

More talk about landfill

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A great deal of the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday was spent discussing the newspaper article concerning the previous commissioners' meeting.

Cathy Domsch, executive director of Bird City's Century II; and Troy Burr, Bird City mayor, were concerned about what had been printed about the county's landfill and the houses that are being demolished in Bird City.

Mrs. Domsch passed out typed responses to the article which had appeared in the Sept. 9 issues of the *Bird City Times* and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

At the previous meeting, Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said Ed Garner, landfill supervisor, wanted to know if he was to continue letting the Bird City houses that had been demolished be added to the landfill free of charge. There was a question as to whether or not the dumping of the last demolition project materials had been separated into piles so part of it could be burned.

The commissioners, Mrs. Domsch said, had allowed the demolished lumberyard to be dumped free of charge. This project that is underway is a Community Development Building Grant project for housing renovation and demolition within the city. The commissioners had agreed, as part of the grant application, to waive landfill fees. The grant allows two years to complete three housing demolitions and 12 housing renovations.

Commissioner Dale Patton explained that, yes, they had wanted to help with the grant and, that cleaning up the city is a good project. However, the county has just spent \$60,000 to expand the landfill, hoping it would last 10 to 12 years.

It is necessary, he said, that everything that can be burned, is burned. Mr. Garner cannot burn boards with paint or even a nail in them and, he cannot burn even one asphalt shingle. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, he said, will lock the gates of the landfill if we do not follow the regulations. And, we don't want to have to transfer all the items that come to the landfill.

The lumberyard, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, was a bigger project than he had ever thought it would be. He had talked to the contractor who had torn down the building and he had understood that, after it was burned, he would pull out the tin. That won't work, Mr. Beikman said.

Mrs. Domsch said it was her understanding that the materials were being separated.

Mayor Burr asked how it is possible to follow the law and not fill up the landfill? We don't want to make things worse, he said.

The ideal thing, Mr. Beikman said, was to grind up everything and bury it but that is not feasible.

Mr. Patton said everyone needs to recycle more - recycle where we can.

After the article came out in the paper, Mayor Burr said he had called Mr. Garner and he said things were coming in satisfactory.

Ed and Roy Shrader, contractor, need to work out something, said Mr. Patton.

However, he said, once the landfill is full, it is full and we will probably never get another permit to dig another hole.

And, once the landfill is closed, it will cost almost \$400,000 to cover it, said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner. We put so much money away each year to help cover that cost when it does come.

We want to keep the communication open between us, Mrs. Domsch said. Is there an issue with the waiver of the fees?

You have the financial assistance to pay for the fee, Mr. Patton said, but we know that it makes the grant application look better if the county works with the city.

"My intent is to work together for the betterment of the county,"

Mr. Patton said. "Hopefully, we can minimize how much goes into the landfill."

"The fees that might have been accessed won't make that much different. It is the matter that the landfill is filling up."

"How do we approach future projects?" Mrs. Domsch asked.

"How are we going to work together with more projects?" ask Mr. Burr. "I just want to make sure we are all on the same page. I'm not arguing - if it isn't good for the county, it isn't good for anyone."

Sometimes, Mr. Beikman said, when we are working with community projects, we run into problems. Now, we have the local contractor who wonders why he is charged a fee. It's hard to understand but grant applications look for county and community participation.

The commissioners discussed hiring a full-time recycling person. That, Mr. Beikman said, may be something we need to do to help save the landfill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment shows no mercy to Northwest Kansas - they don't even understand the wind that blows out here.

The commissioners made no decisions as the discussion was mainly just to make sure there was communication between all parties.



KENT KECHTER visits with fellow Poker Run participants. The weather was perfect on Sunday for this fun event. Herald Staff photo by Karen Krien

Poker run has great turnout

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The motorcycles roared out of town shortly after 1:30 Sunday afternoon on the first poker run sponsored by the Cheyenne County Cruisers. While it was a fun afternoon of riding, the purpose of the run was to raise money to purchase a flagpole, flag and lighting for the flag at the St. Francis Cemetery. They also plan to repair the existing poles with new pulleys and cables, and, as needed, purchase new flags as needed.

