

Commissioners meet with group to discuss arena fees

By Karen Krien

A small group of people concerned with fees charged at the fairgrounds met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday. No decisions were made other than the commissioners said they would not override the fair board's decision.

Shawna Blanka, Debra Christy, Ranae Pilkington and Rodney Shay met with the commissioners to see just what was the opinion of the commissioners concerning fairgrounds arena fees. They distributed a list of economic impacts

which would be brought in by those using the arena for horse-related events.

There has been a concern and maybe confusion over the newly implemented fees charged to certain groups including a group of barrel racers. The members of the group pointed out that the next barrel racing event would be a two-day event. It would bring many people to St. Francis and some of those attending would use the horse barn. (The fair board could collect a stable fee for the barn use.) They did not feel that

they were getting any support from the fair board.

In other counties, there is no charge except where there are indoor arenas. A Rawlins County official, when the women had called to inquire about charges, said there would be no charge and encouraged them to come there, noting that they would be glad to get the arena and grounds ready for the event. In Cheyenne County, the barrel racers and their spouses usually plow the arena and make any changes that need made. The group was a not-for-profit organization and money is used for prizes at the end of the year.

"We leave the arena in better shape than when we came," Mrs. Blanka said.

The fair board president Dick Bursch reported that they had agreed to not charge for school, hospital and kid events. The fee is \$125 because that is the fee charged for the use of buildings on the grounds.

The commissioners said that they would not override the decisions made by the fair board. President Bursch invited the group to attend the next fair board meeting to further discuss the matter. He said that it was at the discretion of the fair board to waive the user fee on a per-use basis — perhaps something could be worked out.

Workers honored for years of service

More than 450 employees representing 56 long-term care facilities were honored on May 8 with a special display by the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. These individuals were honored for working 15 or more years at their Kansas Association of Homes and Services for Aging member facility. Individual's names, years of service and job category were part of a tabletop display. The recognition was part of the non-profit association's annual spring convention at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

"St. Francis Good Samaritan Village has obviously worked very hard to maintain such wonderful, long-term employees," said John Grace, president of the Association.

The following employees of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village have received a "Committed to Car-

ing" certificate and personal letter from the Kansas Secretary on Aging for dedicating 15 or more years to the long-term care industry:

Paula Austin, charge nurse, 22 years; Pat Brunow, social service designee, 21 years; Bonnie Doggett, certified nurses aide/homemaker aid; Dorothy Hankins, certified nurses aide, 16 years; Carol Jolliffe, dietary director, 15 years; Kayleen Larson, housekeeping/laundry supervisor, 17 years; Cathy Loop, activities director, 17 years; Mary Merklin, certified nurses aide, 18 years; Cindy Neitzel, cook, dietary, 25 years; Kathy Pinnell, social worker, 19 years; Esther Semler, certified nurses aide, 33 years; Bonnie Straub, cook, dietary, 35 years; Anna Teel, charge nurse, 15 years; and Patty Zweygardt, restorative aide, 27 years.

Residents attend state convention in Hays

Milton and Betty Lampe attended the Kansas Lions State Convention in Hays from May 26 to June 1. They helped sponsor and chaperone 250 boys and girls from all over Kansas to play in the State and International Band.

The two St. Francis band members attending were Sheryl Miller and Jade DeGood and they were sponsored by the St. Francis Lions Club. The students are selected from schools by their music instructor to attend the Kansas Lions State Band Camp and while there are trained by a few of the best instructors in Kansas.

As a service to the youth of Kansas the Kansas Lions State Band was created in 1951. Since then over 9,000 high school boys and girls have participated in the Lions Band. This has led to the forming of lifetime friendships, opportunities to gain increased musical knowledge and skill, and a stepping stone for many to further their musical careers.

In 1964 the Kansas Lions established the Kansas Lions International Convention Band. All student members of the State Band are eligible to participate in the International Band. The Kansas Lions State Bands have varied in size over the past 40 years, from 100 to as many as 300 students. This year the State Band consists of 255 band musicians. The Interna-

tional Band has 65 band musicians which will lead the parade at the International Convention in Denver, Colo. in July.

