

# Commissioners talk about recycling

By Karen Krien

During the budget hearing at the Aug. 31 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, the discussion turned to recycling and what could be done to make people recycle.

Present for these discussions were Rodney Netzel, Tina Kehl, Jim Laffond, Dr. and Mrs. Poling.

Mr. Netzel thought that people should be charged for not recycling, especially since the landfill pits are quickly filling up.

Mr. Patton pointed out that recycling costs money. The city council had asked if the county would help pay for a full-time person at the St. Francis recycling center.

While trash helps fill up the landfill, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, what has been the biggest problem was the hail storm two years ago when shingles ended up in the hole. Mr. Netzel said he thought that shinglers should be charged more to dump.

The landfill, the commissioners said, doesn't generate enough money to pay for the expenses. On top of everything else, the state mandates that the county put \$17,000 a year away for the time when the landfill will be forced to close.

Ms. Kehl wanted to know if it wasn't possible to make recycling

mandatory? The commissioners pointed out that people will have to sift and sort trash and county and city doesn't do that.

Mr. Laffond said that it is a job and it puts men to work and if recyclables pay.

In this area, Mr. Beikman said, it takes nine counties to make recycling pay. We only have seven counties working together. We don't have the volume.

Ms. Kehl suggested that people who do not recycle be fined. When they don't pay the fine, it can be put on their taxes.

Mr. Patton said that this will probably lead to illegal dumping. Mr. Beikman said there is already illegal dumping.

"You would be surprised how many tires we get in our dumpster (behind his shop) and we have to pay for them at the landfill," Mr. Beikman said.

People take their grass and leaves to the country ditches, he said, and they can dump at the city's area.

Kari Gilliland gave the example of the 90-year-old woman who has a little bag of trash and she can't afford \$25 to recycle.

Money, Ms. Kehl said, is the only thing that will get people's attention.

Mr. Ketzner called the discussion to a halt by suggesting that a time slot be set up to discuss recycling.



TIM BURR works at his desk at *The Saint Francis Herald* office, he is the new advertising manager.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## New ad manager hired at local newspapers

For the last month, Tim Burr has been the ad manager for The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

Tim was born and raised in Cheyenne County. Up until now, he has worked in cooperative businesses including the St. Francis Equity and Frontier Ag in Bird City.

Ad sales is a new experience for Tim and something he says he enjoys.

I like people, he said, so this job gives me time to visit with people. It is certainly a different type of job.

We are happy to have Tim join

the newspaper staff, said Karen Krien, publisher. He is a great addition.

To buy an ad or for more information on advertising, contact him at 785-332-3162 or tburr@nwkans.com.

Tim and his wife, Robin, who is a Resource teacher in the grade school, have two children. T.J. and his wife, Sarah, have two children, Riley and Tyce. They live in Evans, Colo. His daughter, Abby, lives in Denver.

Mr. Burr enjoys sports, including following the kids in sports. He also likes being with family.

## Club Clips

### American Legion Auxiliary

On Sept. 2, the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall in Bird City, with 11 members present and two visitors.

This was the first meeting for this new year, and also membership day, where they all paid dues for the year.

For the program, Carol Marsh read an essay by Harriet May Savitz, which was written for her sons and daughters on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Throughout America, we are linked forever in this moment of violence. We will each and all remember where we were, what we were doing, how we felt, what we said.

For now we are one, the person sitting at his office desk, the one collecting the trash, the one filling shelves in the supermarket, the one teaching in the schoolroom, the one behind the computer. We are one, the clerk in the department store, the professor at the college, the prominent and the invisible. On this day, Sept. 11, 2001, we have felt each minute, each hour together. We are one today, the mother picking up her children from school, the farmer taking care of his fields, the scientist in his laboratory, the radio and television reporters bringing us news. We do not know each other, but we share the freedom of this country. We know what it is like to be an American, that individual right, and so this day, we are one. We are one, the poor and the rich, the black and the white and the brown, the educated and the illiterate, the city dwellers and the car-poolers. We have seen together and felt together and cried together."

Mrs. Marsh goes on to end this essay with, "With their terrorism, they made us one. On this fateful day, Sept. 11, 2001, they made us one. And now America shall show them what this "sweet land of liberty" can do when it unites."

This was really thought provoking as this 10th

anniversary of this terrible day in history is right around the corner.

We are going to start collecting items for the Support our Soldiers as we have to mail them out earlier this year.

Bingo will start on Oct. 1. We will have these on the first and third Saturday nights from Oct. through Mar.

Wanda Dowdy also told us that anyone with a computer can help the homeless and needy veterans every day by going to this website: <http://www.thehungersite.com> and click on the veterans to help by providing one meal to a homeless veteran. This will only take a few seconds of your time, to honor those who have given so much to preserve our freedom. On this site there are other opportunities to help with: the famine in Africa, Autism, Breast Cancer, Child Health, Literacy, Animal Rescue and the Rain Forest.

Anyone who is eligible to join us is welcome to meet with us on the First Friday of each month at the Legion Hall at 2 p.m. We would really like to have you come and serve with us in helping the veterans as well as those who are serving our country right now. Freedom is not Free.

### Go Getters

The Bird City Go-Getter's met at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds on August 4th, 2011 at noon. There were 12 members and three adults present.

Club member's showed their fair entries to one another. "Reach for the Stars and Lasso your Future" was the theme for the fair this year.

The next meeting of the Bird City Go Getters will be held at the Lutheran Church in Bird City on September 1st, 2011 at 6:30.

Dominique Johnston  
Reporter



## Historical meeting scheduled for Sept. 9

The Bird City Historical Association will meet Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center. After a brief business meeting, the project, Blocks and Lots, will be discussed.

All members are asked to bring a picture and a written story of their heirloom keepsake for the development of the journal.

Also please bring a written story of your chosen category for the development of the pamphlet entitled, "The Mystery of the Past for Youthful Readers."

Anyone interested in the preservation of the history of the Bird City area and the surrounding area is welcome to come and join us.

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On Friday, August 26, 2011, the famed *California Zephyr* experienced a collision near Benkelman, Nebr. Law enforcement, emergency services, the public schools, private citizens and businesses responded swiftly and decisively, working with our employees to help those in need.

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