



Board sets final plans for the fair

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At the July meeting, the last scheduled fair board meeting prior to the fair, the topic of the evening was mainly finalizing the fair plans. There are several things that need to be completed prior to the fair and the board members agreed to meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings to work on the fairgrounds.

Board member, Ryan McAtee, volunteered to finish the new fencing on the west side of the grounds. President, Dick Bursch, told him that the new posts are already in, as is one line of wire. However, the remaining lines need to be put up and the old fence needs to be taken down.

Mr. Bursch noted that the old siding on the new building needs to be taken off. Jared Douthit, board member, told the board that he

didn't think it would be feasible to complete the building prior to the 2008 fair. He said that the board may not be prepared for the additional costs associated with the repair of the wash rack line that backs up every year.

Mr. Bursch said he had Ron Krien help dig up part of the line to see if they would be able to determine what causes the wash rack line to back up. They found a repair that Mr. Krien had done several years prior. They repaired a larger patch in the same area that had filled up with dirt and sand and continued to have back-up problems. Mr. Bursch called in a company from Goodland to use a camera to follow the line to help make sure they knew for sure what the root cause was and discovered the city line was also backed-up with dirt and sand. Although
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BIGGEST CAKE — BIGGEST SMILE! Shelby Wolff was a Brownie Scout entering her cake in the auction on Saturday.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Program grazing is OK'd

"Emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage has been approved," said Angie Berens, director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency.

Emergency grazing is allowed through Sept. 30. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous reserve program field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of this period.

Emergency grazing and any other approved type of this program haying or grazing is not allowed on the same acreage.

"Ranchers and landowners interested in grazing reserve program land should contact our office to request emergency grazing on an individual contract basis prior to grazing," said Mrs. Berens.

Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If the Conservation Reserve Program cover is destroyed, the practice must be re-established at their own expense to remain in compliance. Participants must accept a 25-percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed. Contact the Service Center at (785) 332-2183.



WINNER RON EWING, left, talks to Karen Krien and Casey McCormick, Herald staff, after his name was selected as the Christmas In July drawing. *Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick*

St. Francis man wins \$1,000

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The \$1,000 Christmas In July Shopping Spree came to an end Saturday morning when the winning ticket was drawn.

It just took three times and Ron Ewing, St. Francis, was named as the winner. Other names drawn were Nathan Yeager and Sheryl Miller, both of St. Francis, but they were not present to claim the prize.

"I was thrilled," said Mr. Ewing.

"We had many, many — a lot of entries and I was happy at the interest in the contest," said Mr. McCormick, *Herald* advertising manager.

The contest started in June and was sponsored by seven businesses. There was no rule that an item had to be purchased in the businesses. The only rules were the winner had to be 18 years of age and agree to let a member of *The Herald* staff follow them around while they spent the scrip money. Mr. Ewing spent the first hour

looking in the United Methodist Thrift Store and Schultz's, his \$1,000 bright green scrip dollars in his hand.

Mr. Ewing said many of the dollars will be spent on gas at the Equity and K-Store. He figured he would also be stopping by Bumper to Bumper and Sainty Super's, two of the other sponsors.

"It was hot and we were happy that the people turned out for the Christmas In July Shopping Spree," Mr. McCormick said. "It
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Village resident celebrates 100th birthday on Sunday

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Florence Moyer celebrated her 100th birthday at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, on Sunday. Family, friends and Village residents were present to wish her a happy birthday.

Florence was born on July 20, 1908, to Oscar Van Vleet and May Lavina Harris Van Vleet. Her birth was in the new two-story house that her father had just built south-east of Danbury, Neb.

Her parents, two brothers, Clarence and Earl, and two sisters, Pearl and Dorothy, had been living in a sod house near the new house.

She said she grew up on the farm and liked to be outside helping her dad. She loved animals, especially horses and rode a lot. Later on, her hobby was collecting horse statues.

At one time, she had said earlier, she had over 300 statues but sold most of them before moving to St. Francis.

Her love of horses found her riding with a pleasure riding group at the Red Willow Fair at McCook.

On July 6, 1925, she married Orville Moyer at McCook. In 1933, they adopted two brothers, Doran, who was 1 years old, and



MANY YEARS AGO, Florence Moyer, front right, played basketball on the all-girls team.

Dale, who was 2 1/2 months old.

The Moyers lived on rented farms until 1943 when they bought part of her parents estate and later, they added 160 acres adjoining the land.

The Moyers ran a dairy and delivered milk for 10 cents a quart.

They also raised rabbits which they sold (butchered) for 45 cents each.

The farmed until Mr. Moyer had a heart attack in 1962. He gave up farming and they rented their farm, finally selling it and bought
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Public forum set for Monday

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Members of the Community Builders group met on Wednesday, July 16, to finalize plans for a Cheyenne County candidate forum. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

All of the individuals running for office have been contacted and are expected to be at the forum. Each will be given time to introduce themselves and answer questions about why they should be elected.

Although all candidates, including those which are running un-



TOM KELLER, chairman of the Community Builders, talks with the Builders about the upcoming candidate forum set for Monday at 7 p.m. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

contested, will be able to speak, more time will be given to contested races.

These include the office of District Court Judge, 15th District 2; Kevin Berens (R.) Scott Showalter (R.) and Andrea Wyrick (R);

District Magistrate Judge, 15th District; Robert Van Allen (R) and Steven Orth (D); sheriff; Craig Van Allen (R.) David Warren (R.) and Philip Walters (R); treasurer; Dolores Jenik (R) and Carl Jenkins (R); commissioner District 2;

Ray Lee (R) and Dale Patton (I)

The candidates that are uncontested and that should be present are commissioner District 3, Andrew Beikman (R); county clerk; Terry Miller (R); register of deeds; **See FORUM on Page 7**

County receives memorial money for steps project

The family of Doris Kite Warren recently sent a check for \$500 to be used in helping replace the Cheyenne County Courthouse steps.



Warren

Mrs. Warren was the daughter of Judge Edward and Ruby Kite. She died on April 17, 2007, in Lincoln, Neb., and a celebration of her life was held on May 19.

Judge Kite began his practice of law in Cheyenne County in 1907 and continued through 1957, a period of 50 years. He was elected District Judge in 1927 and served in that capacity until 1947, sit-

ting on the bench at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

A family reunion was recently held on July 4 and her ashes were scattered over one of her freshly-cut wheat fields near Bird City on Saturday, July 5.

Greg Kite, a nephew of Mrs. Warren, had been with the Warren children. He said that when her children found out about the courthouse steps restoration project, they wanted to contribute something in her honor. After all, her father had practiced law in that courthouse for 50 years.

"Doris's children felt there was nothing they could do that would be more fitting or appropriate to honor their mother's memory," Mr. Kite said.