

Proposal would recycle small appliances

That old toaster, television, microwave or computer you keep looking to throw away may soon have a place to go a recycling proposal presented to Sherman County commissioners on Wednesday.

Dave Daniels, a city commissioner and county representative to Southeast and East Central Colorado Recycling, told the commissioners about a presentation by John Miller of Guarantee Recycling of Denver. Daniels said Miller proposed recycling all the small electronic items and computers that have circuit boards and chips.

He said Miller estimated that 5 percent of the material taken to the average landfill is the type he would like to pick up.

Daniels said it could be a once-a-year program or Miller will bring a skid out for people to dump devices in and pick it up when it is full. The charge would be 29 cents a pound, Daniels said.

Commissioners agreed it sounded like something to pursue. Daniels said the county might consider charging a small fee to take the electronic items, or consider paying the fee as a way to encourage citi-

zens to keep the stuff out of the landfill.

Daniels said Miller told the recycling group that his system reclaims 95 percent of the material they pick up, and has a way of handling computer hard drives with sensitive material. Daniels said these are ground up and a tag can be returned to prove the drive was destroyed.

Miller's recycling plant is located near I-70 and Havana in Denver, Daniels said.

The commissioners said they might call Miller and ask him to come out talk about his plans.

Daniels gave the commissioners an update on the recycling collections from Goodland and Kanorado.

Through the fourth quarter, up to the end of December, he said, 293 cubic yards of recycle had been picked up in Goodland. The total for Kanorado was 10.5 yards.

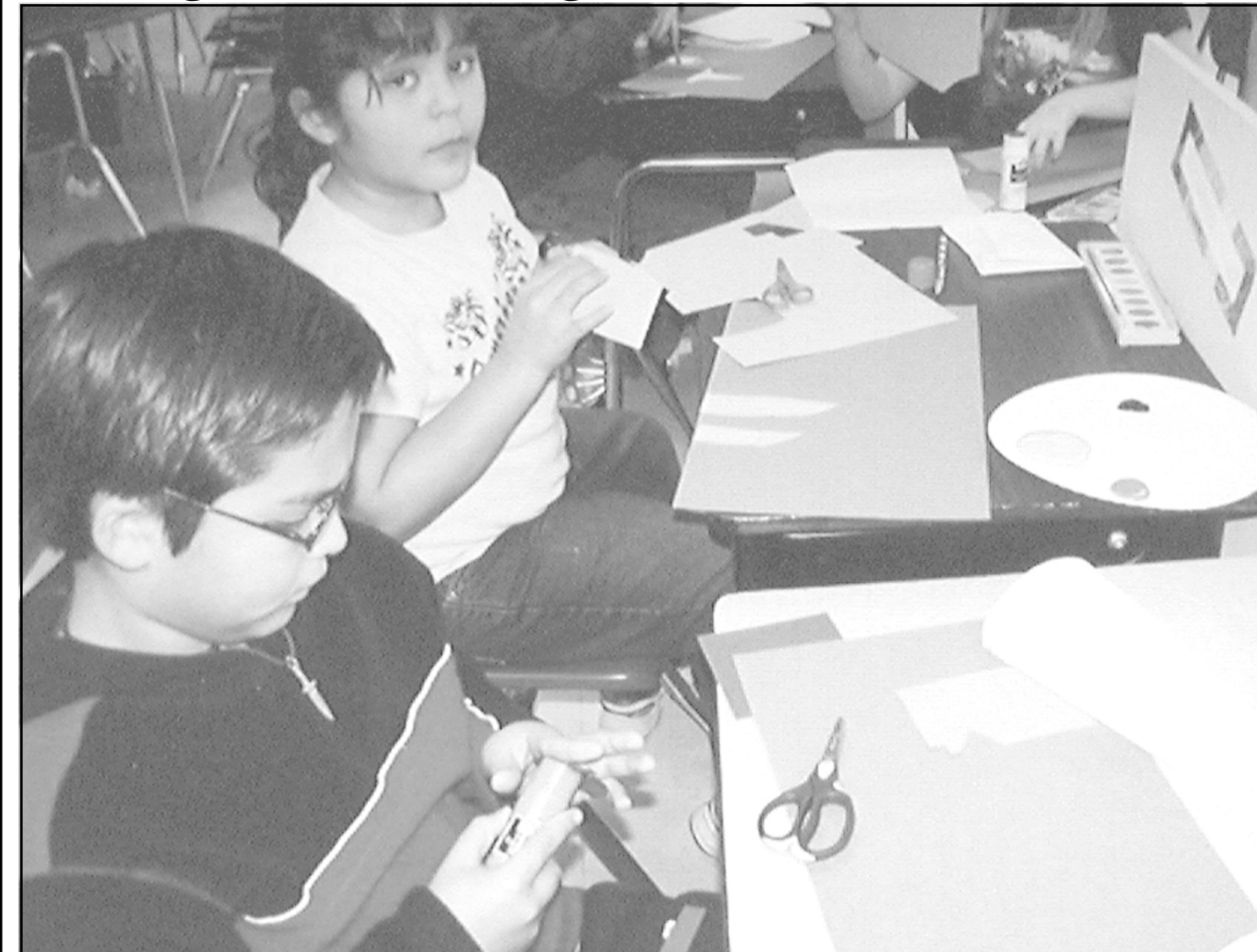
Daniels said Goodland is second to LaJunta, Colo., which had 343 cubic yards. Lamar, Colo., was close behind with 291.

