Weed workshop planned

Everyone invited

Kansas State University will be having an in-depth weed management school on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the 4-H Building in Norton.

K-State will also hold the school in Grainfield on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the 4-H Building.

The class is being held to promote effective, economical and environmentally-sound weed management for crops for anyone interested in the subject.

The first 60 people to register will be charged $10, which includes lunch and handout materials. Everyone thereafter will be charged $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the county extension office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Extension weed scientist Dallas Peterson and Multi-County Extension agronomist Brian Olson will be presenters for topics including:

Sprayer calibration — attendees to split into groups and learn to calibrate a sprayer. They will learn to find the right tips and screens, calculate the rate of flow, and calibrate the flow of the sprayer.

Integrated weed management — will show how crop management can increase the competitive ability of crops. Weed management and the effects of weeds on crop losses will be discussed.

Plant growth and development — a review of plant life cycles, basic plant anatomy and physiology, and water and nutrient uptake and transport.

Weed identification — how to recognize seedling weeds. Weed seeds will also be displayed. Weed identification references will be available for review, as well as where to get identification materials.

Herbicides — will include herbicide characteristics and placement. Herbicide absorption, translocation, basis for selectivity between crops and weeds and injury symptoms will be reviewed.

Weed control — a review of the latest research on tillage practices, weed control, herbicides, herbicide resistance, herbicide tank-mixes, economics of control and herbicide precautions and restrictions. Participants are asked to bring problems for discussion.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by integrated weed management at 9 a.m., weed biology and identification at 10 a.m., herbicide at 11:10 a.m., lunch at noon, sprayer calibration and sponsor displays at 1 p.m., and weed control at 3 p.m.

Five continuing education hours in pest management will be offered.

For more information, contact the extension office at 877-5755 or go to the website www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2.

Ho, ho, ho

All bundled up in a bright yellow coat, Jace Smothers gave his Christmas list to Santa on Friday as the jolly old gent visited Norton.
— Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

Experienced coach takes over Lady Huskies

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies are in the capable hands of Coach Bill Lowry for the 2003-'04 basketball season. Although Coach Lowry hasn't coached for the past three years, this will be his 21st year of coaching. His overall record is 242-120.

Coach Lowry said his team has several players with varsity experience, but overall, they lack a lot of height. But, he said, one of their goals is to give 100 percent in every game.

Other goals are to finish in the top half of the Cheyenne Conference League and make it to the sub-state tournament.

He said to reach their goals, they are going to work hard and continue to improve with a major key being excellent teamwork.

On the 2003-04 squad are: seniors — Regan Fessenden, 5'7", 6.4 point per game; and Alasia Eagleburger, 5'6", 2.8 points per game; juniors — Jayme Horacek, 5'8", 7.2 points per game; Mercedes Hays, 5'5"; Lindsey Jessup, 5'6", 3 points per game; and Lindsey Graham, 5'10", 9.8 points per game; sophomore — Serena Woodside, 5'9", 4 points per game; and freshmen — Andrea Lowry, 5'3"; Kelli Cole, 5'5"; Jessie Redeker, 5'7"; Jessica Holmes, 5'4"; Alysia Shearer, 5'9"; and Jena Jessup, 5'5".

Debbie Field is the assistant coach and Jessica King, Melody Miller, Hope Hansen and Ashley Kingham are the team's managers.

Coach Lowry said he expects the final league standings to be Logan, Eastern Heights, Kensington, Northern Valley and Palco.

"We have a very strong 1A schedule this season," said the coach. "I am excited for the season to begin and am positive the girls will do well."

The Lady Huskies first game begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Atwood.

Many agencies have questions about proposed county landfill

attract birds, there is a chance that one could be sucked into a turbojet or that the birds could be a hazard to low-flying aircraft. The agency wanted information about flight patterns and altitudes of aircraft using the airport and of birds that may be attracted to the landfill.

County commissioners are also worried that the state will require another monitoring well to make sure ground water isn't contaminated.

"If we have to put in another monitory well, we have to take them into infinity," Mr. Miller said. "We'll all be dead and gone and we'll still be monitoring these wells."

