

## Wheat Field Field Day set for June 20

The annual Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, at the test plot 4 miles south of Wheeler on K-27, then 1/4 mile west. Junior, Tom and Matt Smull are the cooperators.

Speaking will be Jeanne Falk, multi-county agronomist; Jim Shroyer, crop production specialist; Brian Olson, northwest area agronomist; and Dan O'Brien, northwest area agronomist. They will be discussing three different studies at the plot: 1) the 20 varieties; 2) the comparisons of four varieties each planted in conventional and no-till plots; and 3) certified seed vs farmer saved seed.

Jeanne Falk, area agronomist, said the wheat may be turning but will be still be a little time until harvest arrives.

"For the most part, it looks like the county will have a good harvest," Ms. Falk said.

She said some fields still have some green areas and the rain will help finish out the grain fill.

### Evening meal

The evening meal and program will be held at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler, following after the wheat plot tour.

During the program, Mike Brown, Kansas Wheat Commission, and Herb Mattson, Kansas Wheat Growers Association, will be discussing changes in the wheat checkoff and changes in KSU variety release mechanism.

The meal is furnished by Goodland Greenline and Cheyenne County grain dealers.



## Dairy Ground breaking ceremony

Wed., June 20  
Bird City Dairy

## Museum plans program

The Cheyenne County Historical Society is holding a Flag Day observance at the Cheyenne County Museum on Thursday (today).

The Once Again Sound Band will begin playing at 7:30 p.m. The program will begin at 8.

Patriotic and gospel music will be performed by the St. Francis Singers. Ice cream cones will be served from the old soda fountain at the museum.

Following the program, a special flag burning ceremony will take place. Watch for parking directors as a space near the museum will be reserved for the program and burning ceremony.

Those who have a flag that needs to be destroyed can drop it by the museum or *The Herald* office. Seating will be limited so everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair if they have one.



**STEARMAN FLY-IN** brought around 85 aircraft including this Stearman plane to the area over the weekend.

*Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## 10 Stearmans fly in to airport

Approximately 85 aircraft including 10 Stearman planes, five hot air balloons, a T-28 Beechcraft Staggerwing and a pristine Mullicoupe flew in to St. Francis for the 25th Stearman Fly-In. The event was held over the weekend at the Cheyenne County Airport.

Robert Grace, coordinator for the Fly-In, said Stearmans came from as far as California and Texas. The Stearman are World War vintage,

open cockpit planes.

John Kugler, McCook, was the only balloonist to fly on Saturday evening. John and Linda Nash, Parker, Colo., inflated and tethered their balloon on Saturday afternoon.

"The seven-story-high balloon made a lovely backdrop for the Stearman biplanes and the skydivers," Mr. Grace said.

Over 40 skydives were made dur-

ing the event.

The Saturday night barbecue included an interesting talk by Dr. Curt Kimball, Sterling, Colo., and a well-received performance by his Barbershop Quartet. Mr. Kimball has attended every Fly-In and was the originator of the event.

To learn more about the Stearman Fly-In, or to see photos of the event, go to the official website, [www.stearmanflyin.org](http://www.stearmanflyin.org).



**Kori Underwood** reads to area youth at the Bird City Library "Get A Clue" Summer Reading program. The program held

on Tuesday afternoons at the library.

*Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

## Accident claims life of young man

*By Kathy Davis-Vrba*

### Rawlins County Square Deal

A young Rawlins County man was killed last Wednesday morning in a tragic workplace accident. Benjamin (Ben) Brogan, 30, died of injuries he sustained in an accident at Beaver Valley Supply Co., east of Atwood. The accident took place at 9 a.m., June 6.

According to Scott Chvatal, the company's vice president, Brogan was part of a work crew that was in the process of setting up a hay rake when a piece of equipment fell off a forklift and landed on him.

He was taken by ambulance to the Rawlins County Health Center, where he died from his injury. The staff at Beaver Valley were shocked and deeply saddened by the death of the young yard crewman, who had been employed at the supply business since March 22.

In the short time he had worked at the company, he had become popular with everyone at the business, according to the

vice president.

"He was a very good employee," Chvatal said Friday. "Everyone liked him."

Brogan, who was an accomplished athlete in high school, was a 1996 graduate of Cheylin High School.

He and Keri Waterman were married Nov. 29, 2003 and the couple were making their home in rural Atwood.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor Don White officiating. Interment was in Grace Cemetery in McDonald.

Survivors include his wife, Keri; his father, Gary Brogan; his mother, Laura Brogan of McDonald; his siblings, Julie Brogan, Gary Brogan Jr., and Angela Brogan; and other relatives and friends.

The family has established the Benjamin M. Brogan Memorial Fund. Donations may be left at Williams Funeral Home, which was in charge of arrangements.

