

'Love A Fair' ready to open

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HURRICANE — "Love A Fair" is the theme for the Washington County Fair, scheduled to formally open Thursday with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 6:30 p.m., heralding a full slate of activities.

"... the displays will be the best ever" said LaRee Jones, co-chairman of the home arts division. She pointed to a huge mobile of padded hearts in colors from pink to mulberry, and sized from small to mammoth, where the grand prize, or sweepstakes winners, will be shown.

Jones also noted that quilts and individual display rooms, Nos. 3 and 5 at Hurricane High School, were near-

ly filled within an hour of entry opening Monday.

All of this week gardeners, farmers and floriculturists have been watching and pampering a special fruit, vegetable or flower to be entered and vie for prizes.

Artists have put the final dab of paint on their creations. Hobbyists make the rest of us a little ashamed that we have not been tole painting, wood-working, beading or stuffing dolls.

The ingenuity and imagination increases each year!

Lew Melendez "City of Fun" carnival from Pleasant Grove opened Wednesday. It was set up to the west of HHS vocational arts and shop building, and has all the familiar ride features — merry-go-round, ferris wheel and roller coaster. For the

more daring thrill seekers are the Mexican Hat, Yo Yo, Rock-O-Plane, Hammer and Fun House.

The carnival will operate each afternoon and evening through Saturday.

The ever popular boxing matches will be staged at a ring set in the football field Friday and Saturday nights. Advance tickets and reserved seats will be sold during the day at the information booth, entrance of the high school.

Always one of the real contests of the fair will be the 4-H club livestock show Friday morning. Often overlooked by most visitors, to many it is the most enjoyable portion of the three days.

Twenty or more kids, each with a fat steer in tow, vie for prizes which will swell their college funds. The young people are 4-H Clubbers or Future Farmers of America.

For an hour before the showing, the youngsters groom the animals to immaculate perfection. Faces, or muzzles, are shaved. Coats are washed and hooves polished. Most steers wear a ribbon bow above the brush of their tails, long hairs brushed, back-combed and hair-sprayed.

Behavior in the judging ring is noted, and a 75-pound boy or girl manages a 1,000 pound beef with skill and authority.

Volunteer firemen from all departments in the county will compete in a muster which begins immediately after the Saturday morning parade. They will do hose-laying and ladder climbing on 100 West Street. Later in the afternoon, at the football practice field, they will compete in air pack and barrel push.

This is the fourth annual "Olympics" for local firemen. St. George won the first year, and Hurricane has held the large trophy the past two years. Washington City, Santa Clara and Leeds firemen are anxious to have their names on the plaque, and they have pride in their skills.

The children's parade will be on Hurricane downtown streets Friday at 6 p.m., and Saturday the general parade will be staged at 10 a.m.

As well as continuous entertainment, afternoons and evenings will be filled with fun. All events and times are listed on the official program.



ST. GEORGE — Minnie Swapp, 96, embroiders a dishtowel like the ones she finished to enter in the Washington County Fair home crafts competition. Swapp and other residents of the St. George Care Center completed a number of handicrafts, including crocheting, woodwork and beadwork, under the direction of activities leader Phyllis Klatt. All the handiwork of county residents young and old will be on display at Hurricane High School Friday and Saturday. (Spectrum / Kristine Messerly)