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Hold on to your hats or caps and prepare to ride to the Chase County Fair! It seems early this year to many people, but the fair begins Sunday.

As always, events begin with the 4-H Horse Show at 8 a.m. Sunday morning in the fair arena. There were 13 entries as of last Friday.

That afternoon and evening, the Imperial Community Players will present “Pump Boys and Dinettes” at the Chase County Schools auditorium. Performances begin at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children

“Pump Boys and Dinettes” is a musical set at the Double Cupp Diner and garage. Employees there describe their life stories on the highway to the audience.

The cast consists of five actors, directed by Jeremy Vlasin. The music is Grand Old Opry country style.

“Pump Boys and Dinettes” will also be performed at 7:30 p.m. Monday night.

### **Tuesday**

The fair really gets rolling on Tuesday, beginning with the 4-H Dog Show. As of Friday there were five dog entries, two cat entries, and one “pocket pet” entry.

The show will be held at the open air auditorium, with a rain location of the city gymnasium.

Between 8-11 a.m., all 4-H, FFA and open class exhibits must be entered.

Barrel racing begins at 10 a.m. in the rodeo arena. The event is sponsored by Reinke Irrigation, Pivot Electric, Budweiser, Johnson Publications, Inc., Edward Jones Investments and J&T Fundraising—John and Theresa Schilke.

At 11 a.m all market beef, sheep and swine are to be entered. That is followed at 4:30 p.m. by the 4-H, FFA and open livestock judging contest.

Team Sorting will begin at 5 p.m. in the rodeo arena, sponsored by Top Hat LLC, Brophy Electric, Imperial NAPA and R-Nette, Inc.

The Imperial Players will again present “Pump Boys and Dinettes” in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

The 4-H and FFA swine show will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the show arena. As of Friday, there were 23 entries for the swine show.

For the second year, a cattle dog trial will be held in the rodeo arena, beginning at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by Budweiser.

The 4-H and FFA goat and sheep show will begin in the show arena at 11 a.m. Although no goats were entered as of Friday, there were 17 sheep registered.

At 12 noon all breeding beef and bucket calves will be entered. As of Friday there were 26 beef and 10 bucket/feeder calves entered.

The Expo opens at 12 noon on Wednesday, with displays available to the public until 10 p.m. The 4-H exhibit buildings open at 12:30 p.m.

The 4-H and FFA rabbit show begins at 1 p.m., with two poultry and four rabbit entries as of Friday.

A fun event for the entire family is the Stick Horse Rodeo for toddlers and up at 2 p.m. in the open air auditorium.

Sponsors include Tommy’s Sports Bar, Imperial Country Ford and Chuck’s Trailer Sales.

The carnival opens at 3 p.m. Wednesday, as does the Lions Club Bingo stand.

R-Nette is sponsoring the Frozen T-Shirt Contest in the open air arena at 3 p.m. Another event beginning then will be the Mutton Bustin' Contest for ages 5-7, 60 pound limit.

The contest will be held at the rodeo arena, and is sponsored by Lamar Fertilizer, Frenchman Valley Coop, R-Nette Inc., Added Touch Flowers and Gifts and Markee Ag.

At 4 p.m. the Steer Riding Contest, for ages 8-14, will be held in the rodeo arena. Sponsors are Good Times Bar and Triple O Service.

To start off the evening, the Orphan Grain Train Bratwurst Feed will be held from 5-7 p.m. near the old beef barn. For \$5, with proceeds going to the benevolent organization, a fairgoer will get a brat or hot dog, sour kraut, chips and a drink.

The Christian Family Show, with a free will donation, will begin at 7 p.m. in the grandstand area. 4 Hym of McCook will be performing this year, with gospel and a capella music.

Sponsors are AK Acres, Moreland Realty, Imperial Manor and Parkview/Heights, and Chase County Community Hospital.

The open air auditorium will be the site of a square dance featuring caller Dean Dederman at 8 p.m.

The 4-H Exhibit building closes at 8:30 p.m., the carnival closes at 11 p.m. and the Lions Club Bingo stand closes at 12 midnight.

### 2009 Chase County Fair schedule

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show

2:30 & 7:30 p.m. Imperial Players Production of  
"Pump Boys and Dinettes"  
(high school auditorium)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 p.m. Imperial Players Production of  
"Pump Boys and Dinettes"  
(high school auditorium)

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show (open air auditorium)  
(rain location, city gym)

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

10:00 a.m. Barrel Racing (added money) sponsored by Reinke Irrigation, Pivot Electric, Budweiser, Johnson Publications, Inc., Edward Jones Investments and J&T Fundraising - John and Theresa Schilke

11:00 a.m. All Market Beef, Sheep and Swine Entered

4:30 p.m. 4H, FFA, & Open Livestock Judging Contest Awards to Chase County residents only

5:00 p.m. Team Sorting sponsored by Top Hat, LLC, Brophy Electric, Imperial NAPA and R-Nette, Inc.

7:30 p.m. Imperial Players Production of  
“Pump Boys and Dinettes”  
(high school auditorium)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

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

10:00 a.m. 2nd Annual Chase County Fair Cattle Dog Trials (rodeo arena) sponsored by  
Budweiser

11:00 a.m. 4-H and FFA Goat and Sheep Show (show arena)

12:00 noon All Breeding Beef and Bucket Calves  
Entered

12:00 noon-10:00 p.m. Expo Open

12:30 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Buildings Open

1:00 p.m. 4-H and FFA Poultry and Rabbit Show

2:00 p.m. Stick Horse Rodeo (ages toddler & up)

sponsored by Tommy’s Sports Bar, Imperial Country Ford and Chuck’s Trailer Sales

3:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. Carnival Opens  
(\$20 unlimited rides)

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

3:00 p.m. Frozen T-Shirt Contest (Arena) All Ages  
sponsored by R-Nette, Inc.

3:00 p.m. Mutton Bustin’ Contest sponsored by Lamar Fertilizer, Frenchman Valley Co-op,  
R-Nette, Inc., Added Touch Flowers and Gifts, and Markee Ag (ages 5-7, 60 lb. limit)

4:00 p.m. Steer Riding Contest (ages 8-14) sponsored by Good Times Bar and Triple O  
Service

5-7 p.m. Orphan Grain Train Bratwurst Feed

7:00 p.m. Christian Family Show sponsored by AK Acres, Moreland Realty, Imperial Manor  
and Parkview/Heights and Chase County Hospital (grandstand)

8:00 p.m. Square Dance Dean Dederman caller (open air auditorium)

8:30 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Building Closes