

Sherman County 'needs to recycle'

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Everybody agrees that Sherman County needs to recycle, but the problem comes in deciding what to recycle and who pays for the program.

The Sherman County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee was appointed in April to examine the questions and provide the city and county commissioners with recommendations. The committee has met twice and several members traveled to Colby last month to look at programs in the area.

The committee heard about a Colorado regional recycling program Monday and talked about the other options, but members said there does not appear to be one single answer to handling all the items the city and county want to keep out of the landfill.

City Public Works Director Ed Wolak had estimates on the purchase of a bailer for about \$8,000 and two types of special trailers with compartments for collecting recyclable materials from \$8,345 to \$23,725 depending on the size and number of individual containers.

The trailers are similar to what is being used in Colby and being taken to several communities on a rotating basis as part of a regional recycling effort. Four members attended a regional recycling meeting in Colby and toured the Thomas County facility.

The Colby group collects cardboard and plastic, while a regional Colorado group that is one of the options being

considered does not. However, unless Sherman County had a bailer and a building, the problem is hauling these to Colby where they could be bailed and then shipped to a processor. This portion of the program would require someone to handle the material and do the bailing if Sherman County had the equipment.

Neither the Colorado program nor the regional northwest Kansas program addresses household hazardous wastes. County Road and Bridge Superintendent Curtis Way wants to keep it out of the new county landfill under construction south of Goodland.

Thomas County has a program for collecting this material, but it is separate from the recycling program and works with an environmental company, Clean Harbors of Denver.

They come to a location with a chemist for a day and test and accept household hazardous waste for disposal.

There is a \$200 charge plus \$40 an hour for the chemist, and there are additional charges for the disposal of the collected material depending on whether it can be reprocessed or not.

The committee will meet again at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the city building to review the material and draft recommendations for the city and county commissioners.

When asked what the ideal system would be, Wolak said, "To be out of this business."

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equipment replacement," Lariviere said. "We could pay the loan off faster, but since it is 3 percent interest we are not in any hurry."

The Colorado program uses special fiberglass containers for each material being collected: newspapers and magazines, glass bottles and aluminum cans. The containers are located at a convenient site and emptied on a regular basis.

The containers can only be opened from the bottom using a specially designed hook and crane on the back of the collection truck.

The trailer is a converted bottom dump built by Ranch Manufacturing of Lamar, which is sectioned to allow separation of the materials. The trailer is covered by a tarp to prevent paper and other materials from blowing out.

The fiberglass containers are built by C.F. Maier of Lamar and based on a successful design used in Europe, in two- and four-cubic-yard sizes. Lariviere said a city the size of Goodland would probably require at least two of the four-yard containers for newspaper, magazines and paper, and two each for clear glass, brown glass and aluminum and tin cans.

Kanorado joined the recycling group in the fall of 1999, and last year they collected 42.5 cubic yards of newspaper; 1.5 of clear glass; 5.25 of brown glass; and 8.75 of cans.

Lariviere said the total program set a new record of 12,924 cubic yards collected. The goal for this year is 14,000. Lariviere said the money the group received for the collections last year paid for 52 percent of the overhead cost.

Ed Wolak, Goodland public works director, asked if the Colorado group collected cardboard, and Lariviere answered they did not because it was impossible to transport using the system they have developed.

He said they developed a special

truck with a bailer on the back which picked up and bailed cardboard, but it was a pilot project used in the bigger cities of the Arkansas Valley from Lamar to Rocky Ford.

"We found it to be a fairly intensive program and a private group purchased the truck at the end of the pilot program to operate it separately," he said.

Lawyer Scott Showalter asked what the liability would be for the containers and who would have a say in how many containers are needed.

"The containers are purchased by the city or county and become their property," Lariviere said. "After the recent wind storm, we are recommending that every location put a fence or cables around the containers to keep them from blowing away, as happened in Lamar. The liability would be the local government unless our truck and driver were responsible for the damage and then it would be the recycling groups responsibility and we carry insurance for that."

Richard Hawks, committee member asked how quickly Sherman County could ask to join and what type of payment structure the group has.

Lariviere said it would take a meeting of the board, which is scheduled for July, but a special meeting could be called. Once the board approves the request and the intergovernmental agreements are signed, the operation can be up and running as soon as the containers are placed and the route is established, a month or two.

Lariviere said each community and county pays the annual per capita fee based on census figures, with the counties paying for all unincorporated areas and the cities paying for their residents.

"The principal reason the program was started 10 years ago was to keep this material from going into the landfills," he said. "We believe this allows our people to recycle and reduce the cost of expanding the landfills we have."

Pioneer woman recalls growing up on farm

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helped her mother feed them. She and her mother would drive the geese and ducks to the pond in the morning and to the pens by the house in the evening.

She usually helped her mother with chores inside the house.

When she was in high school and home during the summers, it was her job to feed the chickens and gather the eggs.

She said her "mama" always had a vegetable garden northeast of their farm home and flowers east.

She said her parents never had a bathroom in their home, only an outdoor toilet. But she said they had cold running water in the wash room at the back of their house. Her father ran a water pipe down from the windmill north of the farm place to have water for the house, cattle, horses and garden.

She went to Prairie Dale, a one-room school, for eight years.

She remembered when the one-room schools were closed and kids were bussed to Goodland, Edson or Kanorado. She wasn't sure about Ruleton.

She graduated from Sherman Community High School in May 1939 and took normal training while there to become a teacher.

Cress said while she was in high school and during her last five years of teaching, she lived with different

people in their homes. She would do housecleaning and baby-sitting for the families to earn her room and board. Her father would come get her to take her home for the weekends.

