

Off to their first day back at school



Students arrived at West Elementary School, this morning, to begin their first day back after summer vacation.
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Hospital changes staff

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chine is ready to go. A team of three surveyors from the American Center of Radiology came in Aug. 3 to do a preliminary check of the new mammography machine. The hospital reviewed the reports and the corrections are done. However, two of the three surveyors have not turned in their reports, which has caused a delay in beginning operations.

Changes to the X-ray policy book were reviewed and approved. Most of the changes are due to the mammography machine, and included changes

in procedures, such as technicians turning in a certain number of X-ray films each quarter for review of film handling, picture taking and machine operations.

There have been some personnel changes in the hospital. Vonda Kaup, surgery supervisor, moved to Lawrence, and Brenda Hays, who has been day shift supervisor, has taken her position. Tanya Medina, a surgical scrub nurse, left and was replaced by Janice DeGood, who has been working in surgery part time.

The board was asked to vote on a resolution from the American Hospi-

tal Association saying rural hospitals need help and asking Kansas representatives to increase Medicare payment rates. There was some change last year, but an increase is needed to cover costs, Jolly said.

A strategic planning meeting was set for Monday, Oct. 29 at the Sugar Hills Country Club, and the schedule for regular meetings for the rest of 2001 was discussed. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 24.

The board went into closed session for 55 minutes before adjournment, but no action was taken afterward, Jolly said.

Search for drugs yields little

By Rachel Miscal
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Goodland police officers came up empty-handed last week when they searched rooms and a van at the K-Inn motel for drugs and a meth lab.

The search wasn't a total bust, though, as they arrested people wanted in other states for forgery and parole violation.

Police Chief Ray Smee said officers got reports that a group staying at the K Inn, 611 E. Business U.S. 24, had

drugs and were producing methamphetamine. He said officers convinced a judge to sign a search warrant, which they served on Wednesday evening.

The five people in the group were all from different states, Smee said, and officers searched their rooms and a van in which they were traveling, finding nothing illegal.

"We came up empty-handed," the chief said. "We don't have a crime."

Smee said it was the first time he has received a search warrant that didn't

turn up anything, and he was not happy with that.

"It will be a lot tougher to get a search warrant next time," he said.

On Thursday, though, officers arrested Robert Mathis, wanted in Arkansas for violation of parole, and Tammy Wright, wanted in Utah for forgery. Smee said police found the warrants when they did background checks on the group.

The chief said both will be face extradition to their states.

Salina police ask military for help

SALINA (AP)—Salina and Saline County law officials have asked Fort Riley to allow military police to help patrol crowds of young people — many of them soldiers from Fort Riley — who congregate outside local busi-

nesses after nightclubs close. Managers of businesses have been battling to try to control the young people who congregate in their parking lots after nightclubs close about 2 a.m. Fridays.

The nightclubs often run special promotions on Thursday nights, including Ladies Night, which attract the crowds.

Some businesses began closing between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. to thwart the crowds, while others have hired pri-

ivate security companies or off-duty police officers to patrol their lots.

Police Chief Jim Hill said his officers have estimated crowds on some nights at close to 150, although the number has dropped in recent weeks.

Fort Riley military police already help Manhattan police with crowds of people, including Fort Riley soldiers, in Aggieville. Police say military police can control soldiers who may not be breaking any laws but are not living up to military codes of conduct.

Drunk drivers arrested over weekend

Two area men were arrested for drunk driving over the weekend, and an asphalt truck tipped over while unloading Friday.

A 29-year-old Goodland man was arrested Sunday night for driving drunk on old U.S. 24 near Kanorado and having no proof of insurance, no driver's license and a license plate not assigned to the car he was driving.

Trooper Dave Albers reported that he arrested Juan Luevanos at 7:30 p.m. near the state line. Luevanos, also known as Sanjuana Flores, was driving a 1987 GMC Safari. His bond was listed as \$575, and he is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Daivd C. Richardson, 40, Burlington, was arrested in the same area Friday night for driving under the influence.

Richardson was on Sherman County Road 2 at old U.S. 24 east of Kanorado in a red 1994 Ford Ranger with no license plates when Undersheriff Kevin Butts stopped and arrested him at 6:30 p.m.

The report said Richardson was

drunk but cooperative.

He was taken to Sherman County Jail, and his vehicle and keys were turned over to his wife.

Richardson was later released on bond.

Also Friday, a dump truck from Garden City unloading asphalt on K-27 north of Eighth Street, where the Kansas Department of Transportation is rebuilding the road, tipped over.

A highway patrol report said the truck, owned by Marco Galaviz Trucking in Garden City, was facing north and was stationary while the driver, Oscar Garcia, was unloading asphalt at 6:45 p.m.

As Garcia, 28, was dumping the asphalt, the truck overturned.

Two new ideas offered for Lawrence trafficway offered

LAWRENCE (AP)—After years of resistance, Kansas transportation officials say they will consider building part of the Lawrence bypass along a route preferred by environmentalists and Haskell Indian Nations University.

But the state is also offering Haskell officials a package worth more than \$5 million if they will support an alternative plan for the South Lawrence Trafficway near the southern edge of the university's property.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will present the two new routes at a public hearing on Thursday. The state wants to hear everyone's concerns before it begins a new environmental impact study, said Mike Rees.

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