

By Carolyn Lee The Imperial Republican

Every year the board of the Chase County Fair provides new entertainment for those who flock to Imperial. This year is no exception.

During the fair, which is Aug. 11-19, two new events will thrill fairgoers.

Wolf Zon and his DWTA Helicopters operation will be providing helicopter tours and rides Aug. 15-19.

Is riding in a helicopter on your "bucket list?" DWTA will let you check that item off. For \$35 per rider, with seating up to three, fairgoers can take a ride that hovers over the fairgrounds and beyond.

The commercial helicopter will also provide private tours. If you've wondered what your farmstead looks like from the air, now is the time to find out.

DWTA, out of Wichita, Kan., is an FFA/DOT Certified Air Carrier.

"DWTA Helicopters has dedicated to excellence in all we do and thereby have the necessary qualifications and experience to ensure that you and your patrons' helicopter experiences will be nothing short of amazingly positive," Zon, who is chief pilot, said.

For more information, see www.dwtair.com.

Hypnotist

Ray Thompson is more than a stage hypnotist. But, that's what he'll be doing at the Chase County Fair Aug. 17 and 18.

Thompson, who is based in Des Moines, Iowa, will give shows at 3 and 5 p.m. on that Friday and 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday in the open air pavilion.

He has a Masters degree in counseling, and has conducted counseling workshops and seminars around the country.

"While therapy work has its place I really enjoy bringing laughter to people," his website says. He is retired as an education consultant for the federal government, and also recently retired from the Air National Guard as a Chief MSgt developing diversity programs.