

# E-waste center now open for recycling

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After months of planning and preparation, Colby's e-waste recycling center plans to open on Wednesday.

The center, at 1190 S. Country Club Drive, will be open one day a week, each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, it'll be open holiday hours of 9 a.m. to noon.

Since there will probably be lots of people who want to get rid of old equipment at first, said co-ordinator Lynette Koon, the center needs volunteer help for the first few months to help speed up the process. Call Ms. Koon at (785) 460-1840 if you're interested.

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization and the state Department of Health and Environment have joined to provide the e-waste recycling service free to households, government offices and schools. Businesses and other groups will have to pay, Ms. Koon said.

Fees will be \$5 per computer monitor, \$10 per television, \$2 per microwave or 10 cents per pound up to a maximum of \$20 per item for anything else. Fees could change if the agency taking the items raises its charges.

Every recycler, free or paid, will have to fill out some paperwork, which will list their name, address, phone number and items being recycled, Ms. Koon said. It won't take long, she added, but people can't just drop things off.

The state has set aside \$150,000 a year for two years for the program. If the money for any year is used up before the year is out, Ms. Koon said, all recyclers may have to pay to dispose of their items.

The center in Colby is part of an eight-county effort which includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Gove and Scott counties.

A recycling trailer will travel to the other seven counties each

Tuesday after the first of the year in rotation. However, recyclers in those counties do not have to wait for the trailer; they can bring their items to the center in Colby any Wednesday.

The center will accept desktop and laptop computers, computer parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax and copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, pagers, personal data assistants (such as a Palm Pilot), televisions, video disk and tape players, stereos, radios of any type, tape recorders, speakers, satellite receivers, microwave ovens, calculators, adding machines, toner and inkjet cartridges, handheld or console game systems, game cartridges and rechargeable batteries.

Satellite dishes will not be accepted, so if you have an old one, you might have the largest bird bath in town.

Groups with a lot of recyclables should call ahead to make arrangements rather than bringing the items in during regular hours. This will help speed up the process, Ms. Koon said. To make special arrangements, to volunteer to help or for information, call (785) 460-1840. Locally, call Roger Jensen, St. Francis, 785-332-5011 or Joy Andregg, Bird City, 785-734-2001.

The center asked people not leave anything outside, because the form needs to be filled out, for your own security and to keep the area looking nice. Computers and phones contain sensitive personal data, Ms. Koon said, and a thief may be able to get identity information from them.

While electronic products contain some valuable materials, including precious metals, Ms. Koon said, they also contain hazardous materials including mercury and lead, which can cause water and air pollution and be a serious health problem if they are not properly disposed of.



'BIG BAD MUSICAL' finds the evil step mom, played by Naria Hamilton, left, and the fairy god mother, played by Katie Lambert, arguing the case of the big bad wolf. The judge (Laura Brunk) tries to maintain order.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Sessions planned

The Kansas Department of Commerce will host seven informational sessions throughout western Kansas to provide agriculture-based entrepreneurs an overview of assistance offered through the Department's Rural Development Division and its statewide partners.

The sessions will summarize the various forms of financial and technical aid such as universities, conservation offices, extensions and local governments. Attendees will learn about grants, loans and educational opportunities, as well as value-added topics such as niche marketing, specialty livestock production and agritourism. Commerce programs to be discussed include:

- Simply Kansas Trademark Program
- Agritourism Attraction Development Loan Program
- Diversified Farm and Specialty Production Loan Program
- Agriculture Value Added Loan Program and more

The sessions are free and open to the public. Snacks and beverages will be served at most sessions.

"It's crucial that Kansas farmers, ranchers and other value-added producers find new ways to process and market their products," said Carole Jordan, Rural Development Division director. "That's what value-added agriculture is all about."

The sessions mark the second wave of meetings Commerce has sponsored this year. Sessions were also held this spring in various eastern Kansas communities.

For more information, contact Becki Rhoades at (785) 296-1847 or brhoades@kansasccommerce.com.

The schedule follows:  
Thursday, Dec. 11, Hays, Fort Hays State University, Robbins Center, Dreiling Board Room, 600 Park St., 10 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11, Oberlin, Gateway Civic Center, No. 1 Morgan Drive, 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12, Goodland, 4-H Building, 301 N. Main, 9 a.m.

# Musical planned for Monday

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting their annual musical on Monday in the high school auditorium. Showtime for "The Big Bad Musical" is 7 p.m.

The jury (the audience) must decide the outcome of the biggest trial ever in the fairy-tale world. The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by storybooks of quirky characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her grandmother, the three little pigs and the shepherdess in charge of the "boy who cried wolf."

With Sydney Grimm as the commentator on live court television, the two greatest legal minds in the enchanted Forest — the evil stepmother and the fairy godmother — clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after.

As the wronged fairy tale characters testify, the wolf seems deserving of all that's coming. Yet, even though the infamous evil stepmother resents doing pro-bono work on such an obviously futile defense, Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself. Was he born a criminal or made one by society?

Members of the cast include Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Mariah Hamilton, Krissy Harris, Katie Lambert, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup, Sarah Whitmore, Randee Grover, Jacy Hilt, Bailey Merklin, Hannah Rider and Aly Schlepp. They are directed by Debbie Fiala.

There will be an admission charge at the door. For more information, see advertisement in this issue.

# Farm bill meeting held at fairgrounds

A Farm Bill Informational meeting is planned for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the building at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

"This is an opportunity for local farmers and ranchers to learn more about new programs in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill)," said Angie Berens, county executive director of the county's Farm Service Agency.

"Come and plan to spend the

morning with us." The Farm Bill contains new legislation for commodity, livestock, price support, conservation, and disaster programs. In addition, there are new eligibility criteria that will affect all producers.

People with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Mrs. Berens at (785) 332-2183 or e-mail angie.berens@ks.usda.gov by Dec. 10.

Thank you to everyone who built a float for the light parade. They were awesome.....Thanks to the police dept. for leading the parade; to the city crew for getting the street lights off and then getting them back on; to Fred Magley for getting Santa downtown and to everyone who came and watched the parade. This years "People Choice" winner was Pleasant Hill 4-H.



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