

Fair building still short tables, chairs

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The fair building was one of the main items of discussion when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday.

The fair board is responsible for the building which holds the exhibits during the fair but the rest of the year, it is available to be rented out. While the building is about the only facility that is large enough to hold large crowds, it is also a problem to keep up.

Mr. Flemming reported that the wiring electrical box and light had been installed and four switches had been installed inside the door so there was little or no need to go to the breaker room.

Brian Hobrock, board member, reported that at the last wedding reception held at the building over the weekend, the weeds and stickers had overrun the ground around the building. The bride's family had spent hours mowing and hoeing. Jeanne Dunn, who had planted trees on the west side of the building, had also come down and cleaned the area.

There was a great deal of discussion on who was supposed to keep the outside of the building up including spraying for sandburs to mowing.

We are volunteers stretched thin, said Megan Douthit, board member.

The board members finally decided to have Mr. Flemming talk to Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, about spraying. Mr. Flemming said Justin knew what to spray with and when to do it - he does good work.

Karol Lohman, board member who is in charge of renting the building, reported that she had two requests to rent the building but wanted the boards input.

Penny Gienger, St. Francis Rec Commission director, had asked to use the building from November through February for a gymnastic class twice a week. The building is rent free to schools, hospital and other entities that are tax supported. However, they wondered if this fell in this category. After discussion, they decided the building could be used by the rec commission for the gymnastic classes but the commission would be responsible for paying the gas used to heat the building.

There were two times that the building had already been spoken for and one would need the building on one of the nights used by the

rec commission. The mats would also need to be moved if there was a wedding or another event that might need the building.

Mrs. Lohman will talk to Mrs. Gienger.

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet has been set for March 30 and they have rented the building for two days. However, on April 1, the day after the event, they have hired the junior class to clean up. Since this is a school class and the Wildlife members are paying them as their moneymaking project, they thought maybe the board would agree to not charge them a third day rent.

Again, after discussion, they voted to not allow the third day rent free.

Missing tables

Mrs. Lohman said there is a problem with more missing tables and chairs from the building. In 2009, there were 51 tables and 210 chairs; in 2010, there were 43 tables and 176 chairs. When they did a count before the last event, there were only 40 tables and 173 chairs.

Part of the chairs and tables belong to the extension office but there were tables donated to the fair, not the fair board or extension or 4-H, just the fair. Mr. Bursch said that because they are bought with state money, the board can't forbid the chairs and tables to be taken out.

There was also the problem that sometimes, the extension office staff has allowed tables and chairs to be used, not knowing there was an event in the fair building which the tables and chairs were needed.

Mrs. Lohman suggested that the board purchase enough tables and chairs for the building and the extension office could take the others. They could be kept in the 4-H building but it was noted that the shooting sports kids used that building and the tables would be in the way.

Both Adam Peter, board member, and Mr. Hobrock said since they had been on the board, this has been a problem and it probably would continue to be a problem. No decision was made.

Rest rooms

The rest rooms inside the building were again discussed. The board agreed that, even though the rest rooms may be cleaned after each event, the building is not airtight and they will probably need cleaned before the next event.



SENIOR BIRTHDAYS were held for the month of October. Those celebrating are (l to r) Edna Roesener, Donna Vanderput, Pastor Tom Bailey, Vernetta Haack, Darlene Brubaker and Marvin Corder.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Expo returns to McCook fairgrounds

With record crop yields the last two years in Southwest Nebraska, Northwest Kansas and Northeast Colorado, the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo is the place to be. The Expo will return to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16-17.

The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 7 p.m. the first day and 4 p.m. the second. Admission and parking are free.

To kick things off, there will be a free producer's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 16. Come join us for some great food and friendly faces. This event is sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Archer Petroleum, Hometown Family Radio, Kugler, Pepsi, Nebraska Bull Service, Kleins Motor Electric, Cappel Sales, Eugene Koch Pioneer Seeds, Chief Hotel and Restaurant, Arickaree Ranch Supply, Cowboy Up Tack, Grosch Irrigation and Farmers Magazine.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and ranching practices and technology," said Darren Dale, show manager. "We are expecting 350 vendors from 20 states, Canada and Australia."

Exhibitors include displays for farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural services, irrigation manufacturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges, governmental services, home services, furniture and art galleries and much, much more.

This year the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo will feature a working Ranch Horse Sale on Wednesday the 16th starting at 6:00 p.m. The sale will showcase the best performance

horses for sale in the state that will be sold to the highest bidder. This event is sponsored by Z Tags North America. Along with the horse sale many local FFA Chapters will be making a project that will be auctioned off with all proceeds going back to that chapter.

