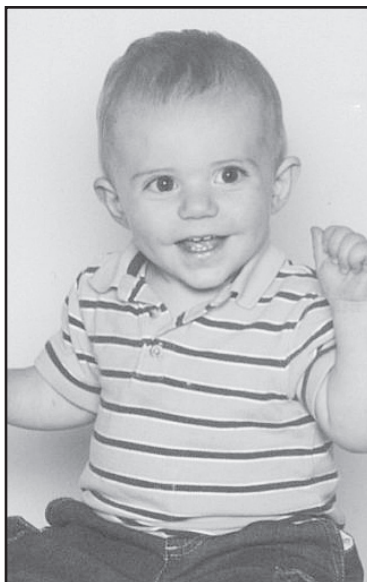


# First birthday celebrated July 4

Zarik Douthit Enfield celebrated his first birthday in St. Francis on July 4. Present were great-grandmother, June O'Dell of Wray, Colo., great aunt, Chris Adamson of Atwood, great-aunt, LaNell O'Dell of Stratton, Neb., grandparents, Steve and Melva Douthit of St. Francis, grandmother, Liz Enfield of Atwood. Also present were Jinna Adam-

son and Travis Berry of Denver, Colo., Matt and Erica Gattshall of Goodland, Margo Douthit, CJ Douthit, Thomas Douthit of St. Francis, Kristoffer Enfield and Dalton Enfield of Atwood, and Michael Enfield of Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Barbeque, cake and ice cream were enjoyed, followed by an evening fireworks show.



Enfield

## Across the County

### Across the county-feeder calf prices likely to increase

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service July 1 cattle inventory report released on July 23, indicated a continuing decline in the U.S. cattle herd.

Most people in the cattle and beef industry were expecting

lower numbers, so the report had few surprises. However, many also are wondering when beef cow numbers will start to increase.

All cattle and calves in the U.S. on July 1 totaled 100.8 million head, down 1.2 percent from the

102 million reported last year.

Beef cows and heifers that have calved numbered 31.7 million head on July 1, down 500,000 head from last year. That is the smallest number recorded since National Agricultural Statistics Service started the July 1 inventory series in 1973 and also smaller than any Jan. 1 beef cow inventory since 1963.

The number of beef heifers weighing more than 500 pounds kept for replacement was down 2.2 percent from 4.5 million head in 2009 to 4.4 million in 2010. With both fewer beef cows and beef replacements, beef herd expansion likely will not take place this year.

In 2010, pasture and range conditions in most U.S. cattle-producing regions have improved and may be in the best overall shape for the past decade. With improving feeder cattle prices, there may be a renewed interest in retaining more beef heifers this fall. Initial signs of that interest were evident in March and April when replacement-quality heifers commanded premium prices at many auction markets.

In June, young open cows were in high demand and were rumored to be shipped to states that had recovered from severe drought conditions.

Lower cow numbers will mean smaller calf crops and lower beef production for at least the next couple of years. This action will be supportive to cattle prices.

The cow-calf sector should see improved profitability this year, with more improvement expected next year. Cull cow and bull prices likely will set a record high this year because the demand for hamburger is good even in a down economy and manufacturing-grade beef imports have declined.

Feeder calf prices likely will be 10 to 15 percent higher this fall than the depressed levels of the last two years unless corn prices continue to skyrocket. If there are any questions contact the extension office at 785-332-3171 or mail to: cfear@ksu.edu

Till next time.

Information courtesy of Tim Petry, NDSU Livestock Marketing Economist

# Board members discuss improvements for next fair

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Fair, held Aug. 4-7, is over for another year and fair board members met Thursday to discuss what could be done to make it better next year and to talk about the money taken in and the bills to be paid.

Lacy Reed, board treasurer, said it was early to know exactly what the board's balance was. First of all, the meeting was earlier than it generally is after the fair, and when she came to the meeting, she had a pile of bills on the table that had not been turned into her. The bank statement, she said, had just come that day and she was worried that there might not be enough money to pay the bills but, she said, there was money coming in for trophies.

She said money was made on all the grandstand shows including team roping, horse vs horsepower, the talent show and demolition derby. As usual, the derby, held Saturday night of the fair, brought in the most money. Until all the bills are in and the deposits made, the end balance will not be known.

