

# Fair board members welcome newcomer at regular meeting

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The meeting opened last Thursday with Dick Bursch, president, welcoming the newest member, Joe Hoffman to the group. Mr. Bursch added that he would soon be on a committee with plenty to do.

The members were told how much money events had taken in during the 2008 fair. Wednesday evening, the kid's rodeo and barrel racing, grossed \$135. Thursday night was rained out. Friday night with the four-wheelers and lawnmower races brought in \$1,131, and the demolition derby on Saturday brought in \$15,761.

### Extension office

Joe Leibbrandt, extension agent, said the Spring Livestock Show will be May 23, at the fairgrounds. Participants will be arriving early and dropping off their animals the day before at the livestock barn. Mr. Bursch asked him to inform Mrs. Lohman of the schedule.

Mr. Leibbrandt wanted to "plant a seed" with the fair board in the possibility of purchasing new weight scales. He went on to say that, new digital scales are handy to have and there is a possibility that the old scales may not be accurate.

"Could everything be run across the digital scales?" asked Mr. Zimbelman.

Mr. Leibbrandt said that he was sure one scale could be set up and all animals weighed out. However, Mark Mills, member, brought up that having only one scale could cause a waiting line. It was mentioned that weigh-in times were already scheduled.

Mr. Leibbrandt added that he thought the cost would be around \$2,500. Mr. Bursch asked if the extension office would entertain the idea of helping out with the cost. Mr. Leibbrandt said the council possibly could.

Mr. Bursch told Mr. Leibbrandt to keep his eyes open for one and possibly next year it could be

looked into. No further discussion.

### Update on home-owned carnivals

Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority member, updated the board on the recent developments concerning the new law that had been passed regarding training people to operate carnival rides.

Mr. Ehrman reported that for the time being, the Cheyenne County Fair is exempt from having to have the training; however, it could be in two years that all the rules would have to be followed.

He asked if a 10-foot concrete slab would be okay for a rest area, near the Shooting Sports. Mr. Bursch suggested talking to the ambulance crew, since the slab would be where they come into the grounds.

Mr. Mills said he would check with the fire marshal and report to the board next month.

### Committees report in

Clay Zimbelman reported the derby rules are good and in computer form. They can be e-mailed without altering and Lacy Reed, treasurer, is putting the booklets together, within the next week.

Brian Hobrock reported the Kid's Rodeo on Thursday night will not have the games as before, instead there will be muton bustin', calf race with larger bucket calves, maybe even larger calves for the older, bigger kids; if there is an interest. He added there may be a possibility of pony rides for the younger children. There were some questions about the liability with the pony rides. Mr. Bursch said he would check.

In addition, Shawna Blanca will head barrel racing, teaming roping and steer riding. It was up in the air about getting the steers and they will ask Ryan McAtee about the cost.

On Friday evening, the members talked about the horse verses horse-power races and everyone felt it was going to be a good

show. One concern discussed was over the legal age limit in riding the four-wheelers. Some thought 16 years and others thought it was 18 years. It was agreed to take the question to Mrs. Gilliland, and the possibility of providing a waiver.

Events planned for the Friday event are pole bending, trailer racing, barrel racing and team penning. The teams would be 12-horse teams and 12, 4-wheeler teams with \$10 entry fee.

Mr. Zimbelman asked the board if they would agree to have the "Stick Horse Race" on Friday night. He felt it could take place around the edge of the arena and not take up any space, and would allow the younger kids to participate. Megan Douthit-Downey asked if Ericka Zimbelman would like to head that up. He said he would run it pass her. No further discussion.

### Other fair items

There were many items the members needed to get through before the meeting ended, and with that in mind, the members discussed the following quickly and will continue with next month's meeting:

- Nick Ketzner, vice president, updated the members on the awards banners he had suggested at the last meeting, cost, colors and who could receive them. He will bring more information to the next meeting.

- The members voted to not ride in the parade. With the time needed to prepare for the fair, they wanted to spend time watching the parade with their families.

- There is a possibility of adding a special performance to the schedule of events. It involves magic, Elvis, Chuck Berry, and fire. Look for updates in the coming months!

### Next meeting

The next fair board meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



REPRESENTATIVE IN TOWN — Rick Reeser (l) and Ed Carson (r) talked to John Faber, State Representative, last Saturday at Main St. Cafe. Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Mr. Faber were visiting several northwest Kansas towns along US Highway 36.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

# Legislative town hall meeting held at coffee shop in Sainty

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Last Saturday a legislative town hall meeting was held at Main St. Coffee in St. Francis. Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. John Faber spent an hour giving updates as to what is happening in Topeka and fielded questions.

