

# FAIR

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black with the 4-H clover," Mrs. Downey said.

Mrs. Elfers added that several counties mentioned they would wait until after the fair and give the trophies and awards at the Achievement Banquet.

By doing this, a high school junior or senior 4-H member who has received many trophies, can choose to accept a trophy or not, and the younger kids get the same option. This could prevent too many trophies from being ordered and save some money.

"We want to get things in order early this year to be ready for the fair," Mrs. Elfers said.

### Fair books

In staying in step with suggested money-saving cutbacks, Mrs. Elfers presented a simplified sample fair book. She said most people who attend the fair really are not interested in the exhibit rules or other information that is important to contest participants. In addition, a separate fair rule book could be developed with the information needed for contest entries.

Members discussed the idea of using the same format for the rule books and just make the necessary changes year to year. It was mentioned that Kansas State could do some printing. She added that she is already getting calls about fair events.

### Hog barn repairs

Roy Elfers said the hog barn needs repairs and would like to see them get done before the fair.

He said some ditches on the north side are starting to sink and should be filled in before the Spring Show. This would help to keep from getting too muddy in the area.

In addition, he said there are six posts that need replaced. They have basically just rusted away. And the new door that was put in last year is a good way for the hogs to get in, but it is quite a step up for them and he suggested pouring some cement. It also might eliminate water running back into the building.

He said that it would be approximately \$18 per post and some of the door hinges need to be replaced. However, the most important item would be to have gravel on the north side in the sink holes before the Spring Show.

"Last year we just put dirt in the sink holes and with all the moisture this year, my car sunk in quite a bit when I drove it back there," he said. "I would be willing to do the work or you could bid it out. Just something for you to think about."

Dick Bursch, president, mentioned a few other repairs that might need to be done.

### Amusement Authority

Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority president, said that work has been slow due to the recent

wet weather. He added that as soon as it warms up, work will begin.

Mr. Bursch wanted to know if Mr. Ehrman would talk to the Authority about the restrooms. He told Mr. Ehrman that the exhibit building is not able to take the traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"On those nights, I watched from 8:30 p.m. on and saw two lines waiting to get in the restrooms," said Mr. Bursch. "With that much traffic, we were not able to keep them as clean as we would have liked to have them."

Gary Cooper, secretary, suggested an idea to take the room that currently stores the tables and chairs, and make it into the ladies' restroom. He thought that if done properly, 10 stalls could be constructed.

He added that his idea would start with a loan, for just discussion \$15,000, from the bank and the fair board would pay \$1,000 on the loan annually, in addition, the Amusement Authority would pay \$1,000 annually, and the Methodist and Christian churches, the Shriners, and other organizations using the fairgrounds would be assessed for an annual payment of \$150 each per year. The total would be an annual payment of \$3,000.

It was suggested that the actual cost would be quite a bit more and how would the construction affect the exhibit area.

"I am just throwing out the idea to get some funds started," he said.

Mr. Bursch said one thing wrong with the idea is that the fair board cannot borrow money. It can be grant money, but not borrowed money.

He asked members to visit with the different churches about helping to get new restrooms built. He added that he would get a bid on the building to get an idea and bring the information to the next meeting.

### Miscellaneous items

Other topics discussed included:

- Checking on the legalities and licenses of using the "quarter dozers" — that it might be considered gambling.

- The fact that Syracuse and Colby are not going to participate in the demolition derby this year, not completely satisfied with the points system.

- That students from the University of Minnesota will be stopping by to paint bleachers on March 13 as part of community service.

- Candi Douthit will redecorate areas of the fairgrounds.

### Next meeting

Next fair board meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m., in the Cheyenne County Courthouse Commissioner's Room.

# TROUT

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ing. Once warm weather arrives, the trout will die off and fishermen might as well have fun catching them.

Mr. Sager warned that fishermen need to abide by state creel limits which is five trout a day. Because these are stocked trout, fishermen do not need a trout stamp but, those fishermen between ages 16 and 64 need a Kansas fishing license.

Note, a child's coat was left at the pond. Call 332-5544 to claim.

The trout fishing contest has become an annual event and will most likely be held again next year about this same time.



MARTIN BEIKMAN was one of the patient fishermen at the contest held Sunday.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

# PURCHASE

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used much. Again, Mrs. Johnson said it goes in spurts but it is usually busy on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs. Johnson also travels to Bird City to give therapy to patients who are unable to get to the hospital but it depends on the needs of the patient.

She is pursuing her education and will be getting her doctorate in physical therapy. She said she is taking a short break but only has two courses left.

### Efficiency in the meetings

The administrator asked the board how they felt they could better spend their time at board meetings? Kari Gilliland said she felt that the strategic planning process addressed the future very efficiently; Traci Neitzel, board member, added that she thought they were getting the needed information. Mrs. Young said she felt very comfortable asking questions. Jerry Toler, president, asked if more information and photos of the staff could be provided so the board would be more familiar with them.

