

# Fair board members discuss improvements

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The fair has been over for a month and the Cheyenne County Fair Board, when they met on Thursday, were still discussing what would make next year's fair better and paying bills.

Drew Flemming, treasurer, said bills were still coming in but the ending balance was \$18,650. He reported that the St. Francis electricity bill for the week of the fair totaled almost \$800. He was under the impression, he said, that the city didn't charge the Amusement Authority. The board thought that, if this was the case, then the board shouldn't be charged either; on the other hand, if the fair board is charged, then the Amusement Authority should have to pay.

Mr. Flemming said the bill had been paid but, he thought that what was OK for one entity, should be OK for the other. They were both supplying a good service to the town.

### Talent show

Gary Cooper, secretary, said the agreement with the Music Club for putting on the talent show on Friday of the fair was that the grandstand receipts would be split down the middle and they would also split the cost of the prizes and judges.

The prize money had been increased this year in order to draw more entries. Nevertheless, he thought that the show had been a success and the Music Club should be paid.

### Extension agent's report

Mary Fear, extension agent,

had several suggestions for next year's fair. He asked that the board look into the electricity in the barns as well as improve the speaker system. During the fair, there was a problem with breakers being blown.

The livestock scales, he said, needs to be certified by the April Spring Livestock Show. Either Drew or Karol Lohman, board member, will see that they are certified at the same time the scales at the elevators are certified.

He suggested that Karen Richardson be compensated for the time she spent on the computer system used by both the extension personnel as well as fair board members. The board approved to pay her \$200.

Mr. Fear said the office is still getting trophy checks and had sent letters reminding those who had not paid. He said there was still a bag and several trophies that had not been picked up.

He asked that fair book corrections be given to him by the first of December. The board thought there should be a "conduct rule" written in the front of the fair book.

### Premium sale

The board and agent discussed ways of promoting the Premium Sale. Wallace County sends out letters to the buyers listing the 4-H'ers, and other details about the sale.

Yuma County has place mats made and distribute them to restaurants and wherever there is a public dinner. The mats have sale buyers listed. It gets people to thinking about the fair and premi-

um sale, said Nick Ketzner, board member. And, it might encourage others to buy at the next sale.

Mr. Flemming had delivered checks to businesses who had purchased 4-H premiums. He said that he had comments from businessmen who wondered why they write checks and then they get a check back from the fair board to give to the kids? They discussed that by doing it this way, there was no need to deal with 1099 forms for 4-H'ers. There was a question about how the Sherman County Fair Board could get around the 1099 forms. One of the board members thought it was because they were "donating," not paying the premium.

### Electrical work

A lot of discussion was held concerning lighting in the exhibit building. Both John Finley, board member, and Mr. Flemming had talked to different people about installing an exit sign and some other electrical work.

While Mr. Finley had not obtained a bid which appeared to bother some of the board members, they decided to let Ron Wieck continue with the job. Mr. Ketzner said he thought he would be fair with the board. Mr. Flemming will call Mr. Wieck and tell him what the board wants.

### In other business:

- Don Love had reported that he will donate a hog feeder and a lamb shed to a 4-H'er.

- The county auditor had checked the fair board records and said everything was in order.

- Mr. Finley said there needs to be a set of rules explaining what is expected of those renting the exhibit building, including cleaning after using it. The last people to rent the building had complained, especially the conditions of the bathrooms. Mrs. Lohman will write up a rough draft.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Members are urged to attend and be on time as it will be the election of officers.



SUSANNA JONES keeps her eye on the ball during a recent volleyball match held in Cheylin.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## McDonald News

By Kathy Banister

Paula and Dillon Atchison of Arlington, Texas, were guests of Karlyne Atchison from Friday through Sunday. They visited their grandmother, Amelia Banister of Atwood Saturday morning. They also visited other relatives during their stay.

Travis Knapp of Hutchinson and Brenda Knapp of Colby were Labor Day weekend guests of their parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Additional Sunday luncheon guests of the Knapps were

Stan and Becky Purvis and family of Goodland.

Newlyweds Craig and Diane (Montgomery) Cox were married Saturday. A large crowd of well wishers attended the reception later that evening at the Federated Church in their honor.

Tyrel and Heather Prideaux and family were Sunday supper guests of the Tom and Kelly Dewey family.

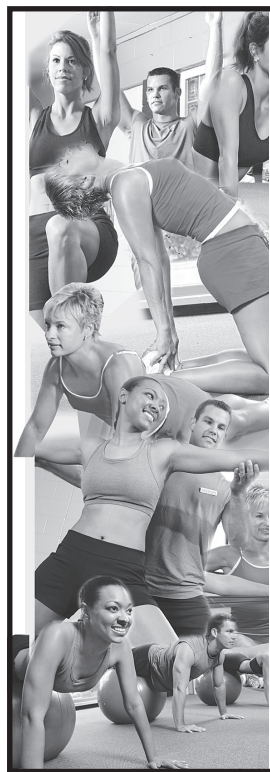
Kathy Banister attended Homecoming festivities held in Brewster Friday evening.

## McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Labor Day Week-end guests of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh were Dave and Alan Pallozzi of Lakewood, Colo.

Fred McIntosh returned from his Alaskan vacation and accompanied Iris to Hays on Saturday to join with 22 relatives for the interment of Paul and Marjorie Hancock in Hays.



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