



# Students design patches

St. Francis high school students enrolled in Desktop Publishing were honored with a presentation from Chief Shane Guggenmos on Tuesday, March 3. The students had entered designs for the St. Francis Police patches.

They received a letter with a new patch and were treated to donuts by Chief Guggenmos. The letter thanked them for their work

and stated, "Our desire was to include you all, as representatives of the St. Francis school and community at large, in the production of a symbol that would reflect a unity between the community and the St. Francis Police Department."

Chief Guggenmos went on to say, "We ended up sending several of your designs to Symbol Arts who created the new patch

we now present to you. We hope you see, as we do, your design and skill within the finished product. Without your efforts, this symbol would not hold any of the meaning that it now holds."

Police Chief Shane Guggenmos presents letter and patch to Desktop Publishing students Ksenia Lelesh, Kristin Froberg and Hailley Woodcox. Not pictured: Tyler Larson, Cody Killingsworth, Allysa Lee.



Guggenmos

# Beecher Island Committee applies for grant

The auditorium at Beecher Island may be restored in 2010.

Mark Mahlberg, who is on the Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association, reported that the association has contracted with Aller Lingle Massey Architects to complete a historic structure assessment. Work will begin in mid February on a top-to-bottom structural analysis. A detailed report will outline the steps which need to be taken to insure this landmark building will provide another 80 years of service. The project is being funded in part by a grant from the Colorado Historical society State Historic Fund.

### More about the auditorium

Each year, people gather in the fall to celebrate Beecher Island Days.

By the mid 1920s, activities at the annual Beecher Island Reunion had grown considerably from its humble beginnings. At that time, events were taking place either outdoors or under tents. It was determined that a permanent building was needed.

In 1927, noted Denver architect Eugene Groves was contracted to

design and oversee construction of an auditorium. funding for the project was provided by the states of Colorado and Kansas. With the help of many local residents, the auditorium was ready for the 1928 reunion.

In the last 80 years, it has been used for the reunion, school activities, wedding receptions and as a community gathering place.

As with many things, Mr. Mahlberg said, time has taken its toll on the building.



### Continued from Page 1

Members asked Mrs. Lohman to let Mr. Finley know when the renters would be gone and he could do the checking.

"What I am concerned about is that it takes seven rentals a year just to pay the gas bill," said Clay Zimbelman, member.

Mr. Bursch said the building had been rented out several times last year without a signed contract and no money had been collected. The discussion led to the presentation of the Cheyenne County Commissioner's resolution that allows the sale of alcohol in the exhibit building at the fairground, at certain events by renters who have a liquor license.

### Rental contracts

Continued from last month's meeting, the members voted on the contract that had been drawn up by the Kari Gilliland, county attorney. There are two rental agreements, one for the sale of alcohol and the other for private events in the exhibit building, both requiring a rental fee and

# MEMBER

### Continued from Page 1

weight scales. He went on to say that, new digital scales are handy to have and there is a possibility that the old scales may not be accurate.

"Could everything be run across the digital scales?" asked Mr. Zimbelman.

Mr. Leibbrandt said that he was sure one scale could be set up and all animals weighed out. However, Mark Mills, member, brought up that having only one scale could cause a waiting line. It was mentioned that weigh-in times were already scheduled.

Mr. Leibbrandt added that he thought the cost would be around \$2,500. Mr. Bursch asked if the extension office would entertain the idea of helping out with the cost, Mr. Leibbrandt said the council possibly could.

Mr. Bursch told Mr. Leibbrandt to keep his eyes open for one and possibly next year it could be looked into. No further discussion.

### Update on home-owned carnivals

Bill Ehrman, Amusement Au-

thority member, updated the board on the recent developments concerning the new law that had been passed regarding training people to operate carnival rides.

Mr. Ehrman reported that for the time being, the Cheyenne County Fair is exempt from having to have the training; however, it could be in two years that all the rules would have to be followed.

