

Northwest Tech students like hands on experience

Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Technical College. We have cleaned up a bit of the grammar, but mostly these are their papers as submitted. This is the fifth of a series of these short articles split up by program at the college. The fifth group is from the electrical technology program.

I am sending another classes memos, Williams wrote in February. You will be able to tell many students have written something heartfelt and others shied away from too much writing.

I told the class to write about either why they chose to come to college, why they chose Northwest Technical College and how they made that choice. I wanted them to reflect on their choices and be able to tell a bit of a story that might interest readers.

I let them all know they were responding to an invitation on your part to write for publication in the newspaper. The writing is in memo form to keep them practicing the requirements of that form as a common way to write in the business world.

I often have them work in pairs so they can talk and combine skills.



McCormick



Lima



Sauzamedia



Pfaff



Durham

They seem to enjoy being able to do that, and it sometimes makes for livelier involvement.

From: Eduardo Lima and Jesus Sauzamedia

Re: About Electrical II at Northwest Tech

We decided to attend Northwest Tech because it was hands on and didn't take four years to complete. At Northwest Tech, we can learn all we need to be a fine electrician in only two years, which lets us get straight to work.

We have learned about residential and industrial wiring. We have been able to do actual work on houses and businesses around town, which has given us great experience, which will benefit us immensely

One of the jobs we got to work on was the Village 3 dorms. We were tasked with bringing power to the buildings and to wire up the entire dorms. There were about 14 of us

in the class; we two were appointed the bathrooms. We ran MC, conduit, and put up device boxes. We ran a couple hundred feet of wire as well. It took us around 3 months or so to complete the job.

Overall, we are all about making money, and this school will help us achieve our goals faster than any other college we can think of.

From: Kris Durham

Re: Northwest Tech

Why I Chose Northwest Tech

I chose to attend Northwest Tech because of Gary Kickler, electrical technology instructor. He was the electrician in my home town as I was growing up. I had gone through the Auto Tech program back in 2006 so I knew what Goodland and the college were like from my previous experience. Northwest Tech has always had a good reputation in my hometown of Tribune.

I have always liked Goodland

and enjoyed living here mainly because of the Church of Christ. They were very kind to me from the first day I walked through the door. The members of the Church of Christ have been nothing but good for me both in mind and spirit; because of them, my faith has only increased. I feel very blessed to have met so many wonderful people here in Goodland.

Goodland and Northwest Tech have been great to me. I really like that when I am finished with the electrical program here at Northwest Tech, I will have an AAS and my journeyman's license. I will be able to find a job very easily after I graduate. This is also my last chance to make something of myself and be able to do something that I enjoy as a career.

From: Keith Pfaff

Re: Northwest Tech

I came to school in Goodland, KS because I heard good things about the college here for my program. The program that I am attending is electrical. It is worth going to because you have a lot of hands on

work and you learn more that way. You also do a lot more bookwork your second year to become familiar with the code book so then you can pass your journeyman's test.

The reason why you want to have your journeyman's license is because that way you are a licensed electrician.

Why I decided to come to college is that I was interested in doing electrical since high school and I had little to no experience at what I was doing. I went to high school in Ransom, and learned that if I didn't go to college for what I wanted to do I wouldn't make as much money as if I did go to college.

What made me interested in doing electrical work is when I did well hookups in Ness City, and I enjoyed doing that. The company I worked for was J&S Electric that was owned by Myers engine service.

I am expecting to be graduating this May and to have my journeyman's license.

From: David McCormick

Re: Going back to school

My name is David McCormick, I am 29 years old. I have a girlfriend and two children, J.T. is four, Jasmine is two. I am originally from Ft. Worth, Texas. I moved here because of a good job opportunity and ended up having the opportunity to come

to this school. To be honest, it wasn't something I planned. I had given up on going back to school a few years before.

I was initially looking at the HVAC program, only because my employer at the time suggested it. I was an apprentice electrician in Dallas, Texas for about a year before moving to Kansas, and I really loved the work. So I finally made the decision to go into the electrical program, which was the right choice for me. I still love electrical work, and even though it's a lot of hard work, I know it will be worth it in the end just to be doing what I truly love to do.

I will take my Journeyman exam in April, and I will pass it. Afterwards, I will go somewhere with trees, water and great family benefits. I may stay in eastern Kansas for three or four years before moving back south to Texas, but nothing is decided yet. By May of this year, I will be back at work making excellent money, fishing on the weekends and making up for some lost time with my kids.

I won't lie; going back to school has been a nightmare! It's long hours, little sleep, no time for your family, no money, not enough food and no personal time, but it's also very rewarding. If you can make it.

Run for The Wall plans overnight stop in Goodland

RIDERS, from Page 1a

Anondenominational church service is scheduled for 7 a.m. A riders meeting is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. and the riders will head out about 8:15 a.m.

