

# Concrete projects to improve fair buildings

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Improving handicap access to the Ag Building and 4-H Building is the object of a donation made by the Gannon family, and the Sherman County commissioners agreed to help complete the project.

Steve Duell said where they are at now is following up on a visit to the commissioners in November when he talked about pouring some cement between the Ag Building and the 4-H building, to make it more handicap accessible and the little walkway on the north side of the 4-H building is not wide enough to push a wheelchair down.

He said when Geraldine Gannon passed away the family asked if they could do something for the fairgrounds. She had always been interested in doing something with that cement because her and Bill were wheelchair bound. He said the family made a memorial contribution in her name. He said Aaron Duell got bids and they have \$1,375 from Geraldine Gannon and the low bid is from Brad Nothdurft for \$1,600. He said the bid from Malsom was quite a bit higher.

Aaron said the quotes were on a couple different ways to do the job.

One was to tear everything out and start over, which is probably the best way to do it. The other option was to add concrete, but the contractors said they did not know if that would look good or last for long.

He said the same discussion was on the sidewalk on the north side of the 4-H building. They talked about adding on to save money, but looking at it felt it was better to tear it all out and start over and the bid is \$2,800.

Steve said the concrete on the north side is higher than the metal siding so it does have some potential for a problem with water standing against the building. He said when they redo that they generally lower the surface so it slopes away.

Aaron said now it actually slopes toward the building.

Steve said the fair board would like to ask if they could use some of the money in the fairground maintenance fund to get the additional money to put with the Gannon contribution to get the work done.

He said they would like to get that work done before July 4.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said there is a line item under the courthouse general for repairs to fairgrounds and thought there was

about \$25,000.

Commissioner Larry Enfield made a motion to have the county pick up the difference in the repairs, seconded by Strnad and passed 2-0.

Aaron said he has been working with Randall Fixsen on updating the sound system in the grandstands area. He said it needs some new speakers and Fixsen has gotten some equipment in.

"I need to get together with him to get that done," Aaron said, "but I think it would be a project of the fair board."

He said he was hoping the racing association and others who might help.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked Aaron what type of money he was looking at for the sound system upgrade \$1,000 or \$10,000 or more.

Aaron said it would probably \$2,000 to \$3,000. He said they checked out the wire and don't have to do anything with that everything is good.

Strnad said she didn't think the racing association has a lot of money and not sure how much money the alumni association has. It is our responsibility to keep the fair-

grounds in good condition, and she said the bills should be brought to the county clerk.

Enfield asked if that could be done before the alumni meeting this August.

Aaron said his goal is to have the sound system up and going by May when the car races start.

Steve said there are some horse shows they would like to have the upgrade done for.

Enfield said it was his thought to get the sound system upgraded and talk to those groups to see if they want to donate, but get it done.

"Randall and I have talked about making the sound system 'dummy' proof," Aaron said. "To make it easier for people to run it. That is what has happened is too many hands get into it and it gets plugged in wrong and then is down at Fixsen's for repair. We are going to try to simplify it."

He said they did that at the livestock arena last year and that one worked out. He said that was a fair board project.

Strnad said the county has some money for repairs at the fairgrounds.

Steve said there are several projects, and said the county needs to get

the roof on the Ag Building fixed.

Strnad asked if that hadn't been fixed.

Steve said it has not the roof still had the tear in it.

Strnad said she thought that was to be fixed through the insurance, and thought it was all done.

Steve said it has not been fixed and there is some wood he and Aaron had nailed over the tear.

Aaron said the roof of the cupola is gone. He said it blew off in that big wind storm, and it has never been fixed.

Strnad said she was sure that was supposed to be done by insurance.

Steve said the adjuster came out to look at the damage. He said the word was they were trying to get Randy Topliff to fix it. He said that is who the insurance guy kept talking about patching it, but the tear is still there, and the cupola has never been fixed. He said he and Aaron nailed a piece of plywood on top.

"I just thought they were waiting until it was warmer," he said.

Aaron said when the tree came down it damaged the lower roof on the Ag Building, and said he thinks Topliff was supposed to fix that. He said it thought maybe Woofter was going to fix the other part.

Strnad asked Aaron to get a purchase order for the fairground repairs. She asked him how things were going with the carnival. She said she knew some trees had died, and that Brad Schields had replaced some of them.

Aaron said the carnival is doing some repairs and is getting ready to paint the Roundup ride.

He said they have had to order parts for one ride from Italy, and hopes they don't get tied up in customs like happened last time.

He said everything is going well, and said the carnival volunteers are out every Wednesday night, and anyone can come out and help.

On the Freedom Fest Aaron said he has ordered \$7,400 in fireworks with Joe Diaz, and Diaz was worried about getting his fireworks out of Japan, but found they had been shipped before the earthquake.

Strnad asked if the Freedom Fest is somewhat self-sustaining.

Aaron said it is somewhat. He said they had a carryover of about \$5,000 and will be asking for more donations to build up for next year.

He said the carnival will run the Saturday of the alumni reunion.

"Thank you for everything you do," Strnad said.

## Goodland grad on website



University of Kansas graduate student Michael Mangus, a Goodland High School graduate from Kanorado, was featured recently in a slideshow of photos on the KU Graduate School site. Mangus, center, discussed his presentation about "Performance and Emission Testing of Feedstock Biodiesels" with Rep. Rick Billinger and Chuck Wilkins, both of Goodland, on Feb 17, at the eighth Annual Capitol Research Summit in Topeka. Mangus received a \$1,000 award at the event, which highlighted projects from research universities. Photo from Michael Mangus/KU Graduate School

## Music clubs to meet

More than sixty people with an interest in music are expected to attend the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs State Convention on Friday and Saturday at the First Christian Church, in Goodland. On Friday morning there will be registration and tours of the High Plains Museum, the Carnegie Arts Center, and the Ennis-Handy House.

