

Board wraps up fair entertainment plans

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Cheyenne County Fair Board members, at the Thursday meeting, were preparing to wrap up entertainment for the fair set for Aug. 5-8.

Brian Hobrock, member, presented the Wednesday and Thursday night rodeo events.

Wednesday night will include the mutton bustin', barrel race and team roping. The board approved the team-roping event to be called the Gary Grice and Carl Keller Memorial.

Thursday is the "horse-verses-horsepower" event. This is new for the fair and the board is looking forward for a good turnout.

Entries will be accepted at 6 p.m. on both nights and the performances will start at 7 p.m.

Cattle for the team roping are being donated by Butch Ewing and Harold George. Some discussion followed about having the cattle for the horse-verses-horsepower livestock-sorting event, but the members expressed appreciation for the fact that cattle would be available for the team roping and did not want to over extend the use of the cattle.

Mr. Hobrock presented the rules for barrel racing, pole bending, livestock sorting, trailer race, and four-wheel racing, as well as the horse-verses-horsepower event. Rules were accepted.

Monster truck

The board had been presented with a proposal from a group that will give rides on a monster truck.

In the past, the board had received proposals but did not agree with the cost of the rides, or how the insurance would be handled. However, this year the board liked what was proposed and motion carried to allow the monster truck to come to the fair.

Derby

The demolition derby is ready to go. Megan Downey, member, reported a Benkelman representative gave her a mailing list with 15 names to add to the board's demolition derby mailing list.

Colby and Goodland will be using the same rules as the Cheyenne County derby. It was discussed using a point system from all three races and having the awards given out at the Cheyenne County Fair since it was the last of the three.

Motion carried to add \$350 to the award pot with Colby and Goodland.

Fireworks

John Finley, member, mentioned speaking with Donna Stevens about an opening day fireworks display for approximately \$500.

Jared Douthit, member, suggested having the fireworks at the end of the fair during the announcements of the derby winners. Board members agreed.

Parade marshal

The board went into executive session to discuss the 2009 Parade Marshal. The marshal will be announced prior to the parade. Look for more information in *The Herald* and *Times*.



BATTER UP— Ivan Kemp keeps his eye on the ball during one of the C-team baseball games.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Music students attend Lions all-state band

Music students, two from St. Francis and one from Cheylin, attended the Kansas Lions All-State Band May 26 through May 30.

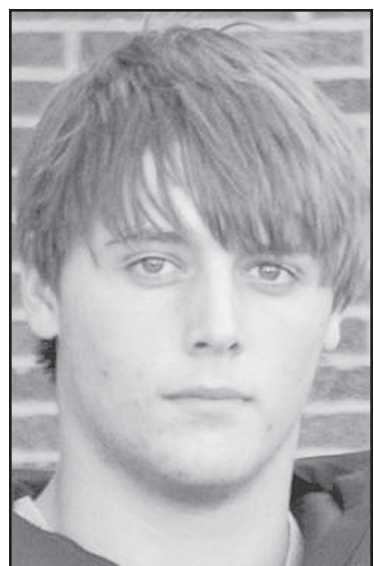
Max Hengen, Bird City, and Logan Whitmore and Ross Nicklos, St. Francis, were among the 234 band students from across the state. This year's program was held at Friends University in Wichita. There were 121 schools represented making it the second largest band in the past 7 years.

Logan, who plays the trumpet, and Ross, playing the trombone, were sponsored by the St. Francis Lions Club. Max, who plays the tuba, was sponsored by the McDonald Lions Club. Both clubs provided funding for the three musicians to attend.

Each year, the band is directed by the state's top college and high school music faculty. This year, the band was under the direction of Dr. John W. Taylor, professor of music education and instrumental music at Friends University. Assistant directors were Bryan Kirk, band director for Maize Public Schools, and Jacqueline Charbonneau, band director for Kingman High School.

The Kansas Lions All-State Band was created in 1951 as a service to the youth of Kansas. Since then, over 10,000 high school musicians have participated in the band.

The program provides students an opportunity to rehearse, compete, and perform with their peers from across the state. It also offers opportunities to gain increased musical knowledge and skill, to form lifelong friendships, and is a stepping stone for many to further their musical careers.



Hengen

The band rehearsed several hours each day, learning 15 music arrangements ranging from ballads to "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and presented an hour-long concert on Saturday morning to a large audience of family and friends. St. Francis Lions club members attending the state convention and concert included Elmer and Dorothy Kellner.

In addition to the band, the students were also grouped into chamber ensembles by instrument. During daily sectional rehearsals, various music educators provided individualized instruction to the students for their specific instrument. An ensemble concert was presented Friday evening, with each group performing musical selections they had learned during the week.