He asked if a 10-foot concrete slab would be okay for a rest area, near the Shooting Sports. Mr. Bursch suggested talking to the ambulance crew, since the slab would be where they come into the grounds.

Mr. Mills said he would check with the fire marshal and report to the board next month.

### Committees report in

Mr. Zimbelman reported the derby rules are good and in computer form. They can be e-mailed without altering and Lacy Reed, treasurer, is putting the booklets together, within the next week.

Mr. Hobrock reported the Kid's Rodeo on Thursday night will not have the games as before, instead there will be mutton bustin', calf

race with larger bucket calves, maybe even larger calves for the older, bigger kids; if there is an interest. He added there may be a possibility of pony rides for the younger children. There were some questions about the liability with the pony rides. Mr. Bursch said he would check.

In addition, Shawna Blanca will head barrel racing, teaming roping and steer riding. It was up in the air about getting the steers and asked Ryan McAtee about the cost.

On Friday evening, the members talked about the horse verses horse-power races and everyone felt it was going to be a good show. One concern discussed was over the legal age limit in riding the four-wheelers. Some thought 16 years and others thought it was 18 years. It was agreed to take the question to Mrs. Gilliland, and the possibility of providing a waiver.

Events planned for the Friday event are pole bending, trailer racing, barrel racing and team penning. The teams would be 12-horse teams and 12, 4-wheeler teams with \$10 entry fee.

Mr. Zimbelman asked the board if they would agree to have the "Stick Horse Race" on Friday night. He felt it could take place around the edge of the arena and not take up any space, and would allow the younger kids to participate. Megan Douthit-Downey asked if Ericka Zimbelman would like to head that up. He said he would run it pass her.

### Other fair items

There were many items the members needed to get through before the meeting ended, and with that in mind, the members discussed the following quickly and will continue with next month's meeting:

- Nick Ketzner, vice president, updated the members on the awards banners he had suggested at the last meeting, cost, colors and who could receive them. He will bring more information to the next meeting.

- The members voted to not ride in the parade. With the time needed to prepare for the fair, they wanted to spend time watching the parade with their families.

- There is a possibility of adding a special performance to the schedule of events. It involves magic, Elvis, Chuck Berry, and fire. Look for updates in the coming months!

# BOARD

### Continued from Page 1

Both contracts were specific about liability and responsibility of damage to be with the renters. The refundable deposit for private events will stay the same at \$150, and events where alcohol is sold the deposit will be \$500. Before any deposit is refunded, an inspection of the building will be done.

The board approved both contracts with the addition of "county entities" to the exempt list that

included: 4-H clubs, Cheyenne County Extension office and Cheyenne County-related fair board events.

It was also discussed that law enforcement officers patrol the area and if anyone is found consuming alcohol outside the exhibit building during either private or sale of alcohol events, the officers can take necessary steps to enforce the law.

# Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library  
**Hot Mahogany**  
By Stuart Woods

In Stuart Woods's engaging new thriller, Stone Barrington is lured from Elaine's to New England, and the genteel but cut-throat world of priceless antiques, historic homes, and lavish country estates. In a place dominated by bluebloods and their inherited wealth, along with the nouveau

riche, there are surprisingly few rules of engagement, and Stone finds himself navigating a dangerous course, one where even the most expensive and sought-after status symbols are sometimes stolen and sometimes clever fakes, though no less priceless.

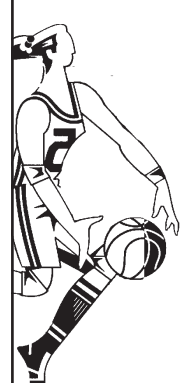
With its swift action, bold characters, and wit as dry as the best martini, *Hot Mahogany* is another must-read from the pen of a master entertainer.