It costs the county about $15,000 per year to monitor the four wells that have already been put in to protect the ground water. Mr. Miller said that another well would add an additional $7,500 per year to the bill.

"It's becoming more convoluted all the time for something that was supposed to be on the fast track and simple," Mr. Miller said.

"I think people ought to question these things," Commissioner Dean Kruse said. "They aren't God Almighty."

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the power to make their own rules," Mr. Archibald replied. "So does the Bureau of Waste Management."

In other business, the commission:

• Heard that the County Health Department had purchased a new Ford Focus from Brooks Ford.

• Learned that batteries are not available for the defibrillators in the county ambulances so it is likely the entire units will have to be replaced at a cost of thousands of dollars instead of hundreds.

• Was told that a small section of road near Prairieland Electric, which the county thought it owned and had been maintaining, actually belongs to the state. The state, however, plans to give the county the road as soon as possible.

• Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that his crews have put down 134 miles of asphalt millings on county roads.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the county web site at www.nortoncountyks.org.

Northern Valley boy's team will have returning players

Second year coach Jason Dibble is returning to the Northern Valley Huskies for the 2003-'04 season.

Coach Dibble has several returning players and Assistant Coach Chuck Fessenden to help him.

He said Jesse Hilburn started both as a freshman and sophomore and so brings experience. Thomas Ostmeyer and Joey Copper both saw a lot of minutes on varsity last year, while Garth Gebhard, one of the team's two seniors, hasn't played much varsity, but will be expected to a lot this season.

He said the team's major strengths are their quickness and good defense, while their weaknesses are that they're small and they lack depth and experience because they graduated four of their senior players last year.

Members of the 2003-04 squad are: seniors — Gebhard, 6'0"; and Randal Conner, 5'7"; juniors — Hilburn, 5'10"; Dustin Russell, 5'11"; and Ostmeyer, 6'1"; sophomores — Casy Dole, 5'7"; Cody Lowry, 5'9"; Clarke Nelson, 5'7"; Chad Husted, 5'7"; Cole Kinderknecht, 5'10"; Avery Thalheim, 5'9"; Scott Shearer, 5'10"; Joey Copper, 6'1"; and Andrew Sheley, 5'10"; and freshmen — Chase Miller, 6'0"; Henry Griffiths, 5'11"; Chance Miller, 6'1"; and Cameron Duede, 5'11".

Coach Dibble said the team's goals are to improve their scoring consistency to no less than double digits per quarter, make first or second in the Cheyenne Conference League and at the league tourney, and to get out of the first round of regionals.

His keys to reaching these goals are to play together as a team and everyone to push each other in practice.

He said he expects Herndon to place first in the league because they are returning all of their players from last year, followed by Kensington, Northern Valley, Eastern Heights, Palco, and Logan, who lost a lot of seniors.

Coach Dibble thinks their toughest games this year will be against Herndon, Arapahoe, Cambridge, Bertrand, and Alma.

The Huskies first game will be against an Atwood team that has lost four of their five starters. The game will be played in Atwood and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Northern Valley Basketball Schedule

Dec. 5 — Atwood, Atwood, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 12 — Hill City, Almena, 4 p.m.
Dec. 16 — Smith Center, Almena, 4 p.m.
Dec. 19 — Bertrand, Almena, 4 p.m.
Jan 2-3 — Cambridge Tournament, Cambridge, 6:15 p.m.
Jan. 9 — Jennings, Jennings, 4 p.m.
Jan.12-13, 15-16 — Cheyenne Conference Tournament, Phillipsburg, TBA
Jan. 22 — Southern Valley, Southern Valley, Neb., 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 23 — Palco, Palco, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 — Osborne, Osborne, 4 p.m.
Jan. 30 — Logan, Almena, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31 — Brewster, Brewster, 4 p.m.
Feb. 6 — Eastern Heights, Almena, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 7 — Alma, Alma, 4:45 p.m.
Feb. 13 — Herndon, Herndon, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 — Arapahoe, Arapahoe, 3 p.m.
Feb. 20 — Kensington, Almena, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 23-28 — Regionals, TBA
Mar. 1-6 — Sub-State, TBA
Mar. 10-13 — State, TBA