

Fair building missing more chairs and tables

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The fair building was one of the main items of discussion when the Cheyenne County Fair Board met on Thursday.

The fair board is responsible for the building which holds the exhibits during the fair but the rest of the year, it is available to be rented out. While the building is about the only facility that is large enough to hold large crowds, it is also a problem to keep up.

Mr. Flemming reported that the wiring electrical box and light had been installed and four switches had been installed inside the door so there was little or no need to go to the breaker room.

Brian Hobrock, board member, reported that at the last wedding reception held at the building over the weekend, the weeds and stickers had overrun the ground around the building. The bride's family had spent hours mowing and hoeing. Jeanne Dunn, who had planted trees on the west side of the building, had also come down and cleaned the area.

There was a great deal of discussion on who was supposed to keep the outside of the building up including spraying for sandburs to mowing.

We are volunteers stretched thin, said Megan Douthit, board member.

The board members finally decided to have Mr. Flemming talk to Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, about spraying. Mr. Flemming said Justin knew what to spray with and when to do it - he does good work.

Karol Lohman, board member who is in charge of renting the building, reported that she had two requests to rent the building but wanted the boards input.

Penny Gienger, St. Francis Rec Commission director, had asked to use the building from November through February for a gymnastic class twice a week. The building is rent free to schools, hospitals and other entities that are tax supported. However, they wondered if this fell in this category. After discussion, they decided the building could be used by the rec commission for the gymnastic classes but the commission would be responsible for paying the gas used to heat the building.

There were two times that the building had already been spoken for and one would need the building on one of the nights used by the rec commission. The mats would also need to be moved if there was a wedding

or another event that might need the building.

Mrs. Lohman will talk to Mrs. Gienger.

The Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet has been set for March 30 and they have rented the building for two days. However, on April 1, the day after the banquet, they have hired the junior class to clean up. Since this is a school class and the Wildlife members are paying them as their moneymaking project, they thought maybe the board would agree to not charge them a third day rent.

Again, after discussion, they voted to not allow the third day rent free.

Missing tables

Mrs. Lohman said there is a problem with more missing tables and chairs from the building. In 2009, there were 51 tables and 210 chairs; in 2010, there were 43 tables and 176 chairs. When they did a count before the last event, there were only 40 tables and 173 chairs.

Part of the chairs and tables belong to the extension office but there were tables donated to the fair, not the fair board or extension or 4-H, just the fair. Mr. Bursch said that because they are bought with state money, the board can't forbid the chairs and tables to be taken out.

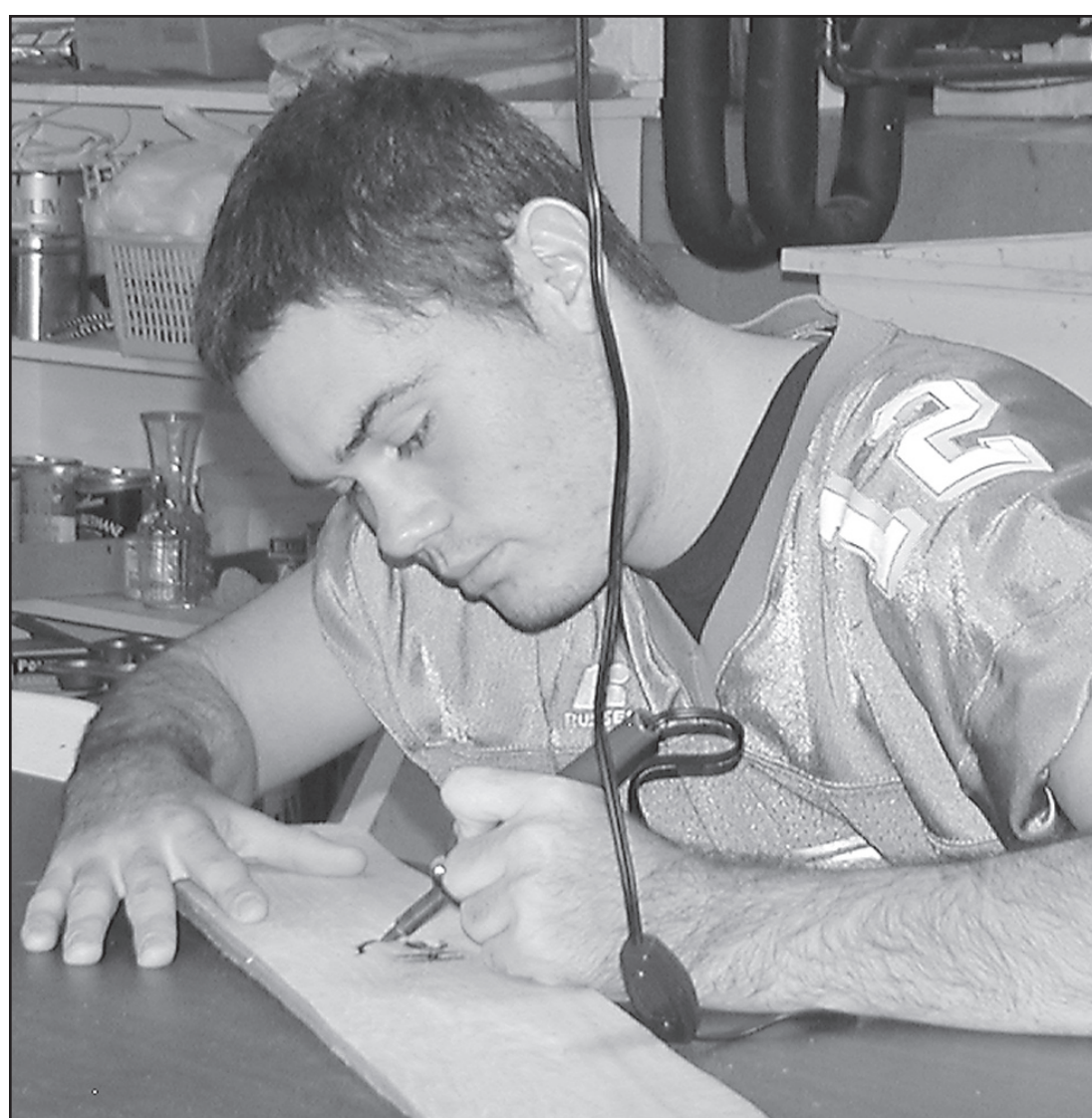
There was also the problem that sometimes, the extension office staff has allowed tables and chairs to be used, not knowing there was an event in the fair building which the tables and chairs were needed.

