



ALL READY TO DANCE is Ellee Krien. Teresa Porter, instructor, helps put the bow on before the program, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club, began on Sunday. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick.*

E-waste pick up starts this coming new year

By Karen Krien
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Christmas is almost here and Santa has orders to bring new televisions, computers and microwaves, just to name a few of those electronic gifts. Now, what do residents do with the old equipment?

If residents will just hold on to those items until after the first of the year, said Roger Jensen, coordinator and representative of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board, we will have a collection.

In the past, grant money has paid for the collection of these items but that grant has run out. Seeing the importance of having a place to bring televisions, computers and other items, the board has agreed to send a semi to St. Francis so people from the county can bring in their items.

This collection will cost those bringing items in 25-cents a pound. This just pays for the cost of transportation, Mr. Jensen said.

A trailer will be brought from the Colby center after the first of the year. The collection site is tentatively set for the recycling center

in St. Francis (south of the museum on U.S. 36).



For the last two years, the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling organization has been able to offer free e-waste pick up because of a grant. During those two years, the eight counties involved brought in over 200 tons of e-waste items to the Colby center.

Today, the center is a retail store where a volunteer comes in, repairs and cleans up much of the items. The recycled items are then sold at a minimal cost.

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.

Look for more information about the time and date of the e-waste pick up in January. If there are questions, they can be directed to Mr. Jensen at 785-332-5011.

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Foundations work together

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation and the St. Francis Community Foundation have joined forces to accept charitable contributions. These contributions will support those public and charitable entities that provide or support senior housing and/or long-term care in Cheyenne County for the aged and those in need. Both foundations have established identical funds named "Senior Living for Cheyenne County Fund," and the combined funds will be utilized for the same purpose.

The October fire at the Good Samaritan Village was the disaster that prompted the two boards to work together by creating a vehicle to accept charitable contributions for this cause. The county commissioners recently appointed a task force to study the current and future needs of long-term care in the county. This task force will work with the advisory boards for these two funds to ensure continuity and communication throughout the county for this project.

The combined funds will initially be used to cover the expenses incurred by the task force in researching the current and future needs for long-term care and assisted living. The role of the Senior Living for Cheyenne County Fund Advisory Board is to raise awareness, raise funds for the "Senior Living for Cheyenne County Funds," and suggest grants from these funds.

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation and the St. Francis Community Foundation held a joint meeting on Dec. 9 with local attorneys, accountants and financial planners to educate and agree to establish these Senior Living funds. Brenda Chumley, senior vice president of administration at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, gave a presentation on community foundations and charitable giving, emphasizing that "no gift is too small," as everyone connected to Cheyenne County has an interest in caring for our aging population.

The end of the year is an ideal time to make a charitable contribution to the "Senior Living for Cheyenne County" funds, said Tom Keller, St. Francis Community Foundation board president. During your end of year tax planning, please consider making a tax deductible contribution to either community foundation in the county.

For more information con-



BRENDA CHEEMLEY with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, explained charitable contributions to the two foundation groups in the County. Also pictured are, Sherry Carmichael and Rod Young. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

tact Cathy Domsch, executive director, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, PO Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731, centuryii@bcks.net, 785-734-2556;

Board members include Sherry Carmichael, Rod Young, Roseanna Underwood, John Deeds, Gary Brubaker, David Hendricks, Ned Smith, Martin Burton and Dan Busse.

Or contact Tom Keller, PO Box 967, St. Francis, KS 67756, sfc967@gmail.com, 785-332-3142.

Board members are Mike Day, Robert Grace, Carla Lampe, Dara Carmichael, Carl Werner, Erika Zimbelman, Bruce Swihart and Jo Frewen.



Logan Sarah

Musicians at concert

Logan and Sarah Whitmore were among high school musicians from the 22 county Kansas Music Educators Association Northwest Kansas District to be a part of the District Mini Convention II. This year, the convention featured concerts by three groups of outstanding young musicians: the High School Honor Choir, High School Orchestra and the High School Honor Band.

High school musicians auditioned in November for the privilege to perform in the honor band. Sarah, a sophomore, was selected to play fourth-chair flute, and Logan, a junior, to play sixth chair trumpet.

Sarah and Logan rehearsed for several weeks prior to the convention then traveled to Fort Hays State University on Dec. 11, where they participated in rehearsals during the day, culminating in a public concert at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The Honor Band was under the direction of Jeff Pelischek, director of bands at Hutchinson Community College. They performed several selections ranging from a contemporary lyrical work to a patriotic Sousa march.

In what has become a tradition, the concert closed with the Honor Choir and Honor Band joining their musical talents together to perform a beautiful arrangement of "Over the Rainbow." This was the second year for both Sarah and Logan to perform with the Honor Band. They are students of Debbie Fiala, director of music at St. Francis Community High School. They also receive private music instruction from Neal Russell, retired band director in Oberlin.

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