

# Fair theme selected for 2010 fair

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The Cheyenne County Fair Board opened the first meeting of the year with the treasurer's report and the update on the tables and chairs for the fairgrounds. In addition, the 2010 fair theme was chosen.

Prior to the meeting, board members had received a copy of a letter from Gary Rogers, emergency manager, which concerned the fair grounds being designated by state and federal governments as the county's unloading site for hoof and mouth disease holding and quarantine location. The board invited Mr. Rogers to report on the information.

### Fair theme

Motion carried that the 2010 fair theme would be "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots" submitted by St. Francis Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. They also won the pizza party.

### Treasurer's report

Lacy Reed, treasurer, read the financial statement to the members and motion carried to pay \$998.65 to bills and invoices.

In an update on the tables and chairs that had been donated, Jared Douthit, member, reported there had been a unknown miscommunication concerning the cost of the furniture and was \$391 short on the final payment. The board agreed to pay the balance.

Mrs. Reed reported that the fair board had not received the allotment from the county; however, she continued, it was not typically received until after the 15 of the month.

The board agreed to accept \$200 from an anonymous donor.

### Quarantine designation

Mr. Rogers began by explaining that as the emergency manager for the area, he is required by state and federal regulations to have an emergency plan that includes an area for unloading, holding, testing, and quarantining animals that are suspected to have hoof and mouth diseases.

"Hoof and mouth is probably the most devastating disease to livestock there is," Mr. Rogers said.

He continued to explain that in order to meet the criteria of state and federal regulations he is required to have a "table talk" orientation meeting that is open to the public on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Mr. Rogers said that the fairgrounds is county property, that is why it had been chosen. He went on to say that if somewhere in Cheyenne County, whether on county roads or highways running through the county, all traffic will be stopped (in an emergency).

In addition, within the emergency plan, provisions have to be made to provide an area where the animals can be unloaded and quarantined during testing. Also, the county will be responsible for the care of the

livestock during their stay.

"Because of the fairgrounds being the designated location, it is probably in the best interest to have a member attend the meeting," said Mr. Rogers.

The federal veterinarians and Homeland Security coordinators will be on hand to present important information.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, asked Mr. Rogers who designated the fairgrounds as the unloading site. Mr. Rogers told the members that since the fair grounds are county owned, it can be included in the county emergency plans.

"Let's hope it never happens, you realize that the fairgrounds does not have the equipment to take of the animals," said Mr. Bursch. "Plus it will ruin the fair."

Mr. Rogers noted the concern by saying that it would devastate the whole region, including the economical impact it would have to the area. Adding, only second in devastation to a pandemic flu.

Taking into account Mr. Bursch's comment on not having the proper unloading chutes and equipment, or area to facilitate such a feat, Mr. Rogers replied that he understood that. He said that what was needed was the arena area and it could be fenced off with wire. Members were quiet as Mr. Rogers explained how water could be brought in along with food.

"The county plan needs a designated area for quarantined animals," said Mr. Rogers. "And it has been a while since the county's emergency plan has been updated."

He said the meeting is important and members should attend. It is scheduled for 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Emergency Building. There will not be a rescheduling in case of weather inclement, the meeting would go on.

### Fair events

Mr. Bursch asked Clay Zimbelman, member, if the rules for the derby were in place. Mr. Zimbelman said there were some minor changes in the wording on the bumper brackets and unless the members want to see the changes, he would just send them out.

Gary Cooper, secretary, suggested to the members an idea of having a local talent show contest and possibly split the gate money as incentive.

"It would give a night of musical entertainment, local people with family and friends coming to watch," said Mr. Cooper.

Mrs. Reed added that it could also be used to give scholarships. In addition, she said that Wednesday night would be a good night. Karol Lohman, member, suggested asking for a donation.

It was suggested to have the roping and barrel racing on Thursday

night and the horse verses horsepower on Friday night. Mr. Zimbelman said that he heard a lot of positive comments on the horse verses horsepower.