Scott Daily Horse Training will be displayed this year at the expo. Mr. Daily has been featured on RFD-TV. He will be showcasing his low stress horse training techniques both days at the expo. Mr. Daily has been around horses most of his life. His love for horses and desire to train them began in 4-H while he was growing up in Inola, Okla. Mr. Daily started training horses about 15 years ago. After many years of working with challenging colts and horses, Mr. Daily has developed and perfected his own techniques. Mr. Daily believes in building trust between horse and rider. Scott Daily Horse Training is sponsored by Vap Construction.

There will be park and drive zero turn mower demonstrations in front of the Kiplinger Arena. They will be brought to you by Kurtzer's Walker Mowers.

We have a great line up of Rodeo Athletes this year, including Professional Bull Fighter Quirt Hunt, World Champion Steer Wrestler Dean Gorsuch, World Champion Bareback rider Will Lowe, along with Miss Rodeo Nebraska. They will be at the expo both days signing autographs along with other Rodeo queens from the area. There will be several drawings at the expo including tickets to the Tri-City Storm Hockey and a beer garden to quench that thirst. Corporate

sponsors for the expo include Southwest Implement, Hometown Family Radio and the American Hat Company.

McCook is in the center of rich farmland and cattle feedlots in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

"Our parking lot counts from last year showed vehicles from 37 Nebraska counties, 20 Kansas

counties, 13 Colorado counties and 10 other states," Dale said.

The Red Willow County fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O Streets.

For more information, contact Darren or Tana Dale at 866-685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

By Sandra Binning

President Joan Tongish welcomed 30 senior citizens to the Oct. 3 meeting at McDonald Senior Citizens.

Rawlins County nurses Karla Heble and Rose Whitehurst were present to check blood pressure and give flu shots.

Phyllis Wingfield had the tables decorated in fall colors with mini pumpkins and a Halloween bag of chex mix at each place setting.

Birthdays were acknowledged. Emma Threlkel sang three songs

and gave thanks for the meal.

After the meal, Bingo was played with Bud Houtman the blackout game winner. At the business meeting, Joan thanked everyone for their help.

Reports were accepted as given.

Plans were made for the Thanksgiving dinner which will be Nov. 7.

Committees: Poem and Prayer - Marlene Johnson, Bingo - Leonard Vyzourek, and Prizes - Lavina Waters.



October 19, 2010

It has been one year since the fire at the Village. Our continuing gratitude to the firefighters who selflessly worked to put out a stubborn fire; to the EMTs who came on standby and transported residents; to school officials who provided transportation and every cooperation; and to the Saintry High School students who looked after our residents like their own family. You all demonstrated what Community is all about. With much appreciation, the staff and management at Good Samaritan Village

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Nominations sought for conservation awards

Announcement that the Conservation Awards Program will again be held in Cheyenne County was received by Marty Fear, County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, who has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee to select candidates for awards.

This program is being sponsored, said Mr. Fear, by the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA). Last year awards were made to the following:

- Troy and Cindy Burr for Soil Conservation
- Ken and Barb Beougher for Water Conservation
- James and Edith Walters for Windbreak
- Jim and Jeanne Dunn for Grassland Award

This year the Kansas Bankers Awards, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and

Tourism announce six award categories including Energy Conservation, Water Quality, Water Conservation, Soil Conservation, Windbreaks and Wildlife Habitat.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural and natural resources of Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in practicing conservation on their farms. Two hundred and thirty-nine Kansas producers and landowners were recognized for their efforts in 2010.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to the Sunflower Extension District, Cheyenne County office by Oct. 28. The awards will be presented at the Soil Conservation District's Annual meeting on Jan. 30, 2012.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	7/1/2011			9/30/2011
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
General	\$464,241.04	\$272,595.57	\$641,507.91	\$95,328.70
Road & Bridge	\$622,885.59	\$88,178.85	\$188,902.53	\$522,161.91
Bridge Building	\$52,967.49	\$1,888.57	\$1,662.61	\$53,193.45
Noxious Weed	\$15,955.11	\$2,132.55	\$14,275.54	\$3,812.12
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$13,513.60	\$976.37	\$7,381.79	\$7,108.18
Hospital	\$25,364.62	\$87,909.26	\$90,068.59	\$23,205.29
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$4,565.93	\$8,633.50	\$4,952.66	\$8,246.77
Attorney Fund	\$844.50	\$126.00	\$74.50	\$896.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,209,069.58	\$462,440.67	\$948,826.13	\$722,684.12

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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