

Recalled dip causes county planning

Officials from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment were in St. Francis on Thursday. They met with officials from Cheyenne County to create a plan in the event action must be taken as a result of reported cases linked to the recalled layered dip. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, reported that at this time, no cases have been reported.

If you have the following products do not to eat and discard immediately.

Recalled products:
Rojo's Ultimate 7 Layer Dip, 36 oz. 35196-44162 with a use by date of 09-16-11 or before.

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Use proper hygiene including washing hands before eating or after using the restroom. This will help in preventing any person to person transfer.



WORK PROGRESSES at the Good Samaritan Village. The underground plumbing has been reconfigured which took some time. Now the roof trusses on the west side are up and the roof is being covered. Getting the new building

fully framed in will continue over the coming weeks. The Village is at full occupancy with 22 residents and more on the waiting list.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Foundation puts on two assemblies at school

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, six members of the Todd Becker team arrived in Bird City for two assemblies at the school.

On Wednesday afternoon, the team had everything set up to give their presentation to the high school students. For 1.5 hours, Keith Becker, brother of Todd Becker shared his story.

Keith told how Todd had begun his high school career with such potential in so many areas. During Todd's senior year, in February, he was killed in an alcohol-related car accident.

He told how upset and angry he was that this happened to his brother and that it wasn't fair for a guy that had so much potential. But then he got to looking at what had caused it.

Back in his freshman year, Todd had wanted to take the narrow road, but through one decision, followed by a series of other wrong decisions, Todd had followed the wide road, which led him to destruction. Matthew 7:13, 14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to

life, and only a few find it."

Through a variety of storytelling and video, Keith related his brother's story, and several opportunities Todd had to change and from his wrong decisions, but none of the opportunities were enough to cause Todd to make the change. He then intensified his talk and told that it was he, himself who had helped his brother, Todd, make these wrong decisions. And because of that, he was traveling around to help other students make good decisions that would help put them on the narrow road.

At the end of the spell-bound presentation, Keith asked anyone that wanted to come forward, who also had been on the wide road, who wanted a chance to have a restart in their life. Many students came and stood on the narrow road, as a way of declaring they wanted to start fresh.

On Wednesday evening, the Todd Becker Foundation came back to the high school for anyone in the community that wanted to come and listen to Keith's story. Keith had promised that the evening presentation would be different than the afternoon, because this was how it related to his life, not just Todd's.

Keith took the audience through the events that took place after his brother's death, and how those events made him question within himself, "Where would he go when he died?"

Keith then related some verses from the Bible that had impacted his life, and how he personally understood that Jesus Christ gave his life for Keith. He finally understood that just going to church or being "good enough" wasn't what was going to get him to heaven.

Keith ended his talk by kneeling down in the center of

the floor, asking if there was anyone that wanted to join him. After an overwhelming response of people coming forward and kneeling down, pastors, youth workers, and others in the community came alongside and helped counsel and talk to those that came forward.

"It was a tremendous event that really spoke to people's lives, young and old," said Dan Carson. "We've all made bad decisions, and we've all influenced others into also making bad decisions, so his message was so real and relatable."



ALLIE FRISBIE warms up before the volleyball soap scrimmage held on Friday night.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Two area students receive scholarships

Whitney Churchwell and Samantha Robertson have received scholarships from the Barton Community College for the 2011-12 academic year. Whitney has received the Eustace Marmie Honorarium scholarship,

and Samantha, the Melvin O. Nuss Academic scholarship.

Barton college foundation presents scholarships each year from money received through its fund-raising events, endowments and annual scholarship gifts.

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