

# City buys new truck on split vote

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reserve to pay for the unit. Simon said the present unit is used every week, but the last time the equipment would not work. Daniels said he had been driving by and saw the crew trying to get the unit working. Seller's Equipment of Wichita submitted bids on two units, with the one that matched the bid specifications at \$39,350, and a second which they said would work as well as the specified unit at \$38,852.

Pickman said the staff has seen a demonstration of the Seller's unit, but did not feel it worked any better than what they have specified. • Approved purchase of a portable vacuum unit to be shared between the sewer, water and electric departments. The staff recommended the low bid of \$25,598 from Global Machinery of Denver. Pickman said the unit will be paid for equally by the three departments. Simon said the vacuum unit can be used in a number of situations,

whether it is the sewer department cleaning a line, the water department handling a leak or trying to find a water line and the electric department working on underground lines. Other bids were \$34,458 from Vermeer Great Plains, \$25,830 from Ditch Witch of Kansas, \$31,250 VacTron Sales and \$31,095 Key Equipment and Supply. The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, in the commission room on the second floor of the city building, 204 W. 11th.

# County reviews long-term fire truck needs

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sion in Brewster should be completed this week, and it will allow them to move the newer trucks over into the larger building, where there is more room. He said the expansion cost about \$40,000, but the work was approved and the structure purchased

before steel prices went up. He said the money was donated by people in Brewster and that Thomas County made a large contribution from drug money they have seized. Griffith said he was looking into a self-help grant for a new fire house in Goodland, which was a "sweat equity" program that would allow volunteers to provide 40 percent of

the labor, equipment and materials. He said this is a non competitive grant, and there could be cash donations as well. It had been reported at a previous meeting that there were fire extinguishers missing from the Brewster fire house, but Chief Crumrine said he has all the extinguishers listed on the inventory and none is missing.

# Service academy nomination deadline Oct. 1

HUTCHINSON — Congressman Jerry Moran is reminding anyone interested that applications are being accepted from young men and women interested in seeking nominations to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings

Point, N.Y. Those selected will enter the academies in June of 2005. Selections are based on SAT or ACT test scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and interview evaluations. Applicants must be legal residents of the state of Kansas, at least 17 years of age but not past their 23

birthday on July 1 of the year of admission, citizens of the United States, unmarried, not pregnant, and without obligation to dependents. The application deadline is Oct. 1. Applicants should send a letter requesting materials to: Congressman Jerry Moran Attn: Service Academy Selection; P.O. Box 1128; Hutchinson, Kan. 67504-1128 or telephone: (202) 225-2715.

# I-70 repaving nears completion



Cars whizzed by construction workers Tuesday as they worked in the westbound lane of Interstate 70. Construction workers from Ritchie Paving, of Wichita, closed off the right lane on the highway and the westbound entrance ramp at Edson exit. The work on both sides of the highway starts near mile marker 27, the Edson exit, and ends before the Brewster exit near mile marker 36. Photo by Kathryn Gurfinkel/The Goodland Star-News

# Ballpark supporters ask for grass infield

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of teams that will be using the field next year, including the high school. "I think you need better preparation," Commissioner Dean Blume said, "and you have to get the right

grass. Some grasses won't tolerate being mowed very short like is usually done on an infield." Rich Simon, parks department head, said he agreed there needed to be some changes made to the sprinkler system. He said if they were

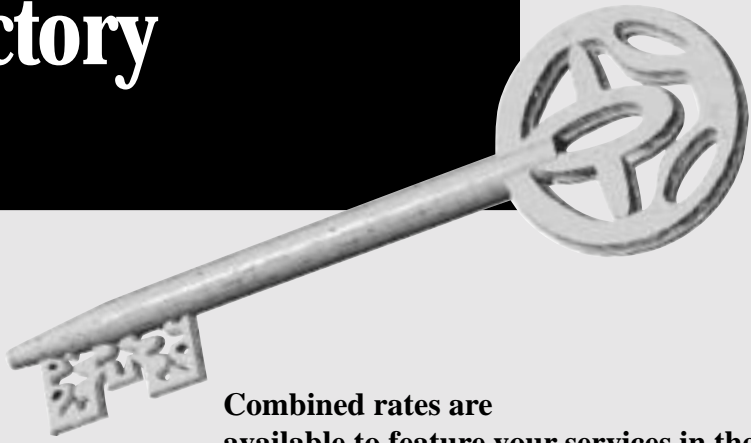
talking about putting grass in the infield, there needed to be three or four more stations added to water it. Mayor Rick Billinger suggested they keep working with the city crew and come back with a plan.

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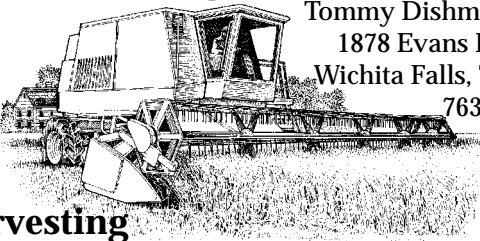
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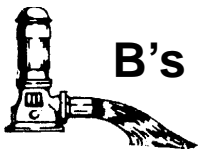
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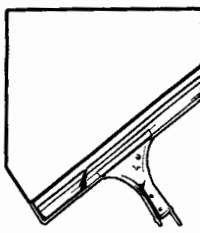
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