



**TRIP TO THE LIBRARY**— Summer school students finish up the last day with Cristi Antholz, summer school teacher, leading a trip to the library. They also enjoyed a treasure hunt, water fight and a barbecue at the Van Doren Park.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen

## Volunteers are getting rides, games and grounds ready

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The fair is about six weeks away. The members of the Amusement Authority as well as other volunteers are starting to get the carnival grounds, equipment and game booths ready for opening night on Wednesday, Aug. 5 (the fair runs Aug. 5-8).

The carnival is one of the main attractions of the Cheyenne County Fair. It is a home-owned carnival, with rides and booths being run by volunteers. Because of these volunteers, rides are still 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. This was the original price 28 years ago.

Winners of games receive tokens. These tokens can be collected and exchanged for great prizes.

At the end of the season, work lists are made for the coming year. In year's past, members and volunteers met once, maybe twice a week, to work on projects but, this year they are meeting Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There is so much to do,

said Connie Wilger, Authority member.

There is painting to do. The fences, booths and rides need paint. The painting, she said, needs to be done two weeks before the fair because they don't want any wet paint left on people.

A new high striker has been ordered. Those strong people, both male and female, put the old striker out to pasture last year. It is one of the more popular entertainments in the game booth area.

The Authority members are building a new arbor which will give people a cool, pleasant place to sit during the fair.

The big swing ride will have new cables which will be done by fair time.

People are welcome to join the hustle and bustle and fun of being part of the carnival. Come to the fairgrounds in the evenings and there will be something to do.

"We need all the help we can get," said Greg Walz, member.

For more information on getting the carnival ready to go, talk to Bill Ehrman, 785-332 2748, or Greg or Susie Walz, 785-332-2968. Or,

just show up to work.

### Running rides and booths

Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the fair. These jobs are only for two-hour shifts (more if the volunteer requests). Not only do local residents volunteer to run these events but people coming to visit at that time often sign up. People can call DeEtta Knorr, 785-332-2551, to volunteer or get more information.

"It is best to sign up early so we can make sure you get the ride or booth you want to help with," Mrs. Knorr said.

If people are not sure of their plans until closer to the fair, they are encouraged to call anyway.

"We just want to make sure all the games and rides have people running them," she said.



**WHERE IS THE WATER GOING?** H&H Sprinkler company is in town digging holes and looking for water leaks.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Hospital plan reviewed at last meeting

The hospital's facility plan was reviewed when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday.

A conference call was held with Kent Carmichael, architect with GMCN Architects out of Garden City. Les put the facility improvement plans on the wall for the board to review and discuss. Mr. Carmichael said he had taken the suggestions of what needed to be improved and said there just wasn't enough space inside the footprint to add what is needed.

The board discussed what would be the best for the hospital and how to most economically address community and hospital needs.

The kitchen and dining area are a priority because it is not meeting compliance standards. Some key issues were privacy at check-in, the need for outpatient treatment rooms and moving the labor and delivery room.

Dr. Rebecca Allard, who is

the obstetrics doctor, shared her thoughts regarding the project and offered comments and suggestions.

The total cost of this long-range plan was estimated at about \$2.5 million. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, went through an estimated cash flow spreadsheet and pointed out that while there were very few opportunities for capital grants, the hospital did have an option of using revenue bonds to accomplish the project through some government programs.

Kari Gilliland, board member, suggested that a special meeting be held to discuss the facility plan before the next regular meeting.

Jane Young, board member, said she would like to walk around the hospital and look at everything during this meeting. Mrs. Gilliland asked Mr. Lacy to e-mail the plans to the board members so they can look at them further before the special meeting.

### Board member reports

Joy Anderegg, board member, said she was concerned with privacy at the Bird City Clinic. She felt that the configuration of the front lobby and registration desk created some issues that could be handled better.

She recommended background music and a window similar to what is in the St. Francis clinic as possible solutions.

Ms. Anderegg was also concerned that some scrub pants were long enough that they touched the ground and may need hemmed to help with infection control.

### Administrator report

Dr. Jeffery Curtis, cardiologist from Hays, has committed to the outpatient clinic a half day per month. Dr. George Gustafson from the Heart Center in Colorado Springs has indicated once he gets a Kansas license he will come to Cheyenne County Hospital to serve

in the outpatient department.

Tammi Sherlock has passed her registered nurse exam, Cristy Tygart and Tammy Church have passed their licensed practical nurse exams.

Mr. Lacy said that a nuclear medicine truck is being looked into. It would be a 5-year contract but Dr. Mary Beth Miller said she feels they can have at least five cases per month for this service. Dr. Allard reported that she alone just scheduled two that day to go somewhere else for this service.

The board agreed to buy a micro instrument for the lab. The machine takes out transcription errors, it eliminates reagent quality control, is completely automated and will save technician time. The cost is \$11,358.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, in the clinic basement, St. Francis.



**SHERRY CARMICHAEL** is having fun during aquarobics at the Bird City pool

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Advocate deadline for the July 8th issue will be at noon on Thursday, July 2.

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