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Fair theme chosen at first board meeting of the year

By Linda Schneider dublinlms@gmail.com The Cheyenne County Fair Board opened the first meeting of the year with the treasurer's report and the update on the tables and chairs for the fairgrounds. In addition, the

2010 fair theme was chosen. Prior to the meeting, board members had received a copy of a letter from Gary Rogers, emergency manager, which concerned the fair grounds being designated by state and federal governments as the county's unloading site for hoof and mouth disease holding and quarantine location. The board invited Mr. Rogers to report on the information.

Fair theme

Motion carried that the 2010 fair theme would be "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots" submitted by St. Francis Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. They also won the pizza party.

Treasurer's report

Lacy Reed, treasurer, read the financial statement to the members and motion carried to pay \$998.65 to bills and invoices.

In an update on the tables and chairs that had been donated, Jared Douthit, member, reported there had been a unknown miscommunication concerning the cost of the furniture and was \$391 short on the final payment. The board agreed to pay the balance.

Mrs. Reed reported that the fair board had not received the allotment from the county; however, she continued, it was not typically received until after the 15 of the month.

The board agreed to accept \$200



Kanred club makes journal

The local Family, Community Education-group-Kanred, spent many hours in 2009 preparing a journal of the unit's history in Bird City.

The group was organized in 1921 and received a charter in 1923. The members of the group decided it was needed to make a journal containing many of the articles and programs of this unit which had been meeting for 88 years. The group spent the afternoons of one Monday a month at the Lebow Manor organizing all the pictures, articles, and clips of the different activities over the years. This journal contains the history of Kanred, written by Minnie Busse. It included the charter members and some of the delightful parties and recreation that this group took part in. It also told of the different projects that Kanred has sponsored to help Bird City. This project will be on-going and each year will bring new information to this journal. As part of this project, the members' goals include a display of the Journal in the local library, and at the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

from an anonymous donor. Quarantine designation

Mr. Rogers began by explaining that as the emergency manager for the area, he is required by state and federal regulations to have a emergency plan that includes an area for unloading, holding, testing, and quarantining animals that are suspected to have hoof and mouth diseases

"Hoof and mouth is probably the most devastating disease to livestock there is," Mr. Rogers said.

He continued to explain that in order to meet the criteria of state and federal regulations he is required to have a "table talk" orientation meeting that is open to the public on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Mr. Rogers said that the fairgrounds is county property, that is why it had been chosen. He went on to say that if somewhere in Cheyenne County, whether on county roads or highways running through the county, all traffic will be stopped (in an emergency).

In addition, within the emergency plan, provisions have to be made to provide an area where the animals can be unloaded and quarantined during testing. Also, the county will be responsible for the care of the livestock during their stay.

"Because of the fairgrounds being the designated location, it is probably in the best interest to have a member attend the meeting," said Mr. Rogers.

The federal veterinarians and Homeland Security coordinators will be on hand to present important information.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, asked Mr. Rogers who designated the fairgrounds as the unloading site. Mr. Rogers told the members that since the fair grounds are county owned, it can be included in the county emergency plans.

"Let's hope it never happens, you realize that the fairgrounds does not have the equipment to take of the animals," said Mr. Bursch. "Plus it will ruin the fair.'

Mr. Rogers noted the concern by saying that it would devastate the whole region, including the economical impact it would have to the area. Adding, only second in devastation to a pandemic flu.

Taking into account Mr. Bursch's comment on not having the proper unloading chutes and equipment, or area to facilitate such a feat, Mr. Rogers replied that he understood that. He said that what was needed was the arena area and it could be fenced off with wire. Members were quiet as Mr. Rogers explained how tioned the thermostats in the large water could be brought in along room could not be set lower than

Fair events

Mr. Bursch asked Clay Zimbelman, member, if the rules for the derby were in place. Mr. Zimbelman said there were some minor changes in the wording on the bumper brackets and unless the members want to see the changes, he would just send them out.

Gary Cooper, secretary, suggested to the members an idea of having a local talent show contest and possibly split the gate money as incentive.

"It would give a night of musientertainment, local people cal with family and friends coming to watch," said Mr. Cooper.

Mrs. Reed added that it could also be used to give scholarships. In addition, she said that Wednesday night would be a good night. Karol Lohman, member, suggested asking for a donation.

It was suggested to have the roping and barrel racing on Thursday night and the horse verses horsepower on Friday night. Mr. Zimbelman said that he heard a lot of positive comments on the horse verses horsepower.

Mr. Bursch mentioned that there had been some interest in bringing back the mud bog again. He said the reason for not having the mud bog was because kids under 16 years of age were not allowed to use 4-wheelers for safety reasons. Members discussed the pros and cons of the side work involved in setting up the event. Mrs. Reed asked about having a horse verses horsepower in the mud bog. There was no further discussion.

