

Gagglers' convention



Talk about a gaggle of geese! This was the scene at the Harlan County Reservoir at Alma, Neb., photographed by a Norton Telegram staff member who just happened to be there when this photo opportunity presented itself. In this case, the photo is worth 1000 words.

-Telegram photo by Christi Anderson

One dead in accident near Oberlin

A utility vehicle driven by a 15-year-old girl rolled into a field south of Oberlin about 6:15 p.m. last Saturday, throwing four of the five occupants out and killing the girl's stepfather.

Firemen arriving at the scene a few minutes later asked dispatchers to call out all available emergency medical technicians, and three ambulances — two from Oberlin and one from Jennings — responded.

Trooper Charles Boydston of the Kansas Highway Patrol said none of the five occupants had been wearing a seat belt.

The driver, Ashley Anne Coronado, was flown to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita with a possible broken leg, chest injuries and other possible injuries.

Dwayne R. Dickinson, 34, her stepfather, was pronounced dead at the Decatur County Hospital.

Chad Lee Salem, 33, Oberlin, also was flown to Wesley.

Another passenger, David Royan Vick, 36, Redondo Beach, Calif., was airlifted to a Denver hospital.

Troy Gregory Rush, 29, Almena, was treated at the Oberlin hospital, but released by Monday. He was not ejected, and had been able to walk to a nearby farmhouse to get help.

Trooper Boydston said the driver was going west on County Road 6 South when she lost control on loose gravel. The truck went into the north ditch and rolled several times, winding up in a stubble field on the driver's side.

People in town heard about the wreck on police scanners, he said, and the victims' relatives were waiting by the time they got to

the hospital.

"It was a very violent collision," he said. "It rolled several times."

The trooper, who serves as an emergency medical technician in his hometown of Phillipsburg, said the response from emergency crews here was good. The fact that one person survived was almost a miracle, he said, but despite the crushing impacts, the roof of the vehicle held up. He said he could not tell how fast the driver was going. Mr. Rush probably owed his life to the fact that he was not ejected, he said.

"It shows what could have hap-

pened if the people had had their seat belts on and stayed in the vehicle," the trooper said. "Luckily, the one wasn't ejected so he could go for help."

The man had to walk to the nearest farmhouse, about a quarter mile to the east, to call 911, he said. Within minutes, fire fighters and medical technicians were pouring in to help.

Trooper Boydston said as far as he could tell, the driver, who wasn't old enough to have a full license, did not have either a restricted driver's license or a learner's permit.

Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., in cooperation with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, plans to construct the Rhoades to Phillipsburg 115-kV Transmission Line Project. The 115-kV transmission line will be constructed from the Rhoades Substation, located south of Norton, Kansas to the Phillipsburg Substation, located north of Phillipsburg, Kansas.

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Lenora Jubilee contracts for new carnival

The Lenora Jubilee Association has contracted with a new carnival company to provide more rides at this year's celebration June 13-14-15. The carnival, however, will be operating only on Saturday, the 14th. The new carnival will have popular characters on their rides that children will recognize, such as Spiderman. The Spiderman attraction includes a climbing wall and slide. Older kids will be attracted to "King of the Mountain" a competitive challenge. Bounce House, an old favorite, will also lure the youngsters.

Scott Sproul, Jubilee Association president, said, "Our mission is to provide families with the highest quality entertainment at the best value." Eric Patterson, the association's vice-president chimed in with, "Whoopie! I'm telling you, it's gonna be great in 2008"



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Many 4-H members advance

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as follows:

Project Talks: Colten Bach, Regional Blue; Wyatt and Quentin Wentz, Regional Blue; Tyson Gill, Blue.

Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talks: Rebecca Wentz, Regional Blue; Quentin Wentz, Regional Blue; Wyatt Wentz, Blue; Dalton Vanover, Blue; Clay Vanover, Red.

Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks: Carissa Wentz, Regional Blue; Megan Wentz, Regional Blue; Tyler Montgomery, Blue.

Public Speaking: Phillip Becker, Regional Blue; Melinda Becker, Regional Blue.