On Saturday morning the Kansas State Band and the International Band performed in concert for one and one-half hours at the Gross Memorial Coliseum. Hundreds of parents and Lion members from all over Kansas attended the outstanding performance. The students work long and hard hours at practice and are then awarded by a standing ovation and cheering from the crowd. Students attending are always willing to attend again next year.

International President Kay K. Fukushima was the honored guest and speaker at the banquet Saturday night. Over 300 Lions and Lionesses attended to welcome the District Governors Elect for the year 2003-04 and thanking the District Governors for the past years service.

Lions perform services around the world in sight, hearing, disasters and many other services for needy people. It is a non-profit, non-political, and patriotic service organization which promotes better understanding, good will, and service to those less fortunate than we are all over the world.

If you would like to be a guest or join the Lions Club please contact any Lion member.

Village sends beds to Mexico

The Good Samaritan Village joined other Kansas and Colorado Good Samaritan facilities in collecting used medical equipment for shipment to the New Hope Compassion Ministry in Mexico and Guatemala.

"Our regional manager Randy Fitzgerald heard of an effort by the Simla, Colo., Good Samaritan facility to recycle used and obsolete equipment to a mission in Mexico," said Paul Rainbolt, administrator of

the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

Mr. Fitzgerald organized Operation 4M, known as Midwest Medical Mission to Mexico for all the 27 facilities in Kansas and Colorado.

"This project has promoted unity and moral for our entire staff in all facilities," Mr. Rainbolt said. "It is exciting to know that many in need will benefit from good equipment that may otherwise have been discarded."



Velasquez- Gabel

Couple to wed

Larry and Beth Gabel would like to announce the engagement of their son Billy to RudiLee Velasquez, daughter of Art and Angie Velasquez of Pueblo, Colo.

Billy is a 1996 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, a 2001 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health. He is currently teaching and coaching at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs.

RudiLee is a 1996 graduate of Pueblo South High School in Pueblo, a 1999 graduate from Colorado College with a bachelor's degree in math and computer science and a 2000 graduate with a master's degree in secondary education. She is also currently teaching and coaching at Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs.

The wedding will be held in Pueblo on July 26.

-St. Francis News-

Dan Winston and J.J. of Ellsworth were Wednesday overnight guests of Betty Jean Winston. On Thursday morning the three traveled to Denver where they enjoyed three days in the mountains including a train ride in Georgetown and a visit to Central City and the Red Rocks Amphitheater. One afternoon was spent at Elitches in Denver.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Coordinator for disease surveillance, investigation and control activities among 8 North West Kansas Health Departments, with emphasis on bioterrorism preparedness and disease outbreaks.

Full time salaried position funded by regional bioterrorism grant. College degree and health related experience preferred. Work experience or education in the following related fields - biology, science, nursing, public health, or allied health is preferred. Basic computer skills required. Must exercise independent judgment.

Resumes accepted at the Norton County Health Department, 801 N. Norton, Norton, KS 67654. (785) 877-5745.



BARNHART WELL SERVICE has a new owner. Jason Barnhart, front, has purchased the business from Sam Crabtree who will now be a familiar face at Bankwest. Helping Jason is Cody Barnhart. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Local well service business under new ownership

By Karen Krien

Crabtree Well Service has changed hands and names. Jason Barnhart has leased the business and it will now go under the name of "Barnhart Well Service."

The business offers the repair of domestic wells, stock wells, install hydrants, bottomless stock tanks measuring 15- to 21-feet in diameter, and trenching for pipes and water lines. Mr. Barnhart will also

be installing pumps and pressure tanks, and installing, erecting and repairing windmills.

Mr. Barnhart has worked for Sam Crabtree during the summers and on weekends since 1998.

