

Bronco cheerleaders will not be coming to the county fair

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The Denver Bronco cheerleaders will not be coming to the Cheyenne County Fair.

At the Thursday fair board meeting, Dick Bursch, president, said that the price to bring the cheerleaders was \$7,720. Several years ago, the cheerleaders had come to the fair for \$1,500.

Mr. Bursch asked the woman in charge of lining up appointments why it cost so much more? The woman, after looking back on the records, said they thought that the cheerleaders were going to Cheyenne, Wyo. for Frontier Days – not Cheyenne County, Kan. At the time, there had been a sizable donation connected with Frontier Days and they were returning the donation with the cheerleaders' appearance.

"We got lucky!" he said. Planning for the 2014 fair, Brian Hobrock, board member, said he would like to see Baxter Black return for a Friday night appearance. In order to bring him to the fair, it is necessary to schedule him several years in advance.

The last time Baxter Black performed at the fair, the grandstand was filled. They were also impressed that he talked with the crowd following the performance.

The board agreed to have Mr. Hobrock and Mr. Bursch see if Mr. Black will be able to come and what the cost will be. They will report back at the March meeting.

Trespassing on carnival grounds

Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority president, wanted to know if, when the fair board rents a building on the grounds, did that give the renter permission to drive on the amusement grounds.

Mr. Bursch assured Mr. Ehr-

man that it did not give anyone permission to drive on the grounds.

For insurance reasons, Mr. Ehrman said, there should be no one out on the grounds. The gate, he said, had been opened and it was obvious people had been driving on the grounds.

People, Mr. Bursch said, shouldn't have reins of the whole grounds. It upsets me, too, because you guys worked hard to get the buffalo grass started.

Karol Lohman, member who takes care of renting buildings on the grounds, was asked to put information in the contract papers telling people that they are trespassing if they are on the carnival grounds.

Visitors

Visitors at the meeting were Christi Wurm, Penny Archibald and Jesse and Lyn Laten, representing Lawn Ridge 4-H. There has been a problem with the vent over the grill in the Lawn Ridge food booth.

The board thought the grill was not under the vent. However, Mrs. Wurm said that the grill had been moved from under the vent because it leaks and the water rusts the grill. However, they and the board agreed that the vent did not suck the air out the way it was supposed to.

Mr. Bursch said he had talked to Ed Marin, Lampe Hardware, about the cost of vents and replacement parts. The 4-H leaders will also check with others about prices so the vent can be in working order by fair time.

Rest room roof

The roof on the rest room building at the ball diamond needs replacing. The board has had the tin and much of the material but didn't have time to replace the roof. Travis Milne had given a bid of \$300 labor. It could be \$100 more if, when he got into the job that more materi-

als would be needed. The roof needs to be replaced, said Nick Ketzner, board meeting. We need to get it done. The board approved the bid.

Fund raiser

Mr. Bursch said that no insurance papers had been sent for the RSD walk/run set for the end of April. He noted that it was a good cause but they need proof of insurance before the board can make any decisions concerning the grounds and grandstand.

Building reserve

Ms. Lohman said that Kary Meyer, coordinator of the 125 celebration for St. Francis, had contacted her about having the fairgrounds building reserved as a backup in case there is inclement weather during the celebration.

The board agreed that there would need to be a cleanup deposit which is a requirement of the commissioners. Before any decision is made, the board felt like they needed more information, especially if alcohol consumption will be on the grounds.

Next meeting

The next fair board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.



BIRTHDAYS HONORED in February were, Darlene Burr, Paul Roesener and Lee Amsberry. Shirley Statley had a cake and strawberries but was not available at picture time.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Legislative News

By Ward Cassidy
120th District State Representative

Judicial selection

During the Governor's State of the State Address, he called on the legislature to reform the process of selecting appellate court judges to a more democratic model. He asked that a resolution be passed amending the constitution to that effect. The two suggestions he made, in amending the constitution, were to model the selection after the federal model: Governor appoints and Senate confirms; or direct election.