The plan for Sunday is to parade down Caldwell Ave. to Eighth and then west to Main Ave. The motorcycles will parade down Main Ave. to 17th Street before heading east and out to I-70 where they will head for Oakley and to Junction City for the next evening.

Wahrman said she is looking for civic organizations who would like to help with the event or the parade

on Sunday. She said it would be great to have the streets lined with people as the riders parade through town.

The Run for the Wall was started to remember the prisoners of war and missing in action from the Vietnam War, and today is an annual pilgrimage to The Wall built to remember those who died and are missing in Vietnam, Korea and World War II.

James "Gunny" Gregory started the ride in 1988 with the help of other veterans, and today the ride features two routes from California meeting in Washington for the Memorial Day weekend where

the motorcyclists participate in the Rolling Thunder Rally, named after the B-52 strikes that rolled through Vietnam.

The Central route brings the veterans through Angel Fire, N.M. where the Vietnam Veterans Memorial overlooks the valley.

From Angel Fire the estimated group of about 400 motorcycles will travel to Raton, N.M. and cross into Colorado to Trinidad. At Trinidad the tour will turn to the northeast on U.S. 350 to travel to La Junta, Colo., and past the U.S. Army's Pinion Canyon tank and infantry training area. The riders will be treated to lunch by the people of La Junta.

At La Junta the cyclists will take a short turn to the west to Rocky Ford and head north on Colorado 71 to Limon, Colo. At Limon the route follows I-70 east to Goodland where they spend the evening at the end of the day and 390 miles of riding.

Sunday morning the riders will have breakfast and head east.

The two groups of riders will meet up in Washington on Saturday, May 29, for a special ride to Arlington Cemetery and plaque presentation at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and on Sunday, May 30, the groups will mass at the Pentagon parking lot for the Rolling Thunder Parade through Washington to The Wall

with the ride ending about noon.

The Run for the Wall mission is to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for a complete accounting of those who were prisoners or missing in action from all wars, and to support the U.S. military troops all around the world.

School board cuts family instructor

By Pat Schiefen

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After a 25 minute session behind closed doors, the Goodland School Board on Monday night decided to do a reduction in force from two instructors in family and consumer science to one.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos gave a preview of the power point she was going to use at the town hall meeting following the business part of the meeting at the Goodland High

School Auditorium.

The board recognized Andrew Shores for earning a I in State Piano Contest and being chosen to sit first chair in the tuba section in the Kansas Music Educators Honor Band. They honored Jay Cotter for placing fourth in his weight class in the Class 3A State Wrestling Tournament.

Bills were paid in the amount of \$137,839.

The board had no student matters

and spent less than five minutes behind closed doors talking about negotiations with the teachers for next year's contract.

The resignation of Aubrey Caldwell as a paraprofessional was accepted.

Board President Jane Philbrick and board members Andrew House, Mike Cochran, Amy Sederstrom, John Hendrich and Chuck Wilkens were at the business and the town hall meeting. Gary Slough did not attend.

Supplemental revenue program deadline near

The Farm Service Agency reminds farmers of the eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program and deadlines to purchase Non-insured crop disaster assistance program coverage.

All crops of economical significance — expected to contribute, 5 percent or more of the total expected value of all crops grown by the farmer — in all counties must have

Crop Insurance on Insurable Crops; or Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Coverage on Non-Insurable Crops.

Catastrophic Level of Crop Insurance is the minimum level of coverage needed to remain eligible. Catastrophic insurance provides coverage equal to 50 percent of the yield at 55 percent of the price. The higher the level of insurance coverage, the higher the supplemental

payment.

The fee for non-insured crop coverage is \$250 per crop, not to exceed \$750 per county, or \$1,875 per farmer for all counties.

Deadline to purchase coverage is March 15, for Millet and sorghum forage.

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Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Feb. 16 — 11:01 p.m., 114 College Ave., arrested Amber M. Ambrosier for disorderly conduct against Bryce S. Ambrosier. Case referred to city attorney.

Feb. 19 — 12:06 p.m., 504 E. Seventh, Daniele Rudman reported criminal damage to property and

criminal trespass on posted premises.


Feb. 20 — 12:52 a.m., 1007 Cherry Ave., arrested Matthew J. Unger for domestic battery against Tiffany Overstreet. Case referred to city attorney.

Feb. 22 — 10:56 p.m., 1010 Main Ave., arrested Edward Eugene Aaron for disorderly conduct against Jeff Soper. Case referred to city attorney.

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Prefer a working manager role, but I am open to all opportunities with future advancement. Resume and current employer contact information available upon request. Available for interviews most days in March. Available for work early June. **Please call Rick at 1-320-212-2400.**

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