

## Board hears program plan on wrestling

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Monday evening's school board meeting heard athletic director Max Keltz and assistant volleyball coach Kendall Cahoj approach the board with a proposal to begin a wrestling program in the Cheylin High School. When the discussion ended, the board voted "no" 3-4.

"I don't think this will hurt the basketball program, I think it will help it," Mr. Keltz said.

He went on to explain that he had a number of interested kids and that only one of them would probably go out for basketball. He included that the school had a good number of boys enrolled and would have for a number of years into the future.

"This would be an opportunity for some kids to improve themselves in a way not available to them right now," Mr. Keltz said.

"Wrestling is a very personally challenging sport," Mrs. Cahoj said.

Expense estimates for mats were approximately \$6,000 for new ones, and uniforms about \$100 per kid to include singlets and sweats. The idea of using track sweats was one way to defray start up costs, as well as shopping for used mats.

"If we get an answer before November, we can still get in to some competitions this year," Mr. Keltz said.

Another benefit of the program would be keeping kids from possibly transferring to other school district that has wrestling programs to offer.

Board members discussed the benefits of a program and where practices may be held. The matter was tabled until the two members missing arrived later in the meeting.

After the latecomers were filled in on the presentation and some discussion was made, member Jan

Busse moved to put the program into action.

"I'm ready to act, let's start a wrestling program," Mrs. Busse said.

After voting, the motion was defeated 3-4.

### Other items of business

Other items discussed included denial of a release to let students residing in Cheylin School District to be picked up by a neighboring district's bus.

Clarification of the wording in the student handbook concerning assignment sheets and necessity of having work turned in before a student leaves for a scheduled activity.

The English As A Second Language program is proving to require a lot more paperwork and expense than anyone realized. Another person will need to be hired to fill out plans and another translator is needed.

A grant to Century II will be applied for to assist in the costs for a new web site design. The new site would be much easier to maintain and for teachers to post homework on.

The status of the preschool is non-existent. No certified teacher could be found. Dave Zumbahlen told board members he called the Education Commissioner and vented a little on the shortage of teachers and the high qualifications required to teach the preschoolers. He plans to advertise for a less qualified person to teach to preschool for this year and see what happens.

A shuttle bus to go between McDonald and Bird City for athletes on game days was agreed on, and will be made available.

The lots on the northeast corner of the vacant block are still available for housing projects planned by the city.

## Scarecrow judging to start this week

The scarecrows will be displayed on the vacant lot north of the Peoples State Bank. Judging will be by public vote. Bill Schaff will be present at the site from Wednesday to Saturday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He

will be taking in scarecrows to be judged, and will also be taking votes from the public. He hopes this will be a successful event as he plans for it to be an annual event.

Prizes will be \$100, \$75 and 50.



FOURTH GRADERS in Rose Hengen's music room. Ivan Kemp on the trombone and Joaquin Hernandez, Jr. plays the tuba.  
Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Fairboard sets the dates for fair

By Leslie McCormick

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board set the 2008 fair dates as Aug. 6-9 which will also be the same weekend as Goodland's. At the Thursday meeting, the board discussed dates prior and after the proposed date but there were so many conflicts that they decided to leave it as it had been for the last few years.

The board was asked to come up with the parade theme for those wanting to get an early start on their floats. The theme will be "Another Day In Paradise".

### Election of officers

Members voted Dick Bursch to be the president again this year. Nick Ketzner is the new vice president, Gary Cooper is the secretary and Lacy Reed, treasurer.

### Extension office

Joe Leibbrandt, Extension agent, introduce himself to the board.

"It is nice to be back home and in the county," said Mr. Leibbrandt.

Mr. Leibbrandt told the board how proud he was to have the quality of displays at the county fair. He also praised the good superintendents who made his job a lot easier

and how much he enjoyed working with them all.

### Fairgrounds road

Dave Flemming was present after being asked by Mr. Cooper about what options there were for repairing and maintaining the road leading to the fair building. There is about 1,100 feet of road.

Mr. Flemming brought four different options he had researched. The first would be concerning grants or tax credits if the board would have to have a contractor come in and it would cost approximately \$22,000.

