

County residents contribute lots of recyclable items

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Cheyenne County residents have done a great job of recycling, said Roger Jensen, the county's representative of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization.

Despite Cheyenne County has- ingless people, it was the third biggest contributor of recyclable items. Having more tonnage were Scott and Thomas counties.

Last year, the total waste gener- ated in Cheyenne County was 1,570 tons. The Kansas Depart- ment of Health and Environment estimates that there is 612 tons to be recycled and the county actu- ally recovered 164 tons. Of that, cardboard recycled was 59.68 tons. Mr. Jensen said recycling cardboard is hard work for the men working at the recycling center as it has to be broken down and then bailed.

Other counties in the organiza- tion and the tons of recycled items collected included: Decatur, 84 tons; Gove, 158 tons; Logan, 86 tons; Rawlins, 79 tons; Sheridan,

121 tons; Scott, 172 tons; and Thomas, 374 tons.

Mr. Jensen said new at the St. Francis Recycling Center is a box for clothes. A semi load of clothes brings about \$3,000, he said. And, again, Cheyenne County is the top contributor for clothing.

At the county commissioners meeting on Feb. 29, as he reported on recycling, the discussion turned to recycling e-waste items such as televisions, computers, microwaves and other electronic equipment.

Mr. Jensen said the Organiza- tion was planning another e-waste collection in the spring. It would cost about 25-cents per pound. At the last collection the commis- sioners agreed to pay part of the cost to encourage people to take their items to the collection site instead of the county landfill.

The commissioners agreed to pay 13 cents of the 25-cents charge. They noted that because of recent violations cited by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, there will be some changes made at the landfill.



PTA RECEIVES \$1,000 from Bella's Market. Jackie White, Jenni Cravens, Kary and Aiden Meyer and Amanda Stinemetz representing the PTA total up the receipts with Carl Crable, Bella's manager. The money will be used for school projects

Grant received for band shell restoration in city park

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Mayor, Scott Schultz, reported on the grant the city had received for restoring the band shell in Sawhill Park. The city had applied for \$70,268 from the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review and received the full amount.

The city will need to come up with another \$17,567 and they already have money donated to the band shell, much of it from

the Garnett Miller memorial.

Mayor Schultz and his wife, Nancy, had attended the review of the applications in Topeka. Besides Rep. Ward Cassidy and Greg Kite, who had written the grant, was Nancy Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, who had been at a meeting in Kansas City but drove to Topeka for the presentation. The council agreed to reimburse her for mileage and a meal.

The band shell faces the west and most of the uses of the

band shell are in the afternoon and evening when the sun is beating down on the interior and seating. John Finley, representing the Lions Club, had earlier approached the council asking if it would be OK to plant a tree on the west side of the band shell.

The council agreed that they needed to get several trees planted. They didn't know what the restrictions from the Historical Society might be. They were also going to talk to Eric Fiala, who is in charge

of ordering the trees to see if something could be worked out when they started ordering and planting trees along Main Street.

City's website

Jason Padgett with Jason's Computers, St. Francis, had a bid to set up the city's website. He said he thought it should be simple to use as well as simple to keep up. He figured it would take about 25 hours to set it up.

The Girl Scouts are helping the city by compiling business-

es names for the site.

The council talked about who to get to keep the site updated but, what they really wanted was to have Mr. Padgett do it. They felt it was too much work for the ladies in the office to do.

There is nothing worse than an old website, Mr. Padgett said.

Mr. Padgett will get a price of what it will cost for him to update the site.

The council noted that any business that has not been contacted about having their name on the website should stop by the city office or talk to Joyce Russ, Girl Scout leader.

Health insurance

Charles Krull, represent- ing the city's health insurance company, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, said that, unlike last year, the city's health insurance went down 4.5 percent.

Variance

Glenda Krien, owner of the Sewing Corner and Fabric Shop, had been gathering sign- atures for a variance to put her shop at the corner of River and Spencer streets. She plans to have the lot leveled, trees and hedge taken out and, then put a mobile office building on it. The building will be skirted. She needs 80 percent of the residents to sign the variance.

