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**SPORTS**

Despite a rainy and cool day, the Bruce Crowley Memorial was held Friday, Aug. 7, at Winnemucca Regional Raceway.

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**IN FOCUS**

The local American Red Cross office held their eighth annual Real Heroes banquet on Aug. 8.

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## Landfill representatives field questions on proposed project

**Nearly three dozen people speak out during meeting**

By Heather Gula  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — Members of the community were given their first chance to have questions answered by representatives of Recology, the company proposing a 634-acre landfill west of town.

During the Aug. 3 Humboldt County Commission meeting nearly three dozen concerned citizens took the mic to oppose, object and question the proposal's viability for the community.

Recology Chief Operating Officer George McGrath, Planner Erin Merrill and Golder Associates Principal Engineer Ken Haskell came before the commission to outline the proposal and provide the public with the facts and figures behind the project.

McGrath gave a brief overview of the company, explaining that Recology services over 700,000 residential and commercial customers throughout California, Nevada and Oregon and has annual revenue in excess of \$500 million.

He explained that Recology has proposed, and is in the process of permitting Jungo Landfill, a 634-acre regional landfill disposal site slated for construction roughly 25 miles west of Winnemucca. The site will use rail transportation for



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Left to right, 11-year-old Brian Kelly, 12-year-old Nick Wilson and Kris Kelly protested in front of the Humboldt County Court House Aug. 3 as members of Recology's executive team came before the commission to provide details of their Jungo Landfill proposal.

delivery of material with the average train consisting of 45 cars carrying 180 containers per train and delivering one train per day, five days per week with an average of 4,000 tons per day.

McGrath pointed out the benefits of rail delivery, explaining that trains are 407 times more fuel-efficient than trucks on a ton-per-mile basis with one gallon of diesel fuel transporting one ton of material 790 miles and having the added benefit of reducing congestion on some of America's busiest highways.

Merrill then provided details about the specific materials, stat-

ing that the majority of what is delivered will be municipal solid waste from residential and commercial sources. However, other materials received will include demolition debris, wastewater treatment sludge, asbestos containing waste and waste tires. Recyclable or compostable materials will be removed prior to being loaded into containers.

Containment systems at the site include controls and monitoring such as base liner systems, drainage and run-off controls, leachate control, landfill gas collection and disposal and prescriptive cover.

In addition to these mitigation efforts, drainage controls will include berms, ditches and down drains, retention basins and vegetative cover. Litter prevention will be controlled through daily compaction and cover of waste, use of portable fences to prevent off-site migration and daily litter pick-up. Odor controls will include daily cover of all compacted waste by a minimum of 6 inches of compacted soil or alternate daily cover and use of a minimum working face. "Minimum working face" refers to the amount of land utilized at one time, mean-

ing Recology will only use what is necessary and not the entire parcel all at once.

Merrill explained that the benefits to the county include a host agreement that they are currently in negotiation on, however, it is estimated to produce greater than \$1 million annually in county revenue. In addition to direct revenues and property taxes, Merrill estimates between 25-35 employees will be brought on for operation with an average annual payroll of approximately \$1.5 million. The proposal also anticipates employment opportunities through contractors for landfill and rail construction with approximately \$9 million in start-up construction and \$181 million in ongoing construction over the life of the project.

The presentation was followed by extensive public questioning with all of the commissioners and nearly 40 members of the public questioning the representatives.

Questions ranged from concerns over technical issues such as soil types and water contamination to financial interests such as the average salary base of a Recology employee, the company's financial stability and the method by which reclamation would be funded.

Commissioner Dan Cassinelli asked what would occur in the worst case scenario where the landfill filled up faster than they anticipated.

"The worst case scenario for us is no project," McGrath explained with the mention of the project's uncertainty resulting in applause from the crowd gathered in the Humboldt County Courthouse.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Winnemucca Relay For Life is being held at the Winnemucca Sports Complex starting at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday evening.

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**Local Weather**

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| <b>Fri</b><br>8/14  | 82/48 |  |
| Mostly sunny; some light drizzle. Wind: W at 10-20 mph.           |       |  |
| <b>Sat</b><br>8/15  | 76/44 |  |
| Mostly sunny; light drizzle in the mid 70s. Wind: W at 10-20 mph. |       |  |
| <b>Sun</b><br>8/16  | 81/47 |  |
| Sunny; light drizzle in the mid 80s. Wind: W at 10-20 mph.        |       |  |

## FCAA assists service programs across region

**Block grants distributed through organization**

By Heather Gula  
The Humboldt Sun

WINNEMUCCA — The Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) has brought thousands of dollars into the community over the years, but often times it goes unnoticed.

The funding is filtered from one agency to another until it finally, through one of the numerous non-profit organizations in town, surfaces in the hands of someone in need.

Frontier Community Action Agency (FCAA) Executive Director Jaclyn Lafferty explained that the FCAA was developed as a means of bringing CSBG funding into the four northern rural counties of Nevada.

