

Arena fees remain hot topic for board

By Leslie Hill
 The matter of arena use fees was once again on the Cheyenne County Fair Board agenda Thursday evening.
 Shawna Blanka, representing the county barrel racers, asked the board members to waive the fee for the arena. They discussed whether or not the barrel racing association which the women belong to was a for-profit organization. They finally decided the organization came under the heading of "for-profit."
 Mrs. Blanka then asked if the members were going to furnish a

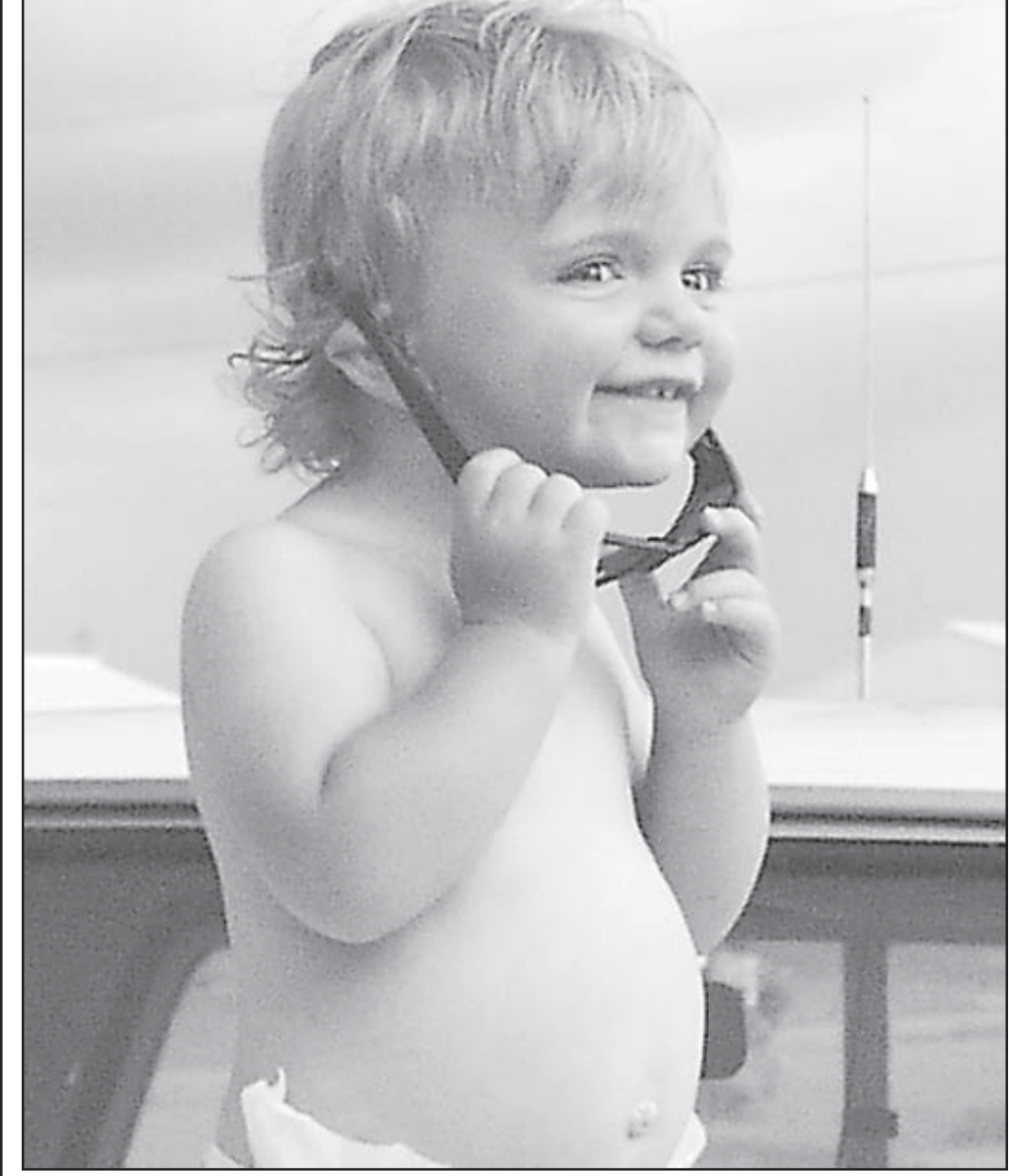
tractor for working the arena and wanted to know what they could expect for the \$125 fee. Since the board does not own a tractor, they told Mrs. Blanka that she would have to furnish the tractor and get the arena ready for the show. Mrs. Blanka also asked about whether or not the gymkhana club would be charged for using the arena and the members said "no."
 There is no charge for school, county organizations and kid events. Everyone has to pay a deposit and, as long as everything is left in the same condition, the uncashed checks are returned.

