

Board discusses fair building rent

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Renting out the building at the fairgrounds was discussed at length when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday evening.

The building was remodeled several years ago so there would be a large facility in the county to hold receptions, meetings and other functions such as the Wildlife Banquet and the Coyote Calling Contest. There is rent plus a deposit to be paid with each function however, there is sometimes abuse to the building and the board is also left paying high utilities.

Dick Bursch, board president, had talked to the county commissioners at the Oct. 29 meeting. All of the commissioners finally agreed that the building should be available to residents but, when renting out the facility, the board shouldn't lose money.

The fair board is given an allocation by the county of which part is for the general upkeep of the building. The commissioners weren't going to tell them what they needed to charge but suggested that the deposit be high enough to cover any expenses.

It would be inconvenient to have all of the utilities shut off and then turned on again when there is a function held in the building. There is also a charge.

The electricity averages around \$2 to \$3 a day but the gas is a different matter, especially in the winter months. After considerable discussion, the board agreed to set the deposit at \$500 cash and \$100 per day. An average for the cost of a therm will be determined by the first of the year.

When there is a function at the building, the meter will be read before they set up and again after they have cleaned up. The cost for the utilities as well as for any damages or not cleaning up will be taken out of the deposit.

In 2010, there were 19 rentals including one set for December. School and extension that operate with taxpayers money will not be charged rent but they will be expected to pay for the utilities used.

Determining how bands are handled in 2011

The 2011 fair has been set for Aug. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Marty Fear, county agent, had received information on two shows that might be appropriate for county fairs: monster truck competition/show, and a comedy show.

This year and the year before, wrist bands were used when a person paid his/her entry into a show. There were different colors for different events and divisions. However, when the leftover wrist bands were counted, Mr. Bursch reported that they were \$5,000 short in bands for the demolition derby. There was no answer what might have happened but it was thought there would be 500 bands in a box.

This brought out a lot of discussion. People who worked both the grandstand gate and the back gate were represented at the meeting and they said there was always more than one person left in charge of the money and when the money started to accumulate, either Mr. Bursch or Gary Cooper, secretary, had picked it up and taken it to the safe. They also were firm in the fact that they had

placed the bands on people as they paid, bands were not just handed to the person.

Not all of the waivers of those coming in the rear gate were available at the meeting but Clay Zimbelman, derby chairman, said he thought he knew where they might be.

They agreed that it was probably impossible to know exactly what happened. However, they wanted to make sure it didn't happen again. They talked about what kinds of bands to use next year and how there will be even more rigid rules including counting the bands before and after each event and keeping the money separate for each event.

Treasurer's report

Drew Flemming had taken over the job as board treasurer. The county attorney had approved the books.

The board had been written up on several different things by the auditor. One of the charges was the fact that vouchers were not used to document charges. Mr. Flemming had talked to the county clerk and he will be using the same type of vouchers used by the commissioners and the rest of the county.

"The board will need to make sure there is a receipt with everything purchased and the receipt will be stapled to the voucher," Mr. Bursch said.

At the end of each year, the books will be audited by two other members.

Agent's report

Agent Fear said Linda Elfers, assistant agent, had put a note in the 4-H newsletter asking 4-H clubs and their members to come up with a theme for the 2011 fair.

He said that an inventory would be done at the fairgrounds to see how many tables and chairs were there, along with any other items.

The council, he said, had approved T-shirts for the 4-H'ers to wear at the fair and other events

where they are representing the county. Rather than a T-shirt, Mr. Zimbelman asked if the shirt could be a polo shirt with a collar? Mr. Fear said he would see what the cost difference is and what the council wants to do. There is still plenty of time, he said.

There is money available through the Extension to pay for the shirts so it will not be an expense to the fair board.

Mr. Bursch said that if FFA is going to compete with the 4-H'ers, they will need to have their own shirt. It was suggested that just Cheyenne County be printed on the shirts instead of 4-H or FFA.

Mr. Fear asked for the board's input on moving the Spring Livestock Show from Memorial Day weekend. There are people who say that the show loses competitors because of the holiday. There didn't appear to be many opinions on changing the date.

2011 fair

As for the 2010 fair, there were several members who had received reports that the Horse vs Horsepower event was boring. Mr. Zimbelman suggested that it be replaced with something that involved motors, possibly something that involved pickups and any one could enter their pickup in the event.

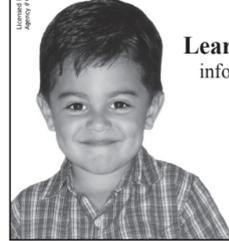
They discussed the local talent show, noting that it was good entertainment. They also wondered if the Music Club would be interested in handling it again?

Mr. Bursch appointed Mr. Zimbelman as the chairman for the demolition derby and Mr. Flemming as the chairman for the Premium Sale Committee.

Next meeting

Before the meeting closed, several thank you notes were read from 4-H'ers receiving duffel bags at the fair. The next meeting of the board will be held in at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Melissa and Alexi Regier, and Tyler Bear came over for the Cheylin - Otis Bison football game Saturday. They were supper guests of Lynn and Rita Officer. Ratha Lea Loker was an additional supper guest of the Officers.