This year, the fair board voted to give duffel bags (two sizes) instead of some of the trophies. The board agreed that the bags were a success with both 4-H'ers and adults. However, they did cost a little more money. There are trophy sponsors who will be bringing in money to the extension office which will help with the expenses. Otherwise, the fair board comes up with the remaining balance for trophies.

This year, there was also the expense of getting the stage ready for the talent show. The stage hadn't been used for years so lumber and some of the iron needed to be replaced but now the stage is repaired and ready for next year's performances.

Clay Zimbelman, board member, asked what the board was going to do about paying the bills? It was agreed to pay the bills as long as there was money. It was pointed out that there is likely to be enough money and, until that was known, this shouldn't be a huge concern.

At the end of the meeting, Mrs. Reed announced that she was resigning from the position as treasurer as of Dec. 31. Dick Bursch, board president, said when the

final figures are known, he will call a special meeting.

### Extension report

Linda Elfers, assistant extension agent, introduced Marty Fear, the new extension agent. Mr. Fear did not start until after the fair so Mrs. Elfers gave the report covering the fair from the extension's point of view.

The fair, she said, went well and she appreciated the support of the fair board. She also said the duffel bags given at the fair were a hit. Deb George (who did the embroidering on the bags), was good to work with and had done a nice job.

Her one complaint was she still couldn't open one of the barn doors.

She and the board clarified that rabbits and poultry, were considered livestock. The 4-H'ers are allowed to sell a livestock project and another (food, art, photography, etc.) project at the premium sale.

The 4-H horse club fun day was Sunday (Sept. 5) and Drew Flemming had worked the arena. Mr. Flemming, a member of the board, reported that the ground was extremely hard and he didn't have the equipment to work it properly. Mr. Zimbelman said he knew where the disk was and he would work it before Sunday. Mrs. Elfers said she plans to walk the arena before the show and make sure there are no car parts left from the demolition derby.

Mr. Fear briefly outlined what he has been doing the past few years. I have a huge passion for working with youth, he said. They are our future. At the last place he was, he said he had revitalized the county's livestock judging team and was looking forward to working with the 4-H'ers here.

### President's remarks

Mr. Bursch recognized Mr. Flemming for his organization and leadership in keeping the grounds maintained during the fair. Ordinarily, after the fair, the board has to make several work evenings to get everything put away and ready for the winter months. This year, Mr. Flemming had it organized, people were assigned to different projects and it was done quickly and efficiently.

There were three thank you notes read.

Mr. Bursch said the fair book

had several mistakes. The one about the starting time for the carnival on Saturday, he said, has been made year after year but, when the book is being made ready for printing, no one thinks about it.

John Finley, board member, agreed to read the book and mark it for mistakes and, if there are areas where there is confusion, this should also be marked so it can be rectified next year.

The rest room building at the ballpark needs a roof. Mr. Bursch said it was not insured when the hail storms hit the summer of 2009. It was noted that the etiquette signs reminding people to watch what they said, had been noticed.

### Executive session

A 30-minute executive session was called to discuss personnel. After coming out of session, the only decision made was to disconnect the telephone at the exhibit building. The board decided that almost everyone has a cell phone and having the phone there was costing approximately \$500 a year. That \$500 could be used elsewhere.

Other items discussed in executive session included:

- Having Baxter Black as one of the fair night entertainment. Mr. Bursch said there had been several people ask if the board had thought about it. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

- Deciding if the tables and chairs should leave the fairgrounds. Each year, there seems to be less tables and chairs. The board was uncertain if they were loaned out and not returned or if there were other reasons. Mr. Bursch will talk to the extension personnel, as many of the tables and chairs belong to the extension office.

- People unhappy with the judging at the demolition derby. Mr. Zimbelman said that no matter who is judging, there are complaints. He noted that there might be less complaints if the board hired judges from out of town. No decision was made.

### Next meeting

There will be a special board meeting which will be announced at a later date. The next regular meeting is set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

## Introducing

### Dylan Lee Kamla

Dylan Lee Kamla was born to Ron and Susan Kamla at Presbyterian/St Luke Hospital in Denver, Colo., on July 20, 2010. He weighed 4 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18-inches long. Welcoming Dylan home is Austin, 16, and Kate, 5.

