"Keepin' It Country" is the theme of the 2009 Phillips County Fair which kicked off earlier this week. A variety of fun activities for all ages are planned through Sunday, July 26.

Aimee Kanode is serving as the 2009 Phillips County Fair Queen and is sure to be kept busy with all the community events in addition to the 4-H and FFA competitions taking place at this year's fair.

Friday entertainment planned

With many events taking place Friday, July 24, be sure to head over to the Phillips County Fairgrounds to join in the fun.

After judging and open exhibits are entered, Friday's activities start at 1 p.m. with horseshoe pitching.

Later that day, a barbecue supper will take place at Homesteaders Park from 5-8 p.m. Don't miss the evening's entertainment with local community members starring in the talent show at the park at 5:30 p.m. Stick around for stock car races beginning at 7 p.m.

Saturday is Family Day

Saturday, July 25 is Family Day at the Phillips County Fair, and there are several events planned that are sure to please people of all ages.

Before Saturday's parade, stop by the parade announcer's booth by the courthouse at 9:45 a.m. Kanode will be honoring Phillips County residents Albert Bahler, Velma Biddle and Eileen Rudder who are turning 100 this year.

The "Keepin' It Country" parade begins at 10 a.m. traveling north along Interocean Avenue from its start at City Park. All participants 13-years-old and up must first register at the Re-1J Administration Building located at the corner of S. Morlan Ave. and Hale St.

Next, head over to the show arena at the fairgrounds for the annual pet show featuring a variety of fun and furry creatures at 11 a.m.

Also at the fairgrounds, the Combine Demo Derby will begin at 12 noon. Those brave enough can check out Homemade Salsa/Guacamole Contest at 12:30 p.m. at the Star 92.3 tent near the grandstands.

Children who want to get in on the action can compete in the pedal tractor pull at the grandstands at 1 p.m. Ages 4-12 are eligible to compete. Beginning at 1 p.m. will also be horseshoe pitching and the petting zoo.

This year's Parade of Champions showcasing all the hard work of Phillips County Fair participants will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the show arena.

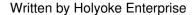
More fun for the kids is planned at the kids' races at 2 p.m. at Homesteaders Park. After that, children are invited to compete in the Stick Horse Rodeo at 3 p.m. at the show arena.

Junior Livestock Sale starts at 4 p.m. followed by the 4-H, FFA and Buyers' Barbecue.

New to the Fair this year, the Pickup Derby will wrap up Saturday's festivities. It starts at 8 p.m. with a teen dance scheduled to follow the derby.

Other activities scheduled

Many Phillips County Fair activities scheduled this week



Wednesday, July 22, an amateur/youth rodeo is scheduled at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's schedule includes a number of animal and other 4-H events keeping Fair participants busy throughout the day. Thursday evening Lexi Moul will take the stage at 8 p.m. for this year's concert entertainment.

Phillips County Fair activities will wrap up Sunday, July 25. A community church service led by special guest Terri Tedford will begin at 9 a.m. at Homesteaders Park. A round robin will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the show arena followed by the annual antique tractor pull at the grandstands at 12 noon. During this time, all exhibits will be released.