KFMC has a state convention every year, hosted by a local music club. This year the convention is hosted by the Northwest District. The music clubs in this district are Atwood Music and Drama Club, Goodland Federated Music Club and the St. Francis Music Club.

The steering committee is composed of members from each town and has been meeting almost every month since last spring to plan the convention. Representatives from Goodland on the committee are Birkley Barnes and Martha Gundersen. We will have business meetings on Friday and Saturday with "mini-concerts" throughout each day.

Local area musicians will be honored and also a poet from St. Francis. Friday evening's musical

entertainment will be a concert presented by the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra. The orchestra rehearses every Monday evening in Colby and is made up of musicians from Northwest Kansas and Burlington, Colorado. Directing this concert is Andrew Salvador, who will be honored as the KFMC Music Educator of 2011. Salvador was selected for this award because of his work with students and his contribution to the orchestra through his conducting and his expertise in percussion.

Other Honorees include:

KFMC Musician for 2011 - Neala Carmichael

KFMC Composer for 2011 -- Tema Trumbo of St. Francis

KFMC Musical Family for 2011 -- The Vernon Akers Family of Weskan

KFMC Poet for 2011 -- Helene Landenberger of St. Francis

Since its founding in 1898, the National Federation of Music Clubs has grown into one of the world's largest music organizations with club and individual members of all ages. The club is chartered by the Congress of the United States and is

the only music organization member of the United Nations.

The NFMC provides opportunities for musical study, performance and appreciation to more than 200,000 senior, student and junior members in 6,500 music-related clubs and organizations nationwide. Members are professional and amateur musicians, vocalists, composers, dancers, performing artists, arts and music educators, music students, generous music patrons and benefactors and music lovers of all ages.

The Kansas Federation of Music Clubs is a part of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

KFMC is made up of 24 senior (adult) clubs, 675 senior members, 23 junior clubs, and 1,249 junior members.

More information may be found at [nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org).

Each individual music club in the state is unique. Some emphasize performance, some support the performance of others, some lean toward drama or poetry and some have a happy mixture.

## Concrete work approved; long-term plan suggested

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Concrete work around the 4-H building was approved by the Sherman County Commissioners as part of an update and look ahead for the county fairgrounds at the meeting on Thursday.

Steve and Aaron Duell met with Commissioners Cynthia Strnad and Larry Enfield to talk about upcoming improvements for the fairgrounds and other future needs.

Strnad asked about the improvements the Kiwanis made at the 4-H building last year as she could not find anything about it in the minutes.

Steve Duell said the Kiwanis and the Fair Board had paid for all of that.

"I guess I was just curious," Strnad said.

Steve Duell said he knew they came down to talk about upgrading the electrical for the building, but did not remember ever talking about the project as most of it was done by the Fair Board and Kiwanis. He said the two split the cost.

Strnad said she remembered the discussion about the electrical upgrade. She said the county got

some bills for materials. She said it was way less than \$500 when it came to her attention. She said she was curious.

"I never really talked to Chuck (Thomas, former commissioner)," Steve Duell said. "We expanded the Kiwanis and swapped a spot with the 4-H."

"It turned out beautifully," Strnad said. "I was just curious because he (Thomas) authorized things that didn't go across the table."

"That was probably as much the fault of the fair board," Steve Duell said.

Strnad said the change worked out very nicely and was a great improvement to the building. She said the fair board and Steve and Aaron Duell have done a lot of work.

"Aaron and I were talking the other night," Steve Duell said. "We have gotten all the electric up to snuff. We had a 200 amp service there and we were blowing it. Come to find out we had a bad 200 amp breaker. Shad and Marty finally figured that was our problem. We couldn't figure out where we were losing all that power."

"Do you have a five year plan of what you think needs to be done at

the fairgrounds," Strnad said.

Steve Duell said they don't. He said the fair board kind of works through what they find that needs to be done. He said one thing he would like to see is replacing the fence to the north of the Ag building. He said the fence to the south has been replaced and got that all cleaned up, but did not go north.

Strnad asked Duell to bring the commissioners some long term goals just before budgeting time. She said she did not think the budget has changed for the fair for 20 years.

Duell said that has not been a problem except a few years ago when the city shut the fairgrounds down a week before fair to put in a sewer line, and the city manager was charging the fair for a lot of things. He said that has been resolved.

"Just give us some long term goals," Strnad said.

Aaron Duell said on the electricity the fair only had one issue and that was when the city blew the fuse at the substation. He said he thinks they are done with electricity finally.

## matters of record

### Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Feb. 23: Harold W. Slusher, Jr., improper store inoperable vehicle, fined \$160.

Alexandra D. Walker, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$105.

Waylon R. Walker, vicious animal, dog at large - two charges, fined \$320.

Feb. 24: Cecil L. Lock, disobey traffic control device, fined \$135.

March 3: Tyrone L. Crosby, Second, illegal tag or no tag and disabled vehicle, fined \$239.

March 4: Teather D. Dautel, careless driving, fined \$160.

March 7: Idalia D. Martinez, failed to report hitting unattended

vehicle, expired license or no license, diversion \$260.

March 8: Troy J. Albers, speeding in school zone 1-10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

March 9: Martin Levario, Jr., unsafe speed for prevailing conditions, fined \$135.

Nicole Meyer, theft, diversion \$210.

Linda M. Smith, speeding in school zone 1-10 mph over limit, fined \$150.

March 11: Heather Goodwin, speeding 10 mph over limit, fined \$105.

March 14: Brandy R. Jackson, theft, fined \$260.

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