Grandparents are Marvin and Kaye Kamla of Haigler, Neb. and Howard and Kathy Titus of Springview, Neb.



Kamla

# Recycling stressed at commission meeting

By Karen Krien

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Saving the county landfill was a concern of the Cheyenne County Commissioners when they met Tuesday, Aug. 31. They stressed the importance of recycling everything possible.

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, passed on a question from Ed Garner, landfill supervisor. Was he supposed to continue to allow the Bird City cleanup project to continue dumping without a charge?

Earlier, the city of Bird City had received permission from the commissioners to allow free dumping from a city cleanup of a lumberyard but, to be free, the materials needed to be separated so part of it could be burned. However, the landfill supervisor said there was not the proper separation.

The next round of cleanup is here. There are five houses being demolished and there were only supposed to be two. After much discussion, the commissioners agreed to waive the fees only if the materials were properly separated. Terry Miller, clerk, said he would contact Cathy Domsch, Century II executive director, to let her know of the conditions.

This is an expense to every taxpayer in Cheyenne County, said Dale Patton, commissioner.

Keeping the landfill from filling up so fast is important. It is very expensive to transport so people need to recycle, the commissioners warned. They discussed raising the fees at the landfill but, wondered if people would just find someplace else to put their trash, thus making a bigger problem.

If another hail storm hits the county, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said, the landfill will fill up that much faster. There were tons of shingles put in the landfill last summer.

### In other business

In other business:

- Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said, because of all the work that has been processed through the office, she needed about \$300 in supplies.

- The 2011 budget was passed with only one person, Elmer Kellner, present to see the process of a budget hearing. The commissioners signed a resolution allowing the county to raise the mill levy to fund the 2011 budget and allow Fire District 1 to raise the mill levy to fund it's budget for 2011.

- Jerry Michaud and Bonnie Burr, representing the Northwest Kansas Developmental Service talked about having the county increase the service funding 5 percent. No decision was made.

- Jennifer Padgett, communication director, said she had hired Scott Knebel as the part-time dispatcher.

- Bids for the sheriff's green 1997 GMC Jimmy were opened. Bids were: Scott Knebel, \$398; Linda Elfers, \$400; Alan Trimble, \$450 and Dustin Fromholtz, \$500. Mr. Fromholtz was awarded the bid.

- The commissioners moved Bayne Kinzer, sheriff deputy, to the level II pay scale.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Wednesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

# Young ladies start season with victory

Two victories were scored by the junior varsity volleyball team on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The Ladies defeated Golden Plains 25-14, 25-11 and Hoxie 25-21, 15-25 and 16-14.

"This was a great way to start the season," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "The young Lady Indians had balanced scoring against Golden Plains. We served well and as a result we scored points off the serve. We passed well enough that the setters could set up attacks."

"The Hoxie match was extremely exciting. During the match there

were frequent swings in momentum. I was proud of the young ladies as they did not let the hot, loud gym and the the natural ups and downs of volleyball control their play", added Coach Olofson.

Coach Olofson said that over the next couple of weeks they are going to work on defensive coverage and blocking as these are areas that need improvement.

"Every volleyball team works on improving on court communication and that is always an area of focus," he said.



# Fundraising workshop planned

The Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development (RC and D) is sponsoring a "Complete Fundraising Workshop" Tuesday, Oct. 12, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Prairie museum of Art and History conference room in Colby. The presenter will be Shannon Martin of Professional Grant Services.

Workshop topics include fundraising basics, long-range planning, special event planning, grant writing basics, and public-

ity and marketing techniques. Those attending will leave with great ideas and an overview of each element in the fund-raising pyramid. At day's end participants will have developed their own long-range fundraising and marketing plans.


Ms. Martin's experience as a grant writer coupled with a background in marketing and fund raising allows her to assist those from schools, non-profit organizations, government of-

ficials and others who need to raise funds and/or learn marketing techniques to help their organizations.

Registration fee will include a large amount of helpful information, the cost of a resource packet and lunch. For registration information and any questions, please call Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at 785-462-7671, ext. 5.

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