



CENTRAL STATES FAIR

DEMOLITION DERBY

Hard-hitting action at the Central States Fair



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The fair was hopping Saturday, Aug. 16 as drivers battled in the demolition derby at the Central States Fair.



VIEW: To watch a video from the fair, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**

Boy injured in shooting at fair

Suspect in custody after Saturday night shooting at Central States Fair

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Throughout the year, local law enforcement and first responder agencies prep for the Central States Fair. That work and coordination paid off Saturday night as a shooting suspect was quickly apprehended.

“Officers and deputies (and South Dakota Patrol troopers) were quickly on scene with that individual within minutes of that initial phone call,” around 10:05 p.m., Rapid City Police Department Lt. Chris Holbrook told media outside the fair’s public safety command post Sunday afternoon.

Around the time after the shooting, the Journal observed officers parked on both sides of North Lacrosse Street west of the fairgrounds and an officer speaking to three teenagers.

A boy around 16 years old is in custody in connection to the shooting, Holbrook said. Authorities can’t release the suspect’s name, per state law.

The victim, also a boy around 16, suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Holbrook said as of Saturday night the victim was expected to be released from the hospital soon.

Law enforcement found the handgun they believe was used in the shooting, which they said those involved tried to discard. Holbrook said though multiple youths were taken into custody initially after the shooting, charges are only expected at this time for one suspect.

The incident, born of a confrontation between two groups, happened in the west Central States Fair parking lot off North Lacrosse Street. Pennington County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Casey Kenrick confirmed the shooting was an isolated incident between the groups and there is not an ongoing threat to the public.

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European leaders to join Ukraine meeting

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KYIV, Ukraine — European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington for talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia’s war in Ukraine, with the possibility of U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.

Leaders from France, Britain and Germany are rallying around the Ukrainian leader after his exclusion from Trump’s summit on Friday with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Their pledge to be at Zelenskyy’s side at the White House on Monday is an apparent effort to ensure the meeting goes better than the last one in February, when Trump berated Zelenskyy in a heated Oval Office encounter.

“The Europeans are very afraid of the Oval Office scene being repeated and so they want to support Mr. Zelenskyy to the hilt,” said retired French Gen. Dominique Trinquant, a former head of France’s military mission at the United Nations.

“It’s a power struggle and a position of strength that might work with Trump,” he said.

Special U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff said Sunday that Putin agreed at the meeting in Alaska with Trump to allow the U.S. and European allies to offer Ukraine a security guarantee resembling NATO’s collective defense mandate as part of an eventual deal to end the 3½-year war.

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