Mrs. Blanka suggested that the board use the money collected from the arena fees to repair and possibly enclose the arena's crows nest.
Fund raiser
 The Northwest Kansas Area Technical College in Goodland will be selling tickets for a chance to win a 1965 Ford Mustang at the Cheyenne County Fair this year. The winner will not be announced until the fair next year. The group will be renting a booth and all proceeds will go the Northwest Kansas Endowment.
Barbecue
 Fred Mosley, St. Francis, will be

cooking the meat for the barbecue held Saturday evening of the fair. Member Ernie Ketzner reported that he had gotten some bids on meat and, as of meeting time, Saintry Super Foods was the cheapest at \$.89 per pound. Mark Mills said that he and Jared Douthit had contacted the Hereford Association about donating certified Hereford beef but did not know if a decision had been made. Mr. Mills should hear from the Hereford Association in a couple of weeks.
Banner
 Lacey Reed, board member, said Iva Krien, St. Francis, had talked to

her about the banner which hung in the premium sale ring and was once used to take the 4-H's' pictures under. However since the rule that the 4-H and FFA symbols could not be used in conjunction with the fair, the banner was removed. Mrs. Krien and Mrs. Lacey would like to make another sign that could be used during the fair.
In other business
 • There was a lot of discussion on tinning the livestock buildings and what it would take to get this work done. The members are hoping to get this project done before the fair. The board has set up Tuesdays as

work nights but with so few showing up, it is hard to get much work done. Member Wade Krien said that he would start working after the derby in Salida on Saturday and Sunday. Kelly Faylor and Clifton Bursch are going to get a group of people to help with this project.
 • The Catholic Youth Group had contacted Mr. Krien about picking up the trash after the demo derby for a donation.
 • The members voted to hire Dave and Deb Flemming's limo service to pick up Baxter Black at the Goodland airport and drive him to St. Francis for his performance at the fair on Thursday evening.



FUTURE MISS AMERICA Sara Elizabeth Chumley of McDonald tries on her sun glasses. Sara is just another example of the natural beauty of Northwest Kansas. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Vintage World War II planes to visit air show

The 21st Stearman Fly-In will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis. This free event features Stearman aircraft, a World War II vintage open cockpit, and fabric-covered biplanes powered by radial engines.
 Hot air balloons launch at sunrise on both days, wind permitting. Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman flights take place throughout the day. The Fly-In ends Sunday after lunch.
 Stearman rides and tandem skydives will be available to the public. A tandem skydive allows a novice passenger to share a parachute jump with an experienced skydiver. In addition, there may be helicopter rides available this year.
 Breakfast and lunch will be served both days on the airport grounds.
 "Scores of pilots annually fly in to enjoy the spectacle, arriving in all manner of aircraft including warbirds and experimental aircraft," said Robert Grace, coordinator of the Fly-In.
 At 8 p.m. on Saturday, Amelia Earhart (impersonated by Ann Birney), will perform in the band shell at Sawhill Park. This is a Chamber-sponsor event and is no charge. (See related article for more information.)

Amelia Earhart comes to St. Francis

Amelia Earhart (Ann Birney) will be entertaining the audience in the band shell in Sawhill Park, in conjunction with the Stearman Fly-In this Saturday. This unique entertainment, provided by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, will start at 8 p.m. and is free to the public.
 It is April of 1937. Ms. Earhart has torn up her Lockheed Electra in a ground loop trying to take off from Luke Air Field on Honolulu. But, she assures the audience, as soon as the plane is ready, she will take off again on what she hopes will be her last record-setting flight — this time, heading east instead of west but asks that no one tell the press about the change of direction!
 The audience will hear firsthand about her harrowing solo flight across the Atlantic — and her plans to fly around the world at the equator.
 Ms. Birney has delighted audi-

ences of all ages with her energetic portrayal of Amelia Earhart in one of her portrayals of "Ride Into History." Each performance is tailored to the audience. For instance, hear how William Allen White's only advice to her, delivered through a reporter, was to take a comb into the cockpit and use it before she got out! Ms. Birney has introduced Amelia to audiences ranging from schools to libraries, after which she changes personality to enable the audience to talk about that final flight; to informal elbow rubbing at convention "mixers," staying in character all the while.
 "We are hoping that we have a large audience as we hear Ms. Birney's portrayal of Amelia Earhart is great," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.
 If there is inclement weather, the barbecue and Ms. Birney's program will be moved to the grade school.