There are two areas in play here. The 2013 legislature could adopt a bill making a change for the appointment to the Court of Appeals. My feeling is there is a majority in the House and Senate who would favor such a change.

Altering the composition of the Supreme Court in Kansas would require an amendment to the Constitution. Amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority support of both the House and Senate. The Senate passed a bill the week of Jan. 28 that would abolish the judicial nominating commission and instead allow the Governor to select his own nominee with the confirmation of the Senate. The vote was 28 for and 11 against.

To pass this bill in the House, two thirds of the members will have to vote for it. I don't believe it will run too soon as there is an unknown make-up of the majority party.

To become law, there would have to be a change to the constitution, which would require a two-thirds vote in both chambers and ratification by voters at the ballot box. Changes to the ap-

peals court would not require a constitutional amendment as it is created by statute.

Currently, the make up for the selection process of Supreme Court justices is: four of the Commission's members are non-attorneys appointed by the Governor, and four others are attorneys selected by attorneys in each of the State's four Congressional Districts. The Chair of the Commission is an attorney elected by attorneys in a statewide vote.

The motivation for this proposal is that a previous Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the legislature didn't meet its constitutional duty to adequately finance public education. The ruling forced lawmakers to spend millions of dollars into kindergarten through 12 education.

The recession hit, and kindergarten through 12 was cut. Now, there is a Shawnee County District Court ruling indicating, once again, the state has fallen short in its constitutional obligation to fund schools. That ruling is being appealed. It is troubling that the court has taken upon itself the duty of appropriating money, and that will be the basis of the appeal. It, of course, goes much deeper and appears to be an ongoing strife between the branches of government that just can't be resolved.

It appears that the three branches of government are all vying for money and power. In school, we are taught that the executive branch enforces the law, the legislative branch makes the law, and the judicial branch interprets



WARD CASSIDY, 120th District State Representative presides over the House in Topeka.

the law. This balance of power was given to us by our forefathers in the first Constitution. What has happened?

The time lines, the strategy, the outcome are all up in the air. It appears that the Legislature is not likely to take a quick step on

the issue of court-ordered school spending that would defuse the potential of a judicial spending mandate that would destroy the Governor's budget plans.

Final note – I am strongly opposing (again) the bill to eliminate one judge per county.

Open house planned for creativity center

If you haven't heard that the Cheyenne Center for Creativity, CC4C, has found a new home at 109 N. Quincy Street, then come to the open house on Sunday, Feb. 17. The doors will open at 2:30 so people can view the facility, share the creative vision for the future and enjoy light refreshments. At 3 p.m., Sarah and Lila Whitmore will entertain with flute and guitar music.

Come! Share the vision! The new center is located 1/2 block north from First National Bank, on the west side. Look for the receded doorway with benches on each side.

Future

Opportunities for involvement with the Cheyenne Center for Creativity abound. Sponsors, students, instructors, presenters, event coordinators, clean-up and set-up crews, marketing and advertising are just a few of the ways people can participate.

Your ideas for future programs and workshops are welcome! said Janet Carman, one of the coordinators.

The organization, she said, appreciates the ongoing support of those who have already donated time and resources to launch this organization.

Helpful Tips

Bed Sheets

After drying my sheets, put both sheets and one pillowcase in the other pillow case. Fold neatly in a square. Next time you change sheets, you just take the one pillow case and all the sheets and pillow case are inside. No need to

look for matches.

Clean your glass shower

To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing!

Bartlett Company Grain Introduces

New
St. Francis
Location Manager
Zack Patterson

Zack has been with the Bartlett Company for over 3 1/2 years, moving to St. Francis from the Moscow, Ks. location. Zack's hometown is Liberal, Ks. He holds a BA from Wichita State.

"I'm glad to be here in St. Francis and I look forward to meeting and working with all producers. My wife and I and our two small sons are really excited about becoming a part of this community."

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