

Members prepare for fair

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As fair time gets closer, the Cheyenne County Fair Board members heard the financial report, discussed the fairground entry road, and other topics concerning the fair programs during the May meeting on Thursday.

Following up from last month's meeting, Dick Bursch, president, had spoken with the county commissioners about giving financial assistance with paving the road into the fairgrounds.

The commissioner said, with the economy the way it was, they would not be able to help this year. However, they said they would consider adding the expense into the budget for next year.

Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority representative, said the authority would help with \$500 toward the road project. Mr. Bursch added the fair board would put in \$1,500.

He will ask the county to consider budgeting \$1,000 for chip seal every two or three years and eventually the road would look like a paved street.

Mr. Bursch said the road has a good base and did not think it needed to be bladed.

Financial update
Lacy Reed, treasurer, gave the members an update on the financial funds and bills to be paid. There is \$150 in the memorial fund, in the Bankwest account, there is \$7,936.

The bills that need to be paid are Midwest Energy for two months, \$464, city of St. Francis, \$150, and Lampe Hardware \$203. In addition, Krien Construction, \$685 for the rain gutters. The bills will be paid.

Mr. Zimelman asked, "Where did the money go? I thought we had a really good year?"

"Our insurance alone is \$4,000," said Mrs. Reed. "And we have already made the \$9,200 grandstand payment that is typically made after July."

Mr. Zimelman asked Mrs. Reed what is the cost to run fair week. She replied that going into fair week, there must be at least \$3,000 in funds and the account is presently at \$7,900 with no bills that need to be paid until fair week. She said that two years ago, the fair board had to go to the commissioners for funding at this time.

Mr. Bursch spoke up by saying there was only one year left of the grandstand payments.

Exhibit building decorations
Mr. Bursch told the members he had spoken to Candi Douthit about a proposal to the fair board on decorating the south and north end of the exhibit building.

Some of the ideas she had were adding red cedar, barrels, fiberglass pots, soil and plants for approximately \$375. The board agreed to accept the proposal.

Fair entertainment
At last month's meeting, it was reported the board had hired Manzini to entertain at the fair on Friday night. Mario Manzini will perform several acts that include magic and death defying stunts. His act will be about two hours with audience participation.

He had called Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, about getting a crane as part of Manzini's act. Mr. Flemming said he would bring it on Thursday night so Manzini can hang from it.

Mr. Bursch said he has reserved a room for two nights at the Dusty Farmer Motel for \$48.75 per night for Manzini. This is part of the written agreement.

Clay Zimelman reported the demolition derby was having good response and he was hearing from many people about the rules. Mr. Bursch added that he had heard favorable reports from Goodland about having the same derby rules.

Mr. Zimelman would be sending out mail notices soon.

Livestock and horse shows
Megan Downey, member, asked the dates for the Spring Livestock and horse shows. The livestock show will be May 23 and the horse show is June 14.

Mr. Cooper said he had been contacted to check on the public announcement system and announce the horse show. He said he wanted to be more prepared for this year's show by making sure the arena was unlocked.

"Last year the gate going into the area was locked," Mr. Cooper said.

He did not understand why the gate going into the arena was locked and the pins removed from the panels around the arena.

Mr. Zimelman said he would take the responsibility for the gate being locked, as it had been locked since the derby. The reason for the

lock, he said, was some folks were having issues with the judges during the derby.

Mrs. Downey had heard the bathrooms had been locked during the last show.

Mr. Cooper said that, as a fair board, members would do well to prepare more for the livestock and horse shows as they are important, big shows.

Next meeting
The next fair board meeting has been set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

PARK

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matching grants, it is necessary to have 20 percent of the requested amount in hand before ever submitting the grant. The money raised at the May 31 Diamond Jubilee Celebration, said Mrs. Carman, will go toward that 20 percent.

Community youth are donating their time, talents and energy to support the Jubilee. Three of Mary Beikman's art students noted the deteriorating interior of the band shell and the crumbling artwork painted by Mr. Sawhill in the 1930s. They decided to copy some of the scenes in pencil and/or chalk. Their artwork will be on display and featured on postcards. Proceeds from the postcard sales will benefit the restoration of the band shell interior.

In addition, on the afternoon of the Jubilee, several youth groups will be selling food and drinks to help raise money for the restoration. The Christian Youth Fellowship will be selling homemade ice cream; the Luther League will be selling lemonade; The Methodist Youth Fellowship will sell iced tea and cold water. Throughout the afternoon, the 4-H'ers will help sell cookies, brownies and Rice Krispie treats.

Everyone can get involved in supporting the restoration of the Sawhill Park Band Shell by attending the Jubilee which begins at 2 p.m. in the park. The event will begin with a patriotic ceremony and a 75-balloon salute. Entertainment in the band shell will follow. At 5 p.m., the Lions Club members will serve a hamburger meal.

To order a balloon for the launch, stop by any St. Francis bank. Your donation of \$25 will go into the restoration fund.

GRADS

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Northrup, Amber Smull, Kaycee Williams and Drew Zwegygart.

Cheylin
Eleven seniors will graduate from Cheylin High School at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium. Nikki Johnson and Jayden Cahoj will give the welcome and Anita Burton will give the awards and scholarships.

William Porter, principal and superintendent, will present the class of 2009. Jan Busse and David Frisbie will present the diplomas to the seniors.

Amanda Walden will give the farewell.

Graduating seniors are: Debra Banister, Sydney Busse, Jayden Cahoj, Nikki Johnson, Jay Keithline, Justin Miller, Tyler Miller, Tia Sager, Amanda Walden, Rex Weishapl and Jacob White.

Idalia

Eight Idalia senior will graduate at 2 p.m. mountain time on Sunday in the Idalia school gym.

This year's seniors are Alberta Dominguez, Casey Harel, Hannah Langendoerfer, Dezirae Marostica, Jonathan Paul, Kasey Richards, Jor-

dan Rittenhouse and Amanda Royer.

Special section
The graduation section is enclosed in this issue. Take time to recognize these outstanding seniors and the businesses and individuals who sponsored them.

KIDS

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Felzien, Luke Lampe, Frank Havel, Mathison Witzel, Madison Tice, Mandi Cooks and Jenna Confer.

10 year olds - First place, Sydney Sundstrom, 28 feet, 11 inches; second place Jeremiah Neitzel, 26 feet, 7 inches; third place, J.R. Landerberger 25 feet, 3 inches.

11 year olds - First place, Kattie Jenik, two full pulls; second place, Kyler Zwegygart, full pull, 27 feet, 4 inches; third place, Taylor Peter-

son, full pull and 24 feet. Other participants Kenny Leibbrandt, Chris Hoard, Garrett Brunk and Jakob Church.

12 year olds - First place, Shakotah Blanka, full pull; second place, Tanner Gilliland, 20 feet, 6 inches; third place, Kyla Bandel, 19 feet, 6 inches.

The top three placers each received a T-shirt and a ribbon. All participants received a coupon from the Shriner's Candy Wagon.

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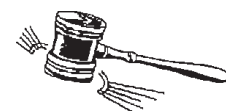
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