Mr. Bursch mentioned that there had been some interest in bringing back the mud bog again. He said the reason for not having the mud bog was because kids under 16 years of age were not allowed to use 4-wheelers for safety reasons. Members discussed the pros and cons of the side work involved in setting up the event. Mrs. Reed asked about having a horse verses horsepower in the mud bog. There was no further discussion.

The members continued to discuss several other events to keep in mind. Mr. Bursch told the members they can be considered; however, it is time to get the events nailed down and brought to the next meeting so the committees could get started.

### High gas bill

Once again the members discussed the high gas bill in the 4-H building. This has been a concern

for some time and the members discussed options of lowering the bill.

The gas company called Mrs. Reed and told her the meter was going like crazy.

"I got John (Finley) and went to look and the meter wasn't even moving," said Mr. Bursch.

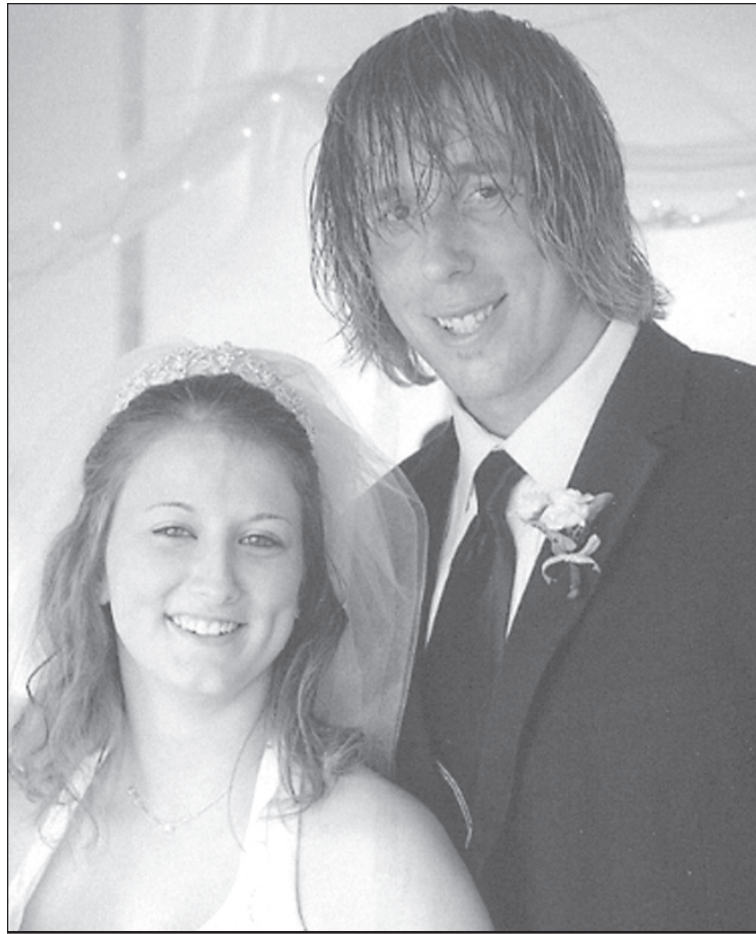
The furnaces were off and the doors were shut, Mr. Bursch instructed Mr. Finley to call Lampe and ask them to inspect the furnace. Mr. Finley said after the inspection, Lampe found nothing wrong with the furnace; however, Lampe mentioned the thermostats in the large room could not be set lower than 50 degrees without turning the furnaces off.

It was suggested to find thermostats that could be programmed to schedule turn offs. In addition, to be able to program lower temperatures.

Mr. Bursch instructed Mr. Zimbelman to purchase one if it was \$100 or less.

### Next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 4.



Mr. and Mrs. Josh Koelsch

## Couple united in outdoor wedding

Ashton Knorr and Josh Koelsch were married in a double-ring ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at the Koelsch family farm in Great Bend. Reverend Dan Pate officiated the outdoor ceremony assisted by Aaron Koelsch, cousin of the groom.

