

Council approves recycling plan

By Sandy Barnhart

Prolonging the life of the landfill was the main topic on the agenda at the St. Francis City Council meeting held Jan. 18. Councilman Roger Jensen presented to the council a recycling plan that would help prolong the landfill by recycling cardboard

and paper goods. If the council approved of the plan, then he would approach the commissioners for their approval. At the present time, the county offers an incentive of \$10 a ton rebate up to \$1,000 a year for the recyclable items that the city keeps out of the landfill. For the year 2004,

the city has managed to recycle 100 tons, giving the city the \$1,000 maximum rebate from the county. The plan would involve businesses sorting cardboard and paper goods out of the dumpsters. This would be voluntary for the businesses and would involve the city pro-

viding a routine pick up for the items. He noted that, in talking with several of the businessmen, those businessmen appeared to favor the idea. Landfills have been in jeopardy of closing by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and, once the county's land-

fill is full, the city then will need to find other ways to dispose of trash. Recycling as many items as possible now will not only prolong the life of the landfill but also allow a favorable outlook on the city by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. See PLAN on Page 8

125-150 to be at show

St. Francis is expected to be a busy place on Saturday when farmers and ranchers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas come to the Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium and Trade Show. The activities are to start at 8 a.m. and will run through 3 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School.

Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne County Extension Director, said he has had tremendous response from those wanting to bring booths to the show.

"The cafeteria is going to be full," the director said.

He is expecting at least 125 to 150 people to attend the show. The registration deadline for the reduced rate was Tuesday but people can still attend and it will only cost \$10 more. Included in the registration fee will be trade show activities, a meal and the proceedings for the day.

"The cow/calf industry is at a very dynamic state and cattlemen are staying progressive minded," he said.

The schedule for the day involves a trade show with a large variety of interest.

Topics included are:

- Update on the National Animal ID Program by George Teagarden, Kansas Livestock Commissioner.
- Turning Animal ID and Information into Profit, Bill Mies, E-Merge Interactive.
- What Producers Need to Know About Foreign Animal Diseases, Dr. Hallie Hasel, State DVM, USDA, APHIS, VS.
- Rebuilding the Cowherd, Options for Replacements, Jack Whittier, Colorado State University.
- Selecting Genetics to Match Today's Market, Jim Gosey, University of Nebraska.
- Carcass Evaluation 101, Cynthia Dixon, Rawlins County Extension Agent.
- Technologies and Tools for Implementing Individual Animal Identification, Dr. Dale Blasi, Beef, Forage and Nutrition, K-State Research and Extension.
- What's Ahead for Cow/Calf Producers: Cattle Outlook for 2005 and Beyond, Jim Minert, Livestock Marketing, K-State Extension and See SHOW on Page 8



DR. DAVID REED examined Jesslynn Houtman early Tuesday morning. Dr. Reed comes to the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis on Tuesday mornings. Jesslynn is the daughter of Scott and Sara Houtman. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Family doctor practices in St. Francis on Tuesdays

Dr. David Reed is seeing patients at the Cheyenne County Clinic, St. Francis and has been seeing them since June. He is licensed in family practice and has a strong focus on obstetrics, pediatrics and geriatrics.

In 1999, he and his wife, Michelle moved to Wray and he began working for the Wray community District Hospital and Clinic. They currently live there with their four children, Chris, Danielle, Austin and Bailey.

Dr. Reed is available to see patients weekly in the Cheyenne County Clinic on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact the clinic at 785-332-2682.

Not all seats are filled after filing deadline

By Karen Krien

The filing deadline for seats on the Bird City and St. Francis city councils and Cheylin and St. Francis school boards was at noon on Tuesday. Unfortunately, there were no people filing for the two positions on the Bird City City Council.

Clerk Terry Miller said that since no one has filed, people whose names are written in on the ballot at the general election will automati-

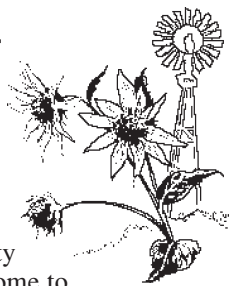
cally be the new city council members. If there are more than two people getting write-in votes, the two people with the most votes will fill the vacancies.

Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, reported those filing are:

St. Francis City Council (three positions) - Carla Lampe, Bud Erskin, incumbents Natalie Knodel and Rodney Bracelin. Kay Shay has

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Kansas Day is Saturday



By Casey McCormick

On Jan. 29, 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the United States of America. On this Jan. 29, the 76th Bird City Kansas Day will be held at the American Legion hall.

Since 1930, Bird City has been the location of a traditional day to honor the great state of Kansas. Another similar event is held on Friday, Jan. 28, in the Capitol of Topeka, hosted by the governor, Kathleen Sebelius.

But Bird City has been home to 76 straight Kansas Days.

The first celebration was organized as a "Kansas Day Picnic." The Mothers' Circle of the Methodist Church of Bird City brought together the original event. This was spearheaded by their president, Cynthia Annie (Maxson) Trickett.