Originally the grant was distributed by the federal government through the state to local entities. However, under that program only non-profit groups with a certain board structure had access to the funding. About a year ago the state developed the FCAA as a means of continuing to distribute the funding to these counties.

The FCAA services Pershing,



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The Frontier Community Action Agency provides direct services as well as distributing grant funding to a number of local non-profit agencies. Back row (left to right), JoAnn Casalez (case manager and volunteer coordinator for the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter), Alaine Kliever (FCAA Humboldt County program coordinator) and Nykky Barnes (Family To Family and Family Resource Center advocate). Front row (left to right), Tiffany Stickney (director of the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter), Janine Whitcome (account coordinator) and Jaclyn Lafferty (FCAA executive director).

Humboldt, Lander and Elko counties with grant funding for a number of different programs.

"Each county has a unique way that they implement the CSBG funds," Lafferty explained.

The Family Stability Council leads a lot of the projects in Humboldt County and acts as an advisory council to the FCAA. That allows the FCAA to provide

direct services and to sub-award funding within the four counties.

In Pershing County FCAA focuses on healthcare as well as funding a Back Pack For Kids program and a summer food program. They are also establishing a "fifth day" program in response to the recent shift to a four-day school week.

In Humboldt County two of the major FCAA beneficiaries are

the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter (WDVS) and the Back Pack for Kids program. Through the Family Stability Council the FCAA has developed a mission for the county of assisting in the areas of mental health, hunger and housing.

In Elko County grant funds are sub-awarded to the Family Resource Center, who participate in emergency service. While

Lander County is engaged in the program, they have a much smaller participant pool than the other counties and are focusing on emergency services.

"So the communities focus on similar issues but at the same time issues relevant to their community," Lafferty said.

As executive director, Lafferty is responsible for much of what goes on behind the scenes. She works with sub-awardees, meets with state and federal officials and attends legislative sessions.

"I am given the task of making sure this \$600,000 is spent appropriately," she said.

Account Coordinator Janine Whitcome works on the financial side of things.

"I make sure it is spent appropriately and we don't go over our budget," she said.

She receives the invoices and ensures that the grant funds are allocated to those invoices, tracks grant expenditures and calculates how much funding is available for the various programs.

The remaining members of the team are really the face of FCAA to the community.

Nykky Barnes is the Family to Family and Family Resource Center advocate. She is the front line for those individuals in need of FCAA services.

Barnes helps address the immediate needs of individuals, single parents and families. She can assist with everything from processing Energy Assistance, — See **FCAA**, Page Two —

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McGrath then explained that if they did have more waste than expected, the additional waste would either go to another landfill or Recology would come before the commission again to discuss increased volume and adjustments to the county financially through the host agreement.

Cassinelli clarified that that may mean there is a chance Recology would want another section of land in the area.

"We do currently have two sections of land," McGrath stated. "We have one that is designated as the landfill but we also have one located adjacent to it."

Commission Chairman Tom Fransway asked if the fact that Recology had a second section of land was disclosed in their application to the Regional Planning Commission.

"At this point in time we have no desire, we have no use for that other section," McGrath stated. "In fact, we have four sections ... I need to correct that, we do have four sections. We have no intention at this point of building on the other three. We've designated one section for the landfill."

Throughout the following three hours of public questioning McGrath repeatedly responded

that Recology has no intention of expanding the landfill project beyond the 634-acre parcel currently designated in their permit applications, however, he never directly answered whether any of the applications mentioned the additional land held by the company nor did McGrath offer explanation for the company's interest in possessing additional land in the area.

Additional questions were raised over the acceptance of asbestos containing material and waste tires at the Jungo Landfill site. McGrath asserted that the asbestos material would arrive onsite completely contained and would be immediately covered as required by regulations of special handling of the material. Further, the tires would be shredded tires utilized as alternative cover, not for disposal at the site, and that it is not their practice to stockpile shredded tires onsite.

Additionally, he stated that in order for the landfill to be economical the make-up would be 99 percent municipal solid waste with less than 1 percent made up of asbestos containing material, tires and other non-municipal waste.

The majority of concerns raised by the public have been addressed in previous meetings,

however, new issues arose during the Aug. 3 meeting that had not yet been addressed.

Winnemucca Rural Fire Department Chief Ron Schremp voiced his concerns over the potential for fires at the landfill site and specifically about the increased fire danger due to the storage of shredded tire materials.

"I say when, not if, because you are going to have fires. We have fires at our dump all the time and we are continuing trying to remedy that situation so I am concerned," Schremp said.

He asked if the company planned to employ their own full time fire department and personnel for on-site fires or if they would be asking to utilize limited local resources to fight fires on their land. Additionally, he asked what kind of notification firefighters would receive regarding the potentially hazardous flammable materials they would be dealing with. Further, he asked if the company intended to supply the district with more trucks, suppression equipment and personnel to deal with the fires once they escaped the landfill boundaries and hit within the rural fire district.