Vocal Solos: Lauren Mordecai, Regional Blue; Megan Wentz, Blue; Kelsey Mordecai, Blue.

Instrumental Solo: Kelsey Mordecai, Regional Blue, tuba; Eric Becker, Blue, tuba; Carson Montgomery, Blue, baritone; Rebecca Wentz, Blue, clarinet; Kailey Gill, Blue, piano; Abbie Smith, Blue, piano; Lauren Mordecai, Blue, piano; Kelsey Mordecai, Blue, piano.

Instrumental Ensemble: Lauren and Kelsey Mordecai, Regional Blue.

Talent - Skit: Cedar Ridge 4-H Club, Regional Blue.

Model Meetings: Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Regional Blue; Prairie Dog Club, Blue.

Other Dance: Lauren and Kelsey Mordecai, Busy Beavers, Regional Blue; Cedar Ridge Club Dance, Blue.

Junior Reading: Dalton Vanover, Regional Blue.

Senior Reading: Michael Cal-

laway, Regional Blue; Kegan Vanover, Regional Blue.

Members receiving Regional Blue will compete at Regional 4-H Club Day in Hill City on Friday, March 28.

Judges for the events were Irene Cressler, Hoxie; Staci Edgett-Minson, WaKeeney; Claudia Potter, Hill City; Cindy Tuxhorn, Smith Center; and Andrea Spanier, Norcatu.

Committee members helping with 4-H Club Day were as follows:

Mary and Crissa Wentz, Diedre Kramer, Christopher Maddy, Mary Vanover, Luke and Jacob VanSkiel, LeeAnn Shearer, Caleb Vanover, Phillip, Tim and Melinda Becker, Michael and Jeanette Callaway, Beverly Kindler, Kris Mizell, Tabetta Smith, Kelsie Griffith and Cassie and Kayla Field.

Norton firefighters lend a hand

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Firemen had the flames contained within a half hour, he said, but it took much longer to put the smoking trees out. A county bulldozer operator pushed them over so firemen could spray them.

"You hate it when it gets into the creek like that," Mr. Green said, "but that does slow the wind down."

While firemen fought the blaze, he said, farmers used disks and a bulldozer to create fire breaks around the area, holding the blaze to the timber.

In all, Chief Cathcart said, 14 trucks from Oberlin, Norcatu, Jennings and Norton turned out. Water tankers were set up in Mr. Ward's yard along the county line road north of Clayton.

Both chiefs said Clayton was never in any danger, though smoke blowing in from the creek was heavy at times.

Ironically, when dispatchers called to get the forecast for the fire

crew, National Weather Service officials in Goodland said they were just issuing a "red flag" fire warning because of the sudden wind. It was a little late, Chief Cathcart said, but accurate.

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**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday
March 31, April 1 and 2**



City Trucks will make special trash pickup on these days.

All items MUST be out at the curb by 8 a.m. on your regular route day
NO ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE ALLEY! ALL ITEMS MUST BE PUT OUT AT THE CURB-IN FRONT OF YOUR RESIDENCE

All types of trash will be picked up on your regular trash route day EXCEPT yard waste, tires and household hazardous waste. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular yard waste route day and must be in a solid container. There will be a \$10.00 charge per item for appliances with freon. Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 8 feet long. Fireplace ash must be in plastic bags. The maximum limits the City will pick up at each residence is one load of household items and one load of tree limbs. Normal household trash will be picked up in the usual manner. SPECIAL NOTE: TRASH MUST BE SEPARATED, i.e., tree limbs from metals, etc. because they are disposed of in different locations at the landfill. Mattresses and furniture need to be separate from other trash. Hazardous waste such as paint, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, poisons, caustic chemicals, etc. WILL NOT be picked up and should be taken by owners directly to the county landfill.

NOTE: Twice-a-week pickup begins the week of APRIL 7. Regular household trash and recyclables will be picked up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Yard waste for Monday's route will be picked up on Thursday. Yard waste for Tuesday's route will be picked up on Friday. Yard waste for Wednesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday afternoon. Yard waste must be placed at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your yard waste route day, and must be in a solid container.

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