Parents of the couple are Ray and Stacy McNett of Great Bend, Garry Knorr of Salina and Ron and Debbie Koelsch of Great Bend. The bride is the daughter of the late Bruce Duffield.

Grandparents of the couple are the late Jan Morgan, Junior and Deloris Knorr of St. Francis, J.D. and Ramona Duffield of Burlington, Colo., June Koelsch of Great Bend and the late Victor Koelsch and Marge Bauman of Shawnee and the late Vincent Bauman.

The bride, given in marriage by her mother, wore an ivory-haltered satin gown with a chiffon overlay. The gown was accented with hints of lace and crystals around the sweetheart neckline and mid-length train, while the black-satin ribbon around the empire waist hinted at a modernistic theme. She also wore a sheer fingered-tipped length veil. The bride carried long-stemmed ivory gladiolus.

Dykota Knorr, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

She wore a floor-length black-satin gown with ivory accent around the neck and straps.

Bridesmaids were Kaitlyn Waggle and Chandis Alexander, both of Great Bend. They wore black-satin tea-length gowns accented by an ivory-satin sash around the waist. They carried nosegays of ivory roses.

Chris Calcara of St. Louis, Ill., served as the best man. Groomsmen were Eric Conrady of Montrose, Colo., and Manny Vasquez of Great Bend.

Ushers were Kristy Magee, of Pittsburg, sister of the groom, and Justin Mawhirter, Great Bend.

Flower girl was Ainslee Magee, niece of the groom, and ring bearer was Jaxton Knorr, brother of the bride.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Great Bend High School and is attending Barton Community College majoring in accounting. She is employed by Countryside Veterinary in Great Bend.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Great Bend High School. He is a graduate of Barton Community College and is partnered with his father on the family farm and works construction in the winter.

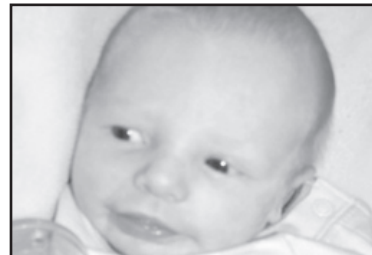
The couple lives west of Great Bend.

## Introducing

### Joseph Jay Richardson

Joseph Jay Richardson was born Dec. 23, 2009. Parents are James and Kathryn Richardson of Atwood. To welcome new baby at home were his two sisters, and one brother, Taylor (8), Dana (1) and Jacob (4).

Grandparents are Jay and Shelly Richardson of Stratton, Neb., and Steven and Pamela Bexley of Pahrump, Nev. Great-grandparents are Phyllis Bexley



of St. Francis and Don and Jan Hartman of Loxley, Ala. Mary Jensen of Stratton, Neb., is a great-grandparent.

## Happy 80th Birthday!!

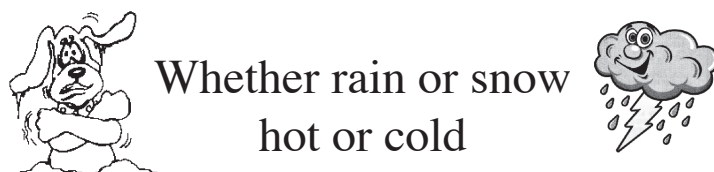
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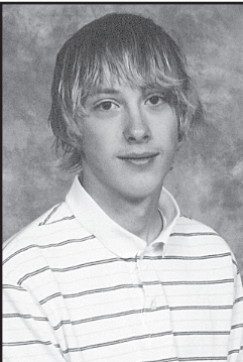
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**The public is invited  
to the Todd Becker Foundation presentation  
at the St. Francis High School gym  
at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20**

The program is geared toward students and parents making good and bad decisions. An afternoon program designed for high school students will be held in the gym starting at 1 p.m.



**Happy 16th Birthday  
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