Mr. Faber spoke first about the economic stimulus plan from Washington, D.C.

"We really don't have a good handle on how the money will be spent," Mr. Faber said.

What is known, he said, is some of the funds will go to transportation, prisons, public safety and education.

Sen. Ostmeyer thanked the Farm Bureau Association for organizing the event.

He talked about the federal government's spending to get out of the current recession.

"The bail out might sound good, but it scares me," Mr. Ostmeyer said. "It could really be a disaster."

He voiced his concern about the direction the country and Kansas are going. Mr. Ostmeyer commented about what he has heard at other town hall meetings and that most of his constituents are against raising taxes.

"Only one person has said, 'We have to raise taxes,' Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Mr. Faber also stated concerns about increased spending by the government.

"The problem with budget spending is that money will have to come from one of two places, either borrowing from China or printing new money."

Mr. Ostmeyer was asked about the nomination of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to the position of Health and Human Resources secretary under the current administration.

"My first concern is with her pro-life stance," Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Gov. Sebelius is facing opposition due to her pro-abortion

stance. The question of prisons came up. Recently the prison was closed in Stockton, putting close to 300 people out of work.

"Norton right now is sitting pretty solid," Mr. Ostmeyer said.

Another topic was legislation relating to home-owned carnivals being regulated more.

After looking at the small-town carnivals the legislators realized that they were okay.

"We are exempted since they found out we have something unique," Mr. Ostmeyer said, "We're safer than the big carnivals."

Mr. Ostmeyer touched on the issue of whether papers should continue to publish legal notices for their towns. Being against the change he said, "We're protecting small town newspapers."

After the hour-long meeting the two men left for similar gatherings in Atwood, Oberlin and Norton.



KINDERGARTNERS play against the second graders during a 3 on 3 tournament. Those pictured are: (l to r) Leif Brown, Gus Hespe, Joseph Augusta, Colton McCarty, Jacob Serrano, Gregor Burr.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Club Clip

### McDonald Senior Citizens

President Joan Tongish welcomed 28 senior citizens and health nurse, Bose Whitehurst, to the March 2 meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables with St. Patrick's napkins and favors for everyone. March birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Owen Wingfield read two Baxter Black humorous poems and then led the meal blessing.

After a delicious potluck dinner, bingo was played with Verna Poore winning the blackout prize.

At the business meeting, Joan

thanked everyone for all their help. The minutes and secretary's reports were accepted as read. Joan announced that the new forms for the Rawlins County History book update will be placed at the Senior Center and other business places. The Low Energy Assistance program was announced and information displayed.

April committees are, Poem and Prayer, Emma Threlkal, Bingo, Leonard Vyzourek, Prizes, Joan Tongish, and kitchen help, Phyllis Wilkinson, Annie Antholz, and LaVina Waters.



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# Hospice is living life to the fullest

Hospice compassionately cares for people who are near the close of life — but Hospice isn't about how you die, said Donald Schumacher, National Hospice and Palliative Care. It is about how you live!

"Hospice and palliative care focuses on how dying people and their loved ones live each day, providing comfort and guidance along the way," he said.

Hospice is widely recognized as the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury. Hospice and palliative care involve a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the person's needs and wishes. Support is provided to the person's loved ones as well.

A common misconception people have is that Hospice means you're "giving up" or "that there's nothing left for the doctor to do," and that's absolutely wrong. Hos-

pice is not about giving up but is about maximizing the quality of life, no matter how long that might be.

When cure is no longer possible, hospice provides the type of care most people say they want at the end of life — comfort and quality of life. The most common statement made by families who chose Hospice for their loved one is, "we wish we had known about Hospice sooner."

Today, Cheyenne County needs volunteers to train as a Hospice volunteer. Volunteers can assist with tasks such as housekeeping or shopping, providing transportation, holding a hand, or just being a friend and listening.

These tasks, said Edie Walters, county volunteer coordinator, may seem simple, but it makes a real difference.

There is a Hospice volunteer training set for Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5. Times are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact Mrs. Walters, 785-332-2280, or Amanda McKenzie, director of volunteers, 800-315-5122.

The Hospice Services is a not-for-profit community-based Medicare certified and Kansas licensed Hospice serving 13 counties in northwest and north central Kansas.

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