.

Friday night's show features country performers Travis Tritt with special guest Hunter Hayes.

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Saturday night's show features two eras of rock music with former Bad Company lead singer Brian Howe, followed by Theory of a Deadman.

Munger said the ticket booth at the fair grounds opened Monday and will be open the rest of the week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be open throughout fair week next week.

Tickets are available at the window, by phone at 308-882-5260 or 800-472-FAIR (3247), or at www.chasecountyfair.com online.

2012 early fair schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

7 a.m.—5th Annual Chase County Fair Cattle Dog Trials (rodeo arena) sponsored in part by Edward Jones

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

8 a.m.—4-H Horse Show (rodeo arena)

7 p.m.—HEE HAW Lip Sync Contest (cancelled)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

8 a.m.—4-H Dog & Cat Show (open air pavilion)

8 to 11 a.m.—Enter 4-H, FFA and Open Class Exhibits

11 a.m.—All Market Beef, Sheep and Swine Entered

4:30 p.m.—4H, FFA, & Open Livestock Judging Contest

5 p.m.—Ranch Rodeo (rodeo arena) sponsored in part by Brophy Electric and Spangler Roofing

6 p.m.—Barnyard Scramble (rodeo arena) ages toddlers-12 yrs.) sponsored in part by Markee Ag and The Added Touch Flowers & Gifts

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 a.m.—4-H and FFA Swine Show (show arena)

11 a.m.—4-H and FFA Goat and Sheep Show (show arena)

12 noon—All Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves and Bucket Calves Entered

12 noon to 7 p.m.—Expo Opens

12:30 p.m.—4-H Exhibit Buildings Open

2 p.m.—4-H and FFA Poultry and Rabbit Show

3 p.m.—Mutton Bustin' Contest (ages 5-7, 60 lb. limit)

3 p.m.—Homemade ice cream & pie by Champion Community Center (Hughes Farm Supply Booth)

3-12 midnight—Lions Club Bingo (Lions stand, fairgrounds)

4 p.m.—Frozen T-Shirt Contest (rodeo arena) All ages welcome,
sponsored in part by PST and Hegwood Trenching, Inc.

5 to 11 p.m.—Carnival Opens (\$20 unlimited rides)

5 to 7 p.m.—Bratwurst Supper Benefit for Mercy Meals

7 p.m.—Christian Family Show (grandstand) allison, casto & williams coordinated by Ministerial Association of Southwest Nebraska sponsored in part by AK Acres and Chase County Community Hospital

8 p.m.—Square Dance Dean Dederman caller (open air auditorium)

8:30 p.m.—4-H Exhibit Building Closes

All times listed in mountain time.