

at JCF Days, Cunningham said his personal favorite and the best for newcomers to attend is the balloon glow on Friday. The event will have up to six pilots taking to the skies in hot air balloons.

"Everybody comes out and grabs a slice of watermelon, and you spread out all across that area that the city allows us to use by Splash Station," Cunningham said. "It's just one of the most beautiful summer evening events that you can come up with. It's so much fun."

Cunningham also said the rodeo at Christensen Field on Friday and Saturday nights has proven to be a popular event with attendees.

"It just kind of depends on what they like," he said. "And everybody comes to the parade and gets wet at the end, so it's just kind of a traditional thing that we do around Fremont."

Preparations for JCF Days begin almost immediately after the previous year has finished, said Fenske, who is in charge of logistics planning for the festival's events.

"We try to get together the following week, just while everything is fresh in our heads and talk about things that we could have changed, things we could improve on, suggestions we heard from the people attending," she said. "Then we kick right into the next month and already start our meetings for the following year."

In getting ready for the event, Fenske said there is so much more that goes on behind the scenes than people realize.

"But all that coordination and then seeing it all come to surface for the weekend and people in the park are happy, and the children getting their faces painted and enjoying the parade," she said. "By the end of three days on Sunday, we're pretty darn tired, but it's so much fun."

Fenske also said she was thankful for the support from the city of Fremont and local businesses, as well as her other board members.

"Although we all each have our own portfolio and responsibilities, during the weekend, if anybody falls short or runs into a hiccup, somebody on the board is always there to help out," she said. "So it's just an amazing group of people."



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Over the years, Cunningham said people have stopped him and thanked him and other board members for their work on the event.

"This is a group of people with

no slackers among them, everybody has a portfolio," he said. "I really do think people are becoming more and more appreciative of the work that we put in, because they say it, and that's re-

ally gratifying and it just gives us momentum."

More information on the event and applications for food and craft vendors are available at johncfremontdays.org.