Big fireworks show planned

By Casey McCormick
 God Bless America! Independence Day is less than a month away. This summer the event will be even more important since the nation is riding a wave of patriotism, due to a successful campaign against a Middle Eastern foe and Bird City has not had a fireworks show in three years.
 Not to knock "Mother Nature" but two years ago it was strong winds that thwarted the show. Last year the ground was so dry that a

drop of moisture would evaporate before it could reach Earth.
 But this year Dan Bowers, local pyrotechnician, has a special show planned.
 "This year's display ought to be bigger and better than usual," he said.
 This is because the city has a surplus of unused fireworks and two organizations (PRIDE and Community Club) are providing funds for the celebration.
 But Mr. Bowers wants to make

the event even better. He would like to add two additional displays: a Statue of Liberty and an American flag.
 "They would be ground displays that we'd set up to the east of the football field grandstands," he said. "Each would be on the scale of about 8 by 10 feet."
 However, these fireworks must be provided for by individual donations. If interested contact Mr. Bowers at 734-2614.

Girls will vie for title

By Karen Krien
 The Cheyenne County Junior Miss program has been set for 7 p.m. on June 28 at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.
 There will be eight seniors from Cheyenne County participating in the program. They are Dana Raile, Hayley Young, Toni Rice, Andrea Carpenter, Cristi Antholz, Christina Zweggardt, Meredith Knodel and Hannah Sowers.
 This year's theme is Jungle Fever. The week of practice will start on June 22. It is a grueling week of practicing for physical fitness, talent numbers and interviews. However, there is a lot of fun and camaraderie.
 Be sure to mark the 28th on the calendar and plan to attend the program as the girls vie for the title of Cheyenne County Junior Miss.

Time to plan for fair parade floats

By Karen Krien
 It is about two months until the Cheyenne County Fair Parade — just about the best time to start thinking about building a float for the parade.
 The fair parade will be held on Aug. 9. This parade is one of the best in the area and one of the reasons is the floats. Organizations, businesses and families construct floats just for the parade.
 This year's fair parade theme is "Change is Good." It will give ample opportunity to have a variety of different floats.
 The parade coordinator this year is the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Carla Lampe. The entry forms are ready to be picked up at the First National Bank in St. Francis. She also plans to contact the businesses and organizations in town encouraging them to have a float.

"We (fair parade) need floats and if I or one of the committee does not contact you it doesn't mean we don't want you — We need you and everybody to have a float for the parade," Mrs. Lampe said.
 Everyone is urged to get their groups and business staffs together and start planning. And, don't wait until the last minute to enter. If unable to stop by the bank, call Mrs. Lampe and she will take care of the rest.



FAST WORKING EMERGENCY personnel and a good deal of luck made this accident look much worse than it could have been. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Local driver survives wreck

By Casey McCormick
 The calm peace along U.S. 36 came to an abrupt stop as the sound of twisted metal and shattered glass filled the air Tuesday morning. A red Mercury Tracer, driven by Virginia Crawford, Bird City, was traveling east as it drifted to the right.
 At the same time Herman Antholz was moving a planter and John Deere 4840 tractor to another field. He was also heading east and was properly showing warning lights as he drove along the shoulder of the highway.

"I saw her coming in my mirror, pulled the tractor farther into the ditch, looked ahead for any oncoming traffic," said Mr. Antholz. The car passed under the left side of the planter which sheared off the roof of the automobile. The car rubbed the left rear tire of the tractor and came to rest several feet ahead in the ditch.
 Luckily Miss. Crawford was leaning to the side and both air bags were deployed in her car. Emergency medical technicians from Bird City and McDonald were im-

mediately at the site and treated the driver for cuts and bruises to her face and possible broken bones. After she was secured to a body board she was taken by ambulance to the hospital in St. Francis.
 The accident occurred about four miles west of McDonald. There appeared to be no injury to Mr. Antholz and his tractor showed no exterior harm. However, the planter was severely damaged and Miss. Crawford's car was totaled.