For part of two years, she went to school in church basements and empty store buildings while the high school was being built.

She taught for six school terms: One year at Prairie Gem School, five miles southeast of her parent's home; one at New Harmony, northeast of Kanorado; two at North Beaver, six miles north of New Harmony; and two at Pleasant Valley, about four miles south of Goodland.

After the country schools were closed, she said, people would buy them and move them to Goodland to make four-room houses out of them with a kitchen, living room and two bedrooms.

She said people would also move chicken houses into Goodland during World War II. Any building that people on the farm didn't want, she said, people would buy and make houses out of because you couldn't buy lumber at that time.

She recalled voting for the first time in 1944 when Franklin D. Roosevelt was running against Thomas E. Dewey.

At 24, Beulah married Clarence Franklin "Frank" Cress on July 3, 1945, at the Christian church parsonage in Goodland, when he was home on furlough from the infantry. She said

they started dating in August 1941, but had put off getting married because they were waiting for the war to end.

When Frank was home on a 10-day furlough in 1944, they decided that when he came home again they would get married because they thought the war might go on for a long time.

She said her husband was taken as a prisoner by the Germans in October 1944 in Holland and got out of the prison camp on May 7, 1945. He got a 60-day furlough. It took him 22 days to come home on a ship and he arrived on June 29. It was during this furlough that they were married. He then went back to the Army on Aug. 24, 1945, and was discharged on Oct. 31, 1945.

Cress said the couple lived on her husband's home place after they were first married because his mother was alone and they didn't have a car. They bought their farm, three miles north of Edson, in January 1946, but didn't move there until October 1946. She has lived there ever since. There she and her husband farmed and raised three sons, Dallas, Earl and Lester, and a daughter, Linda.

When they got married, she said, Frank said he would do the outside work and she could do the inside work. After the kids were born, she was kept busy taking care of them.

She said before they had children, she helped her husband by carrying milk from the barn to their well house.

This was unlike her brother, Orval,

and his wife, Pearl, who was Frank's sister. Cress said her sister-in-law had helped outdoors as a young girl and would help her husband with farm chores, as they had no children, and he would help her fix meals.

Her husband bought a new pickup and tractor in November 1946. She said her father was worried about him doing that, but that they got them paid off in about seven years.

"We didn't farm too much," she said. "We just had two quarters of land. That's all the farming Frank had to do from 1946 to 1963."

In 1963, they bought another quarter of land and in 1986 three more.

The couple built a new house on the farm in 1955. She said Frank built the home with a carpenter's instruction and help from her brother Floyd. Frank laid the hardwood floor in the living room by himself, she said.

Her husband died Feb. 12, 2000. She said a change that impressed her was going from a crank-type telephone to a dial set.

"Most phones nowadays, instead of being dial are touch tone phones," she said.

She thinks cell phones are a wonderful change because she can talk to her sons far away from home.

"The horse-and-buggy days were way before my time," she said, "so I can't comment on that."

Sister of crewman tells story from her point

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involved in a mid-air crash.

"Immediately my head dropped," she said. "I thought he had been killed."

Once her parents assured her Jeff had landed on a Chinese island, she got scared.

"I thought the Chinese were abusing him," she said.

While her parents told her they were reasonably sure the Chinese were not abusing the crew, Jessica thought they too had at least some fear that harm could come to Jeff.

"I was relieved when I learned China was treating the crew members pretty good," she said.

"The 10th day of captivity was really frustrating," she said, adding that she just couldn't understand while the negotiators for the United States and China were taking so long. "The next morning at 5 a.m., dad awakened me, announcing they would be released."

That was definitely a happy day for the Vignery family, their friends and all northwest Kansas.

The Navy paid for Ron and Judi to fly to Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Wash., for the national homecoming ceremony. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire and former Presidential candidate, paid for the rest of the immediate family members to go.

Arriving in Washington, Jessica said, the Vignerys greeted Jeff's wife Julie and her parents. When the big day came, Jeff was the fourth crew member out of the plane. As the Naval band played "God Bless the U.S.A.," Julie ran to hug Jeff.

"Then I ran out and hugged Jeff," Jessica said, "and everyone else did." For a couple of days afterward, the family took hikes together and enjoyed family time, she said.

Jessica wrote a poem, "Be Brave," which will be read at Saturday's "Homecoming" ceremony.

Ron Vignery also spoke, saying that once the immediate crash danger was over for the crew members, the ordeal was, in many ways, more difficult on the families.

"Jeff knew they weren't beating on them," he said. "He had awareness we did not have."

Earlier in the week, Jeff gave an unplanned three-minute speech to the Kansas House of Representatives in Topeka. He briefly told what happened over the China Sea.

"I'm really, really proud of our son," Ron said.

Throughout the ordeal, Vignery said, people nationwide sent the family more than 500 cards and letters of encouragement and support.

Ambassador Carol Tupper said that

Jeff presented himself well to the national media because of his upbringing.

Ron said there was nearly a minute immediately following the mid-air crash that Jeff and some of the other crew members were convinced they were going to die.

For another 15 minutes, the flight crew was concerned about everyone's safety. No one had ever parachuted out of that kind of plane before, he said, and in any bailout, pilots are the last to go, if they can. The South China Sea is

cold.

Jeff, he said, told him that the "sweetest sound was that of the landing gear going into place." Jeff was performing emergency duties as the other two pilots made preparations to land the crippled plane.

"All cheered when they landed," Ron said. "All were thankful to be alive."

By the time the Chinese soldiers came, everyone was just happy to be alive, Ron said.

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