It was an all-day affair with 122 See KANSAS on Page 8

Hospital board member is needed

By Karen Krien

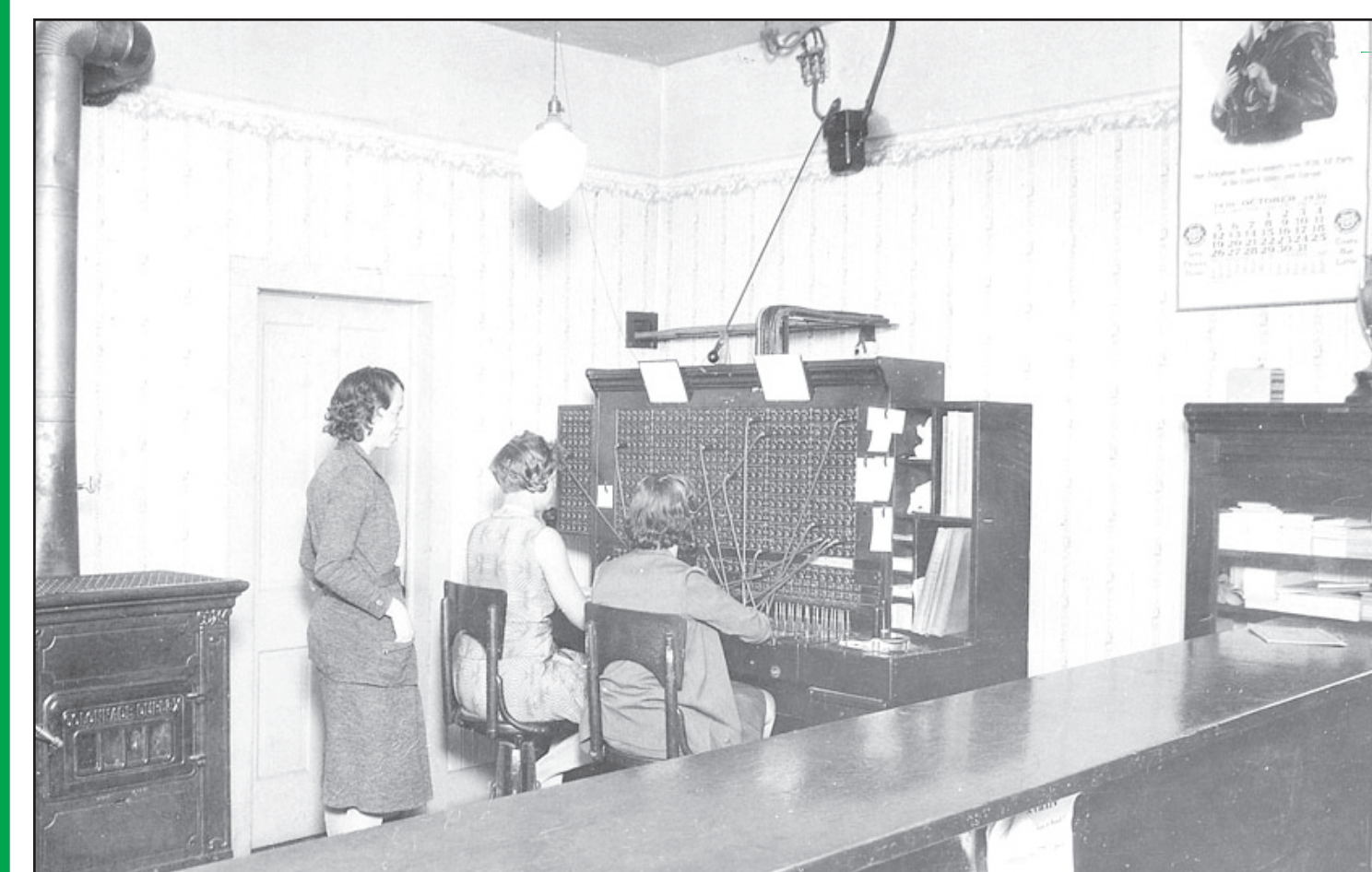
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will be talking to people interested in being on the hospital board when they meet on Monday morning. Interviews for the position will begin at 10. Those interested in serving on the board should call Terry Miller, county clerk, at 785-332-8800.

In the past few years, the hospital board members have been very active in overseeing the hospital and clinic additions and remodeling. There are still several other projects for the hospital which will be completed in the future.

Bob Van Allen has served on the board for four years and his term is expiring. He said he was willing to serve again but thought it might be good if someone else would take their turn on the board.

The board meets on the average of one time a month in the clinic basement in St. Francis. The members serving on the board at the present time besides Mr. Van Allen are Rueben Schultz, Swede Calnon, Traci Neitzel and Joy Alderegg.

Those interested but having questions may call one of the board members or talk to Clerk Miller.



ST. FRANCIS TELEPHONE OFFICE in 1930 was a busy place. Pictured (l to r) are Elizabeth (Zimbelman) Nolan, supervisor; Tillie (Peterson) Felzien and Clarice

Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs tells about the telephone office in the article with this photo. Photo courtesy of Jorice Maag

Remembering how the phones worked in 1930

Editor's note: Much of the following article was taken from the "recollections" of Clarice Jacobs, who was 93 at the time (May 28, 2003). The article tells about her experiences as a telephone operator in St. Francis. Mrs. Jacobs was a friend of Patty Klie, St. Francis.

In about 1928 in St. Francis, I was hired as a telephone operator by the United Telephone Company, a small company headquartered in Abilene. I was just out of high school, living with my older sister, Elma Gillispie. Her husband, "Shorty," was a good friend of Ray Clark, the manager of the telephone company, and that helped me get the job. So my career as a telephone operator started at a two-position switch board in a town of about 1,000 people. I worked there for over two years and received several raises. My starting pay was 25 cents

an hour — with no benefits! The office, on Main Street, was a one-room business office and operating room.

The switchboard consisted of about 120 drops and several pairs of plugs.

A drop was a small metal tab associated with a subscriber's number. When a subscriber turned the crank on his phone, a drop would fall. When the drop fell we would take one plug of a pair, plug in to the number of the dropped tab and answer by saying "Number Please." The subscriber would state the number he wanted, we would say "Thank you" and, using the second plug of that pair, would connect him with the desired number. When the phone call ended we released both plugs. It sometimes got very busy.

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