

Should there be a charge for use of horse arena

There has been a controversy about the arena at the fairgrounds. Does the fair board/commissioners charge for the use of it and, if they do, do they charge for anyone and everyone alike?

There was a gymkhana held at the fairgrounds on Monday. It is held every Memorial Day unless inclement weather forces it out. It is held by the county gymkhana club and, yes there are entry fees of \$2 per entry and the money collected goes for prizes and trophies. The prizes cost around \$600 and there was not enough money collected to pay \$150 for the use of the arena. (They were not charged.)

There are several other events including a barrel racing contest where the members have the contest in each of their towns. Do they get charged? Well, they have decided to move it to another arena where there is no charge.

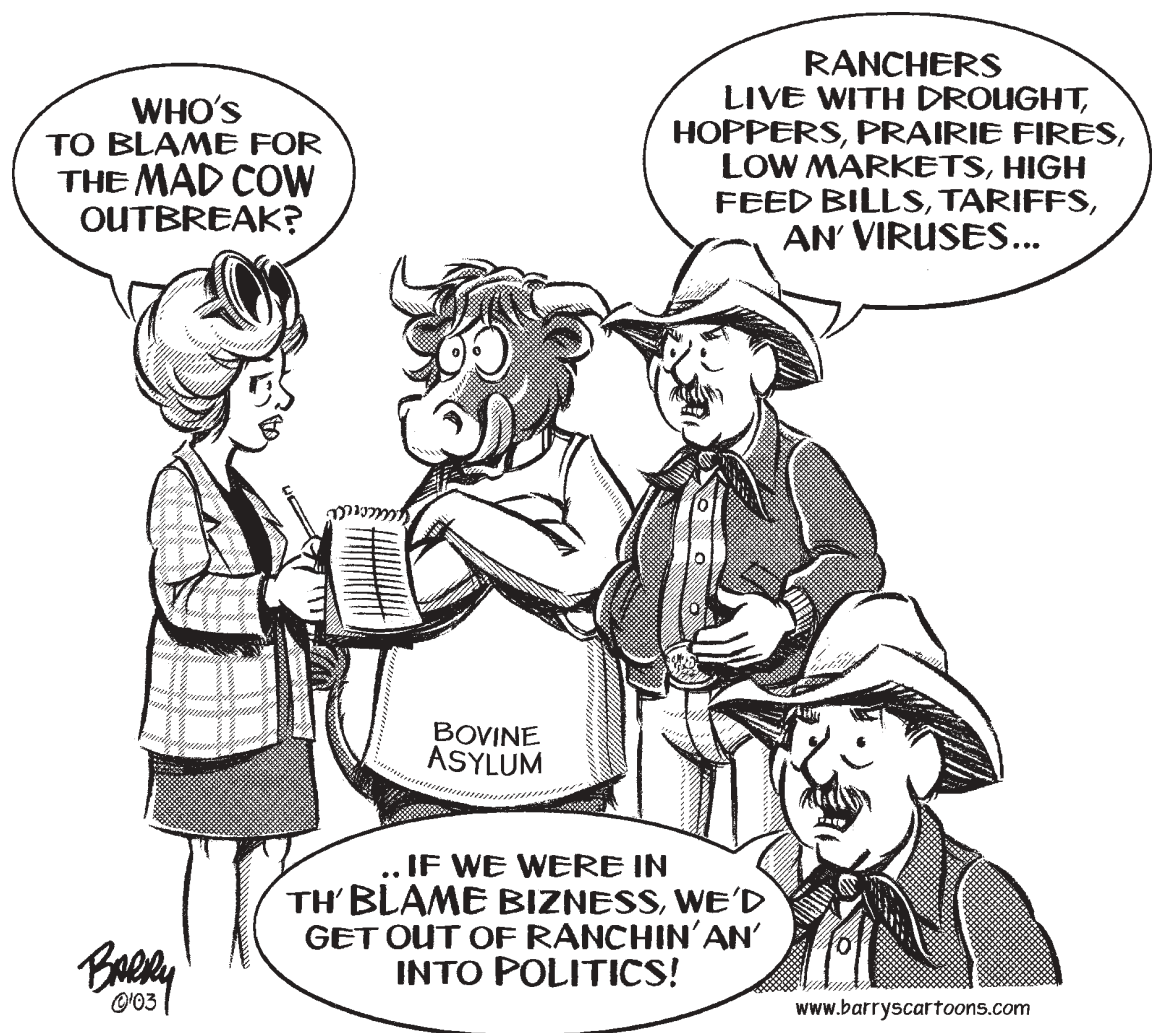
Some of the members of the fair board feel that any charges made on the arena covers the expenses

