

Fair board looking ahead for improvement next year

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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

Marty 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's, 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 premium 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's. 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

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.



DAVE YOST was unloading cattle at the St. Francis Auction Market on Wednesday.
Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Are you a good neighbor?

Controlling your volunteer wheat can put you in the "good neighbor" category! Wheat streak mosaic was quite a challenge last year and had significant impacts on the yield of some fields.

The wheat mosaic virus is moved by the wheat curl mite. This mite is too tiny to see with the naked eye, but can sometimes be seen with a hand lens. It is tiny and cigar-shaped. The mite lives in volunteer wheat during the summer and is happy to move to newly emerged tender wheat. It can move up to a half mile on the wind.

In addition to carrying the wheat streak mosaic virus, it can also move High Plains Mosaic

and Triticum Mosaic Virus. These viruses are nearly always found in conjunction with wheat streak mosaic and produce more severe symptoms than wheat streak mosaic alone.

To prevent the movement of the mites and viruses, it is critical that all volunteer within a half mile be completely dead at least two weeks prior to planting. Destroying volunteer wheat after the new wheat emerges is too late. The worse scenario is to have volunteer wheat dying as the newly planted wheat is emerging. The mites will move from their dying food source to the new, tender wheat to begin feeding again. The two weeks is critical because that gives the mites time to die due to lack of food.

Herbicide control and tillage are two options for controlling volunteer wheat. Tillage and herbicides are also often combined for an effective control program that leaves much of the stubble in place. Many burndown herbicides, such as glyphosate (Roundup, Durango, Glystar, Makaze,

Touchdown, etc) or paraquat (Gramoxone), will provide control. Grazing volunteer is not an effective option because it does not provide complete control. Even intensive and close grazing still has green tissue that the mites can live on.

Neighbors also need to cooperate in finding 'hidden' volunteer wheat. The 'hidden' places might include field edges, ditches and in double-cropped ground. Be especially sure to look in the direction of the prevailing wind!

By Jeanne Falk
Agronomy Specialist



Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Aug. 30	90	62	
Aug. 31	99	62	
Sept. 1	101	63	T
Sept. 2	77	63	
Sept. 3	74	43	
Sept. 4	74	44	
Sept. 5	82	47	

Accidentally Omitted

Premium Sale SHEEP

Taylor Archibald — Stevens Ranch/
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Premium Buyers

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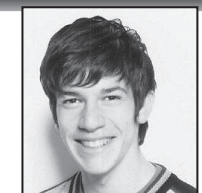
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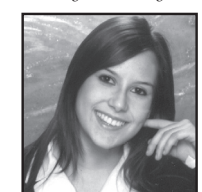


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Patrick from France, 17 yrs. Loves the outdoors and playing soccer. Patrick's dream has been to spend time in America learning about our customs and attending American high school.



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