Next year's Lions Band will be hosted by Baker University in Baldwin City.

Baseball team plays game against Sainty

It was dark storming skies for the game against St. Francis last Friday. While the storm passed overhead, the Cougars and Indians played ball. Final score was 4 to 10, St. Francis.

The players who scored runs

were Derek Vandike, Jacob Brubaker, Devon Janicke and Pedro Gutierrez. All for one run were walks.

Brubaker had one hit and Ivan Kemp one run batted in.

Flag Day ceremony to be held

A Flag Day observance will be held at the Cheyenne County Museum and Ye Olde Country Church starting at 7 p.m. on Sunday. The museum and church are located on U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Following the invocation, the flag will be presented and the flag salute will be performed by Hal Sager with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Scouts. They will also be holding a "Flags of America" ceremony.

A patriotic sing along will be held at the church. Following there will be fellowship and refreshments.

Mr. Sager and the scouts are in charge of the flag burning.

"Everyone is urged to attend the observance," said Janet Carman, one of the curators at the museum.

Board members are planning ahead

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3. The meeting had been moved from May to this date.

Administrator, Les Lacy showed a "Paying for it Spreadsheet" that he has created to identify how the hospital and board can pay for needed improvements in the kitchen while meeting other obligations and needs. He noted the bottom line was very sensitive to several issues including hospital cash needs, Recovery Audit Contractor liability, support received from the county, and the bid cost of the project.

The administrator reported the hospital's cost report for 2009 shows a receivable of \$309,924.

It is time for the board and administrator to take the proposed hospital budget to the commissioners. Mr. Lacy said he felt the board should ask for \$650,000 again. He pointed out that, during the current year, the board had received significantly less than they have in prior years. He noted that only 5 percent of the total operations of the facility come from the county. The board approved the budget request of \$650,000.

Mr. Lacy said he had been in contact with architect, Kent Carmichael, about the facility improvement plan. Mr. Carmichael's concern is the items that need to be improved will require additional space. He is working on a plan incorporating these into a smaller project that would consist of an addition to the front of the hospital for offices and that would clear out the business and administration wing for clinical needs.

The board's consensus was that it would be wise to incorporate a basement under any planned addition. This project would be around \$1 million.

Jackie John, Great Plains Health Alliance area director, recommended considering United States Department of Agriculture grant/loan to meet this need. Discussion that followed centered around the loan nature of the loan portion of this funding mechanism and the impact on the cost report. The matter will be investigated further.

A transmitter for the fetal heart monitor was discussed. This allows the mother to walk around and the nurses still can monitor what is going on with the baby. Right now, if the mother chooses to get out of bed and walk around during labor they

have to take the monitor off. Nurse Candi Douthit had found one for around \$6,500. The Hospital Guild has offered to put around \$1,700 toward a monitor. This would leave a balance of \$4,800. The board agreed to purchase the monitor.

Cardiologist to leave

Dr. Warren, cardiologist, will end his local practice in July. A search is being conducted to get replacement cardiology coverage. It has been confirmed that Dr. Curtis from Hays will be starting in July. A physician from Health One in Denver has also indicated interest.

Joy Anderegg, member, asked if another orthopedist had been identified. Mr. Lacy said he hasn't had a chance to work on that issue yet.

Statistics

In the physician volume Dr. Miller has been very busy. Both of the clinic encounters were up for the month. The acute discharge days are good which reflects a busy past 4 months. Lab numbers were strong as were X-ray and CAT scans.

Financials

The Accounts Receivable is high and this is related to being behind in coding which relates to providers being behind on charting among other issues. The hospital has resumed funding depreciation and will be repaying this account at an accelerated rate of \$30,000 per month following receipt of the cost report settlement.

The hospital's total patient service revenue was above budget but so were the expenses. Contractual adjustments from Blue Cross Blue Shield was down but Medicare was above budget. The Medicaid contractual adjustment is significantly higher than budgeted due to volume. Mr. Lacy reported that Medicaid obstetrics is one area that is well reimbursed.

In other business

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• The administrator said there are 79 confirmed cases of H1N1 in Kansas right now.

Next meeting

A discussion was held on the day and time for the board meetings. It has been the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. Jane said she preferred later in the month and liked the 3 p.m. That was the consensus of the board so the meetings will stay as they are.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved hospital board minutes.

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Previous Information Technology experience in a hospital setting preferred but not required, including computer proficiency. Experience in Microsoft 2003 Server administration and terminal server. Knowledge of desktop operating environments: Windows 2000, and Windows XP, experience with Office 2003 and Crystal reports preferred.

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