

E-waste collection set for Tuesday

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An e-waste pick up will be held on Tuesday in both St. Francis and Bird City. The Bird City pick up will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the city shop. From 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be people at the St. Francis recycling center behind the museum on U.S. 36 helping collect e-waste.

If items are heavy, said Roger Jensen, country representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board, there will be people to help unload them.

For years, people have questioned what to do with their old televisions and radios. Then computers came along and practically every family had a computer that much of it was obsolete by the time it was taken out of the box.

Items taken

E-waste item pick ups are free to households, government offices

and educational institutions located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan and Thomas counties.

There is a charge for items brought in by businesses, organizations and out-of-region recyclers. The charge is \$5 for computer monitors; \$10 for televisions; \$2 for microwaves or 10-cents a pound per item for all other e-waste items.

There will be only one more free-to-residents collection.

Some of the items considered for e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, tape recorders, satellite receivers, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

The next collection will be Aug. 24.

Five contestants vie for county title

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Five seniors will be vying for the title of Cheyenne County Young Miss on Saturday, June 26, in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

This year's participants are Allyson Marin, Mikaela Grace, Jalyn McCauley, Aubree Schlepp and Sarah Trembly.

The theme for the program is "Miami Daze." A grueling week of practice will start Monday. They will be helped with makeup by Raquel Grover on Thursday.

On Saturday, a parade down Washington Street will be held at

2 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Last year's Young Miss, Dale Northrup, will be entertaining the audience with several numbers.

Along with the individual talent numbers performed by the contestants, the girls will be dressed in evening gowns for the "Poise and Elegance" category and will be performing for the "Endurance" category.

The program enables incoming senior girls a chance to develop themselves in the areas of scholastic, interviews, talent, physical fitness and poise.



Country concert held in cold and rain

It was cold, damp and sometimes rainy but that didn't stop people from coming to the Rednecks and Red Dirt concert. The concert was held Saturday running into the evening. There were five bands playing and the musicians didn't seem to mind the cooler weather.

People brought their chairs, coats and blankets and enjoyed the music. There were drinks, food and T-shirts available.

About 8:30, the rain set in and the bands and crowd moved to the big barn to finish out the evening.

This is the second try at having a concert in Cheyenne County and both times, it has been hampered by weather conditions.



Club Clip

Plum Creek 4-H

The Plum Creek 4-H Club met on February 3 at the Equity meeting room. Seventeen members and two leaders answered roll call of "Do you have a Secret Valentine."

The club made a profit of \$187.05 from the cake raffle.

The committee report for community service said the 4-H'ers could re-build the cross on the side of the hill across from Riverside Recreation and the United Methodist Thrift Store needs help too. Another idea that came up was to help soldiers with the bare essentials while they are over seas and sending them cards and emails.

Leaders report included model meeting, March 9 at the Methodist Church; County 4-H Days, March 22 at the high school; Regional 4-H Days in Brewster on April 9; Sherman County Spring Show May 7 and 8; Cheyenne County Spring Show, May 29; County

4-H camp in Rock Springs June 24-27 and the District horse show in Norton on July 6.

The 4-H'ers discussed hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. It was decided to wait until next year.

The 4-H'ers voted to have Jo Frewen come to a meeting and talk about the soldier's and sending them items. It was also decided to work at the thrift store as a community service project.

Mikaela Grace gave a talk on how to conduct a 4-H meeting. A demonstration on 'How to make homemade ice cream' was given by Thomas Douthit. Jesse Baxter gave a demonstration on his wood burning kit.

The Baxters led the club in signing Farmer in the Dell. Recreation was led by Thomas Douthit and the club played Duck, Duck, Goose.

Shakotah Blanka, reporter

School board discusses finances

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The school's fiscal year will end June 30. The St. Francis Board of Education, at the regular meeting on Thursday, briefly discussed the financials and how they may play out by that time.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said he expected a drop in students again this year. The state made severe cuts which have affected the entire state, he said, and while the increase in sales tax has helped this year, he expected financial problems in years to come.

The board signed contracts for 29 of the licensed personnel which

had been returned. They also signed contracts for 28 of the 30 non-licensed personnel.

A special meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, in the board room to approve the final business transactions of this fiscal year. By that date, Mr. Schiltz believes there will be enough information known about next year's budget to decide whether there will be money available to offer contracts to the five licensed personnel that were not offered contracts earlier.

Gift accepted

Mr. Schiltz reported that another gift offer for \$1,273 had been made

by NexTech Wireless. Each time a customer signs on with NexTech, a certain amount goes to the school. The total amount received, to date, from the NexTech school rebate program is \$4,226.

In other business

In other business: The board signed a contract for Nathan Smith to run the summer weightlifting program.

Myra Douthit, former school board member, was reappointed to the Northwest Kansas Technical

College Board in Goodland.

Mr. Schiltz encouraged board members to check out the new windows that are being installed in the back of the high school.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board is a special meeting to pay the end of the fiscal year bills. It will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, in the high school meeting room. The regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, in the meeting room.

Help Wanted

Immediate care for elderly man, mornings and evenings, light house keeping. Call David 785-650-4770 or Glenda 785-772-7019

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Deadline will be Tuesday, July 6th at 5 p.m.

