

Recycling brought up again

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At the Monday commissioners meeting, the matter of recycling was once again brought up.

I am very proud of our county, said Dale Patton, commissioner, for the fact that our county was number two in collecting recyclable items in this area. Yes, Thomas County was number one but it's population is much larger than our county's.

"It is so important that we try to keep out as many recyclable items as possible and save our landfill."

Mr. Patton had the figures for some of the counties concerning the money they had spent at their landfills. There were also figures on what it was costing counties that have lost their landfills.

For instance, he said, last year,

Cheyenne County spent \$115,981 on the landfill. Sheridan County spent \$136,369 and Wichita County, \$192,115. Those no longer having landfills and their costs were: Gove County, \$303,824 and Rawlins County, \$356,008.

The county landfill will soon dig the last possible trench and, when it is full, the county will probably need to contract to start transporting trash and the mill levy will go up to cover the costs.

In other business

- The commissioners questioned two vouchers: 1) That it actually cost \$25 to have a vehicle tire fixed at the Equity. They thought that St. Francis Tire and Service charged less. 2) The cost of jail care at the Rawlins County Jail for two prisoners. The cost was \$805 for a total of

22 days (11 days for a juvenile and 12 days for an adult). It was noted that, with the upcoming court costs in conjunction with last week's death, the cost will increase.

- Dick Bursch, fair board president, contacted Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, concerning a 4-H's check which hadn't been cashed with the 60-day limit. The commissioners agreed that a new check be issued.

- Sheriff Cody Beeson asked for 10 minutes executive session for an information briefing. No decisions needed to be made when coming out of the session.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



THE CITY CREW trims the trees on Main Street (above) as other trees were newly planted (below).

Herald staff photos by Tim Burr and Karen Krien



Garden program sponsored

The Cheyenne County Conservation District is sponsoring the Cheyenne County Home Garden Program to assist county residents in establishing their own small, home gardens. Applicants will be provided with plans to build a 4- by 8-foot raised bed and 10 complimentary packets of seeds to grow in their garden.

The objective of the program is to encourage people to grow some of their own fresh produce. Participants will also be required to share some of their harvest by bringing it into the conservation office where it will be weighed and donated to the local food pantry. There will be a prize awarded to the participant that donates the

most produce at the end of the season.

For an application, please stop into the conservation office; call 332-2341, extension 101 or go to our website at www.cheyennecountycd.com. Seeds will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Aging expo planned for April 26

Aging, it's a natural process. And if we so choose, the best is yet to come!!

A Full Circle...An Aging Expo will be held on Friday, April 26, in Oakley at the Gateway Fellowship Church Impact Center. Registration is at 9:15 with the Expo beginning at 9:45. The sessions end at 3:15 p.m.

This year they will once again be offering two tracks - one for the professional who will have the opportunity to obtain continuing education credits, and one for the general public where you will gain knowledge about meeting some of life's challenges which come along with aging.

Both tracks will have the opportunity to hear Debra Sellers,

K-State Research and Extension, speaking on "Adapting to Life's Challenges" and Karen Ridder, Kansas Humanities Council, speaking on "Bucket Lists and Looking Back."

In addition to these two speakers, each track will have a variety of other speakers. Topics include intimacy and aging, getting financially prepared, and building trust in your unit. A special addition to this year's Expo is the Logan County Health Fair.

Pre-registration for this event is recommended and includes the morning snack and noon meal. Registration brochures are available through all Northwest Kansas Extension offices or online at www.northwest.ksu.edu/

fullcircle. Pre-registration deadline is April 19. However, late registrations will be accepted, but meals cannot be guaranteed.

For more information or if you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction, please contact Diann Gerstner, K-State Research and Extension Family and Consumer Science agent in Thomas County at 785-460-4582.

K-State Research and Extension, the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, and the Kansas Humanities Council are sponsors of this year's event.

Stockholders meeting in Colby

Farm Credit of Western Kansas of Colby held its annual stockholders meeting in Colby April 2 with 300 stockholders/borrowers present.

During the director's report, vice chairman Jim Wasson reported the board had completed the selection and interview process and hired Randy Wilson, currently senior vice president of credit, to replace chief executive officer and president, Larry Maxwell, who will retire June 30.

"They had excellent internal candidates for the position, but opened it up to outside candidates as well," Mr. Wasson said. "They reviewed 10 qualified individuals and were very happy to select Randy."

Mr. Wilson started with Farm Credit in 1982 after graduating from Fort Hays State University and has worked at the Colby business for over 30 years. Mr. Max-

well started with Northwest Kansas Production Credit Association in 1973, and became president in 1978. In 2001 the Northwest Kansas Production Credit Association and Land Bank merged into the Farm Credit of Western Kansas and he was hired as president of the cooperative located in Colby, and serving the nine northwest counties in Kansas.

During the president's report, Mr. Maxwell reported the association has grown to \$308 million in agricultural loan volume, has once again had an excellent year and will pay out a \$2.5 million cash patronage to their member borrowers.

"This is a return of approximately 20 percent of the interest paid at the association" Maxwell said. He

also said the association has paid a total of over \$20 million in cash patronage to their customers since the merger of the Production Credit Association and the Land Bank.

Three director positions were voted upon by the membership, and Brent Phillips of Selden, Tony Horinek of Colby, and David Sexson of Weskan were all re-elected to three year terms on the board of directors.

Scholarship

Farm Credit awards a scholarship annually to a high school senior who is the son or daughter of its membership. This year's recipient was Ryan May, a senior at Decatur Community High School. He is the son of Roger and Susan May of Oberlin.

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