The members continued to discuss several other events to keep in mind. Mr. Bursch told the members they can be considered; however, it is time to get the events nailed down and brought to the next meeting so the committees could get started.

High gas bill

Once again the members discussed the high gas bill in the 4-H building. This has been a concern for some time and the members discussed options of lowering the bill.

The gas company called Mrs. Reed and told her the meter was going like crazy.

"I got John (Finley) and went to look and the meter wasn't even moving," said Mr. Bursch.

The furnaces were off and the doors were shut, Mr. Bursch instructed Mr. Finley to call Lampe and ask them to inspect the furnace. Mr. Finley said after the inspection, Lampe found nothing wrong with the furnace; however, Lampe men-



MARCIA HICKERT checks over the 125-year commemorative quilt top that is on display at the Bird City Library.

Quilt top blocks are finished

the Bird City 125-year Commemorative Quilt, including blocks from three generations in one family and a sister made blocks for the quilt. Teresa Knapp (grandmother), Deb Smith (daughter), Jessie Smith (granddaughter) and Pat Carter (sister to Teresa).

Three sisters made blocks for the

There were many contributors to in Bird City many years ago. Friends from McDonald, Frieda Black, Janice Antholz, and Lois Morelock made blocks. Friends from St. Francis, Helene Landenburger and LaVonne Cemesky made blocks.

Trish Willis made a quilt block with the following information,

"I (Trish) found this pattern in my quilt. Loretta (Lillich) Dohmeier, mother's things (Darlyne Beeson) Alexandria, Min.; Janice (Lillich) and as a child, I remember her mak-DeLozier, Portland, Ore., and Dee ing it and having others make it for (Lillilch) Dorsch, Bird City. Jane Friendship Quilts in the church. sakes, Oberlin, Norma Carman Lentz, Fort Collins, Colo. Sister- Each lady would make a block gave a generous discount on maand embroidery their name on it. Several times she would organize a quilt for the Missionary Societ-

ies in Pilgrim Holiness Churches in Western Kansas. They would then send the completed quilts to missionaries in foreign countries for a Christmas gift. Fond memories......The name of the quilt was "The Gospel Ship". The fabric was some I found in Mother's stash of fabrics."

Shelley Heavlin donated money to buy the sashing, cornerstone, and border material.

with food

"The county plan needs a designated area for quarantined animals," said Mr. Rogers. "And it has been a while since the county's emergency plan has been updated."

He said the meeting is important and members should attend. It is scheduled for 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Emergency Building. There will not be a rescheduling in case of weather inclement, the meeting would go on.

50 degrees without turning the furnaces off.

It was suggested to find thermostats that could be programed to schedule turn offs. In addition, to be able to program lower temperatures.

Mr. Bursch instructed Mr. Zimbelman to purchase one if it was \$100 or less.

Next meeting. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 4.

The public is invited to the Todd Becker Foundation presentation at the St. Francis High School gym

at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20

The program is geared toward students and parents making good and bad decisions. An afternoon program designed for high school students will be held in the gym starting at 1 p.m.

Cheyenne County **Energy Assistance Program** (CCEAP)

This year may be especially difficult for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with *part* of your energy bill is now available for income-qualified applicants.

CCEAP Applications will be available starting Monday, January 11, 2010 at the following locations:

> Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office St. Francis -City Office St. Francis Equity Co-Op BANKWEST, First National Bank and Western State Bank



Bird City -City Office Frontier Ag First National Bank

SRS Agents - Goodland and Colby

You may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil & Gas LLC at (303-296-3435). PriorityOG@aol.com, LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or P. O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.

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in-law to Velda Wright made two blocks, Sharon Kamla, Nevada, Mo. made two blocks. Sharon lived

Country Quilting and Keepterial. Kristi's Quilt Farm Atwood will be machine quilting the quilt.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	09/30/2009			12/31/2009
	BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	BALANCE
General	\$252,907.29	\$989,979.45	\$768,856.11	\$31,783.95
Road & Bridge	\$345,974.82	\$194,175.43	\$77,303.01	\$229,102.40
Bridge Building	\$10,464.48	\$31,510.51	\$46,609.01	\$25,562.98
Noxious Weed	\$24,639.22	\$6,772.15	\$517.83	\$18,384.90
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$19,670.02	\$8,061.59	-\$495.41	\$11,113.02
Hospital	\$27,432.65	\$57,755.29	\$100,145.64	\$69,823.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$11,766.85	\$18,399.60	\$6,632.75	\$0.00
Attorney Fund	\$555.00	<u>\$20.50</u>	\$18.00	\$552.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$702,142.03	\$1,306,674.52	\$999,586.94	\$395,054.45

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

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Cheyenne County Clerk



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