Mrs. Lohman suggested that the board purchase enough tables and chairs for the building and the extension office could take the others. They could be kept in the 4-H building but it was noted that the shooting sports kids used that building and the tables would be in the way.

Both Adam Peter, board member, and Mr. Hobrock said since they had been on the board, this has been a problem and it probably would continue to be a problem. No decision was made.

Rest rooms

The rest rooms inside the building were again discussed. The board agreed that, even though the rest rooms may be cleaned after each event, the building is not airtight and they will probably need cleaned before the next event.



KEEGAN SHERLOCK works on his wood burning project during art class.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Birthday celebrated with friends, family

Victor Zwegardt was surprised on his 85th birthday when guests arrived at his and Darlene's home on the evening of Sept. 29. His brother, Norman Zwegardt, and his sister-in-law, Donna, visiting from Phoenix, Ariz., planned the party and invited local relatives to attend. Joining them for ice cream and cake were Thelma Raile, Sylvia Queen, Harvey and Phyllis Zwegardt, Rhonda Born, Andrea Born and Gabriel and Cherish Born.

Birthday wishes continued when Victor's and Darlene's children, Susan and husband, Jerry, from El Cajon, Calif.; Don from Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Cathy and husband, Dan, from Anchorage, Alaska; arrived to host a baseball-themed potluck celebration to honor Victor's time during the late 1940s and early 1950s as a pitcher on local baseball teams. Following a meal



at Salem Lutheran Church on Oct. 9, members of the congregation and local family and friends were entertained by a "home-run" program which included musical numbers by Victor's children and sons-in-law; and Darrel and Jacque Zwegardt, visiting from Montezuma; Gertie Zwegardt, Louanne Isernhagen and Harvey Zwegardt. Glenn Isernhagen gave a moving tribute to Victor, his uncle and baptismal sponsor. Also part of the program were a power point collection of photos covering Victor's life and a humorous baseball Hee Haw skit. To end the afternoon, guests were served ice cream and birthday cake.

Watch out for lysteria

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) continues to collaborate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and health officials in other states to investigate a multistate outbreak of listeriosis associated with consumption of Rocky Ford cantaloupes from Jensen Farms.

Kansas now has seven cases of listeriosis, including two deaths, definitively linked to the multistate outbreak. The two additional cases from the last update provided by department of health and environment on Sept. 22 have been linked to the multi-state outbreak as a result of additional laboratory tests on previously reported cases. Typically, Kansas reports fewer than six cases of

listeriosis per year. Listeriosis primarily occurs among older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, pregnant women and newborns. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, diarrhea and vomiting. People with these symptoms should consult a physician.

Symptoms typically occur three to 70 days after exposure. If you have eaten a recalled cantaloupe but have not experienced any symptoms, no testing for Listeria is recommended. However, if you develop symptoms please contact your health care provider.

Rocky Ford cantaloupes from Jensen Farms should not be eaten but instead disposed of in a closed plastic bag placed in a sealed trash can. This will prevent people or animals from eating them. Even if some of the cantaloupe has

been eaten without becoming ill, dispose of the rest of the cantaloupe immediately. If the whole cantaloupe is unlabeled, please contact your retail store to determine the source of the fruit. Listeria bacteria can grow in the cantaloupe at room and refrigerator temperatures. People should wash their hands before and after handling melon. The surface of melons should be washed and dried with a clean cloth or paper towel before cutting. Cut melon should be promptly refrigerated at less than 41 degrees. Cut melons left at room temperature for more than 4 hours should be discarded.

For additional information regarding this outbreak, visit the Center for Disease Control multistate foodborne illness outbreak page at www.cdc.gov/outbreaknet/outbreaks.html.

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