Boys High School Basketball Team: back row: Trent Kinen, Matt Raile, Garrett Figgins, Trent Raile, Ethan Zweggardt, Alex Long, Sam Sowers; third row: Drew Zweggardt, Jacob Riedel, Zach Zweggardt, Brett Lampe, Brooks Hobrock, Tyler Lauer, Ben Neitzel; second row: Devin Dinkel, coach; Jonathan Butler, Ty Zweggardt, Isaac Schlitz, Sam Reed, Gavin Cooper, Branden Schmid, Jeff Beims, coach; front row: Cody Killingsworth, Martin Hnizdil, Aaron Nichols, Ryan Owens.



Girls High School Basketball Team: back row: Allison Grice, Ksenia LeLesh, Jodie Hilt, Aly Marin, Kaitlin Figgins, Jenna Hill, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Christina Schoenrogge, Trista Orth; second row: Ashlynn Lambert, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Kaycee Williams, Makaela Grace, Sarah Trembly, Charlotte Roosen, Kristin Froberg, Tilynn Bell; front row: Susan Dinkel, coach; Sidnee Crabtree, Joni Pevler, Andrea Holzwarth, Jami Pevler, Elizabeth Gienger, Larry Flemming, coach.



- Daryl & Keely Loyd
- L&W Andrist Ins. Agency
- Linda & Walt Linthacum
- Casey & Lezlie McCormick
- Massage Therapy & Bodyworks
- Mill & Seed
- Marvin & Anita Miller
- Terry & Mary Beth Miller
- James Milliken, Chartered
- Cochran Farm Supply/
- Morrow's Garage
- Neitzel Insurance Service
- NAPA Auto Supply
- Owens True Value
- OohLaLa Aqua Spa
- Park Hill Restaurant & Lounge
- Pizza Hut
- Brett Poling Chiropractic
- Raile Gelbvieh -
- Delbert & Marilyn Raile
- Republican Valley Vet Clinic
- Kenneth & Janet Roberson
- Rick & Linda Rogers
- Ross Manufacturing
- Marlin & Anabelle Rueb
- St. Francis Equity
- St. Francis Herald
- St. Francis Sand & Redi Mix
- St. Francis Tire & Service
- Schultz's Ltd.

- Shay Realty, Inc.
- Silver Crest Farms
- Dan & Rita Stephens
- Stuart's Jewelry
- Dr. Pat & Bonnie Stuart
- Talley's Portrait Photography
- Unger Chiropractic Clinic
- United Methodist Thrift Store
- Video Connection
- Video Kingdom
- Gale & Mary Walz
- Wiese Angus Farm -
- Kip & Deone Wiese
- Carl Werner
- Western Sprinklers
- Western State Bank
- Wheeler Equity
- Betty Jean Winston
- Yost Farm Supply

### Brought to you by these sponsors

- Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts
- Bartlett Grain Co. L.P.
- BANKWEST OF KANSAS
- Becky's Bierocks
- Bier's Hometown Store
- Brice's Auto Repair
- Frontier Auto - Bird City
- Hoagie & Dara Carmichael
- Cheyenne Bowl/Dairy King
- Cheyenne Co. Clinic/Hospital
- Cheyenne Feeders L.L.C.
- Pat & Vicki Cress
- Theron & Carolyn Culwell
- Patrick & Brenda Delano
- Dr. Melvin & Barb Dunn
- Farm Bureau Insurance
- Bruce & Sharon Feikert
- Frewen Insurance Agency
- Fromholtz Body Shop
- Kelly & Penny Gienger
- Good Samaritan Village
- Grace Flying Service
- Hilltop General Store
- Homesteader Motel & Trailer Park.
- Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen
- Jenik Oil Co.
- Floyd & Elaine Jensen
- K-Store
- Perry & Paula Keller
- One More Year Ranch -
- Pete & Alice Kinen
- Kite & Day Law Office
- Knodel Funeral Home
- Twila Kramer
- Wilson Masonry Service
- Krien Steel Buildings
- Lampe Hardware
- Leach Insurance Agency

