

More than 160 graduate

By Sharon Corcoran

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More than 160 students graduated from the Northwest Kansas Technical College this spring, with commencement ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Goodland's Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Jack Wempe, chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, gave the commencement address; the college president recognized four retiring instructors and a student; and the Student of the Year was announced.

Wempe said people need find their niches in life to be successful, and we need to end barriers to receiving a higher education. People need to realize that society needs people in all occupations, he said,

Goodland senior wins piano award

Amanda Hoffman, daughter of Richard and Lyn Hoffman of Goodland, won the Margaret Martin Award, given each year to a Goodland High School senior who has achieved distinction as a pianist.

Hoffman is a student of Pat Ziegelmeier of Gem. The Goodland Federated Music Club presented the award during the junior-senior recital on Sunday, May 4, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church. The recital was to honor the National Federation of Music Clubs' 80th observance of National Music Week May 4-11.

Hoffman has accompanied choirs, classes, solos and concerts for her four high school years. She participated in the regional contest for four years, and the state contest for three years.

She has played for her church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Northwest Kansas Technical College and also for senior citizen's events.

At the Kansas Music Teachers Association district auditions, which Hoffman participated in 1999-2002, she was named district winner in 2000. At the state audition in 2000, she received honorable mention in the 9-10 grade division.

Under the Kansas Music Teachers Association sponsorship, she participated in Music Progressions Auditions 1999-2001. Under the Northwest Kansas Piano Teacher League's sponsorship, she participated in clinic auditions in 2000-03 and also their multi-keyboard con-

not just a few glamorous ones.

President Kenneth A. Clouse recognized Jason W. Gilbert, who graduated from the medical assistant program, as the winner of a state scholarship for "non-traditional" students in health care. He receiving a \$500 scholarship.

Admissions Coordinator Patti Purvis said he won the Kansas Breaking Traditions Scholarship for students studying for a student a career not considered traditional for their gender. It is part of the Kansas gender equity program, she said, administered through the Board of Regents.

Clouse also recognized Dennis Bentzinger, who retired after 23 years of teaching the welding program; James Paulsen, who retired

cert 2000-02.

Under the Federation of Women's Clubs Talent Auditions, she participated in 2000 and earned eligibility for second year competition. And in 2002, she again earned second year eligibility.

With her private study, she presented solos at Christmas and spring recitals 1999-2002.

Each year, the family of Margaret Martin, a long-time piano teacher in Goodland, gives the award. The Goodland Federated Music Club evaluates nominations and recommends to the family which senior should receive the award.

Previous recipients are Cheryl Hinger for 1980, Marlene Corke 1982, Owen Freiburger 1983, Ping Huang 1985, JoAnna Long 1986, Lynette Brazda 1992, Diane Coon 1993, Heather Porterfield 1995, Matthew Barnes 1996, Mandy Hatcher 1997, Nicholas Parker 2000 and Erinn Hardy and Jill Sowers for 2001.

Other students who performed at the recital were Josef Felver, baritone horn, with Timothy Kafka as accompanist; Michael Hall, vocal, with Nancy Shores as accompanist; Lori Redlin, vocal, with Shores as accompanist; Kafka, piano; Alyssa Mason, vocal, with Carol Jolly as accompanist; Emily Langness, piano; Megan McCall, vocal, with Jolly as accompanist; Matt Hurst, baritone saxophone, with Hoffman as accompanist; and Amanda Jolly, vocal, with Jolly as accompanist.

Children invited to join summer reading program

Children 4 to 14 are invited to "Laugh It Up" at the Goodland Public Library this summer as part of the 2003 Summer Reading Program.

The program will be from Tuesday, June 10, through Friday, July 18, but children may now enroll.

Story time for "Radical Readers" entering second through seventh grades will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, June 11, 18 and 25, and July 2 and 9.

Children 5 and 6 will meet from 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, June 12 and 19, and July 3 and 10, for the "Read to Me" session.

The "Born to Read" program for children from up to age 4 will continue on Friday morning from 10-10:45. An adult must accompany the child to this session.

"The Game Show" will be from 1-2 p.m. Thursdays for children in grades three and higher; it has been popular in the past.

Special activity days will include "Treasure Ticket Day" on Tues-

days, June 10 and 24, and July 1. "Balloon Burst Day" will be Tuesdays, June 17, and July 15. A program presented by the Pubic Broadcasting System will be Thursday, June 26; advance registration is required.

"Jay & Leslie's Laughing Matters" will be at 1 p.m. in the library. The program includes juggling, mime, magic and other nonsense. It is open to children of all ages.

