



**GETTING THINGS READY.** Mike McCarty uses a front-end loader to move feed before the cows arrived.  
*Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

# Board tables decision to change county fair dates

**By Lezlie McCormick**  
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Changing the weekend of the fair was discussed when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday. No decision was made because more information was needed.

President Dick Bursch said several people ask if the board would set the dates and theme for the 2008 fair and parade as soon as possible. If the fair could be held earlier, it would miss several of the other area county fairs, or perhaps, the board could move the fair up two weeks.

Clay Zimelman, member, said he didn't know how it would be possible to make it earlier with so many on the board involved in harvest. Megan Downing, member, was concerned if there were to be a rain delay they could still be cutting wheat.

Mr. Zimelman also said it would be difficult for the members to be at the fairgrounds getting things ready before the fair. Lacy Reed, treasurer, felt that if the dates were set early enough, plans could be made to get the majority of the work done in April or May. Mrs. Reed also said the harvesters accounts at her business are paid by July 4 and the harvesters were gone.

The other members said even though the harvesters were gone, several of the members were still in the wheat field. Mrs. Downing said that it is very rare that they were ever done by July 4.

Mr. Zimelman asked if they thought the Thresher Association would consider changing the dates of the Thresher Show for the next year as it will fall on July 31. Everyone was in agreement that was probably not an option as the Thresher Show is set and dates are posted on the sign in Bird City as soon as the show is over.

President Bursch made a phone call to see when Sherman County would be having their fair and how the Tri-State Royal would affect the fair dates. The call was not answered so the board tabled the decision until the Sherman County Fair dates are known.

There were no final figures ready from the 2007 fair. Treasurer Reed said she has been working on them but didn't have them quite complete. President Bursch said it was an outstanding fair and they were in the black a tiny bit on each event. It was the first time to make a little money on the ranch rodeo.

Gary Cooper, secretary, told the board there was not one qualifying run during the team penning. The contestants were asked if they wanted their entry fees back or what they wanted to do? They said they would donate the entry fees to have an entry office building built. The board discussed several different options and finally agreed to form a committee to get estimates on what it would cost to put up a small build-

ing. Mr. Cooper said that Larry Wilson, superintendent for the goats, had some complaints. Mr. Wilson was told that the goats would be added to the round robin after three years. This is the third year and they were not added. Also the goat pens were thrown together in a hurry and were never finished. The board agreed the pens had never been finished.

A request had been made by one of the superintendents to have all the supers and the board sit down and discuss things that needed changed or improved while it was still fresh in their minds. The goat pens would probably be discussed at the meeting.

Another complaint during the fair was about the big cooler fan that was in the door to Jenkins Hall. People said they did not want to walk past it. The cooler made it very humid in the building and some of the vendors were not happy with it. Mr. Zimelman asked if the cooler could be moved down to the middle of the building by the bathrooms next year. President Bursch said the company told him it needed to be near a door. Several of the members said they had been around these coolers when they are in the middle of the shops and they work fine.

### In other business

In other business:

- Mr. Zimelman said Justin Gardner had given a couple of garage doors and two small vinyl windows to the fair board. He thought the windows would work on each end of the crowds nest.

- President Bursch said they needed a couple members to measure the land they are trading Butch Ewing. The county attorney just needs the measurement so that a deed can be made. The trade will widen the road around the livestock building and making parking area deeper on the west side of the road coming into the fairgrounds.

- A work day needs to be scheduled to winterize things and put away the benches.

- A commissioner asked that new planks be replaced north of the livestock building.

- The cement north of the livestock barn needs torn out and a smooth slab poured from inside the livestock barn door out a ways to help the cattle come in and out of the barn.

- At the Oct. 4 meeting the board will have election of officers.



# Bird City dairy cows arrive, begin milking operations

**By Karen Krien**  
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Since April, there have been trucks going back and forth, buildings being constructed and, now, at last, the first load of cows is coming in to the Bird City Dairy this week.

The dairy will be managed by Mike McCarty, one of the three sons

of Tom and Judy McCarty. They have a second dairy at Rexford which they built four years ago.

The dairy is expected to bring an economic impact to Bird City as well as the rest of the county. As of Monday, there has been an additional 16 students enrolled at Cheylin and there has been an increase in Bird City's

population due to dairy workers.

Cathy Domsch, director of the Century II Foundation and the main recruiter for bringing in the dairy, said one of the big objectives was to increase school enrollment. Every town needs a school, she said.

Look for more about the dairy in upcoming issues.

# Cougars continue to grow

**By Colleen Shrader**

The Cheylin varsity football game played on Friday against Grinnell/Wheatland ended with a 48-0 score, but it appears the boys are improving even if the scoreboard didn't show it.

"We played a good team and gave them 20 of their 48 points by our mistakes," Coach Max Keltz said. "I feel we have improved but need to continue to develop."

The stats are as follows:

Tackles: The leading tackles for the night were made by Sam Hengen with nine. He was followed by Lincoln Pochop with eight, Lamar Adams and Rex Weishapl, seven, Jayden Cahoj, six, Jay Hewett, five, Jacob Diers, four, Jamie Adams and Christopher Walden, three, Jacob White and Heath Antholz, two, and Jared Cahoj and Nick Els, one.

Passing: Jayden Cahoj was 2 of 3 with 30-yards gained; Keltz was 1 of 3 with 5-yards gained

Rushing: Hengen 8 for 25, Pochop 9 for 11, Antholz 1 for 2  
Passes caught: White 2 for 20 yards, Antholz 1 for 5 yards  
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**Junior varsity**  
Monday night the junior varsity



**LINCOLN POCHOP (#56) gets in on the action against Grinnell.**  
*Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

played Brewster/Triplains. "We let them have some big plays and fumbled away some opportunities," Coach Keltz said.

The statistics for that game were:  
Tackles: Walden with 13, Jarod Cahoj and Caleb Keltz, 12, Adrian Garcia, 11, Antholz and Max Hengen, seven, Diers, six, Els and J. Adams, three, Lance Leonard, and Erick Estrada, one.

Passing: Keltz was 10 of 24 with 74 yards gained  
Rushing: Antholz 11 for 44, Cahoj 13 for 68, Adams 2 for 11, Keltz 2 for 9, and Walden 2 for 4

Passes caught: Walden 5 for 74 yards, Antholz 2 for 9 yards, and Diers 1 for 22  
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The boys have played well and there is some improvement.

Come watch the varsity's next game following the volleyball games on Friday at Benkelman starting at 7:30. The next junior varsity game is Monday at home with Dundy County starting at 5:30.

Support the Cougars by attending games.

# Football team wins big on road

**By Colleen Shrader**

Coming home with a 38-0 win is a great start for the junior high boys.

Coach Nick Ketzner said he was very proud of all of his players.

"The eighth grade boys have really stepped it up a notch and taken some great leadership. The whole team played very well for their first game."

### Flag football

"Flag football did not go as well as the tackle, but the teams were not as evenly matched for the flag game with Brewster's seventh graders and our younger players," Coach Ketzner said

The teams are looking forward to their next game at home on Thursday, Sept. 13 with Golden Plains starting with flag at 4:30 and tackle at 5:30.

Volleyball games start at 4.

Make sure to put it in your schedule. They will be good games to watch



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