

Regional recycling is doing well in area

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Regional recycling is doing "pretty well," said Roger Jensen, county representative for the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization, at the Friday morning Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

In the eight counties belonging to the organization, Mr. Jensen said Cheyenne County is running in the middle as far as bringing in the number of tons of recyclable items. He noted that the recession has also hit recycling.

Scott County, which joined the organization about a year ago, is bringing in almost as much as Cheyenne County, he said.

Tentatively, the e-waste recycling pickup for the county will be the second Tuesday in March. This will allow county residents to bring in old computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, just to name some, and they will be taken for no charge at the landfill. There will be a charge for businesses to bring equipment.

There are not enough bins for Bird City, Mr. Jensen said. He was asking for the county to purchase some of the bins (six bins are needed).

The bins are made by an out-of-county business. Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked if there was a business or two in the county that would be able to build the bins? Mr. Jensen will check with Ross Manufacturing and Greg Walz Welding to see if they could build the bins and bring the prices back to the commissioners. The commissioners said they would see if the cost of the bins could be worked into the budget.

Joy Anderegg, who also serves on the recycling board, was present.

Wellness program

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, talked about the health "wellness" program which will help county employees to keep in check with their health. Terry Miller, clerk, said the county health insurance includes the spouses participation in the program.

Mrs. Bandel said she would rather have the same program for the whole county. After discussion, Mrs. Bandel will send a letter to all employees telling them about the program and the days they should come in. She said that blood draws will be taken in March.

Emergency preparedness

Mrs. Bandel said the county health office is very involved in emergency preparedness and bio terrorism. An emergency can happen at any time, she said, referring to the Greensburg tornado.

She said the county is with an eight-county group that meets quarterly. A new work plan requires that the county must conduct a practice "point of dispensing medication" once a year. The state has been notified that she plans to do the medication dispensing on March 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the St. Francis

Grade School. Sophomore, junior and senior students will act like patients and will be given medications (chocolate candies).

She said she will need the help of the community members. These people will also be responding if there is an actual emergency.

"I will be evaluated by the state," she said. "This can (we hope it doesn't) happen."

Nevertheless, she is required to keep supplies available for such a time.

She said the county commissioners are considered the "county board of health." Mr. Miller oversees the management of the volunteers and Kari Gilliland is in charge of giving information to the press.

Mapping

Bruce Webb, county appraiser, and Bruce Schneider with R and S Digital, discussed the digital mapping for the county. Mr. Webb is wanting to get the county's maps up to speed and get the process rolling.

Mr. Snider said the 911 mapping is satisfactory. His cost is \$7.50 per parcel and there are 4,700 parcels in the county. No decision was made.

Road and bridge supervisor's report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said the city of St. Francis had asked the county crew to do some road elevation to the southwest

side of the city. He thought it would only take a couple of days. The commissioners agreed that it would be good to help the city out.

Mr. Flemming said the D-5 dozer needs repairs and the estimated cost to have someone repair it would be \$16,165. He said he thought the county mechanics could maybe fix part of it but it definitely needs to be repaired in the very near future.

He said Cleveland Run township trustees have some money. They suggested it be used to build a walking path north of St. Francis from the railroad tracks to the bridge. He pointed out that the amount of money to be donated was not enough to put in an asphalt walking path and there was also the problem of where to put it. He didn't think it was safe to run it beside the road and didn't want to put it in the ditch. No decision was made.

Mr. Flemming said his employees had been given a choice of four different options of working hours/pay. They had voted to work a 40-hour week but use last year's pay schedule of 45 hours and get the overtime.

Dale Patton, commissioner, pointed out that it wasn't fair for the county crew to set their own schedules for a certain amount of pay when the employees working in the courthouse were not allowed the same privilege.

The commissioners agreed that they did not approve of the employees' choice and that the same schedule would be retained but they could take their vacations one-half day at a time instead of keeping full days.

In other business

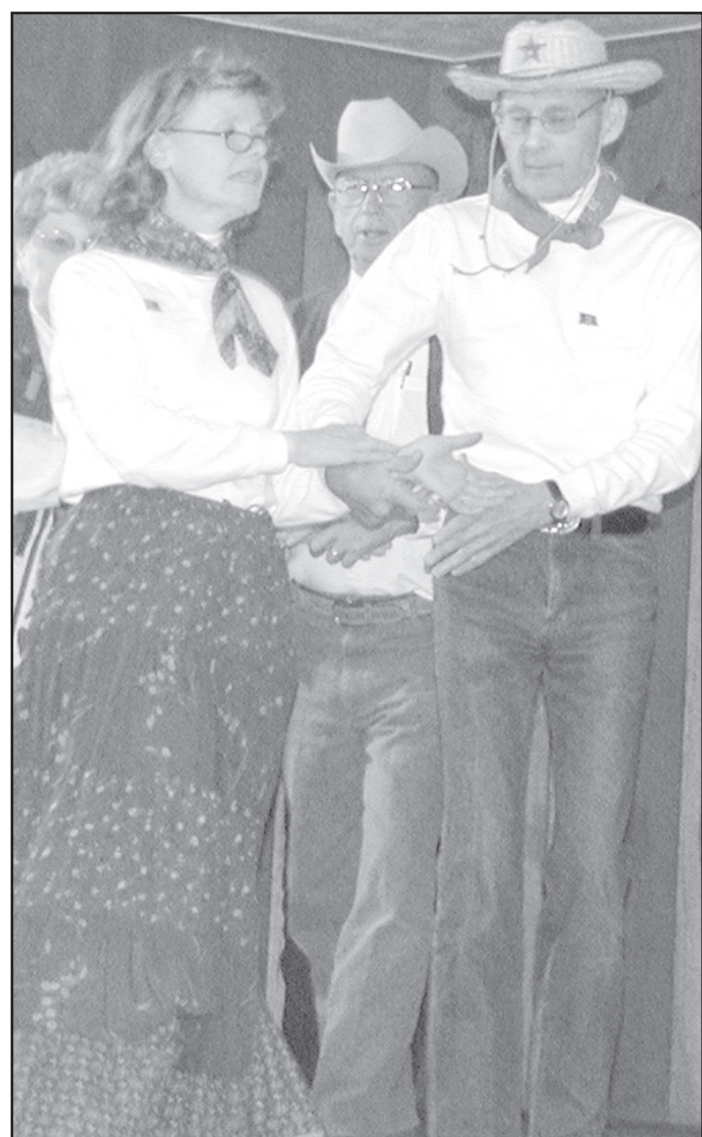
In other business:
• The commissioners agreed to pay the county's half, \$1,535, to have the firemen bunker gear storage unit built in the new St. Francis Emergency Building. The St. Francis City Council has approved its share.

