

# Members discuss main events of the county fair

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The main topics discussed at the Cheyenne County Fair Board were the ideas from the Sale Committee and the Derby Committee. Board president Dick Bursch said he had attended the meetings held by both committees and thought each committee was very attentive to the needs and concerns of the 4-H'ers and the public.

Clay Zimbelman, head of the Derby Committee, reported that the number of car entries is falling in Cheyenne County as well as at neighboring county fairs. He said a change needs to be made before the board gets desperate for a successful derby.

The derby is the most successful and popular event at the fair each year and last year about 100 spectators were turned away due to lack of seating. This year, the committee would like to put on a good three-hour show from 7 to 10 p.m. (last year they ran a little short).

The committee proposed having

two divisions in the derby: hobo and welded.

The committee had received comments from the community telling them that it is expensive to build hobo types of derby cars and they're not able to use them more than one time. If a welded division was added, this would give those people an opportunity to participate more times.

Last year, the hobo derbies held in Benkelman and Goodland had very low participation (Benkelman had only seven entries), making them basically unsuccessful.

However, Lacy Reed board member, said that she had received several complaints about the rules for the derby, protesting that they were "vague." Mr. Zimbelman explained that, although the rules may be lenient, the safety rules were not. The rules were designed to be able to allow for more vehicles to be entered.

The board voted that these changes would benefit the derby and fair. It was also decided that, in addition to pay-outs for heats,

the first place winnings for both the hobo and welded divisions would be a \$1,000. The second, third and fourth places would be pro-rated.

It was noted that the Cheyenne County derby offers more prize money than others, since many derbies don't pay-out for heat wins.

The board talked about different ways to offer additional seating at the derby so that no spectator will be turned away.

The committee hopes this is the start to a new transition — not necessarily to a welded derby, but to please the crowd and offer them what they came to see — crashing cars.

**Sale Committee**

The board decided to keep the premium sale as it has been operated in year's past. See related article for more information.

**Grandstand memorial fund**

Quotes for the plaques were received by John Guthmiller. The committee had determined there would be four levels:

- The Bronze level, which would require a donation of \$100. This would include the donor or designated name on a plaque.
- The Silver level with a required donation of \$250. This will include their name on a plaque and two passes to the grandstand events.
- The Gold level would require a \$500 donation, which will include their name on a plaque and four passes to the grandstand events.
- Platinum level would require a donation of \$1,000. This would include their name on their own plaque and lifetime passes to the grandstand events.

Donors can choose to have their name on the plaque or may choose a name that would be in memory of someone.

Those donating money and reaching one of the levels will be printed in the fair book.

It was suggested by board member, Gary Cooper, to create a type of public display to measure the money raised and donated to show what contributions are being made. He spoke with Mary Beikman, the St. Francis schools art teacher, who thought some of her classes could design and create something special such as "donation thermometer".

**In other business**

In other business:

- Joe Leibbrandt reported that Callicrate Feedyard donated a portable copy machine. He said it will be very convenient and useful, especially during fair. He also noted that he is starting to hire judges for fair since Cheyenne County's fair dates compete with other fairs.

**Next meeting**

The board agreed to have all meetings throughout the year begin at 8 p.m. So, the next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



**THE ADVANCED music class put on a play for the grade school students on Thursday. Lauren Zwegardt, a tailor; Sarah Guthmiller, Heather Hnizdil and Brooklyn Hnizdil were members of the court.**  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

# Area youth attend livestock show

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RL Walz, Matt Raile, Courtney Douthit and Laura Brunk, along with Lyn Wiley, high school ag instructor and FFA sponsor, attended the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Kick-Off Show in Hutchinson over the weekend. The show had two rings and two judges.

Walz showed a steer and a Chianina heifer. The heifer was named the Reserve Chianina Heifer at the show with a first

place in one ring and a second in its class in the other ring.

Douthit showed an Angus heifer which placed fourth in both rings and a Maine Anjou heifer which was third in one ring and fourth in the other ring.

Raile showed a Gelbvieh balancer heifer which placed second in its class in both rings.

Brunk showed an Angus heifer which placed first in its class in both rings and an Angus steer which was second in both rings.

# Board to continue scholarship program

The board of directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit Scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit chooses one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up-to-four years of post-secondary education. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Western of Kansas, ACA

members.

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Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is located in Colby and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048.

# Club Clip

**Hospital Guild**

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Senior Center with 12 members present.

Ilene O'Leary, executive director of the Cheyenne Manor, gave an informative program about the Manor. The Manor opened July 1, 1975, with 20 units available for rent.

Helen Burnham, president, opened the business meeting. The reports were given. Gary Rogers of the Cheyenne County emergency management asked for volunteers to help man the phones in case of an emergency. The meeting adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses Elaine Kite and

Anita Miller.

The March meeting will be a luncheon at the hospital on Monday, March 3.



**The Cheyenne County Courthouse & Landfill will be CLOSED Mon., Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day**

# A special Valentine gift idea doesn't always include flowers

When we were younger most of us excepted our loved ones to remember us with flowers or candy. By the time we get older we are usually on some kind of fat-restricted diet that doesn't allow us to have candy anymore.

Flowers are still a nice gesture, maybe a card is all we would like to have. However one of the most useful gifts we can give to each other is teaching us how to survive in our lives when we have lost our spouse.

It is very hard on each of us trying to cope with the lost of our soul mate and then to have to manage our personal affairs is frustrating to us.

Women tend to make sure that their husbands clothes are clean, pressed and the pants will match their shirts. They make sure the meals are cooked and set on the table for them. After all that is

how they have been taught. All of a sudden the wife is gone and the husband can't manage to fix even a basic meal. Not everyone wants to get out in the cold to go to a restaurant so being able to have a meal at home would be nice.

Men on the other hand have usually handled the financial aspects of their life. They are the ones that renew the tags, license the vehicles or paying the taxes.

Without their husbands many of the wives are struggling to learn how to take over this aspect. We live in an agriculture region, so women need to have the knowledge of the farm programs so they will be able to run the farm.

Even though we don't like to think about our future without our partner maybe this is the year to give the other a Valentines present all year and teach the other to be able to cope with life.



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