

Board discusses cover over show arena at fair grounds

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Erecting a cover over the show arena on the west side of Jenkins Hall was talked about when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday evening.

At the last meeting, Marty Fear, county agent, had the cost of a cloth covering which was around \$900 but there would also be the framework. The board asked that he find the cost for the entire structure.

At the Thursday meeting, he had brought a pamphlet from Majestic Service. The cost for a permanent structure would be \$37,000. He thought that it would be better to put that money towards a cover that would last for years rather than

one that might last for one year or maybe a couple.

The board appeared to be interested in putting a permanent cover over the arena, noting that it would be a "huge benefit."

At different times during the meeting, the arena cover was discussed again. When they discussed having better beef tie outs, it was suggested that there be an overhang on the roof and beef tied out on the west side of the arena.

Shawna Blanka, representing the 4-H Council, said the council would like to see not only the beef show moved out there but also the goats and lambs.

Again, could the fair board get a loan so the cover would be there

this year? Dick Bursch, president, said the commissioners frowned on loans and, grants took time and a lot of paperwork. He said the grandstand was built with a grant, which had to be paid back, from Prairie Land Electric. Drew Flemming, board member, said he would talk to Century II in Bird City to see if there would be any money available for the project.

Mr. Flemming said he thought that, if they were going to put up a permanent structure, it would be best to go with metal tubing and Propanel.

The board asked Agent Fear to draw up a proposal and let the board look at it.



HAILY ROBBINS plays the keyboard at the music contest held last week at the high school.

School holds music contest

The theme for National Music Week this year is: "Music...The Colors of Life." The week, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, is celebrated May 5 through May 12 this year.

The St. Francis Music Club recognized this with a variety of events throughout the week.

In honor of National Music Week, the fifth and sixth grade music students took part in a "Music Contest" at the high school. Students prepared and presented vocal, keyboard and instrumental solos for a panel of judges.

Those serving as judges were: vocal solos, Teresa Porter, Talley Morrow and Kari Gilliland; keyboard solos, Ruth Milliken, Raddell Winston and Natalie Knodel, and band solos: Louanne Isernhagen, Chad Miller, Margaret Poling and Lila Whitmore.

Students were evaluated and given a rating along with suggestions for improvement. Vocal and keyboard students were under the direction of Jean Ann Confer.

Fifth and sixth grade instrumental solo's were under the direction of Debbie Fiala.

In addition to the music contest, there were many musical events in the community. Lila Whitmore presented her annual piano and guitar recital, Mrs. Fiala's high school advanced music class presented a rock concert entitled, "Fire and Ice," Randy Smestad had his annual guitar and drum recital and Teresa Porter will hold her annual Dance Ranch recital on May 12.

The annual National Music Week observance gives an opportunity to focus the attention of all America on music as a dynamic means of communication between people and a satisfying channel of personal expression.

The National Federation of Music Clubs knows the importance of music in the life of the nation and asks that everyone participate in this great week of celebration each year.



SETH MILLS sings at the music contest held last week at the high school.



CHECKING OUT THE MUSEUM — Howard Sawhill and his sister Susan Riley look at a picture.

Sawhill's grandchildren visit

On Monday, April 29, Howard T. Sawhill II and his sister, Susan Sawhill Riley, grandchildren of Howard T. and Vivian Sawhill, traveled to St. Francis for the first time in their lives, in search of their family's roots.

Their grandfather served as banker in St. Francis from 1917 to 1955. Using his artistic talent and training, he planned the city park in the mid 1930s, "directing and participating in the construction of every inch of it." He wanted it to be an oasis for people of the area.

After driving through barren eastern Colorado from Denver, and then looking at the photos of

the park when it boasted many trees and a lawn of green grass, the grandchildren said they understood why the park was considered an "oasis" on the plains.

Hungry to discover more about their family, the Sawhill grandchildren kept saying, "Tell me more about my Grandpa." Their tour of St. Francis included a visit to the museum and Sawhill Park.

When Susan heard about the band shell's wonderful acoustics, Howard's sister encouraged him to find the "sweet spot." He found that spot and serenaded the group with parts from an Italian aria.

"This park really is the heart

and center of your town," Susan said.

Howard and Susan photographed the park and band shell, the new Sawhill Park Exhibit at the museum, and the baptismal mural at the Christian Church, so they could share this part of their family's history with their own children. In the evening they visited the Sawhill family home, which is now owned by the Bob and Connie Holzwarth.

"This visit has been like a heart massage for each of us," said Bonnie Cram, who was a friend of their father, Bill Sawhill. The Sawhill siblings agreed.

Behind The Scenes

By Janet Carman



Visit 109 N. Quincy on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and enjoy a display of car art, featuring painter Dale Klee and photographer, Jennifer Padgett. Also on display will be the artwork of Peggy Moberly's canvas and pottery students.

Draggin' Main

Looking ahead, "Draggin' Main, a New Twist," Art Walk sponsored by Cheyenne Center for Creativity will be held Friday, June 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. The walk will be featuring new

artists, musicians and venues as well as those who participated last year.

Historical Society

Museum and History buffs: Circle this date on your calendar and imprint it in your mind. June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. the Cheyenne County Museum will come alive in celebration of St. Francis's 125th birthday. Don't miss this special event, "Night at the Museum, in the Afternoon."

Brat lunch

The museum will host a brat

lunch again during St. Francis high school alumni weekend June 15. Everyone is invited. Proceeds benefit the museum and old church.



WHEELER EQUITY puts up bins for more storage.

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