

## County landfill fined \$15,250 for violations

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansan.com

The Cheyenne County landfill has been targeted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment... not once, but several times. Some of the violations the landfill has been cited for includes blowing trash, not covering the day's trash with 6-inches of dirt and not compacting waste enough.

On March 8, a letter from Rebecca Wenner with the department of health and environment, was received informing the commissioners the county was being fined \$15,250.

The commissioners called a special meeting to discuss the matter on Thursday. Present besides the commissioners were Ed Garner, solid waste manager; Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor; Kari Gilliland, county attorney; Karan Thadoni assistant attorney; J.R. Landenberger, St. Francis city supervisor, and Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk.

Ms. Wenner had stated in the letter that if the county would agree to the terms of a consent agreement, the fine would be reduced to \$2,000. The remaining \$13,250 would be paid off in community service labor.

Those present talked about what was needed at the landfill including cross fencing and other fencing, vacuum for picking papers off the fences, compactor, shorter hours and another employee. It will also be necessary to close the dump when the wind is blowing.

Mr. Landenberger the St. Francis City Council will be requiring that all trash put into the dumpsters be bagged or it wouldn't be picked up. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said Bird City residents are already required to bag their trash.

Mrs. Gilliland said that the first thing that needed to be done was to accept the conditions of the agreement, pay the \$2,000 and tell Ms. Wenner that plans were being made. She would meet with Mr. Flemming and Mr. Garner and work out a standard operation plan.

In the future, there will be changes made at the landfill. When the rules are established, people bringing items to the landfill will have to abide by them. Mr. Garner will need to enforce the rules set by the commissioners.

The landfill will be on the agenda of the March 30 commissioners' meeting.

## Athlete invited to play in mens all-star game

Ethan Young of Cheylin High School and Isaac Schiltz of St. Francis Community High School are among the basketball players who have been invited to play in the Colby Community College 19th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic mens game.

The All-Star games featuring senior basketball players will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday in the Colby Community Building. The

women's game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m.

Young will be playing on the "Visitor" team wearing the dark jerseys. Schiltz will be playing on the "Home" team wearing the light jerseys.



Young



THE HEIRLOOM QUILT of Mary Dorsch's was started over 100 years ago by her grandmother and recently finished by the Methodist ladies quilting group.

Times photo by Reverend Tom Bailey

## Quilting group finishes 100-year-old quilt

Many people talk of the beautiful wooded area and wildlife around the homestead home of Norman and Mary Dorsch. This has been their home since they were married, and where Norman was born 85 years ago.

The time has finally come when Mary can no longer handle the stairs and upkeep of the country home. After her recovery of her recent hip surgery they have moved to the Bird City Manor.

In Mary's spare bedroom she

displays her heirloom quilt that her grandmother Harrison had started at least 100 years ago by cutting the pieces out of white sugar sacks, and neatly hand-sewing them together. After Grandma Harrison died, Mary's sister Betty found the quilt top, neatly folded and laying on a shelf. About six months before the Thresher Show in July, she gave it to Mary. Mary didn't even open it but, instead, placed it on her shelf at the farm.

Norman and Mary Dorsch's grandson James and his wife Amy came from Wichita for the steam engine show, and Amy saw it on the shelf, opened it up and said, "Grandma you have to finish this!"

With this encouragement Mary took it to the Immanuel Methodist ladies quilting group and ask them to finish it for her.

Last Tuesday James' sister Amanda was helping Mary pack the items she wanted to take to

Bird City and Pastor Tom Bailey, Darlene Burr, Shirley Robba, Michael Lucy and Bertha Sanders from the Methodist Church presented her with the finished quilt. Darlene Brubaker and Treva Henry helped with the quilting but they were unable to attend the presentation.

For those who wish to see this finished quilt, and welcome Norman and Mary in their new home they are in the Lebow Manor, Apartment 10 on N. Rich St.



GROUNDWORK HAS RESUMES at the Cheyenne County Airport. The runway will be longer and wider. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of July.



SOLID ROCK was found under a portion of the runway extension. This huge jack hammer was clearing away the rocks and trucks were hauling it off so the dirt work could be done.

Herald staff photos by Tim Burr

## Airport runway construction starts

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansan.com

The Cheyenne County Airport runway south of St. Francis is nearing completion. The cement plant has been set up at the south end of the runway and, on Monday, the big equipment started the groundwork.

Dave Yost, Airport Commission president, reported there was a change of plans when those using the equipment ran into solid rock. The Federal Aviation Administration approved a slight change in the plans and work will continue.

The concrete work will begin when the dirt work is done and the dirt is packed.

The concrete runway will be wider and longer allowing larger planes to land.

The runway project was made possible with a Federal grant which paid for 95 percent of the cost while the county paid for the other 5 percent.

The total cost of the project will be \$5 million with the county only paying \$250,000.

We were able to get the 95-5 grant before the Federal Aviation Administration raised the matching funds to 90-10.

Work will continue on the runway throughout the spring with the completion date estimated to be near the end of July.