Rita Officer attended the Heartland Endowment Banquet in Colby Friday evening.

John Binning of Hays and Merinda Crayton and Devon of Denver were weekend guests at the Binning Ranch to help with the cattle.

George Banister attended the Cheylin - Victoria football game Tuesday.

Kathy Banister took her Brewster Scholars Bowl team to Atwood Monday.

Linda Dewey was a Wednesday evening guest of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Many McDonald, and South of McDonald residents enjoyed the McDonald Halloween Soup Supper Sunday evening. The children all enjoyed the pinata.

Rose Bundy returned home Friday from the Goodland Hospital.

Bethel Goltl attended Reformation Services at Page City, Kansas Sunday afternoon.

Mike, Ellen, and Brynn Waters were weekend guests of Doug and Karen Flemming. Mike helped his Dad with harvest. The Waters joined Bethel Goltl at the Bird City Diner Sunday for lunch.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Brewster football game Thursday evening in Bird City.

Phyllis Wingfield and Rita Officer attended the Sterling College Choir Concert Saturday evening at the Methodist Church in Atwood.

Joe and Charlene Kramer, Dennis and Elda Kramer and children, and Ryan and Diane Shay and children were Monday evening supper guests of Rodney and Kay

Shay in St. Francis in observance of all the October birthdays.

Dennis and Elda Kramer and Valeria were honored Sunday afternoon with a baby shower at the Brewster Community Church. Charlene Kramer attended also.

Ryan and Diane Shay and children were Sunday afternoon and evening guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer.

Leon Brunton of Ozawkie came Friday evening and is helping the Kramers with harvest.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Rippe Benefit Sunday in Atwood.

Sandy Binning called on Bethel Goltl Thursday morning.

Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder traveled to Goodland Friday to see Elvera Neitzel who is currently residing at the Good Samaritan Home there.

Kathy Banister attended the annual fall meeting of Jill's Helping Hands in Lenora Saturday.

Bethel Goltl attended the Thrivent Annual Meeting and pizza lunch to welcome new members to St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, Sunday after services.

Bethel Goltl joined the McDonald-Bird City Red Hatters in Atwood for lunch at the Country Club and they toured the Ruda home afterwards Tuesday.

Wednesday morning coffee guests of Bethel Goltl were her nursing friend and husband, Marlene and Floyd Switzer, and Floyd's twin brother and wife, Loyd and Donna Switzer all of Ottawa and Don Bruder of Bird City.

Weekend guests of Dennis and Elda Kramer and children were two couples from Mexico. They are missionary friends of Dennis and Elda. Rose Bundy is a patient in the Goodland Hospital.

Public Notices

Petition of probate filed in Schultz estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 10-PR-15

MARTHA J. SCHULTZ, Deceased.

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on October 27, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Larry R. Schultz, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Martha J. Schultz", deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Larry R. Schultz, Petitioner

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Company seeks input in resource planning

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NOTICE OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that Midwest Energy, Inc. seeks input from the public in preparing an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to be submitted to the Western Area Power Administration (Western) pursuant to Federal Register Vol. 65, No. 62, dated March 30, 2000/ Rules and Regulations Part 905-Energy Planning and Management Program. The purposes of the IRP are to meet the objectives of the Energy Planning and Management Program (EPAMP) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct) and to extend the long-term firm power resource commitments of Western while supporting integrated resource planning; demand side management (DSM), including energy efficiency, conservation, load management; and the use of renewable energy. You are invited to provide public input into the planning process of Midwest Energy, Inc. for new energy resources, including new generating capacity, power purchases, energy conservation and efficiency, cogeneration, heating and cooling applications and renewable resources, in order to provide adequate and reliable services to its member-owners.

A summary of the plan may be picked up after October 29, 2010 at Midwest Energy, 1330 Canterbury Rd., Hays, KS 67601. Additionally, the plan summary and may be viewed on our web site at www.mwenergy.com after October 29, 2010.

On November 15, immediately following the Annual Meeting of members, interested parties may attend an open meeting, including an informal review and comment session pertaining to both the IRP process and other energy efficiency initiatives in which Midwest Energy is participating.

Both the Annual Meeting and the informal review/comment session will be available as a streaming broadcast with a link available through our web site at www.mwenergy.com.

Written comments may be submitted to Midwest Energy, Inc., 1330 Canterbury Rd., Hays, KS 67601. All comments must be received no later than November 30, 2010.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF
THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
IRENE C KELLNER, Deceased.

Case No. 10 PR 17

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Wayne A Kellner, son and one of the heirs of Irene C Kellner, deceased, requesting: That descent be determined on the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County and Sherman County, Kansas, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in All of Section 28, in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the S1/2 and all of the NW1/4 of Section 33 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the W1/2 and all of the SE1/4 of Section 27 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the SW1/4 of Section 22 in Township 5 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

An undivided one-half interest in Section 5, in Township 6 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Sherman County, Kansas

An undivided one-half interest in the NE1/4 of Section 6, in Township 6 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M. in Sherman County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the Laws of Inestate Succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 6th day of December, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day in said court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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