The second option would be for the county to purchase, haul and lay hot-mix asphalt at \$50 a ton, costing \$15,000.

The third option would be the county purchase asphalt millings from the state and, in the spring, use Reclamite, a substance which breaks down the asphalt pieces, would need to be added. The cost for reclamite is \$3,000.

The most economic would be to get the asphalt waste at no cost from the city at the recycling center and add the Reclamite at \$3,000 plus there would be a chip seal costing

\$2,800.

The road would then need sealer every four to five years.

With only about \$2,000 in the bank, the board is limited on what they can do.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Flemming had talked to commissioner Andy Beikman. It was their understanding that the fairground road would be on the agenda for the commissioners to see if they could help with some of the expense. Mr. Bursch said he felt some of the members should be present at the meeting to answer any questions the commissioners may have.

Mr. Cooper said the fair building is a main building where community functions are held and it would be nice to have a decent entrance road.

### Ice cream stand

Mr. Bursch had been approached by a member of the Christian Church about building an ice cream stand. The group would like to put a permanent building beside the Methodist Church Funnel Cake stand.

The board did not have a problem with them putting up a building, however the group would have to bring in plans before any construction started. The board also said that the expenses of getting electricity to the building would be the church's responsibility.

### Office building

Mr. Cooper and Clay Zimbelman, member, have found a 10- by 16-foot building that needs some repairs but could be used as an office building at the fairgrounds.

During the team penning at the fair there were no qualifying runs and those involved donated the

money back to the board if it could be used for an office building. The building found had the roof blown off. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Zimbelman felt the building could be repaired and propanel put on with the money ear tagged for the office. The board voted to get the building for now and work on it later.

### Sewer

The drainage problem in the hog barn and livestock wash rack was discussed. John Finley had talked to Willard Busby and said there is a drain pipe that is suppose to drain west of the horse barn. The members will check and see if it is plugged or has collapsed before they decide what needs to be done.

### In other business

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• Dick Bursch said that after the last group rented the fair building, all breakers were shut off including electricity to run the refrigerator. Now, the refrigerator needs cleaned out.

The members discussed what needed to be done so this did not happen again. The breakers are marked as to which ones need to be turned off and those renting the building should not shut off the breakers that need to stay on.

• The lock box for collecting donations for the fair needs to be built. It will be placed at the fairgrounds for donations to be put in.

• The ventilators on top of the livestock barn need to be greased and repaired.

### Next meeting

The next fair board meeting has been set for 8 p.m. on Nov. 1 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

## Music department prepares for event

By Casey McCormick

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The Cheylin music department is preparing for another entertaining production. This fall's show will be "Annie Get Your Gun!"

Rose Hengen and her students have been busy getting ready for the two shows: evening performance on Nov. 1 and dinner theater on Nov. 3.

"The kids have been working hard and seem to be enjoying the music," Mrs. Hengen said.

The show features the character of Annie Oakley in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. Musical arrangements are by Irving Berlin.

Leads in the play are Kaedra Dixon (Annie Oakley), Taylor Leibbrandt (Frank Butler), Lincoln Pochop (Buffalo Bill), Montana

Rhymes (Dolly Tate) and Sam Hengen (Charlie Davenport).

Tickets are available through Mrs. Hengen, any cast member or by calling the school at 785-332-2341.

Roast beef will be served at the dinner theater.

Along with musical accompaniment by Suzan Moyer, the cast will include Heath Antholz, Mindy Antholz, David Burns, Craig Busse, Sydney Busse, Jared Cahoj, Jayden Cahoj, Teryn Carmichael, Vance Churchwell, Lezah Diers, Daniel Frisbie, Adrian Garcia, Whitney Haller, Maxwell Hengen, Nikki Johnson, Caleb Keltz, Lance Leonard, Hudson Louderbaugh, Westleigh Josep Miessner, Namoi Reeh, Tia Sager, Colleen Shrader and Amanda Walden.



ACCIDENT SENDS four to hospital — A car with three women hit the back of a pickup driven by Gary Moore on Friday morning at the intersection of Bird Ave and U.S. 36. All four people were taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital and one woman was transported by air ambulance to Denver. The accident is still under investigation so there was little information.

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