Daniels said the people of Sherman County are great to work with, and are good about keeping things out of the landfill.

Daniels is a member of the Sherman County Solid Waste Committee, and Commissioner Chuck Thomas said the commissioners had received a letter of resignation from Tom Betz, who had been chairman. Betz's letter said an increase in his workload had made it hard to continue working with the committee.

Daniels said he would try to schedule a committee meeting and would be looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

Making art like Van Gogh



During Monday's art gallery opening, one of the slides at West Elementary showed Alonzo Soto and Cristina Alvarez working on their "Starry Night" projects during Carnegie Arts Center Director Tina Goodwin's lessons on Vincent Van Gogh and his art.

Goodwin and the school's teachers took photos of the students working to include in the slide presentation. More photos on page 9.

Photo by Tina Goodwin

Sentencing set for March

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Sentencing for a St. Francis man who pleaded guilty to amended charges in the July 4 "car surfing" death of a Goodland man is set for Monday, March 12, in Kit Carson County District Court in Burlington.

Gage Allen Cloyd, 20, was killed and Corey D. Schulte, also 20, hurt while trying to "surf" on the hood of a 2002 Mercury Mountaineer near Kanorado last summer. The Colorado State Patrol reported Kelley Dwight Faylor, 26, St. Francis, was driving south on Kit Carson County Road 59 north of County Road FF about 3:30 a.m. that day.

Faylor was taken to the Kit Carson County Jail in Burlington and charged with vehicular homicide, driving under the influence and assault. He pleaded guilty in January to amended charges of vehicular assault and driving while ability impaired.

The court file shows a guilty plea to vehicular assault, a class 4 felony, entered Jan. 16, said Deputy District Attorney Stephen Monks, with a four-year deferred judgment. The file also shows a guilty plea for driving while ability impaired, he said, with no sentence set.

Sentencing is scheduled for next month, Monks said, adding he isn't the one handling the case, so the only information he has is what is in the file.

In the case of a deferment, he said, the court puts the person on probation, and if they complete the

terms, the charges are dismissed. In this case, he said, the file says paying restitution is one of the conditions, but it doesn't say how much. Often that is set in cooperation with the victim, he said.

Patrol Cpl. Kirk Preston of Burlington said witnesses told him Cloyd and Schulte climbed onto the sun-roof of the moving sport utility and slid down the windshield to the hood. Cloyd fell off and was run over by the truck. Preston said Faylor tried to slow down without having Schulte fall off, but he too was run over.

Both were taken to Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington, where Cloyd was declared dead at 4:52 a.m. by Dr. James Perez. Schulte was flown to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

Dr. Anthony Olaiz, Kit Carson County coroner, said Cloyd had multiple trauma to his chest, ribs and pelvis.

Five other people in the car witnessed the accident, said Preston: Tomi Leigh Windell, 20; Amber Lee Peterson, 21; and Malcolm Joshua White, 20, all of Goodland; and Kristi Marie Boyce, 21, and Matthew Allan Windell, 22, both of Kanorado.

Cloyd was born July 9, 1985, the son of Greg and Tammy Cloyd of Goodland. He attended school in Goodland, graduating from high school in 2004. He graduated in 2005 from North Central Kansas Technical School in Beloit and was a certified welder for Advance Tanks of Wellington, Colo.

Voters must petition to vote for college

By John Van Nostrand
Colby Free Press

Thomas County voters could have a say about Colby Community College's building proposal in city and school elections Tuesday, April 3, but only if someone initiates a petition forcing a vote.