A 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, Mr. Barnhart went on to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College where he graduated with a degree in diesel mechanics in 2001. He

worked for Martin Tractors, Colby, for two years and has worked for Yost Farm Supply in Goodland for the last eight months.

Mr. Barnhart's first day as the new owner was Monday and he reported that he is looking forward to serving old as well as new customers in Cheyenne County and throughout the tri-state area.

To reach him, call 785-332-3014 or 785-332-0424.



Frohlich



Walz



Flemming



Raile



Fiedler



Wieck

Six students receive scholarships

Colby Community College announces the following scholarships to St. Francis Community High School graduates for the 2003-04 academic year.

Receiving the awards were: Gina Frohlich has been awarded an academic scholarship. She is the daughter of Coral Frohlich and Lawrence Frohlich;

Dallas Walz has been awarded an academic scholarship. He is the son of Greg Walz and Terri Cappel;

Jessica Flemming has been awarded an academic scholarship. She is the daughter of Larry and Christie Flemming;

Cody Raile has been awarded an academic scholarship. He is the

son of Delbert and Marilyn Raile;

January Fiedler has been awarded an academic scholarship. She is the daughter of Charlene Fiedler and Bill Fiedler;

Vanessa Wieck has been awarded an academic scholarship. She is the daughter of Fred Waufle and Patty Wieck-Waufle.

All-Star baseball player traded

By Casey McCormick

Summer means baseball and baseball means big business. Many local hard-ball fans know of sports figure Shea Hillenbrand whose grandparents live in St. Francis and who was the All-Star third baseman for the Boston Red Sox. But no more.

Last week the standout infielder and bats man was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks of the National League for pitcher Byung-Hyun Kim.

Although Red Sox fans may doubt the trade, the move should favor Hillenbrand since he played his college ball at Mesa Community College in the metropolitan Phoenix area and he and his wife, Jessica, own a home there. In addition they have relatives who live in Phoenix and the couple will be closer to grandparents Albert and Bessie Burr in northwest Kansas.

"The Red Sox did what they had to do (trade for pitching) and Shea handled the change in a very professional manner," said Mrs. Burr when she was interviewed.

She spoke of how the couple had developed many friends in Boston and were involved in the community. She said, "Shea took time to visit the children's ward of a Boston hospital recently," she said. "It is

something that many professional athletes might not see as important."

Another positive is he joined a club with two of the most dominate pitchers in the majors, Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson, who defeated the New York Yankees to win the World Series two years ago.

After last season Hillenbrand and his wife visited St. Francis to spend time with the grandparents and donate his time for a baseball clinic which raised funds for the town's baseball park.

The proud grandparents have held a tradition of hanging a red stocking on their front porch on Benton Street each time Hillenbrand hit a home run for his old team.

Now that he is a Diamondback what will they hang? Maybe they can use some of our local rattlesnakes?



Hillenbrand

Come-and-Go Bridal Shower for

Megan Burns

Bride-elect of Tyler Lampe

Sat., June 14

St. Francis Public Library

2 to 4 p.m.



SFCHS REUNION

Sat., June 21 • 6 p.m.

Dinner served at the High School

Call Shirley for tickets • \$10 ea. 785-332-2286

or mail to: P.O. Box 317,

St. Francis, KS 67756

Ticket Reservation Deadline • June 16

NO DANCE



DEMOLITION DERBY

Cheyenne County Fairgrounds

Sat., June 7

4 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

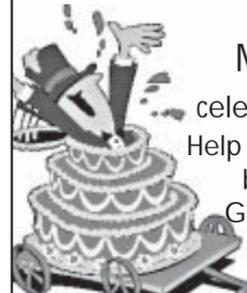
•Adult - \$6

•Kids under 12 - \$4

•Pit Pass - \$13



Sponsored by: Cheyenne County Fairboard



Please help

Mrs. Charlie H. Raile

celebrate her 75th Birthday!

Help by sending her a birthday card

by June 17, to 1610 Rd 65

Goodland, KS 67735. Thanks!

From,

her family!