### Administrator's report

In the administrator's report, Mr. Lacy said the hospital had used \$140,000 in funded depreciation dollars and \$50,000 in board funds since the last board meeting. Some of this, he said, is

due to changes made in the hospital's charge structure. However, the hospital, he said, is recovering from a disruption of the billing/revenue cycle system and he expects this situation to improve shortly. He also added that past records show that board funds have been used almost every January historically.

At the hospital, the volume, for the most part, had been a little slower but there had also been some incidences of high volume during this time. Outpatient volume had been variable. (See related figures.)

Mr. Lacy said there are changes being made in the kitchen which will help the hospital when the next state inspection is made. We may still receive deficiencies, he said, but I do not anticipate a condition level issue.

Kent Carmichael, the hospital's architect, had met with the staff on Jan. 21 to get more input on needs in each of the departments. He is working on the facility improvement plan.

Mr. Carmichael would like to meet with the board. He will be in St. Francis on March 26, and Mr. Lacy suggested an extended lun-

cheon meeting with the board and architect.

Mr. Lacy also reported:

- That he and the staff are writing a Primary Care Clinic Continuation grant which is due by March 15.

- He is opening up some temporary positions to sustain the performance of the revenue cycle and assist in implementing some computer software and hardware improvements.

- The staff is making changes to the charity care policy to better identify individuals who should or should not be on the policy.

### Great Plains report

Mrs. John, in her Great Plains Health Alliance report, said two long-term care facilities, one in Ransom and the other in Leoti, had been ranked in the top 173 nursing homes in American, according to "U.S. News & World Report."

She also talked about the fines related with violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations. If hospitals don't have a HIPAA manual, education and now a Breach Notification Policy, a hospital could suffer up to \$1.5 million in fines. The Alliance has pre-

pared this manual for the hospital as a cooperative effort with other Great Plains Health Alliance hospitals to keep the cost down.

### In other business

In other business:

- Megan Rice, St. Francis, asked the board to consider application to the Nursing Scholarship Loan Program. The board gives \$1,000 a year and the state of Kansas, \$2,500 a year. The board, after executive session approved her application. Megan works as a ward clerk at the hospital.

- Mila Bandel's county health department report showed that there had been a total of 458 encounters with adults and children. There had been 16 people participating in the diabetes support meeting.

- Tyler Raile, physician assistant, will be out for up to 12 weeks but his position will be covered, Mr. Lacy said.

### Next meeting

The regular meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the First National Bank meeting room. A special meeting with the board and architect will be at a noon luncheon meeting at the hospital on March 26.

# THANKS

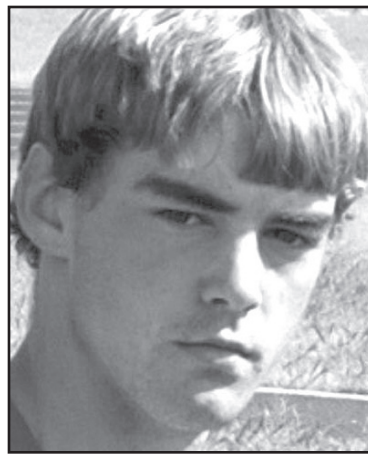
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don't realize is just how important elective classes and other curricular activities are.

On September 30, 2008, I had a life changing experience. I live on a small farm 20 miles out of town and I flipped a Monte Carlo and broke my back. I am lucky to be back walking but still can't play football, wrestle or pole vault. I had wrestled since I was 5 years old so obviously I loved it.

Since the wreck, I have fallen back on other things such as agriculture, welding, vocal, art and livestock judging and if these cuts were made, I know there would be a lot of kids out there that wouldn't have anything to compete in and stay active.

Thanks again,  
Sincerely,  
Trevor S. Reed.



Trevor Reed

## Super's 4-Day Sale

Thursday, March 11 thru Sunday, March 14  
(while supplies last/no rain checks)

- Meow Mix - Original Dry Cat Food**  
16 lbs. **\$10.99**
- Planters - Dry Roasted Peanuts,**  
16 oz. **2 for \$6**
- Joy Assorted Dishwashing Soap,**  
30 oz. **2 for \$5**
- Viva Paper Towels,**  
6 pack rolls **\$6.99**
- Robertos Assorted Salsas**  
16 oz. **2 for \$5**

Many more bargains

Look for the yellow 4-Day Sale tickets

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Despite confusing statements recently in the national media about the best age to get mammograms, mammograms do aid in early detection of breast cancer. Hays Med and Cheyenne County Hospital encourage you to follow these recommended guidelines:

- Talk to your doctor about your individual history
- Ask questions
- Make the decision that is right for you

The Mobile Mammography Unit will be in your area as follows:

Every 4th Tuesday  
Cheyenne County Hospital  
210 W. 1st Street - St. Francis

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