

Rent needed for signs at fairgrounds

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None of the Cheyenne County Fair Board members could remember, for sure, when the signs on the fences at the fairgrounds were either painted on or attached. This was a matter discussed at the last fair board meeting and was again discussed at the board meeting on Thursday evening.

Brian Hobrock, board member, had inventoried the signs. He said some of the businesses painted on the fence were no longer in business, others that were still in business were in bad shape and a few were in excellent shape.

Whatever the shape, the board was pretty sure that no rent had been collected for the signs in years. In fact, they weren't positive as to how much they had charged.

After considerable discussion, they decided to send letters to those people who were still in business.

If their sign was painted on the fence, they would need to replace it with one that is bolted on. Also, if it needed repainted, they would be told that.

The signs on the south and west fence outside the arena, would need to be a 4- by 8-foot sign. Those on the inside of the arena would need to be 2- by 8-feet.

The inside of the arena, they said, is a better location but, since these signs were smaller, they decided that those having signs would be charged \$100 rent for the space. They are also responsible for having their sign painted and repainted when needed.

They then turned to painting the fence where signs were painted on. They couldn't decide whether to strip it, prime in and repaint it or see if power washing would take the lettering off. They decided to try power washing it to begin with.

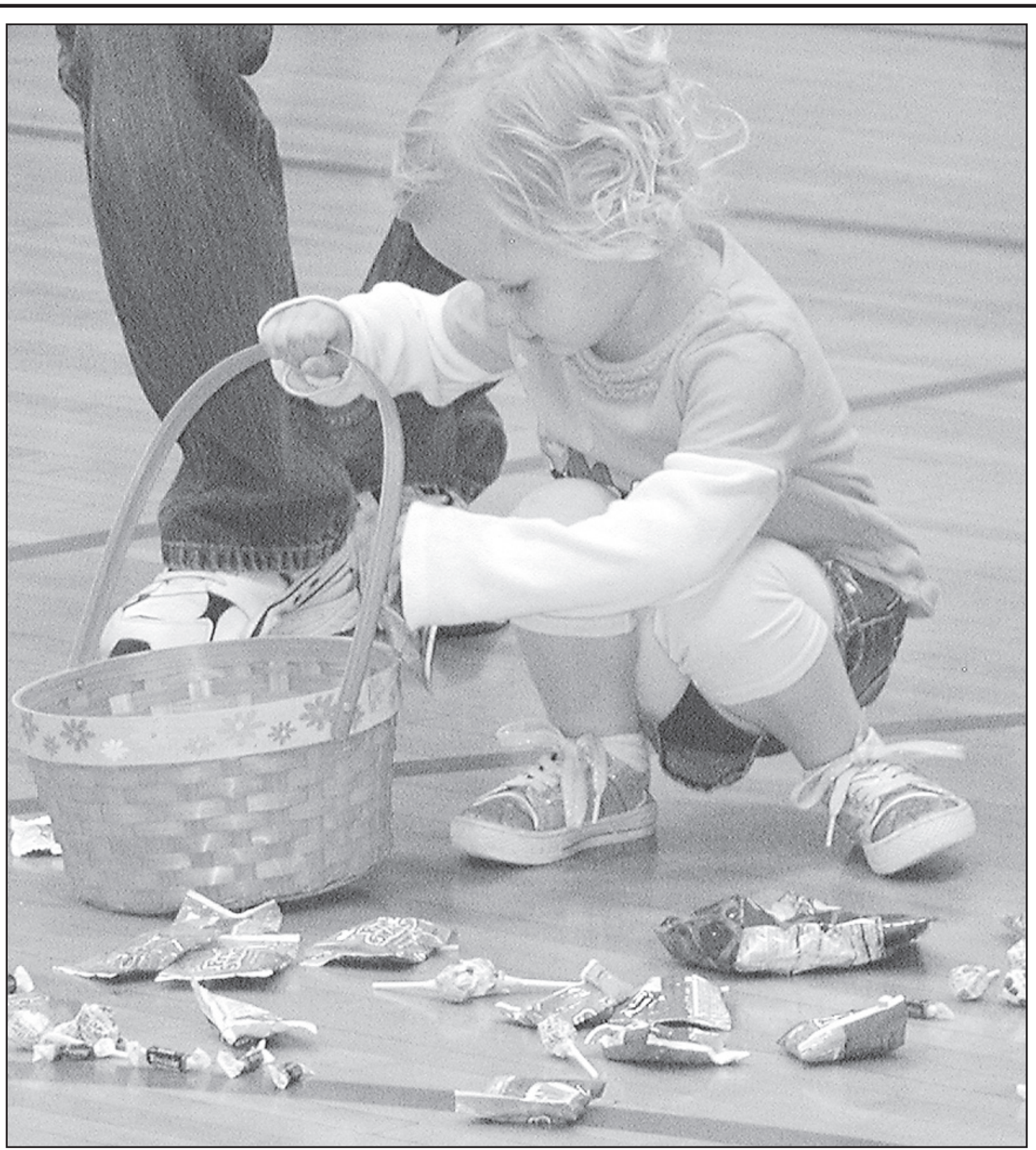
Fourth of July plans reported

Fireworks and all the activities that will be held with the second Fourth of July celebration in St. Francis have been set.

Rodney Neitzel, representing the committee, met with the city council Monday evening, and reported the plans for the Fourth.

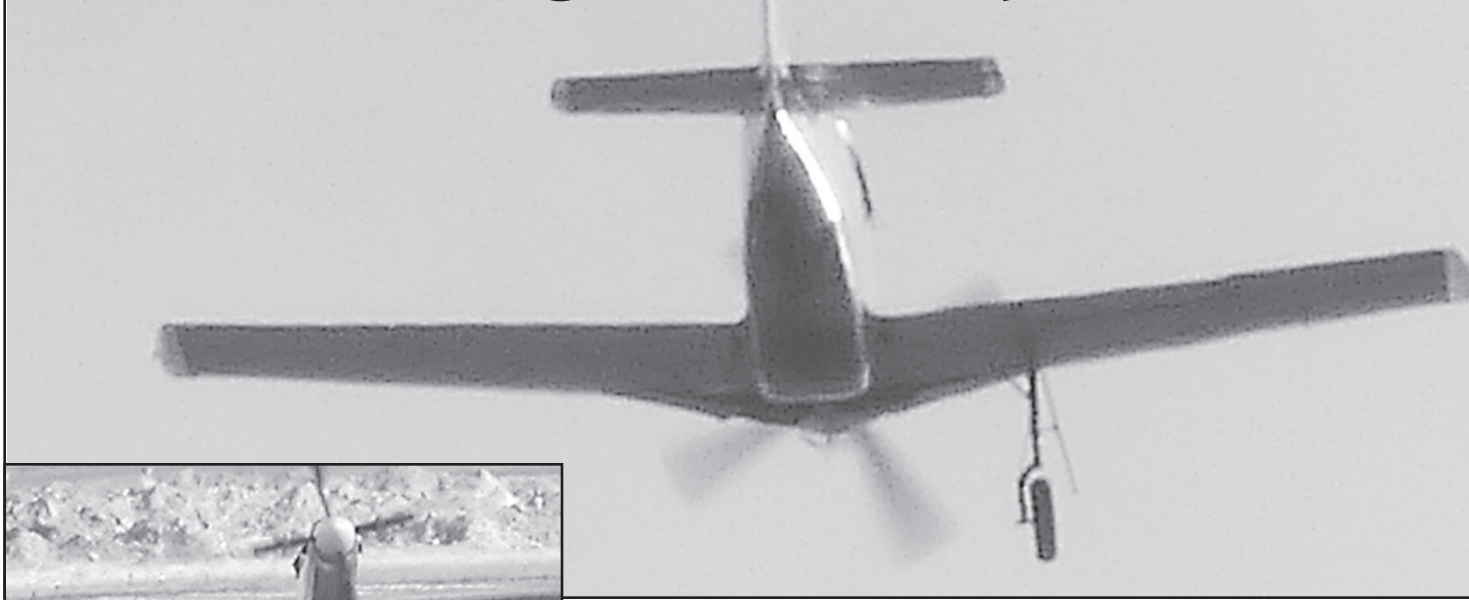
It is going to be even bigger than last year, he said, later. New events have been added including a kids' fishing derby at Kellers Pond, The "America The Beautiful" Ride and Drive Road Rally, "Proud to be an American" open

