

Road work



Workers from Hi-Plains Sand out of Kanopolis worked on repairing their equipment this morning. The crew started laying asphalt on K-27 today. The work will continue until at least next Friday.
Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Waiting list keeps growing

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He said some students drop off the list before making it into the program. The college checks three times a year to see if they are still interested. A good percentage hang on because the education is something that they want, and those who drop off are quickly replaced.

"There is enrollment coming in all the time," said Keirns, "to fill the spots left if people drop off the list."

The programs are popular because there is a high demand for people with technical communications and electronics skills, he said. The programs have an outstanding placement rate and starting salaries of \$35,000 to \$40,000 or higher per year.

"Employment opportunities are lit-

erally world wide," said Keirns.

When the technical school held a job fair in August, for instance, 30 telecommunication companies from Florida to California and almost everywhere in between showed up to interview just 37 graduates. One of the companies wanted to hire 300 people.

Communications network technology is an 11-month program focusing on telecommunications, Keirns said. The program includes fiber optic installation and repair, and cable and subscriber carrier installation and repair.

Communications technology is a two-year program that offers direct training for employment in the telephone industry and electronics program also is a two-year program.

Twenty-four students are waiting

to get into the electronics program for 2001 and 14 are waiting for 2002. In the communications technology program, 45 students are waiting for January 2001, 25 for May 2001, 45 for September 2001, 45 for January 2002, 25 for May 2002, 45 for September 2002, 45 for January 2003, 25 for May 2003, 45 for September 2003, 45 for January 2004, two for May 2004 and three for September 2004.

In communications network technology, 22 students are on the waiting list for February 2001, 22 for August 2001, 22 for February 2002, 22 for August 2002, 22 for February 2003.

In the electronics department, 24 students are on the waiting list for 2001 and 14 are already in line for 2002.

Highway work delayed once more

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Wednesday morning, but, he said Wednesday that it looked like the work wouldn't begin until this morning.

"Work should start today," said Darin Neufeld, an inspector with Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson and Associates PA Engineers-Surveyors, the firm which planned the job for the city.

Asphalt work will start on the north part of the west, or southbound lanes, and will continue to the new concrete section by the exits to I-70, he said. This should take two days.

Then work will move to the east, or northbound lanes, for another two days.

Pickman said he has no idea when

the project will be done for sure, but said the asphalt work has been subcontracted to Hi-Plains Sand out of Kanopolis.

He said the asphalt will require two lifts. The first layer will be a base put over the milled part of K-27, which will take three to four days to complete. Then an inch surface will be put on top of the base, which should take about two days.

The first lift will be done completely, he said, and then after both lanes are done, they will go back through with the surface material.

His best guess, said Neufeld, is that the asphalt work should be done by Friday, Oct. 27.

After the asphalt work is done, he said, Smith Sand and Gravel will put

in a new concrete entrance to the Apple Trail Truck Stop at the junction of I-70 and K-27.

The only thing left to do after that is to put down the striping and the put up the road signs, said Neufeld.

He is not sure if they will have to use temporary striping. If winter weather comes before the permanent striping is done, Smith will have to come back in the spring to do the permanent stripes.

Neufeld said he would estimate the work would be done, and all four lanes opened by Friday, Nov. 3.

Smith Sand and Gravel has to pay \$600 a day to the Kansas Department of Transportation for every day that they go over their Sept. 27 deadline, but all of that goes into a general fund of the state, none to the city.

New staff invades Daily News office

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before, from the summer of 1990 until the spring of 1992.

She grew up at Juniata, Neb., and graduated from Adams Central High School near Hastings. She graduated from Liberty University in 1988.

When Eric needed help with the Syracuse paper, he called her and she went to work for him as an intern and later as editor.

During 1993, she went back to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

While she was editor and reporter at *The Star*, she won awards for writing. She started the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match and is on the Goodland Baseball Commis-

sion.

She is now working full-time on promotional products, web site design, graphic design and public relations as the owner of Red Brick Road Promotions.

Pat Schiefen of Goodland will work in the office part-time, helping office manager Sheila Smith with accounting, bookkeeping, circulation and classified ads.

Schiefen, a *Star* employee for a year and a half, started work Wednesday and will do the same type of work at *The Daily* as she did before.

She said she grew up around Lakin and moved to Goodland in 1976. She has a son Jim, who is a student at Fort Hays State University.

Jan Zwetzig and Sally Michael will continue writing columns for *The*

Daily News which they formerly did for *The Star*.

Zwetzig, who lives in Goodland, also did reporting when she worked for *The Star*. Her column, *The Goodland Gazette*, tells about happenings in Goodland.

Michael lives at Brewster and gives news in her column about what's going on in that area. Her column is called *The Brewster Beacon*.

Commissioners approve audit contract

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News
Sherman County commissioners approved the contract for this year's audit Tuesday after the accounting firm explained its billing for the last one.

At the last meeting, Commissioner Kevin Rasure had asked for a breakdown of payments to the audit firm of VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt before approving a contract, and County Clerk Janet Rumpel contacted the auditors.

The total billed by the accounting firm for helping with the 2001 budget preparation was \$813. The audit for 1999 cost \$20,819, and the auditing firm also prepared an annual report for the state for \$192 and a solid waste financial report for \$1,152.

Rasure said he was satisfied with the figures and made a motion to approve a contract with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt for the 2000 audit not to exceed \$21,600. Frankenfeld seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners watched a demonstration of a quick-retrieval program for storing county records presented by Linda K. Mock of Lockwood Co.

The program would convert micro-filmed records onto a computer compact disk, and the information then could be searched for quick retrieval and printing. Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong and Clerk Janet Rumpel both said the process would help their offices.

Mock said the cost of such a program would be about 15 cents per page scanned into the microfilm and transferred onto the compact computer disk.

Armstrong said the county records are on microfilm, but the process for printing these records is difficult and they are sometimes hard to read. Rumpel said she is concerned because most of the clerk and commissioner records are not even on microfilm.

The commissioners did not make a decision, but indicated interest in finding out how much such a program might cost. Mock said it would depend on the number of pages, and offered to do an inventory to provide an estimated cost.

In other action, the commissioners:

- Approved a letter of support to the City of Goodland for its public transportation program.
- Approved purchase of a Dell computer for the Noxious Weed Department for \$1,208, and Weed Wise software program for \$2,507. Daryl West and Paula Geist of the department were

asked to see if the annual support fee of \$525 can be paid on a year-by-year basis. Commissioner Kenny Davis said he would agree to paying for the support for a year, but did not want to get into a multiple-year contract.

• Approved a request from the Kanorado Rural Fire department to sell an old ambulance and Jeep at the upcoming county auction of confiscated vehicles. Davis asked that a description of the vehicles be provided before they are sold to be sure there is not another department which could use them.

• Held a 10-minute closed door session on a personnel issue, but there was no action taken.

The next regular meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the commission room on the main floor of the courthouse at Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.

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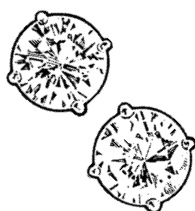
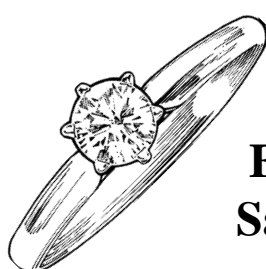
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