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Weather didn't stop fairgoers from enjoying the Arapahoe County Fair *Record crowds turn out to enjoy rodeo, demolition derby and high-flying dogs*

Littleton, Colo. --- Mother Nature tried its best to dampen spirits at the 2008 Arapahoe County Fair but it didn't stop more than 20,000 fairgoers from enjoying themselves amid the rain and the heat, July 23 - 27.

Wednesday's Radio Disney AM 1690 Night got off to a damp start – raining off and on for most of the evening but it didn't keep Hannah Montana fans. Girls wearing bangles, belts and blonde wigs with purple streaks sang their hearts out during the Hannah Montana look-a-like and sing-a-long contest.

Thursday's rainy weather provided a glorious rainbow during the American Heroes' Night presentation that honored our fallen heroes, sponsored by KEZW 1430 AM.

Once again, fairgoers would not be turned away. They came to enjoy the rodeo, and watch the coronation of Parker Pig, who was voted Mayor of the Fair after fighting a clean, non-mudslinging campaign against Henry Horse and Connie Cow.

"As Mayor of the Arapahoe County Fair I stand firm in keeping it fun," explains Parker Pig. "Mark your calendars for next year's Fair, July 22 - 26, 2009."

Fairgoers enjoyed unlimited carnival rides, concerts, mutton bustin, face painting, camel rides and more. The 4-H livestock auction raised \$54,340 with the Grand Champion Steer, owned by Kacie Arnold of Strasburg, bought by Steer Buck for \$2,700. 4-H exhibits increased and Open Class entries boasted double the amount of living art, floriculture and horticulture entries.

The Arapahoe County Fair was sponsored by Radio Disney, Wolf 92.5 FM, 105.5 Jack FM, KEZW 1430 AM Waste Management, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, City of Aurora, City of Littleton, E-470, Aurora Sentinel, Villager Newspapers, Potestio Brothers, Go Toyota Scion Arapahoe, Tagawa Gardens and Action Care Ambulance.

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Flying Dog: Flying High. Man's Best Friend competed for the title of Big Air Dog during the DockDogs® competition at the Arapahoe County Fair, July 23 - 27.

YellowBMX: The sky's the limit during the Yellow Design BMX Show.

MuttonBustin: Holding on for dear life in the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Arapahoe County Fair.