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CARRYING THE FLAG at the program held Monday was Taylor Rogers. Clockwise, Ellee Krien was 'Little Miss Muffett' in the grade school musical on Oct. 26; Savannah Morris was the little kitten who lost her mittens.

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Board ups fee for fair building

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Renting out the building at the fairgrounds was discussed at length when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday evening.

The building was remodeled several years ago so there would be a large facility in the county to hold receptions, meetings and other functions such as the Wildlife Banquet and the Coyote Calling Contest. There is rent plus a deposit to be paid with each function however, there is sometimes abuse to the building and the board is also left paying high utilities.

Dick Bursch, board president, had talked to the county commissioners at the Oct. 29 meeting. All of the commissioners finally agreed that the building should be available to residents but, when renting out the facility, the board shouldn't lose money.

The fair board is given an allocation by the county of which part is for the general upkeep of the building. The commissioners weren't going to tell them what they needed to charge but suggested that the deposit be high enough to cover any expenses.

It would be inconvenient to have all of the utilities shut off and then turned on again when there is a function held in the building. There is also a charge.

The electricity averages around \$2 to \$3 a day but the gas is a different matter, especially in the winter months. After considerable discussion, the board agreed to set the deposit at \$500 cash and \$100 per day. An average for the cost of a therm will be determined by the first of the year.

When there is a function at the building, the meter will be read before they set up and again after they have cleaned up. The cost for the utilities as well as for any damages or not cleaning up will be taken out of the deposit.

In 2010, there were 19 rentals including one set for December. School and extension that operate with taxpayers money will not be charged rent but they will be expected to pay for the utilities used.

Determining how bands are handled in 2011

The 2011 fair has been set for Aug. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Marty Fear, county agent, had received information on two shows that might be appropriate for county fairs: monster truck competition/show, and a comedy show.

This year and the year before, wrist bands were used when a person paid his/her entry into a show. There were different colors for different events and divisions. However, when the leftover wrist bands were counted, Mr. Bursch reported that they were \$5,000 short in bands for the demolition derby. There was no answer what might have happened but it was thought there would be 500 bands in a box.

This brought out a lot of discussion. People who worked both the grandstand gate and the back gate were represented at the meeting and they said there was always more than one person left in charge of the money and when the money started to accumulate, either Mr. Bursch or Gary Cooper, secretary, had picked it up and taken it to the safe. They also were firm in the fact that they had placed the bands on people as they paid, bands were not just handed to the person.

Not all of the waivers of those coming in the rear gate were available at the meeting but Clay Zimbelman, derby chairman, said he thought he knew where they might be.

They agreed that it was probably impossible to know exactly what happened. However, they wanted to make sure it didn't happen again. They talked about what kinds of bands to use next year and how there will be even more rigid rules including counting the bands before and after each event and keeping the money separate for each event.

Treasurer's report

Drew Flemming had taken over the job as board treasurer. The county attorney had approved the books.

The board had been written up on several different things by the auditor. One of the charges was the fact that vouchers were not used to document charges. Mr. Flemming had talked to the county clerk and he will be using the same type of vouchers used by the commissioners and the rest of the county.

"The board will need to make sure there is a receipt with everything purchased and the receipt will be stapled to the voucher," Mr. Bursch said.

At the end of each year, the books will be audited by two other members.

Agent's report

Agent Fear said Linda Elfers, assistant agent, had put a note in the 4-H newsletter asking 4-H clubs and their members to come up with a theme for the 2011 fair.

He said that an inventory would be done at the fairgrounds to see how many tables and chairs were there, along with any other items.

The council, he said, had approved T-shirts for the 4-H'ers to wear at the fair and other events where they are representing the county. Rather than a T-shirt, Mr. Zimbelman asked if the shirt could be a polo shirt with a collar? Mr. Fear said he would see what the cost difference is and what the council wants to do. There is still plenty of time, he said.

There is money available through the Extension to pay for the shirts so it will not be an expense to the fair board.

Mr. Bursch said that if FFA is going to compete with the 4-H'ers, they will need to have their own shirt. It was suggested that just Cheyenne County be printed on the shirts instead of 4-H or FFA.

Mr. Fear asked for the board's input on moving the Spring Livestock Show from Memorial Day weekend. There are people who say that the show loses competitors because of the holiday. There didn't appear to be many opinions on changing the date.

2011 fair

As for the 2010 fair, there were several members who had received reports that the Horse vs Horsepower event was boring. Mr. Zimbelman suggested that it be replaced with something that involved motors, possibly something that involved pickups and any one could enter their pickup in the event.

They discussed the local talent show, noting that it was good entertainment. They also wondered if the Music Club would be interested in handling it again?

Mr. Bursch appointed Mr. Zimbelman as the chairman for the demolition derby and Mr. Flemming as the chairman for the Premium Sale Committee.

Next meeting

Before the meeting closed, several thank you notes were read from 4-H'ers receiving duffle bags at the fair. The next meeting of the board will be held in at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Board concerned about Village fire

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When the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday, Oct. 28, much of the discussion was centered around the Good Samaritan Village fire which burned part of the facility on Oct. 19.

