

Organization plan is to help county

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A new organization interested in helping the county and its cities grow and develop businesses and small industries met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners Monday morning. The goal was to inform them on what the organization was doing and future plans.

Chairman Tom Keller, along with 11 other members of the Cheyenne Initiative Association, were present. Mr. Keller told how the Association had met in October to participate in the High Plains Regional Cluster which is facilitated by the Ogallala Commons. The Commons is a resource development network for creating thriving communities in the High Plains — Ogallala Aquifer region, thus focusing on home-town competitiveness.

A public forum was held at the end of March where over 100 people agreed on projects they would like to pursue. The projects were directed at benefiting the county and its residents.

The group took the top 12 ideas and are working on them. Mr. Keller said members meet weekly to review priorities, the volunteers and within a short time, people in the county will begin to see and hear about progress being made.

The top project people selected at the forum was "wind energy." Because of the wind which blows through the county, it appeared that this could be harnessed and used as an industry. Those volunteers for this committee have been meeting to study how to go about developing the project.

Second on the list was marketing agriculture products. Others include marketing the county on the front range; maintaining school population and quality, developing a fund for starting up businesses and develop a transportation program for the elderly. There were many other suggestions which, in time, the Association plans to follow up on.

Rick Reeser, St. Francis, is the head of the Wind Energy Committee. He said he has been interested in wind energy for some time and has a background in education. On the committee is J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis who has worked with the electrical companies. By working together and with others who are interested in the project, they feel that they can make progress. Because of the enormity of

the project, this project may take time to see any type of progress.

Mr. Reeser is the administrator of the Good Samaritan Village nursing home. As an example, he said the staff at the Village each has his/her own jobs and specialties and, working together, they are successful in providing a good service for residents.

"The Association members are a team, working together," he said.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he and the other commissioners felt there are too many groups such as the Association in the county.

"I would like to see one such organization in the county," he said.

Mr. Keller said the Association covers as many organizations and entities as possible. He said, in the past, the Development Corporation didn't have the base of members to cover the whole county. There was also not the funds available. However, there are two members from the Development Corporation on the Association board.

Several times, people mentioned the fact that the Development Corporation, which is funded by both cities and the county, basically had its hands tied because it only had \$20,000 a year to operate on.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that if funding is holding the county back, maybe this issue needed to be addressed. This included salary for a part-time coordinator, office supplies and utilities.

Mr. Ketzner asked the group how many would be interested in seeing their taxes raised to fund the Development Corporation? All those present indicated that they would be in favor of a tax increase for this purpose.

Mr. Keller pointed out that, interestingly at the public forum, wind energy had the support of 69 people while the last project was raising taxes and only one person had signed on that.

The group involves representatives from the Cheyenne County Development, Bird City's Century II, the New Generation Fund, Ministerial Alliance, schools, hospital, nursing home and other organizations.

Those representing the Association at the commissioners' meeting besides those listed above were Cathy Domsch, Les Lacy, Scott Schultz, Norman Morrow, Erika Lehman, Dara Carmichael, Carla Lampe, Janet Carman, Louanne Isernhagen, Carl Werner and David Butler.



FOURTH GRADERS Cheyenne Hewitt (second from the right), and Winter Star Polivka (right) enjoy listening to the volunteer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science explain about some of the different types of dinosaur fossils he had on display.

Times photo by Tammi Carmichael

Car show promises fun activities for all

Antique and classic vehicles will line up around St. Francis' Sawhill Park on Saturday, May 12, for the seventh annual Saturday In The Park car show. Each year, there are over 100 cars, along with pickups, motorcycles and, one year, there was even a boat.

This year, there will be some new events to entertain adults as well as the youth.

Friday, May 11, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the band shell, Elvis will be performing. Endre Samu, Limon, Colo., is an Elvis "tribute artist." The public is welcome to attend the show. A free-will donation will be taken and given to the tornado victims in Bird City.

Elvis will also perform from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the car show.

Health fair

The hospital and health office have organized a Cheyenne County Community Health Fair to help keep

people healthy. The staff will be offering blood pressure checks, teaching children and adults who ride bikes how helmets should fit and there will be a drawing for a helmet. The Farm Bureau will have a farm safety booth. The American Cancer Society will have a booth as well as the Regional Prevention Center.

Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, is urging everyone to stop by.

Downtown activities

The Chamber and downtown businesses will once sponsor the Poker Walk. People will want to stop at the park and pick up their card. As they go to participating businesses, they will be able to draw a card. The best hand wins.

Trunk sale

The PEO will hold a "Trunk Sale." This sale is unique as sellers have their wares in the trunk of their car. In other words, people are taking the sale out of the garage and moving it to the trunk.

Pedal Pull

The Kids Pedal Pull for ages 4

through 12 will be held behind the band shell. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the action will begin at 1. Winners are qualified to pull at the Kansas State Fair.

Engine rebuild

An engine rebuild will be held. The morning of the show, high school girls and guys can sign up to build an engine under the guidance of Bryan Herrich. Mr. Herrich teaches automotive mechanics at North Platte Community College.

Four names will be drawn and those four will put the engine together. The club will then give the engine away during the awards at 4 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by and watch the students work.

Pin-stripping artist

Mik Young, a professional pin-stripping artist, will be doing pin-stripping on cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Young said he has been pin-stripping every working day since 1954 and is able to create designs and motif where every design he

does is what the customer wants — no two designs are alike.

He pin stripes about 400 cars a month including everything from street rods to super stars.

For more information about Mr. Young, contact Scott Schultz, coordinator of the show.

"We encourage the public to come to the park and enjoy the show," Mr. Schultz said. "There will be beautiful vehicles to look at and enjoy."

"Don't forget to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite vehicle that will be given a special award at the conclusion of the show."

Quilts, sofa given away

During the awards, three quilts, made by Deborah Farland, Dorothy Smestad and Mary Nicklos, will be given away. Also given away will be a 7-Up cooler donated by Ted Parth of Bird City. The club members restored the cooler and made it into a sofa.

"Join us for a day of fun in the park," Mr. Schultz said.

Cost-Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne Co. Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, **May 1 - May 24** at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

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