Following three hours of increasingly tough and direct

questions combined with emotional pleas to abandon their plans to stockpile refuse within the county, commissioners vowed to uphold public interest.

Commissioners Chuck Giordano and Garley Amos both stated that they had not formulated an opinion for or against the proposal, however both felt there were facts that needed to be uncovered and that the meeting had begun to give them the information they needed to formulate a position on the issue.

Fransway spoke out against the proposal calling it "more negative urban impact on rural Nevada."

"First they take our water, now they want us to take their garbage and I'm opposed to it," he said. "I would hope that this project dies a natural death and if it doesn't I'll do what I can to find a legal way to kill it."

Both Dan Cassinelli and Mike Bell stated they initially felt the project was a good opportunity for economic development within the county, however neither wishes to force the project upon an unwilling constituency. And if in fact the majority of Humboldt County citizens are opposed to the project they will do what they can to stop the proposal from going forward.

**FCAA**

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Medicaid and Children's Cabinet applications to paying bills and providing food and clothing.

While the Family Resource Center is open to anyone in need of assistance, the Family to Family program focuses on families with children age 4 and younger and participates in parenting enhancement and child well-being programs.

"I am the intake office," she said. "When people are in a spot where they are in trouble, they come to me. I help them with everything I can immediately. I figure out what their problems are and try to figure out the best way to solve them for right now and then lead them on their way to keep the problem from reoccurring."

Barnes is the first point of contact for those who come in through family assistance programs.

Tiffany Stickney offers a similar service to those who are victims of domestic violence.

As director of the WDVS, Stickney offers assistance with many of the same issues but also provides the security and protection domestic violence victims need.

She helps provide shelter, food and clothing through the WDVS.

JoAnn Casalez is a case manager and volunteer coordinator for the shelter. When a victim comes to the WDVS or an advocate is called into a domestic violence

situation, Casalez is the one who will assess their needs. She then looks at what resources the shelter has access to and determines what type of assistance will be the most beneficial for the individual.

"We let them know that they can get out of their situation and not be financially destitute," she said.

Casalez not only handles the initial needs of her clients, but she will work with a client for up to four months to ensure their success.

"We need to get them empowered and independent so that when they leave our program after the few months they can financially take care of themselves," she explained.

The WDVS services go beyond shelter. Even if they have someone they can stay with, the WDVS will help them by assisting with job training or other needed resources.

FCAA Humboldt County Program Coordinator Alaine Kliewer steps in at that point to assist with job training programs.

Not only does Kliewer help with a general job search, application and résumé issues, but her program can offer assistance with child care for people who want to go back to school and can even acquire grant funds to support individuals who are seeking training and opportunities to improve their employment situation.

"The focus of the program is to remove employment barriers," she said.

Lafferty explained that while Pershing County has a similar program, the focus of the two is quite different.

"Humboldt County is really focused on training," Lafferty said. "Maybe there is someone who has worked at Wal-Mart that really wants to be a CNA. At that point we can help them. In Pershing County they are going to assist people in résumé workshops and possibly getting them into employers within the county and possibly subsidizing some of the wages with the hope that maybe that employer would continue their employment. If not, those are still skills they didn't have prior to starting the program."

In Pershing County the job assist program is also going to work closely with the economic development team to bring employment resources into the community.

Individuals within the various job assistance and family service programs must meet CSBG guidelines that require them to be within 200 percent of poverty.

"Most people who say 'I would never qualify,' they would actually be quite surprised," Lafferty said. "Off the top of my head, I know that a single parent with two children can make almost \$36,000 per year and still qualify."

That translates to a single person with no children needing to make at least \$11 per hour in order to be above the poverty level.

The Family Stability Council has begun to develop and implement financial literacy classes that are designed to improve people's success at any income level.

Its focus is in helping individuals to understand that over-spending can put them in a worse situation than they were in before

they rose above the poverty level. FCAA is working toward making financial literacy training a requirement for anyone who participates in their program.

In addition to these programs, CSBG funding helps provide a Survivor's Support group in Humboldt County. The group is led by two licensed counselors. For more information on these meetings, please call (775) 623-2328 or (775) 722-4564. The group has no affiliation with any one organization and is open to anyone who has been the victim of a violent crime.

You do not have to participate in any of the FCAA programs to attend the support group and you may remain anonymous. The FCAA may ask for non-identifying information such as a date of birth and ethnicity, however you are not required to give personal information.

"If you are asked personal information, it is not coming from our organization," Lafferty explained.

All information provided to program advocates, counselors or coordinators is held to the utmost confidentiality and handled discreetly.

If you wish to get involved in helping the program in any of the four counties contact Jaelyn Lafferty at (775) 621-8030. If you need assistance from the WDVS call JoAnn Casalez at (775) 421-1028. For the WDVS in Humboldt County call (775) 625-1313, in Lander County (775) 635-2500 and in Pershing County (775) 273-7373. If you are in need of the services provided by the Family Resource Center of Family to Family call Nykky Barnes at (775) 623-2700.

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