• There is an open meeting session being held in Goodland. It was noted that the commissioners diligently try to practice the Sunshine Rule and that the county attorney is well aware of the laws. The commissioners decided not to attend.

• Gary Rogers, emergency manager, said there is a regional Geographic Information Systems meeting. The commissioners are encouraged to attend.

• Danny Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, and Dolores Jenik, treasurer, were given permission to attend workshops.

• The commissioners approved for the sheriff to purchase tires for one of the vehicles. The cost is \$250 each. "It is a safety issue," said Mr. Beikman.



SQUARE DANCING was just some of the fun at this year's Kansas Day. Daphne Roberts and Stan Carmen promenade during the festivities. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Monday afternoon visitors of Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis.

Eleanor Swihart was a Sunday visitor and overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart in St. Francis.

Jon and Rachel Mallett, Taylor and Addie of Manhattan were weekend guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka. Other Sunday supper guests were Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family Agnes Sabatka, Vaughn Sabatka, and Tammi Frink and family.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

The George Banister family attended the Cheylin - Rawlins County basketball games Tuesday evening in McDonald.

Debbie and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Wheatland-Grinnell basketball games Friday night at Grainfield. Afterwards they called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mense at Grinnell.

Josh Johnson and his teammates of the Casper College Livestock Judging Team returned to Casper,

Wyo. on Saturday Jan. 16, from the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colo. The group competed in a 30 team field and placed a respectable fourth. On Monday, Feb. 2, this same group, plus one, will be leaving Casper going to Fort Worth, Tex., where they will judge at the Fort Worth Stock Show on Friday, Feb. 6.

Friday evening until Sunday morning guests of Bethel Goltl were Matthew, Sophie, and Jack Goltl of Wichita.

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizens

Joan Tongish welcomed 34 senior citizens to the Feb. 2 meeting of the McDonald Senior Citizens. Nurse, Rose Whitehurst, checked blood pressures.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables in a valentine theme. Each place setting had a cute candy treat in the shape of a puppy.

Eleanor Swihart read two poems and then gave the meal blessing.

After a delicious potluck dinner, everyone played bingo. The black-out prize was shared by Kenny Wilkinson and Ray Johnson.

At the business meeting, Joan Tongish announced that Johnene Cheney will be at the Senior Center

during tax season to assist with tax preparation.

March committees will be Owen Wingfield, Poem and Prayer; Phyllis Wingfield, Binto; LaVina Waters, Prizes; Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh and Eleanor Swihart, Kitchen Help.

Part-time Help Wanted Nutritional Services at Hospital

This job includes preparing and cooking food for patients, employees and visitors. Prepare meals by following recipes, determining food quantities and following meal time schedules.

Monitor food service for nutritional, safety, sanitation and quality standards.

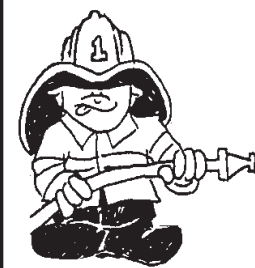
For more information contact Christa Brown
332-2104 or cbrown@cheyennecountyhospital.com

Fireman's Hamburger Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 8
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at the Bird City
Firehouse

Free-will donations



Medical Technologist Wanted

Cheyenne County Hospital is currently accepting applications for a Medical Technologist.

* Perform chemical, serologic, microscopic and bacteriological tests to obtain data for the use in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, in the department of:

*Hematology *Chemistry *Blood banking *Immunohematology *Clinical Microscopy *Microbiology *Observe, monitor, record, interpret and report results on tests performed with accuracy. *Rotate weekends and share call *Competitive benefits and wages

For more information about our facility or to fill out an on-line application and resume check us out at:

www.cheyennecountyhospital.com. You can send a resume to kmeyer@cheyennecountyhospital.com or call 785-332-2104 and ask for Kary or Darrell.



Non-surgical treatment of hemorrhoids.

John D. Ferris, MD will be at:
291 15th Street
Burlington, CO

Wednesday, Feb. 18 & Friday, Feb. 20

For information or appointment, call 1-800-593-0009



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