The approximate financial impact to the hospital of losing over 40 patients who had gone to other

facilities will be \$28,690 per month or \$344,000 a year.

It will have a financial impact on the hospital, said Les Lacy, hospital administrator. I am also concerned about the Village residents and staff and the impact it will have on the county.

Until more information is available, the strategic planning meetings had been canceled.

Mr. Lacy thanked the hospital staff who went to the high school to help with the nursing home residents and also thanked those who had stayed to help at the hospital and clinic.

Jane Young, board member, said she had heard excellent comments about the staff's quick response at the fire.

Risk management report

Joan Klie, risk manager, gave a handout to the board showing what incidents could happen and how they are reported.

Administrator's report

Mr. Lacy reported that Sara Wilson began work, part time, as the new human relations director. She replaces Tabettha Ketzner. Stacy Kaup was selected as the new clinic manager, replacing Erika Zimbelman.

In the county health department report, Mila Bandel, county health nurse, reported, as of the

end of September, 281 childhood immunizations and 277 adult immunizations given. As the school nurse consultant, she had seen 840 students.

Amanda Jensen, administration assistant and Healthy State Home Visit person, had resigned.

Great Plains report

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, talked about the action the Alliance had taken to assist it's hospitals in decreasing their risk of receiving fines associated with HIPAA regulations. The hospitals have formed a "network" and other hospitals have joined. There are now 76 hospitals in the network.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board has been changed from Thursday, Nov. 25, to Tuesday, Nov. 23. Meeting time is 3 p.m. in the basement room at the St. Francis Clinic.

Former resident serves as educator

Peggy Golden of Oakley, and daughter of Leonard and JoAnn Richard, is one of the newest educators for the Fort Hays State University Virtual College.

Following her retirement earlier this year, Peggy Golden has been teaching all five of the masters level Library Media Courses which include Cataloging for School Library Media, School Library Media Administration, Reference Retrieval, Selection of School Library Media, and Library Media Supervised Practicum for the Department of Teacher Education at Fort Hays State University.

The students participating in this program are advancing towards the School Library Media Specialist degree which Mrs. Golden had previously earned. Due to the virtual nature of the program, students from many different areas of the country are connected to her through an online network. She assigns the task work via the internet and the completed work is then sent back to her through the same process.

Since there are no classrooms and Mrs. Golden does not have an office per se, her "office hours" are essentially always open. This demonstrates the dedication and drive she shows for the students in her charge.

The adage "once a teacher, always a teacher" certainly applies, as the students' growth and ultimate attainment of their goals are accomplished, wherein Mrs. Golden continues to play a significant part.

Auxiliary talks about Vets Day

November is a busy month for the American Legion Auxiliary for it is first of all the month members give thanks for blessings of family and friends and a time to remember the sacrifice of those who have served to keep this country free. As Americans celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11 there are other important things people can do to keep the country safe; including voting.

Whether you call it Armistice Day, or Veterans Day...remember those who have given so much so that citizens may all rejoice in the freedom and glory of this great land...America.

Secondly, there are lots of activities that some people can become a part of. First and foremost the homeless and hospitalized veterans and those men and women who are fighting for this country's freedom, which is getting

very fragile, have many needs including white socks. These needs which are posted in your communities need to be in by Saturday, Nov. 20. Also, members can and will connect with the assigned Kansas veteran's facility. A new pair of jeans or a hat, mittens can go a long way to a young veteran family that is struggling. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Local 4-H try to make sure the dignity of veterans is maintained while the help they need is supplied. In the spirit of the great mission of "Service Not Self" do something extra this year...start a new family tradition and make the military a part of your holiday by a material or cash gift that you would give one of your family members so that they will in gratitude say "thanks for remembering us". People can do no less.



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United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met Nov. 3 at the United Methodist Church with 30 members present. The new slate of officers were elected for the 2011 year: Marsha Zimbelman, president; Donna Zimbelman, secretary; Carol Rogers, treasurer; Valjean Schultz, Nomination Chair; Wilma Lampe, Spiritual Growth; Sandy Smull, Social Action; Lucille Price, Education; Lisa Gibson, Membership; Marie Holzwarth, Secretary of Program Resources.

Each year special mission recognition is given to honor persons involved with the mission of the church. This year's recipient was Shelley Klie. She was honored during the business session.

Following the business meeting, Lucille Price and Vickie Schliep presented an interesting program based on Greg Mortenson's book

"Three Cups of Tea." Tables set up in the fellowship hall were beautifully decorated with table cloths, napkins and center pieces depicting fall colors. Tea pots brought by the ladies added to the décor.

Mrs. Price and Mrs. Schliep shared various aspects of the book. How Mr. Mortenson happened to be in this village in Pakistan. Fearing harsh treatment he experiences a unique culture of hospitality based on the idea when you share a cup of tea you are no longer a stranger and by the third cup you become family.

After the presentation those bringing their favorite tea pot were asked to share their story of why this tea pot was a favorite.

Following this time of sharing, refreshments of tea and cookies were served by hostesses, Valjean Schultz and Margaret Holzwarth.