Superintendent's report

Superintendent J.R. Landen- berger talked about the Ameri- can Disability Act requirements for a lift at the swimming pool. He is working with Brad Sch- neider, Bird City superintendent, as the Bird City pool also needs to install a lift. Mr. Sch-

neider, he said, knows more about the lifts and installing them.

He talked about hiring a part- time person to work at the recy- cling center.

Larry Finley, representing the St. Francis Recreation Com- mission, and Mr. Landenberger had decided that the area west of the swimming pool would work for a sand volleyball pit. The area is flat and not too close to the streets. The rec board, he said, will do the majority of the work but he felt like the city could help with the leveling as long as the crew has time and there is some old pipe that can be used for the perimeter.

Someone living outside the city limits had asked Mr. Lan- denberger about bringing their trash to town. They would purchase the dumpster and bring it in. They expected to pay a fee. Mr. Landenberger said he would set a price and have it approved by the council.

Councilman Bruce Swihart said they had seven or eight lifeguard applications. He also commented that he thought the lift at the swimming pool may be something appreciated by parents of children with disabilities as well as elderly people. It will give people who wouldn't normally go to the pool the opportunity to enjoy swimming, he said. Maybe we might consider having a certain time when senior citizens can come to the pool.

Next meeting

The next council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at city hall on Main Street.

Obituaries

Jean Fick

Nov. 25, 1927 - Feb. 12, 2012

Jean Swayne Fick, 84, Phoe- nix, Ariz., sister of Ted (Gertrude) Swayne and Peggy Swayne King of Kanorado, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Hospice of the Valley, Coronado House in Phoenix.

She was born Nov. 25, 1927, to Henry Swayne, Sr., and Ethel Doggett Swayne at Edson. She graduated in 1945 from Kanorado High School.

Mrs. Fick was a cosmetologist and owned her own shop for many years.

She was a member of the Elks Club in Sterling, Colo., the Ameri- can Legion Auxiliary and past president in Sterling, Colo. and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sterling, Colo.

Mrs. Fick moved from Concor- dia to Sterling in 1968 and worked at Northeastern Junior College as a health-care taker in the clinic there. In 1992 after her retirement she worked at the Manzanita Se-

nior Center in Phoenix.

She suffered from chronic health issues for the past eight years but only recently became gravely ill.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Lyle; a son, Gail Fick; her parents; two brothers-in-law; and a sister-in-law.

Survivors include a daughter, Nela (Steve) Spinney of El Mira- ge, Ariz.; one granddaughter, Cassissa; two great-granddaugh- ters, Savannah and Nichole, and a grandson, Jacob Spinney; two other brothers, Henry (Shirley) Swayne, Jr. of Greenfield, Mo., and Dee (Bonnie) Swayne of Bogue; and two other sisters, Clara Swayne Stone of Eureka and Doyce Swayne Pratt of Phoenix.

A memorial service will be held at a yet undetermined time.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, Ariz. 85014.

Diane Klein

Nov. 30, 1954 - Feb. 14, 2012

Diane L. Klein, 57, died Tues- day, Feb. 14, 2012, at the North Colorado Medical Center in Gree- ley, Colo. She was born Nov. 30, 1954, in St. Francis, Kan., to Kenneth and Janette Chisham.

Diane has lived in the Brush and Fort Morgan, Colo., communities since 1982. Prior to ill health forc- ing her retirement, Diane worked as the market director at Valley View Villa Nursing Home. She enjoyed cooking and photogra- phy. Her most precious times were spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Diane attended the Sanctuary

when her health permitted. She was very involved in the Oper- ation Christmas Child program over the years.

Her family said Diane longed for her path to spend eternity with her heavenly Father and is rejoic- ing in knowing that she is spend- ing time in heaven.

Survivors include her daughter, Katisha Klein of Fort Morgan; her parents, Kenneth and Janette Chisham of Lenora, Kan., three brothers, including Terry Chisham of Lenora; and two special grand- children, Tristina Kage and Bren- den Kage.



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