While college officials say they welcome a vote, they won't be asking for one. They say opponents will have to pass petitions to force a vote on either or both of two financing proposals.

The college plans a 115,000-square-foot activities center, including a 2,400 seat gymnasium, auxiliary gym, wrestling room, locker rooms, walking track, weight room, offices and other amenities, and a new three-story, 260-bed student living center.

The entire project is valued at \$20 million, with the dormitory estimated at \$5 million.

Opponents have until 8 a.m. Monday, March 5, to submit a petition calling for an election. The college could proceed with the project without a vote if no petition is filed.

Because of financial and legal limitations, officials say, the college plans to use two forms of borrowing to finance the project. Plans are to issue about \$10.5 million in certificates of participation, with another \$4.4 million in general obligation bonds. Property taxes would increase to pay the loans.

If the proposal is approved, the

college estimates, the owner of a Thomas County home valued at \$120,000 would see taxes increase about \$165 a year. Taxes on dryland farmland valued at \$110,000 would increase \$45 and on irrigated farmland valued at \$224,000 about \$91.

Voters will decide on the certificates of participation only if a petition forces an election for that part of the plan, said County Clerk Shelly Harms. The certificates would be paid back over 20 years.

"We agreed, as a board, both need to pass to proceed," said board member Kenton Krehbiel. "If not, we will revisit and see where we need to go."

Harms said a petition for an election is due 30 days after the last publication of the legal statement related to the proposal, and the clock started running last week.

Anyone who wants to force an election would have to create the petition on their own and write it in a way the voters will understand, Harms said.

At least 5 percent of the voters in the Nov. 7 general election must sign the petition, she said, about 130 people. County election officials will then verify that signers were eligible voters.

Kready said he thinks the center is worth paying for.

"It's a need, I think," he said. "It would be wonderful for the community."

Kready said the center could be

used as a recruiting tool to grow the college's enrollment and exposure.

"It will be a facility used by the students and the community," he said. "The people of the community can use it with all the exercise equipment. It would bring more to Colby."

Kready called the wellness center "a quasi-industry."

"It will bring people to Colby," he said.

Krehbiel said the board began researching the center idea about three years ago. A year ago, an informal proposal for building a wellness center without a gymnasium was announced. Krehbiel said that plan, which drew some community opposition, became the foundation for what is being considered today.

"It is a different facility than a year ago," he said. "We visited with other schools and facilities like this and realized we needed to consider more."

The Trojans play at the Colby Community Building today. Krehbiel said the civic center has met the college's needs, but scheduling activities with others using the building is a struggle.

"The wellness center will free up time and activities for the Community Building," he said.

Because of Trojan team's practice and game schedules, he added, plus other events at the building, some events have been turned away.

Krehbiel said the new center will be offered to the Colby School District and others to use. That way, organizers of popular basketball and wrestling tournaments can bring their events to Colby.

"Having the center, the community building and the high school, we can have dual events here," he said.

The proposed student living center is not an addition, but a replacement of current dorms. Krehbiel said the old buildings are showing their age and inefficiency, especially in lack of electric outlets.

"Back in the '60s and '70s, students didn't have laptops, CDs and cell phones to plug in," he said. "Our dorms are kept up well, but they show their age."

If approved, construction may start by the end of the year, Krehbiel said.

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Joseph A. Olivera and Jean S. Olivera, trustees of Joseph A. and Jean S. Olivera Revocable Trust, of Santa Barbara, Calif. to Olivera Properties, LLC of Calif., NE/4 Sec. 15, T6S R38W.

Wilmer W. Bahe, trustee of Wilmer W. Bahe Revocable Trust to Kent L. Willems and Shelly K. Willems, SW/4 NE/4 of NE/4, S/2 NW/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4 all in Sec. 23, T8S R40W less a tract of land in NE/4 Sec. 23, T8S R40W of 1.63 acres more or less.

Wilmer W. Bahe, trustee of Wilmer W. Bahe Revocable Trust to Max E. Linin and Brenda K. Linin, E/2 Sec. 30, T8S R39W less tracts of land and SW/4 Sec. 30, T8S R39W less tracts of land.

Leo Townsend and Eunice Townsend to Darol E. Peter and Carrie A. Peter, an undivided 36 percent interest in all of Lot 2, Townsend Estates Subdivision, City of Goodland.

Leo Townsend and Eunice Townsend to Darol E. Peter and Carrie A. Peter, an undivided 32 percent interest in all of Lot 2, Townsend Estates Subdivision, City of Goodland.

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