How to make people recycle is topic of meeting

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com During the budget hearing at the Aug. 31 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, the and what could be done to make people recycle.

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

Mr. Neitzel 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. Neitzel said he thought that shinglers should be charged more to dump.

The landfill, the commisenough 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

cycling mandatory? The com- to discuss recycling.

Owens is one of 338 associ-

Secondary Education.

- Student Graduates

Heath J. Owens, St. Francis, has were announced for the summer

graduated from Fort Hays State 2011 semester by Dr. Joey Linn,

University with a bachelor's in registrar and associate vice presi-

ate and bachelor's graduates who Gladys Owens, St. Francis.

missioners 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 discussion turned to recycling 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

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

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 sioners said, doesn't generate 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 dis-Ms. Kehl wanted to know if cussion to a halt by suggestit wasn't possible to make re- ing that a time slot be set up

dent for student affairs.

He is the son of Patrick and

The Gardener

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It's extremely difficult for me to imagine a summer of almost 40 days with at least 100 degrees on the thermometer. And yet that's the story of the season in Southern Kansas, including Dodge City, Liberal, Hutchinson and Wichita to name a few.

It was even hotter farther south in Oklahoma and Texas. Just the thought of 100 degrees or higher day after day after day is enough to make you ill.

Pastures are completely burned down. Cattlemen are searching for some kind of hay to feed their remaining herds this coming winter. Road ditches show no sign of vegetation.

Dry land wheat farmers have no idea how they're going to put out a crop of wheat this fall. One operator said his farm had received less than an inch of rain so far this year. But you've probably already heard of this summer to remember, or perhaps to forget.

Those who tried to maintain a decent garden in Southern Kansas and points south have been severely tested. Many, many early morning hours and lots and lots of water is the order of the day.

Still, vegetable gardens and flower beds have taken a severe beating. Buffalo grass lawns have been allowed to go into dormancy rather than to pour on the water.

A retired friend of mine in Dodge City says the only time they go out of the house is to take "short jaunts" to the store for the essentials.

And here in Northwest Kansas, only 150 miles north of the extreme heat, fall crops look pretty good so far. Rainfall totals have been near or above normal, and in most areas, 100-degree days can be counted on one hand, and weeds are a big problem.

As a result of the timely rains and more reasonable high temperatures, vegetable gardens have been notably productive here in the higher elevations of the state. The exception might be the lateness of the tomato crop, or in many cases, unusually large amounts of the dreaded tomato blight.

But have you ever noted a summer with such high-humidity levels? As a result, most residents

will agree that despite the lack of a bumper crop of winter squash of triple-digit temperatures, it has in- every size and color. I also know deed been an uncomfortable sum-

For those of us who have survived Mother Nature's little idiosyncrasies, the practice of food preservation is moving full speed ahead. Pickle jars are being filled with all flavors of spicy goodness. Maturing cantaloupe are providing one of the sweetest treats the garden has to offer. And it looks like

where there is a crock of freshly cut cabbage, slowly fermenting into a tasty helping of sauerkraut.

Hopefully, the potatoes at your house are mostly harvested and stored in a cool, dark place, wherever that could possibly be. The same goes for those big sweet onions, and while they may not be as big and sweet as in past years, they still need a cool dry place to

spend the rest of their lives.

Always keep this in mind as the summer garden production begins to wind down. Make it a point to remember friends and neighbors who have no garden. If there is a bit of an excess of vegetables at your house, find someone at another house who would sincerely appreciate receiving them. Share the excess of your garden rather than allow it to go to waste!

Club Clip

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

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

Mrs. Marsh goes on to end this essay with, "With their terrorism,

and cried together."

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

Bingo will start on Oct. 1. We Saturday nights from Oct. through

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 will have these on the first and third 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

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Troy Dankenbring of Aurora, visitor of his grandparents, Donna Colo., was a Thursday and Friday and Norvin Northrup.

Measuring Cups

with hot water. Dump out the hot

water, but don't dry the cup. Next,

Before you pour sticky sub-

- Helpful Tips -

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an stances into a measuring cup, fill it empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and -- voila -- static

add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it

comes right out. Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser!

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