incurred but members of some of the organizations feel that the fair board does little to earn the "expense." Most of the time, the organizations plow the arena and use someone else's disk (not the county's).

Now, when the circus came to town last year, that was a different story. They were here to make money and they needed to be charged a fee.

Government entities are not supposed to be "making money." However, they do need to meet expenses or that will come out of the taxpayer's pocket — that is a given. But, we need to support organizations which represent our county. Also, some of the events bring in people who will eat, buy gas or maybe even stay overnight. They will also have time to look around the county and may even decide to come back and shop.

If anyone else has comments on the arena — contact the fair board, the commissioners or write a letter to the editor. —Karen Krien



Community commended

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, I'm writing to thank your community for supporting our program.

This past spring a ball team was formed called "The Outlaws." It was formed because the High

schools in both St. Francis and Goodland did not offer ball and there were several young men inter-

ested in playing.

There were people who said it wouldn't work, we wouldn't find the games, it would never work to put kids from two schools together, and who would coach? Well, it did work! We played 14 games. Our record was 11-3. We played as one team, one family.

There were two young men from St. Francis on our team, Cale Rieger and Travis Hilt. I am very proud of them, and I'm so glad I have gotten to know them. They are outstanding young men, both on the field and off. Saintry was well represented!

What did we do for a coach? We borrowed your Bud Rice. I cannot say enough about Bud, nor can I ever thank him enough. You have a man who truly knows and loves the game of baseball, loves working with young men and gives 110 percent of himself. He not only taught them a lot about baseball, but also about life.

I would like to thank Bud, Cale, and Travis for being a part of the Outlaws along with their families (especially Bud's) for their sacrifices. I would like to thank the school and their staff for allowing Cale and Travis to participate and the community for their support.

Liz West
Manager of the Outlaws
Goodland

Writer thinks city needs to prioritize

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to point out some of the things that I am in question about.

The St. Francis City and Police departments are getting new vehicles and the new city hall is getting a major face lift. All well and good if your vehicles can handle bouncing out of all the potholes and other things on the city streets.

When are we gonna start spend-

ing some of that money on them or are they that far down on the totem pole?

Kind of like getting wireless internet in here and forgetting all about the sewer ponds deadline. I think there needs to be some prioritizing done at city hall and I feel this needs to start with the City Council.

Rod Zwegardt
St. Francis

Posted No Parking mean no parking

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to point out that a no parking sign means just that: NO PARKING. Those signs were put up for a reason and it wasn't just because the commissioners wanted to spend some extra money.

Someday there is going to be a major accident on this road because some people do not know what no parking means. I also don't risk the

possibility of rolling my mower tractor so people will have a nice clean ditch to dig worms.

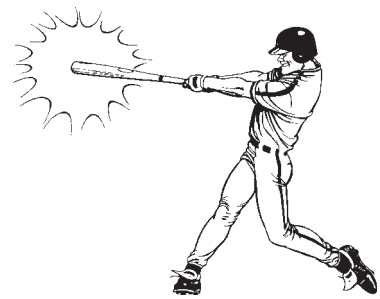
And that also doesn't mean that you can block our driveway either. I will start taking license plate numbers and turning them over to the sheriff's office.

