



Evelyn Wegener, left, and Cynthia Washburn help arrange the merchandise in preparation for a rummage sale to be held Saturday at Redeemer Lutheran Church. — Photo by Denise Meyer

Wreck causes county chemical problems

A wreck of a fifth-wheel trailer carrying chemicals has caused some problems and concerns at the Norton County landfill.

Both the county road and bridge and solid waste departments got involved when it was decided to move one of the chemicals — Grand Slam Plus, a generic form of Roundup — to the county landfill.

The other chemical, atrazine sulfide, was removed by a truck from Hays, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the Norton County commissioners on Monday.

Mr. Archibald said that he called Dr. Dennis Degner of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment when told that the chemicals were being sent to the landfill.

The county had to close its previous landfill several years ago when it was found to be contaminated by chemicals put in it by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Mr. Archibald said he was told that he would need a special permit in a day or two.

“But, 12 to 24 hours for approval is too slow” he said.

The dirt and chemical mix needed to be dealt with right away.

The commissioners agreed.

“Everything was laying out on the highway”, Commissioner Leroy Lang noted.

Mr. Archibald said that he was told that Roundup will dissipate in two to three days and then the dirt could be used to cover the county’s construction and demolition pits.

“All we took is the dirt from the Roundup?” Mr. Lang asked.

“Yep, all we got was the Roundup,” Mr. Archibald said. “That’s all that KDHE will let us have. It was nine, almost 10 tons, of dirt in two trucks.”

The state gave a verbal authorization, he said, and the written one should arrive shortly.

“Get everything documented,” Commissioner John Miller advised.

Tom Brannan, road and bridge supervisor, said that he got written approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment before allowing his crews to help move the dirt from the wreck.



Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius introduced the official Kansas Quarter at this year’s Kansas State Fair on Sept. 9. Others attending the event were Bill Kurtis, director of the U.S. Mint, Robba Moran, State Fair President and the Governor’s husband, Gary Sebelius. — Photo by Karen VanSlike

Orleans to hold Applefest

It’s Applefest time again in Orleans, Neb.

The Orleans Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 21th annual Applefest Saturday and Sunday at Harlan County fairgrounds. Admission is \$1 for adults; students are free.

Crafters will be hawking their wares both days along with food stands and face painting.

Saturday’s events will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a juggler, a pumpkin drawing contest, and an apple pie and apple cake baking contest.

Sunday activities start at 11 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m.

The Harlan County Historical Society Museum and Blacksmith Shop will be in operation both days.

Pitch to start on Sunday

It has been a long four months and cabin fever has taken its toll but relief is at hand as the 15th annual seven-point Pitch season gets underway Sunday. Some partners who haven’t seen each other for four months are gearing up for the season as well as husbands and wives, sweethearts and best of friends.

Those famous characters of years gone by are ready to make their moves; the Blue Dogs, the Ladies Collision, the Northern Tier Gang, the Muddy River Boys, The Ladies from Lyle, the Pilgrims from the East and a host of others, many who have implied that new scoring records will be set.

The gallery of Champions Past will be on hand to challenge the champions of the immediate past tournament, Hat Man and the Quiet One, who vowed they will defend their title.

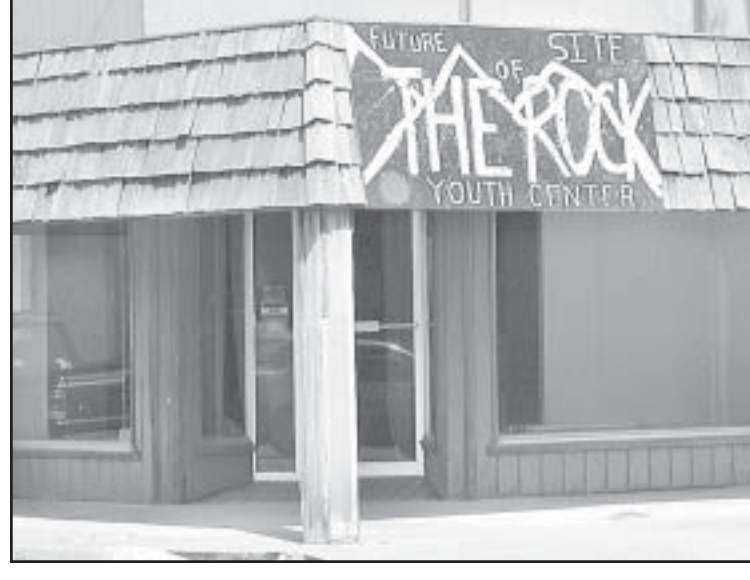
The Brown eyed Girl reminds everyone that the games start at 7 p.m., so check in early to reserve your favorite spot on the roster.

New form to help farmers

Farmers, ranchers and owners who receive a share of the crop need to sign a new loan deficiency payment form before harvest.

The Farm Service Agency now has one payment form, which will cover the program’s eligibility requirements as long as they are signed before the crop is harvested or sold. The new form covers all crops for the remainder of the 2005 crop year.

For information, call the Norton County Farm Service Agency at 877-5156 or stop by the office at 11640 Pineview Dr. in Norton.



A new sign marks the coming of “The Rock” a Christian youth center located in the old Browne’s Clothing Store. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Christian youth center close to being reality

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The Rock, a Christian youth center for area teens, is one step closer to becoming a reality.

A new sign over the front door of the former Browne’s Clothing Store on the corner of State and Main heralds the coming of the center.

President of the center’s board of directors, Bill Johnson, said the organization has been approved as an official non-profit group with their 501-C3 status.

Mr. Johnson said the clean-up of the 5,000 square foot building is the group’s first order of business and they are looking for volunteers. He said all churches in the area have been given the opportunity to help. Area youth are also encouraged to assist with the clean up.

He said there will be a youth board that will have input into the design of the center and will also be involved in the operation.

Kurt Mann, secretary of the board, said plans include kitchen and dining spaces, bathrooms and a television lounge area.

Other board members are vice-president, Trent Richmond, treasurer, Samantha Fulton, and board members, Julie Douglas and Karla Anderson.

Mr. Johnson said the center will be open as soon as possible, perhaps as soon as Thanksgiving.

He said, “I think this will be a great opportunity to give Norton County kids a place to ‘hang out’ in a safe, positive, drug-free environment.”

Saturday is a scheduled work day and Mr. Johnson said anyone willing to help will be welcome.

Woman dies in accident

A Phillipsburg woman lost her life Tuesday morning when her car hit a semi-truck two miles east of Norton on U.S. 36.

Ellen K. Driggs, 51, was taken to the Norton County Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, after her 2002 Hyundai passenger car went left of the center line and grazed the drive axles of an oncoming International semi-truck, driven by 44-year-old Domingo C. Garcia of Garden City, just before 7 a.m. After hitting the drive axles, Mrs. Driggs car hit the rear axles on the trailer attached to the semi.

Both Mrs. Driggs and Mr. Garcia were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. Mr. Garcia was not injured.

See Mrs. Driggs’ death notice on Page 2 in today’s edition of *The Norton Telegram*. A full obituary will be in Tuesday’s edition of the paper.



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