There were 41 entries including 38 motorcycles and three cars. There were 42 poker hands sold as well as some additional meals.

Riders met at the St. Francis city park where they paid their entries, then picked a card from the deck of cards.

They then took off for Goodland where they picked up another card, then on to Colorado where they picked up cards in Burlington, Stratton and Kirk. The ride was around 150 miles and they arrived back in St. Francis about 5:30 where they enjoyed hamburgers and the winners were announced.

With the \$150 winning hand was Gene Knotts of Flagler, Colo. Second place of \$100 went to Danny Brunswig, Haigler; and Clay Zimbelman took home \$50 for third place. Each vehicle had a bright pink spot taped on the front. There were five people with bugs on the spot so a drawing was held and Brent Henderson, holding an ace, was given \$50.

Some of the winners donated some or all of their winnings back to the flagpole fund. There was also a donation of \$200 made be-



A HAMBURGER FRY was held when the run was over.

fore the run began.

Cruiser members estimated they had cleared around \$550 and a 25-foot aluminum pole has been ordered. The members are still take donations to help with the repairs and other new flags for the cemetery.

"We thought the run was very successful," said Kent Kechter, member and one of the coordinators of the run.

Each year, the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Show is held the second weekend in May. With money raised, they help with community projects as well as giving scholarships to high

school seniors. For more information on being a member of the Cruiser's club or giving a donation to help with the cemetery flag project, call Mr. Kechter, 785-332-0039 or Scott Schultz 785-332-3960.

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library
A Week From Sunday
By Dorothy Garlock

Returning to 1930s America, the setting for some of her most popular novels, Dorothy Garlock presents another thrilling, poignant story about the struggles of the men and women who live and love in the heartland...

Adrianna Moore has just had a double shock: the death of her father and the discovery that he had left his entire estate to his lawyer. A duplicitous social climber, the attorney promises to

give her back her inheritance...if she agrees to marry him a week from Sunday.

Repulsed by his proposal and desperate to escape, Adrianna knows there's only one thing she can do...run! But in the pouring rain, her car collides with a truck driven by Quinn Baxter.

A lumberjack and bar owner, this rugged giant of a man can make a whole new life possible for her...if she accepts the bargain he offers. Will it be enough to free her from the clutches of an enemy who has vowed to possess her at any cost?

The SFCHS Homecoming Cheerleader Soup Supper

Friday, Sept. 24
5 - 6:30 p.m.

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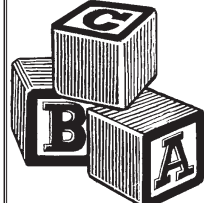
Saturday, October 2 • 3-5p.m.
Main Street Java

216 W. Washington
St. Francis, Kansas



ABC Preschool Drawing

There will be a drawing for a Signed Team Football and Volleyball at halftime of every home football game.



A drawing will be held for a Football sweatshirt and Volleyball T-Shirt at Homecoming.
Thanks for your support!

Influenza "Flu" Clinic Scheduled:

Friday, Oct. 1, 2010
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

No appointment needed

Cheyenne County Health Department located in basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis.
(Elevator available for use to basement)

Cheyenne County Clinic—Bird City
Sat., Oct. 2, 9 a.m. - noon

No appointment necessary

(Note: We will not be having Saturday clinic in St. Francis this day.)

Mila Bandel, RN
County Health Nurse at 785-332-2381

Development Opportunity

318 E. Whittier Street
St. Francis

The City of St. Francis is offering title to above lot in exchange for clean up of the property and removal of the existing structure(s) within a reasonable time as established by the parties. Interested parties are asked to submit their proposal to the City office by 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2010. Any inquiries should be directed to the City Superintendent, JR Landenberger.

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