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Secretary Douthit will send letters to all the members informing them that elections will be held next month.

Derby

President Bursch commended Clay Zimbelman and his Derby Committee for all the hard work and an excellent derby during the fair. He said the derby ran better than it had for years and that Cheyenne County had the biggest derby in the tri-state area.

The only complaint concerning the derby was the children in the pits going out in the arena before the cars had been removed.

Next year's fair date

The members discussed moving the fair up a couple weeks as there are several fairs that conflict with Cheyenne County. It was brought up that Goodland's fair was going to be a week earlier again this year. The Tri-State Royal has previously been the week after the Goodland fair. Mr. Douthit will do some checking on the dates.

In other business

In other business: Jared Douthit had talked to Andy Beikman, commissioner, who had approved Ryan McAtee as a member. The board's vote was unanimous.

- The Bud Stuart family gave a \$500 memorial.
- Another complaint discussed was the amount of beer bottles in the trash after the mud volleyball.
- It was voted to rent out the fair building over the winter months.
- It was noted that benches still need moved in once the inside of the building is painted.
- East door of the fair building needs to be repaired.

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ending the assembly will be the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen.

Everyone is encouraged to support the cheerleaders at the soup supper which starts at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. The ad in this week's issue lists the menu and costs.

The Indian football team will be meeting the Oakley team starting at 7 p.m. This should be a good game as both teams are holding a 3-0 record.

At halftime, the Homecoming Queen and candidates will be escorted onto the field by their fathers.

The Homecoming Dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, ending a long week of activities and excitement.



PINK BOXERS were given to sheriff Troy Gardner by Ron Loudon who was complementing him on his 'good job of sheriffing.' Looking on are Marge Peter, left, and Deb Patton.

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the ambulance and with higher gas prices, Mrs. Bower was worried that the fuel card, which is carried in the ambulance, might not have enough money in the account to get the ambulance back to the county. After discussion, the commissioners agreed to raise the amount in the St. Francis Ambulance fund from \$500 to \$800. The Bird City Ambulance fund will remain at \$500.

She also reported that there is a need for more emergency medical technicians. There is an emergency training class being planned in Sherman County. The commissioners asked that Mrs. Bowers look into the cost and contact some of the people who have shown an interest in taking the class. She will report back at the next meeting.

Road and bridge

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said the county crew had torn down a bridge which had been built in 1925. The bridge, north of Bird City, was in an area where the road is seldom used and farmers will still have access to their land.

It would cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to replace the bridge. Supervisor Flemming had a bid for a garage door on the east side of

the landfill building and a new opener for the door on the south side. After looking over the bids for materials as well as installation, the commissioners agreed that the county crew could install the door and opener and took the low bid for materials, \$1,356 from Merklin Construction, St. Francis.

Sheriff's report

Sheriff Troy Gardner requested that Tom Raile and Carol Gamblin, deputies, attend two classes, one class would cost \$190 each but covered the tuition, meals and lodging. The other class was free and was a computer training.

Sheriff Gardner said officer Craig Van Allen was back from training and they will now be able to give the county 24-hour coverage most of the time.

Ron Loudon, as a joke, gave the sheriff a pair of pink boxer shorts from Maricope, Ariz., where the sheriff requires prisoners to wear the pink underwear. Mr. Loudon recognized Sheriff Gardner as "providing good sheriffing in Cheyenne County."

Sheriff Gardner said that Norvin Anderson, who was recently recognized locally as being the oldest law officer in the state, has now been

recognized nationwide.

In other business

In other business: The hearing for the city of Bird City to apply for a Community Development Block Grant was approved by the commissioners. The grant, which will be treated as a loan, is for \$665,000. It will be used to purchase cattle and equipment and for working capital. For additional information, see article elsewhere in this issue.

Tye Faulkender, Extension director, was given approval to hold an "Aging Strong and Well" program in the basement of the courthouse. The first class will start on Oct. 10.

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to please not throw the letter away as it will be the only notification that they will receive.

The letter should arrive the first part of October. Those who do not receive a letter and think that they should, should contact the appraiser's office.

In the future, if a resident moves to another rural residence or builds a new home, they must contact the appraiser's office for a physical address. The post office will no longer

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asked if there is any interest charged. Mr. Hrabe said that there is a low interest, probably around 6 percent. The interest money goes back to the state. The Development Commission also receives \$15,000 to administer the grant.

Commissioner Brubaker informed Mr. Hrabe and others involved that she wished she had been informed about the grant application before it appeared in the newspapers.

"I was a little embarrassed because I wasn't informed," she said.

Mr. Hrabe apologized and said that the public notice needed to be published seven days before the

meeting and 20 days before the application date.

It was noted that if there is a default, the company, not the county, is responsible for paying back the funds. He said the biggest share of the applications are funded.

Mr. McCarty said he is looking at a seven- to 10-year loan.

Mr. Keller asked if the financial figures are available to the public. Mr. Hrabe said they were not.

There were several other comments before the commissioners agree to allow the application to be made. The application will be signed at the next county commissioners meeting on Sept. 29 so it can be submitted to the state by Oct. 1.

VICTORIES

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process we have had is due to the fact that we have kids that work hard, are tough and not afraid to sweat. The second reason is we have an administration second to none."

Each fall as a new season begins, Coach Lambert emphasizes the importance of the consistency in his coaching staff. Steve Jenkins and Scott Carmichael, assistant coaches, were already part of the program when he arrived and Ted Busse, as-

stant coach, joined the school system and the coaching staff in 1993. Brett Petersen, assistant coach, is the newest member of the team, beginning his second season.

Coach Lambert is a believer in physical conditioning and a good attitude. The players staying healthy is an important aspect of any season as is maintaining focus at all times.

"It has just been a wonderful experience," he said.

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There is no treatment other than symptomatic relief for body aches such as ibuprofen or Tylenol. Once the person has been infected, they will develop a life-long immunity and should never get the disease again.

For a minority of patients, the symptoms of West Nile may be more severe and result in neurologic symptoms including paralysis and confu-

sion. For these patients, there may be permanent neurologic symptoms including dizziness and weakness even after the disease has run its course. West Nile for these patients can be a significant illness requiring hospitalization including even intensive care. A very small number of these patients can actually die from the infection.

Because West Nile is a disease carried by mosquitoes, it is generally only found during the summer season. Testing for the disease is done on blood or spinal fluid.

In mild cases, testing is rarely done, as the disease process will be completed before test results are available. In more serious infections, testing is generally always done as it helps in prognosis and management of the patient.

Dr. Miller said the best protection from West Nile is to avoid mosquito bites by using good mosquito repellent and wearing clothing that prevents bites. It is recommended to try and keep property clear of mosquito breeding areas like standing water.

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