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EASTER CANDY was abundant and children were busy Saturday gathering it up. Sierra Milne had her basket and was busy filling it. Each child also received a plastic egg which they exchanged for a toy. The event is sponsored by Ross Manufacturing, Ken and Gloria Bracelin Farm and Milliken Law Office. Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

What's wrong with this picture?



SAFE LANDING — What might have been a bumpy ride when a landing gear failed turned out to be a smooth landing. Rick Rogers safely landed his plane on Thursday when the second wheel came down. Look for more information next week Herald. Herald photos by Robert Grace and Nathan Fiala

Health fair set to start Monday

Those planning to have blood work done at the spring health fair need to mark Monday through Wednesday on their calendar.

The Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Departments will be sponsoring the health fair for men and women. The female exam includes a breast and pelvic exam with pap smear; the male exam will include a prostate check.

The lab work available includes: a chemistry panel (with TSH and Lipid panel) Hemoglobin A1C and PSA.

The much reduced fee is due at time of service and will not be billed to insurance.

Lab draws

Lab draws in St. Francis will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,

April 16, 17 and 18, in the Cheyenne County Clinic basement. No appointment is needed.

In Bird City, the lab draws will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18, at the Bird City Clinic. Again, no appointment needed.

People having the draw should remember to fast for the chemistry panel lab test with nothing to drink or eat except water after midnight. Those taking medications may take them the morning of the draw and remember to drink plenty of water.

Those having exams should call the Cheyenne County Clinic, 785-332-2682, for an appointment. Exams are done by appointments only between April 18 and 20.

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Local band wins competition and chance to move on

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Have you seen 9ine Foot Squirrel?

No, there are no mutant rodents in town- 9ine Foot Squirrel is the name of a local rock band headed up by Joe Caldart, singing and playing bass guitar, along with his sons Austin, age 14, on guitar, and Jason, age 7, on drums.

Last month, the band competed in an online battle of the bands on the Buffalo Trace website and won with over 2,000 votes. They have moved to the next level of the competition and are hoping to win \$5,000 to spend on instruments and studio time to professionally record an album. They are also in the Vans/ Warped

Tour battle of the bands, competing to play in Denver. Four bands will be selected to play in Denver, while one band will be chosen to join the tour and win \$15,000. They are currently in eighth place.

As his sons got older and more interested in music, Joe told them about the bands he had previously played in on the east coast. The boys took lessons and practiced and the three of them are now reworking Joe's old songs and making music of their own.

The name 9ine Foot Squirrel was something Joe came up with while watching the movie Goodfellas with his friends, he said. It was originally a song title, but the boys liked it and used it for their band name.



9INE FOOT SQUIRREL band consists of (l to r) Austin Patton, Jason Caldart and Joe Caldart. They will be playing in St. Francis at Zero's on April 21.

The 9ine Foot Squirrel is set to play live at Zero's on St. Francis' Main Street on Saturday, April 21 at 4 p.m. The show will be re-

corded and uploaded to youtube, and everyone is welcome to attend. In the meantime, people can find music the band has already

recorded or vote for them on the Buffalo Trace and Vans/ Warped Tour websites by searching 9ine Foot Squirrel on the internet.

Art walk planned in June

A group of individuals including those that participated in the community leadership training are working together to promote arts in St. Francis and Cheyenne County. One of their projects is organizing an "art walk" on downtown Main Street the Friday evening of the St. Francis Community High School alumni reunion.

They are coordinating with the city and downtown merchants to provide a venue for music, art and refreshments in a two block section of downtown, late Friday afternoon and early evening.

Be sure and come downtown Friday evening, June 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. for the Art Walk--"Draggin' Main--A New Twist," said Tom Keller. Enjoy art, live music, food

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