

people, places, things

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ST. GEORGE — Jay Ence is a busy man, usually with so many projects going — most of them for the community — that on occasion it is tough even for him to keep track of them.

But one of his pet projects get center stage when the middle of July comes around. That's when Jay's attention centers on putting together two good fight cards for Washington County Fair nights, Aug. 12-14 in Hurricane.

Sometimes he even does the training himself.

In recent years Jay has set up a training camp, in spite of his busy schedule, in order to insure adequate fighters.

This year, however, Jay thinks the project might be harder than it has been in the past.

"We just can't find people who will train and fight," he said.

But that hasn't stopped the project from going on, and Wednesday evening the activity was fast and furious at the training center in the basement of the city's new office building.

And, many old and familiar faces were there helping. Each year after the fair and fights are over, Jay is always mentioning his appreciation for the help he has received.

The American Legion arena is crowded every August for the county fair fights. At the conclusion, when the trophies are handed out to the winners and the spectators go home, few know how Jay and his crew worked to make the fights a success.

But when the rounds are all over and the judges score slips are in, Jay and his crew are big winners as well.