## Fair board finalizes most plans for Aug. 1-4 fair

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The Cheyenne County Fair board met Thursday with 10 members present to complete plans for the fair on Aug. 1-4.

Erika Lehman gave the derby report and said everything was in line for the judges, with the same type of trophies being donated as last year. As of the meeting, Roger Zweygardt had not been contacted about the mud bog.

Gary Cooper said that things were coming together for the ranch rodeo. They still needed to find cattle. The committee decided to go for a team sorting instead of team penning, the thought was it might go quicker than a team penning and they could move on to the barrel racing.

The Premium Sale Committee met quickly before the regular meeting and said they decided to have Skip Petersen auctioneering the sale.

President Dick Bursch told the members that he was needing an idea on advertising budget for the fair. Jared Douthit said he felt being

a rural community they should spend more of the money on radio advertisement than on print since there is a couple new events this year. Last year the board spent around \$360 for radio. Several of the member felt they needed to possibly advertise on McCook, Wray and Burlington stations also. Mr. Bursch will check into and not go over what was spent last year. Lacy Reed said that Western Distributing and Wholesale Beverage would print up the flyers also.

### Cement slab

Nick Ketzner was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Ketzner asked Mr. Bursch to get approval from the board to go ahead and pour the cement for the ambulance/handicap slab south of the grandstands and also the area by the show ring with the profits of the fairbook sales.

Mr. Ketzner is pouring cement at his farm and thought this would be a good time to pour the cement needed at the fairgrounds. The board gave approval.

### Arena rental

Shawna Blanka, St. Francis,

again asked Mr. Bursch to reconsider allowing the barrel racing association to use the arena as a non-profit organization.

Mrs. Blanka said that all fees collected are put back into prizes won. It was bought up that Mrs. Blanka had saved the fair board around \$800 last year, so the majority of the members agreed to let them use it but that the deposit would still be needed to cover any damages.

It was brought up, where they would draw the line? There are others who do things for the community who will feel that they shouldn't have to pay either. They decided to go on a case-by-case system.

### Teen dance

Mr. Douthit said he had been asking by the group doing the Movies in the Park about maybe holding a teen dance at the fair. Years ago teen dances were held on the cement slab in the parking area. The members said they would have no problem with having a dance. The rules still apply as far as liabilities. The members need to check and see if there is still electricity there. Mr. Douthit

said that the group had a really good turn out for the first movie in the park without advertising. (It should be noted that the movie was advertised.)

### Fair book

Ms. Lehman has finished reading the fair book and all changes have been made. The book is ready to be printed.

### Vendors

Ms. Lehman said there has not been much interest in vendors so she was planning to send out a letter to Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, to have her send it to all the businesses to invite them all to set up booths at the fair.

### Raffle

The board had talked about having a raffle for the fair. A grill had been donated. Members thought they might be able to get a ATV also. Ryan McAtee said that he thought Aurora Honda was interested when he had talked to the owner but he has not heard back from him.

### In other business

In other business:

- The pen behind the crows nest

has been torn down and the panels are so heavy that the board would have no use for them. Mr. Bursch asked if the members wanted to advertise for bids or what to do with them.

Mr. Douthit again felt there was no reason to advertise and thought they should just consign them to Western Auction's next consignment sale — the board agreed.

• Mr. Douthit will check with Bill Ehrman to see if the Amusement Authority wanted the pile of junk beside the train tracks in the carnival. If they don't want it, it will be hauled away.

• Ms. Lehman said The Knight of Columbus are not sure if they will be doing the barbecue or not. They won't know until their meeting on July 18.

• The members signed a thank you card for Jim Miller for rewiring the fair building. Mr. Miller will be wiring the east side of the hog barn at a later time.

Mr. Bursch said he appreciated the work that Dave Flemming and the county crew did at the fair-

grounds. All the post have been pulled, mowed and the early weed spraying was appreciated. Jared Douthit also mentioned that Clay Zimbelman borrowed the Douthit's tractor and mower to mow around the arena.

• Francis O'Leary, 4-H shooting instructor, asked for permission to put a pin in the door to the food court at the fair grounds. The door doesn't open properly and it is getting bent. He also asked if it would be possible to install a gun storage cabinet attached to the wall in the food court building. It would be bolted to the wall and locked. The cabinet is a 14-gauge steel and welded. The board approved both.

• Former fair board member, Tobe Zweygardt was present to thank the board for keeping the fair going and all they have done. Mr. Zweygardt also shared a story about Clay Zimbelman, his grandson.

### Next meeting

The July meeting will fall on the 5th. Members voted to move the meeting to the next Thursday which will be July 12 at 8 p.m.