

Antenna company moving to city

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they settle in, he said, they may offer the same kind of part time work they have in Hays.

Robinson said they will start out with six manufacturing lines for the 30 employees.

The plant will be a satellite, Murphy said, with parts traveling back and forth from Hays. Robinson and other managers will be here regularly, too.

Adronics produces 100,000 antennas per week and 8 million feet of coaxial cable per year, he said.

They design and make the specialized equipment for producing antennas, Robinson said, and they keep the equipment for making replacement parts for at least 10 years.

He said the company starts making antennas for future batches of cars years in advance.

Murphy said the family-owned company was started in 1948 by

their grandparents, Elsa and William "Robbie."

"It's always been a family owned business," Robinson said. "We're the third generation."

Their grandparents names contributed to the name of the business, with Adrian their grandfather's middle name changing into Adronics. The Elrob portion came from the pair's ham radio call sign, a combination of Elsa and Robbie.

Murphy said they started by supplying General Motors, the company that still buys 65 percent of their antennas.

Adronics, she said, now ships parts all over the world, to Korea, France, South America, Germany, Mexico and more, from their New Jersey base.

Some parts are shipped directly to other suppliers, including Delphi.

Robinson said he moved to Hays in the eighth grade, graduated from

high school there and attended Fort Hays State University.

"We're very involved with the community in Hays," he said, adding that he hopes to get involved in here, too.

Robinson said they chose Goodland because of it's location.

"We were looking for an area farther away from Hays," he said, noting that Goodland has good highway access for trucking parts back and forth to Hays.

He said they were looking for a community that could benefit from a new business, too.

"We're really happy this is going to work out," Robinson said. "Everybody has been great to work with, especially John Garcia and Ron Pickman."

"We look forward to a fruitful relationship," Garcia said.

"I think this will be a good boost for the economy of Sherman County," said Chamber president

Donna Swager, "and all of the businesses would like to welcome them to town."

"It's a good opportunity for our community," said Economic Development Council member Don Newell. "We're happy to have every business in this community."

"It's gonna be a good company," said Commissioner Dave Daniels said, "a very good addition."

"It's awesome and exciting," said economic development board member Steve West. "I think it's the perfect type of industry that will diversify us. I think it's a catalyst for other businesses."

Robinson said he will be back to town on Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20, to answer questions from potential employees and show the products they make. He welcomes visitors to check out the plant in Hays, too.

"We're excited about moving out here," Murphy said.

Charges pending in student drug case

A Goodland High School student was taken into police custody and later released to her parents for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia Tuesday, March 8.

School officials said a drug dog checking the school sniffed out traces of an illegal substance on a pop bottle.

School Superintendent Marvin Selby said until this month, pistols and a hand gun in a parked car were the only illegal items found by the dog.

"It's really the first time a drug was found," he said.

He wouldn't release the student's name or the type of drugs found. He said it was not marijuana, but a pipe was found along with the substance.

The punishment for finding drugs, he said, is an automatic 30-day suspension unless the student attends a treatment program. That can cut suspension time to five days.

Police were contacted and the case was referred to the county attorney, he said.

Police Chief Ray Smeed said they found only a small amount of the substance and some drug paraphernalia. The police report states the student was picked up for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cigarettes or tobacco.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said charges have not yet been filed so she can not release the name of the student.

Marvin Selby said the items were found when a drug dog team from Interquest Detection K9s, an Oklahoma company that contracts with the school district to make regular, unannounced searches, was taken into a classroom.

To search the rooms, he said, stu-

dents are taken out and told to leave all of their belongings behind.

"The dog is not allowed to sniff an individual unless they have cause," he said.

When the dog finds something, he said, it sits near the item.

He said after identifying the pop bottle, the student said it came out of her car, which the dog handler then asked to search.

Selby said the car was parked across the street from the school and was not subject to search without permission.

If the student hadn't allowed them to search, though, they would have called the police, who would have had probable cause for the search because of the drug dog "hit."

The dog also found a box of shotgun shells, prescription medication and cold medicine in students' cars while searching the school. Selby said the shells are not illegal without a gun and prescription and cold medicines are excused. The drugs, he said, were the only illegal find.

"It's kind of nice to know that we don't have much going on," he said, adding the drug dog works well as a deterrent. "We plan to continue to do this."