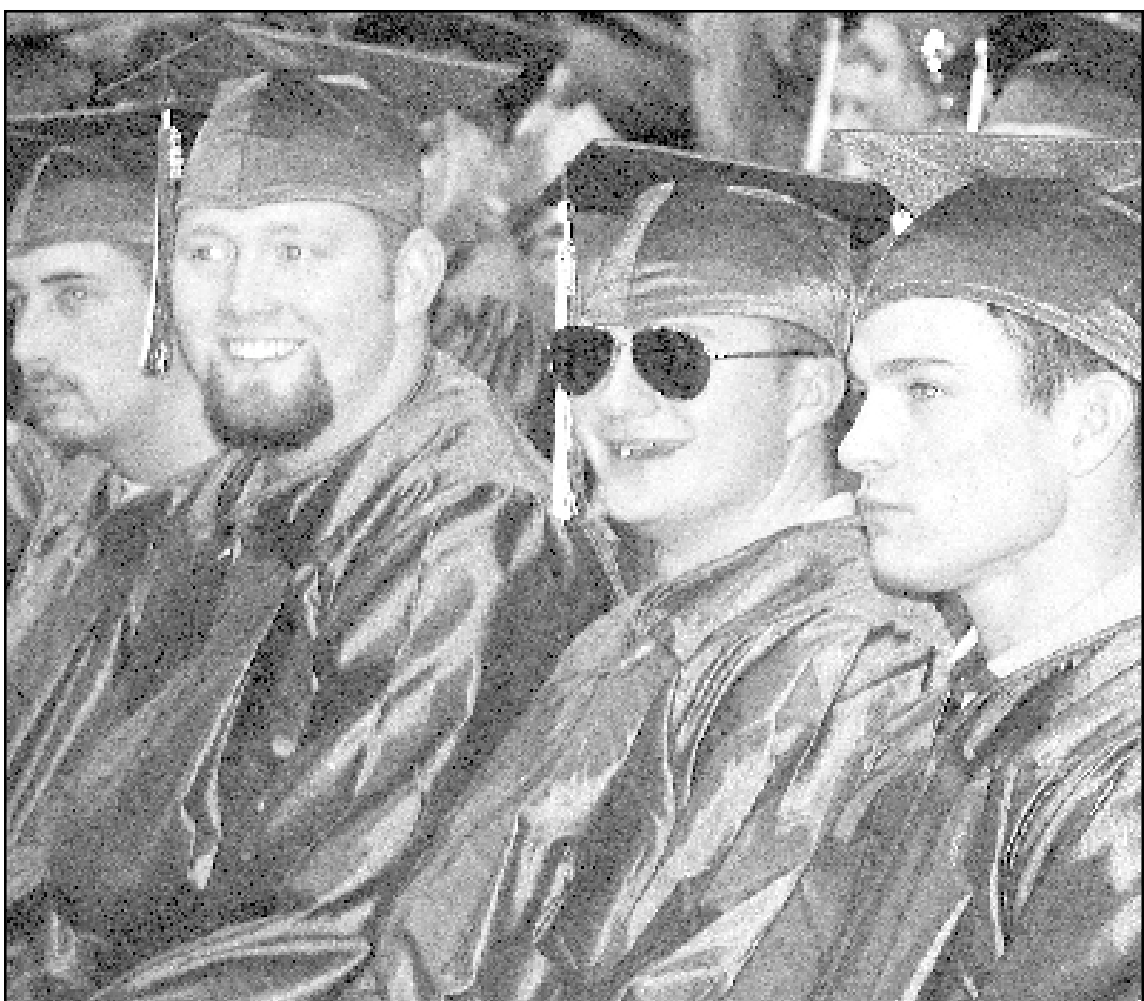
Children enrolling in the summer reading program will receive packets with activity sheets, a summer calendar, reading log and book-marks. Each child is asked to read at least one hour each week during the program. Reading incentives will be awarded.

The program acquaints children with the resources of the library and encourages them to continue reading while not in school. All interested children and young adults are invited to "Laugh it Up" at the library.

after 38 years in the engineering technology department; Bruce Stevenson, who is retiring after seven years in the communications technology program; and Naomi Ward, who is retiring after 13 years in the business technology program.

Paul D. Chaffin, college counselor, presented the Student of the Year award to Shelly Jones, who graduated from the business technology program. Other candidates for the award were Brandon L. Fenner, auto body repair; Adam Ketterl, automotive technology; Brett M. Bittel, carpentry; Chris Long, communications technology; Stacy J. Area, communications network; Megan Marie Beesley, cosmetology; Seth Slaubaugh, diesel technology; Shane M. Delay, electrical technology; Russ Aaron Kahle, electronics and computer; Paul G. Bruggeman, engineering; Mona Chase, medical assistant; and Cole M. Mazanec, welding.

Chaffin said the candidates wrote essays about what they thought a Student of the Year should be, put together resumes and had interviews with a committee of five who ultimately chose the winner.



"The future's so bright, they gotta wear shades," at least for one student graduating from the Northwest Kansas Technical College on Friday. The students chatted while waiting to be called up to get their diplomas.
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