

## Northwest Tech 'green' house nearly finished



Northwest Tech Carpentry students were installing the last of the kitchen cabinets and the microwave last week as the 'green' house project is nearing completion. The kitchen counter tops were delivered earlier this week and installed on Thursday. Car-

penry instructor Bryant Nemechek said the final touches should be done this week, and the college will be planning an open house to unveil the finished house.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## City to apply for 3 airport grants

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select each project. He said this is sort of the Kansas stimulus project, and based on speed and on need the state can award as many projects as they want.

He said there would not be any engineering cost if the city were to purchase the two hangars, and be minimal cost for the paving projects.

Mayor Josh Dechant asked if the state accepts all three projects does the city have to do them all.

"I guess you could turn it back," Neufeld said, "but that would hurt in the future. There is not an official deadline, but the state transportation officials have said they want to have the money committed before the legislature is back in session."

Garcia asked if the \$500,000 was a maximum for all three projects or per project.

Gerber said it is \$500,000 maximum per project.

Neufeld said the hangar paving is something the city cannot do with the Federal Aviation Administration money because the T-hangar and barrel hangar are considered private money-making ventures. He said there are large hole in the pavement in front of the barrel hangar, and that needs to be fixed even if the city has to do that without a grant.

Dechant asked if money was set aside in the budget to cover these projects.

City Clerk Mary Volk said money

was in the grant fund line item.

Gerber said money is available, but some has been spent on the FAA and KDOT grants this year.

Garcia made a motion to move forward with all three projects. The motion passed 4-0 with Dechant, Garcia, Daniels and Commissioner Annette Fairbanks voting in favor. Commissioner Rick Billinger was absent.

Neufeld said he and Doug would let KDOT know if they feel two hangars is too much to come back and do the Eagle Med one.

Daniels asked if the paving would be asphalt.

Neufeld said they are pricing it all as concrete instead of asphalt. He said it would be six inch concrete. He said a reason for going with concrete was the with the deadline of having the project completed in six months it was more likely they could be pouring concrete late in the year as the asphalt will all be done by October.

The estimate on the T-hangar project is the total cost would be \$412,838 with the KDOT providing \$309,621 and the city share \$103,207.

The barrel hangar paving project would be a total of \$146,953 with the KDOT providing \$110,214 and the city share \$36,738.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, July 26, with a budget work session to follow the meeting.

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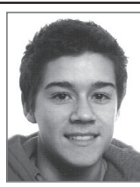
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## Smoky Gardens park gets face lift

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\$50 to get the spotlight fixed.

He said the bathrooms have all been washed out and he has some ventilation work to finish. He said he would get some lime to help keep the smell down.

He suggested a central location for trash containers for people to take their trash to instead of having containers all over the park.

He said Eric and Connie, who live on the old Parker Ranch are helping with the mowing and cleaning the bathrooms. He said Eric is a school teacher.

Strand said she wanted to thank Emig for his work on the park.

"We have a good group of guys down there to help burn it," Emig said. "Think we had about 15 down there. They did a good job."

He said he has contacted a person about doing a new sign for the entrance, and will be getting a price back to the commissioners.

Thomas said he was glad to see Emig and his helpers cleaning up the park to make it more usable for the public.

The next county commissioner meeting will be 7:30 a.m. on Monday, July 12, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

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