Selby said that while they hope no student is using drugs, they want to make sure they don't bring anything to school.

"They're all warned," he said, adding that Principal Harvey Swager explains the rules and warns students about the dog searches throughout the year.

The school is guaranteed at least four searches per year, Selby said, but to keep the students guessing, the dog team shows up randomly and sometimes more often.

County studies baling trash and recycling

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are interested in baling cardboard to sell. Holden said the baler makes a paper mill-sized bale that they can sell to almost anyone.

The machine, he said, also is capable of baling nonferrous metals like aluminum. Holden said the baler is capable of compressing almost anything.

"I've seen everything in the

world baled in one of these," he said adding he watched one compress a refrigerator.

Holden said Badger machines are in use in McPherson, Wichita and Johnson County.

Rasure requested a list of Colorado cities using the baler so he could to go take a look at how they work.

The machine, Holden said, has computerized equipment and in-

cludes a modem that connects directly to Harris. He said most problems with the machine can be fixed over the line.

When they install the baler, he said, they will spend two or three days training county employees on the equipment.

"We really encourage anyone who is operating the machine to be there," he said.

The baler will come with a one-

year or 2,000-hour full parts warranty. Holden said they stand behind their products, but if something is to break it happens almost immediately.

Holden said Harris has a large portion of the market, and not because of their prices, but because of their balers.

"We offer a premium product," he said.

Wolak building changing occupants with new lease

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is similar to the one approved for Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. about 14 months ago.

It is for two years, with no extension without coming back to the commission, he said. It calls for Adronics to have a minimum of 15 employees during the two years, and that the company will pay \$1 per year rent. The firm is to pay property taxes and maintain \$1 million casualty and liability insurance on the building.

An additional section says the new company understands there is an existing lease, Pickman said, and the new lease will only become effective after the Aircraft Seal and Gasket lease is terminated.

The manager said he had received a letter Thursday from Herb Menold, president of Aircraft Seal and Gasket, saying they would be

out by the middle of April.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if any of the commissioners had any questions about the lease. There were none, and he asked for a motion to approve the lease.

After a long silence, Commissioner Jim Mull said, "What are you going to do when I leave? I only have two more meetings."

"I will make the motion to approve the new lease as presented," Commissioner John Garcia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 a.m. Commissioners Garcia, Billinger and Commissioner Dave

Daniels attended the announcement at Howard Johnson's.

Garcia, who as chairman of the Sherman County Economic Development Council helped recruit

Adronics, said the company plans a public grand opening and open house after they get moved in.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Monetary units of S. America
 - Siamese
 - Steep
 - Immoralities
 - Paddles
 - Priest or monk in Lamaism
 - Diacritic
 - Higher than
 - Augury
 - Pig
 - Brew
 - Way to give a benediction
 - Supports
 - Pointed
 - Previously
 - Condiment
 - Constellation on the equator East of Taurus
 - Herb
 - Gentle or kind
 - Belonging to us
 - Extinct heavy flightless bird
 - Later
 - Titan in ancient mythology
 - Nights
 - Dodge
 - Cushioned
 - Type of skirt
 - Rogers, for one
 - Take by theft
 - Front part
 - Meat and vegetable dish (familiar)
 - Despot
 - Cutting tool
 - Instructor, abbr.
 - The cardinal compass point that is at 90 degrees
 - More dried-up
 - Toddlers
 - In a way, changes color
 - Hairdo formed by braiding
- CLUES DOWN**
- Favorites
 - Morally base
 - Military installation
 - General Patton
 - Compass pt.
 - Instruments
 - Own
 - They ___
 - A citizen of Haifa
 - Movie violence
 - Herb of tropical Asia
 - A way to better
 - A way to search
 - The length of time
 - Launched Apollo
 - Bulky grayish-brown eagle
 - Harass
 - Get a failing grade on an exam
 - Lake ___, one of the Great
 - Replete
 - Spirit of dead persons
 - In a way, expressed by writing
 - Administer
 - Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - Blush wine
 - A way to float
 - Wielded
 - Behave in a certain manner
 - Dine
 - Stringed instrument
 - An acute but unspecific feeling of anxiety
 - Misconducts
 - Grind together; of teeth
 - Container for shipping
 - Giant
 - Witnesses
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 - Express a supposition
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