Rod Zwegardt
St. Francis

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Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God: and knoweth God.
I John 4:7

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News From the Past

10 years ago - 1993

Several St. Francis Community High School musicians earned I rating at the 2A State Music Festival including Chad Miller, Kelly Renk, Brandi Gabel, Tonya Potthoff, Crissy Poling, Leigh Faulkender, Jill Smull and Reid Raile.

Member of the Bird City Four Circle Co-op approved to accept the board's liquidation plans to sell the facility to the Goodland Cooperative Equity Exchange.

First place winners at the St. Francis Invitational include Jenny Cassidy in the 1600-meter run, Jason Applegate in the 400-meter dash, Andy Poling in the high jump and the girls 4x400-meter relay team composed of Kelly Renk, Cassidy, Faulkender and Rhonda Murphy.

The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce has a new office. Formerly located at the Cheyenne County Museum, the office is now on the bottom floor in the southwest corner of the courthouse.

St. Francis recorded 70 miles per hour winds with weather spotters out on at least two nights but not a large amount of hail came with the 1.59 inches of rain.

25 years ago - 1978

A crowd estimated at more than 400 people filled the seats at the band shell in Sawhill Park to see what can be done with a

dedicated community effort in completing a public project. The rededication of Sawhill Park took place after more than one year of work. Kansas Governor Robert Bennett spoke at the ceremony telling of the importance of the PRIDE program to a community. Elaine Kite was the Park Restoration Committee Chairman. All work except for that done by the county and city crews was volunteer work.

Minnie Neitzel left an estimated \$150,000 to be divided between the Cheyenne County Hospital, the Peace Lutheran Church, the ABC Preschool and the St. Francis Public Library.

Dan Winston, St. Francis Community High School senior, has signed a letter of intent to participate in the Kansas Wesleyan University track and cross country program next year.

Bonnie and Gary Cooper were honored at a meeting of the Cheyenne County Gymkhana Club for four years of service and leadership to the organization.

30 years ago - 1982

Robert Cram, chairman of the St. Francis Housing Authority, reports that progress is still going on which should lead to a start this spring on the low-income rental properties.

A very recent innovation in the community is the initiation of the volunteer school program. The volunteer is an unpaid member of the community who is interested enough in education and children to donate his time and energies to

helping a child or children with their basic skills. This program is a result of a seminar for Reading Improvement Services Everywhere which Virginia Raney, Pat Kinen and Elaine Kite attended.

45 years ago - March 1958

Emily Douthit of St. Francis is one of five Kansas State college students named as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate. She will be traveling to Australia.

Precipitation has now been recorded in St. Francis in 13 of the past 15 days. Over 20 inches of snow has fallen between Feb. 26 and March 13.

St. Francis is scheduled to lose its last remaining national chain store early next month. The closing of the St. Francis J.C. Penney department store at the end of the business day April 12 was announced by the manager today.

Three St. Francis Community High School girls this week became the school's first students to win the coveted Kansas State Future Homemakers title. The girls are Joy Blume, Judith Raile and Sharon Little.

A completely remodeled and redecorated K&S Cafe opened in St. Francis on Monday. Lyle and Ann Ewing invited old customers and friends as well as new ones to drop in for a home-cooked meal.

Worship Warms the Heart

First Christian Church
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Arlin Cochran
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Beryl Gibson
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

Living Water Fellowship Ministry
Pastors:
Terry & Tiffany Glasco
Box 310; Bird City
785-734-2363
Sunday:
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Word 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Last Friday of Month:
Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church
Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
Pars. 332-3170
512 S. Scott
Pastor Nel Holmes
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
2nd & Scott • 332-3921
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday prayer
service, 6:00 p.m.
Wed. AWANA Club
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Clough Valley Baptist Church
Pastor Al Davis D. Min.
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF
332-2506
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT
Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

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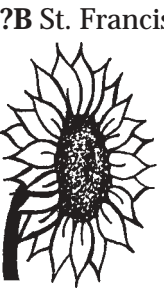
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