



Kyle Monson (left) president of De´Nicole Design Wednesday at Russ' Jewelry. Owner Russ Ebert looked showed off a ring from his jewelry line to a shopper on. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# County works on landfill cover

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton County is still using dirt to cover trash at the landfill but commissioners want to get moving on a paper product cover that would take up less space allowing the landfill to last longer.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the county commissioners on Monday that he had hoped to get the paper product from Haven but there is none there and the next closest place is Tyler, Texas.

The county wants to buy four pallets. However it will cost \$280 per pallet just to move it from Texas.

"For four pallets we might as well go to Tyler, Texas, to get it," Mr. Archibald said.

However, the commissioners noted that there are other expenses involved in sending county employees that far.

Mr. Archibald said he hasn't ordered the machine that will be used to spread the paper-water mixture over the trash, but said it would only take about a week to

get.

Mr. Archibald said that the dirt he is using now to cover the trash costs about \$66 a week, which is a lot less than the paper product. However, it will fill the pit a lot faster and be less economical in the long run.

The commissioners suggested that Mr. Archibald have the product analyzed to see if it could be made of waste paper here in Norton.

"Do we get enough (paper) so we could supply ourselves for a week?" Commissioner Leroy Lang asked.

Mr. Archibald said yes. However, the county would need a shredder or grinder to produce a usable product.

Commissioner John Miller suggested that the county purchase a year's supply of product, get it to Norton County and then worry about possibly making it here.

"Just get your product ordered and get your machine ordered and get going," he said.

# Designer shows off wares at jewelry store

It's not every day one of the world's premier jewelry design companies shows their wares in Norton.

Wednesday, Russ' Jewelry hosted Kyle Monson, president of De´Nicole Design. Mr.

Monson exhibited dozens of pieces from his unique, one-of-a-kind line. Shoppers admired unusual ring settings, necklaces and earrings. He displayed a silver and gold necklace with a \$14,000 price tag.

That evening, Russ' Jewelry held a private showing for invited guests.

"Everyone loved it," said Russ Ebert, the store's owner.

"We know some people couldn't come because of the

weather, so I've invited Kyle to come back next week."

Mr. Monson will be in Norton at Russ' Jewelry from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, showing more than 700 pieces.

# County road crew kept busy during storms

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The Norton County Road and Bridge crew spent last week digging themselves and everyone else out.

Tom Brannan, county road and bridge supervisor, told the commissioners on Monday that his crew were busy making sure that people were able to get out and stock was not stranded.

"You know what we did last week," he said with a grin, "We played in the snow."

Mr. Brannan said aside from one

break down and a several flat tires the only other problem his crew had was some equipment, needed for the plowing, had been left in far corners of the county and had to be dug out before it could be used.

He said that it had taken until last Thursday morning to get some roads open because of drifting. By Monday his crews were starting to work on roads which didn't have people or stock at the other end, mostly oil field routes.

He said there were some prob-

lems with stock and people may have had to take roundabout roads but all the animals were accessible, as far as he knew.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review applauded Norton County for finding a place to put the North Fork Solomon River Lattice Truss Bridge, which is being moved.

- Learned that Mr. Brannan keeps a book with cell phone num-

bers of people who live in the country and might need to be dug out after a bad storm.

- Were told that the road and bridge crew will be building 16 more wind screens for the landfill when they get done with the plowing and other storm-related work.

- Held a 10 minute closed session to discuss non elected personnel with Mr. Brannan and County Councilor Doug Sebelius.

# Nurse worries about flu

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she could hold all the clinics and so decided not to hold any so she wouldn't have to choose a few over others.

The Andbe Home, county health department and hospital all ordered their flu vaccine from the same company, she said, because it was the cheapest and everyone is on a budget.

Commissioner John Miller asked about the possibility of several counties getting together and buying from several manufacturers so that everyone would have some vaccine if another shortage happened.

He said he thought the state should intervene and help local health departments.

Mrs. Frack said that if the state got involved private doctors would probably not join the program and it would be a bigger mess.

"If the state chose the one we did, because of the price, the whole, entire state wouldn't have flu vaccine," she said.

Mrs. Frack said that next year she will buy from more than one supplier.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Visited with Jerol DeBoer from Penco, the county's engineering firm. Mr. DeBoer dropped by to thank the county for working with his firm this year.

- Heard from Mr. Miller that he was taking information on the National Association of Counties drug card program to Moffet Drug and Pamida Pharmacy to see if they would accept the cards.

- Learned that the county health department needs a new computer but will hold off getting one until next year so that it can be in the budget.

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