

# The county fair board talked about next year

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The evening grandstand entertainment for the 2011 Cheyenne County Fair was set by the board when they met on Thursday.

Last year was the first year for the local talent production. With the help of the St. Francis Music Club, the program was held Friday night and there was a variety of entertainment. Members noted that the audience appeared to enjoy the show and the Music Club members agreed to help again.

Ruth Milliken, Music Club member and one of the coordinators, wanted the fair board to set a way of selecting numbers so the show wouldn't last over 90 minutes. The board discussed having tryouts but ended up deciding that it would be limited to a certain number of entries and those applying up to that number would be allowed to entertain.

The talent show will again be held on Friday night of the fair following the 4-H Premium Sale.

The team roping will be held on Wednesday night. There was considerable discussion on changing the name of the event from the Grice-Keller Memorial Roping to the Cheyenne County Cowboy Memorial Roping. There have been several other cowboys who have died and the board felt like, by changing the name, it could include other ropers. A memorial recognition will be prepared for the names of those being remembered. These people will also be recognized at the roping.

The Mutton Bustin' will also be held that night. Megan Downey said that this event needs to be better organized and she volunteered to help do it.

For the last few years, the Ranch Rodeo has been held but it has been hard to hold the audience's attention during the event. It was suggested that a Tuff Truck Challenge be held instead. The board agreed to try it with Clay Zimbelman, Adam Peter,

Mrs. Downey and Brian Hobrock heading up the committee.

The big event of the fair is always the demolition derby held Saturday night. Mr. Zimbelman wanted to know if Goodland and Thomas County had paid their share of the point system. Drew Flemming, treasurer, said he couldn't find a record of them paying. Mr. Zimbelman will check into the matter.

### 2011 Fair theme

Each year, the fair and fair parade have a theme. The 4-H clubs have submitted names and the winning club is awarded a pizza party.

The theme contest was announced several months ago, but as of the Thursday meeting, there had been no entries. The board will need the suggestions by the next meeting. If no suggestions come in, they will need to come up with a theme.

It is also time for the board to be selecting a fair marshal which will be a secret until the parade which is held on Saturday of the fair.

### Premium checks

Premium checks given during the fair as still coming in and it has been four months since they were distributed. They agreed to change the time limit to cash a check from 180 days to 60 days. Next year, after 60 days, premium checks will no longer be valid.

They noted that businesses can ask for a refund on invalid checks or they can donate them to the fair board.

### Equipment

Mr. Flemming said he had found a spring tooth that would work for the arena.

Dick Bursch said he had made contacts to get a freezer for the fairgrounds. He said the ice freezer at the grocery store would be ideal.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the fair board has been set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



SINGERS PRACTICE on Sunday afternoons for the holiday celebration. Pictured is back row (l to r) Tim Trumbo, Chad Hendricks, Art Krueger, Tom Bandel, Roger Orth, Ron Mayfeld, Jim Milliken, Neil McCumber; front row: Carol Ross, Glenn Isernhagen, Fred Klie, Tim Burr, Scott Carmichael, John Finley, Neala Carmichael conducts as Tema Trumbo plays the piano.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## Chorus to presents program Dec. 19

Singers from all parts of Cheyenne County have been practicing faithfully each Sunday afternoons since early November in preparation for this year's Christmas Celebration, Part II. The Holiday Community Chorus celebration will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Seasonal and inspirational music will be sung by the 60-voice chorus and a variety of vocal and instrumental soloists will perform.

The chorus will also be

performing at the Yuletide Festival on Sunday, Dec. 12 and at Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday evening, Dec. 18.

The program on Sunday, Dec. 19, will benefit the Cheyenne County Food Pantry and admission for the afternoon's musical celebration will be two non-perishable items. Yes, that's right...one for each hand. Cash donations will also be accepted for the food pantry.

Music to be presented will include "Days of Elijah," a rousing gospel rendition of "Angels From the Realms of Glory," John

Ruptures' arrangement of "Angels' Carol," "We Are His Gold," piano solo by Louanne Isernhagen, vocal solo by Alex Queen, organ and piano duet by Debbie Fiala and Sandy Bandel, vocal solo by Julie Wolters, clarinet solo by Jeff Paulsen and a special Christmas story told by Colleen Gardner.

There will also be a special surprise during the afternoon... something you won't want to miss.

The program will conclude with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

A reception will follow in the Peace Lutheran fellowship hall and everyone is welcome.

Neala Carmichael, director of the chorus, encourages everyone to share in this very special musical afternoon and celebrate the season in the presence of friends and very talented musicians.

"Come be a part of "A Christmas Celebration, Part II," said Mrs. Carmichael.

## Diabetes group met up

Being a self-manager of a person's diabetes means taking charge of their own physical and emotional well-being. The program will start with a Self-Care video series for the diabetic at the Diabetes Support Group meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic. It will cover the basic skills for keeping a person's blood sugar in your target range and offers many practical tips for incorporating these skills into a person's life.

This program will help a diabetic prevent, delay or reduce long-term complications of diabetes; increase flexibility and control in day-to-day living; and empower themselves to feel their best and enjoy a better quality of life.

The program will start on the diabetes and related health concerns of the video that will help someone understand diabetes and the treatment plan through: education, nutrition and exercise. This video series will continue at the January and February meetings to discuss medications; the challenges of diabetes such as lifestyle changes, dining out, special occasions, sick days and unusual schedules.

For more information on the diabetes video series contact the Mila Bandel, RN County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381. The meetings are open to the public and free of charge. The diabetic patient, family and friends are encouraged to attend.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Heartland/Cheylin basketball games Thursday to see Alexi and Ariel Regier play.

Kathy Banister took the Brewster Scholars Bowl Team to a meet in Tribune Tuesday.

Bethel Goltl went with the

Red Hat Ladies to the Atwood Country Club Saturday for their Christmas dinner.

Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder traveled to Goodland, Friday, to visit and have lunch with Elvera Neitzel and Joyceann Lyman at the Good Samaritan Home.

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Let's Celebrate! Saturday, Dec. 12 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free dance at Riverside Recreation sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne County Clinic and Cheyenne County Health Department. We hope you can come help us celebrate the holiday season! CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS • 785-332-2104

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