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Cartridge business opens in Edson gym

Siram LLC made the move into the Edson School Gym in January from Denver. Siram remanufactures laser and ink jet printer cartridges for computers.

They take a used cartridge, clean and repair it and refill it with toner. The company does not split the cartridges so the cartridges are as close to original equipment manufactured as one can find, said Vice President Jeff Rey. Businesses generally use laser printers while homes use ink jet printers.

The company president Ben Bohannon and Rey are no strangers to the toner cartridge industry and have been in the business for 14 to 15 years. Bohannon is in charge of sales and manufacturing and Rey is an electronic engineer. Bohannon has more experience in laser printers and Rey in ink jet printers.

Rey said they do cartridges for most brands of computers including Dell, Hewlett Packard, Cannon and Lexmark. Siram does wholesale work for companies in the U.S., Europe, Japan and Dubai, said Bohannon. Click2ink.com is the retail end of the business on the Internet. The company also buys empty cartridges.

"The last six months have been very challenging and rewarding," said Bohannon. "The process of the move proved very challenging from

an operations and finance standpoint.

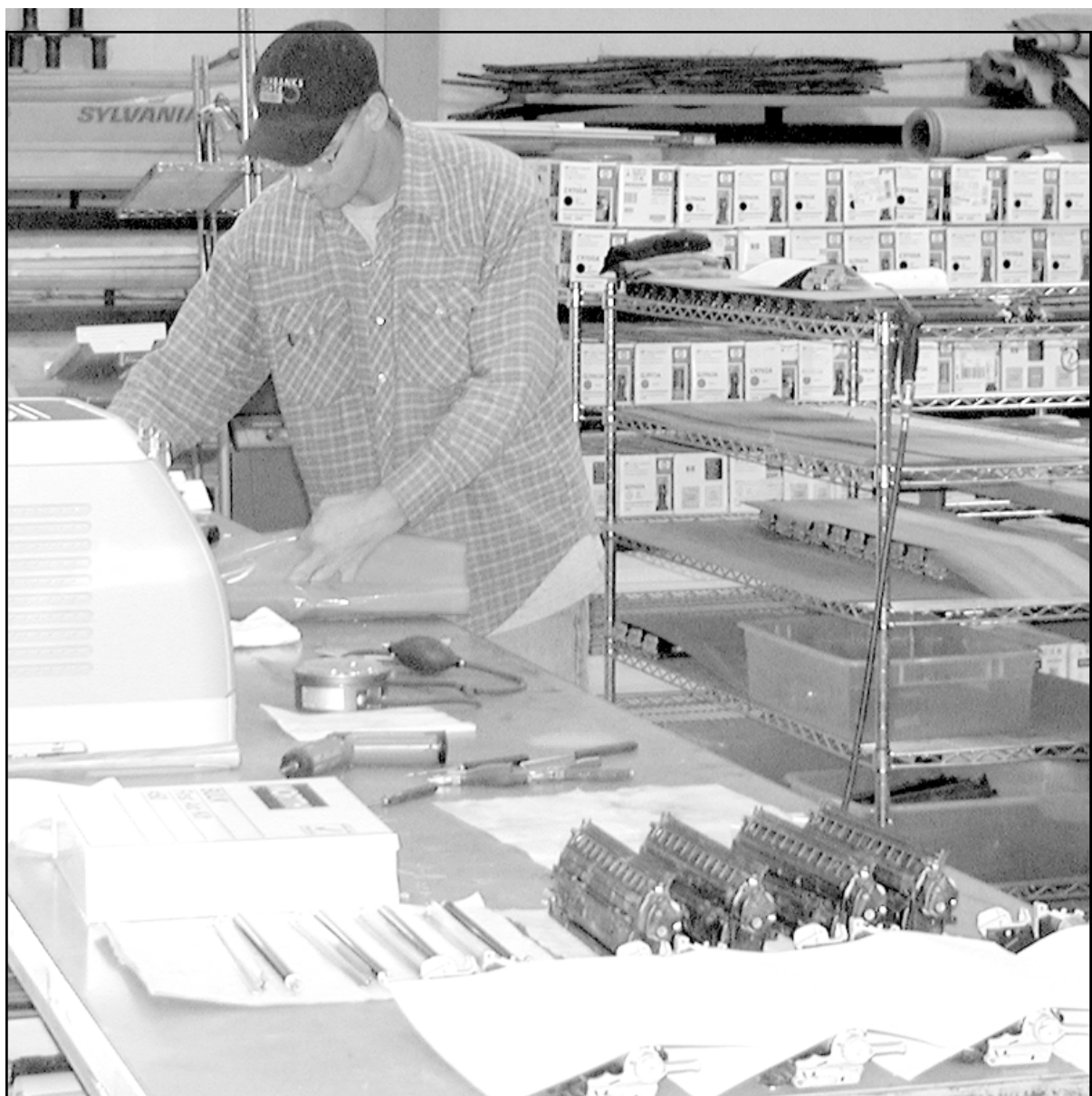
"When Siram arrived in Edson we had no employees and started from scratch hiring operations, production and accounting staff. Moving from one state to another caused several problems with vendors and banks as well. Vendors were shipping our raw materials to our old location causing several delays in production.

"The delays in production caused delays in shipping and ultimately we lost several thousand dollars and many customers. We finally got production under control in early February but our problems were not over yet.

"In mid-February without warning our merchant bank froze our account that held half of our revenues to ensure we shipped products to customers. The only problem was they took the cash we needed to ship these orders. After a month on scrambling we finally got the situation under control (the bank is still holding those funds!)."

"In March our largest ink customer, based in the United Kingdom, agreed to partner with us," Bohannon said.

"We now have more business than we can handle and cannot hire employees fast enough. We currently have fifteen employees and expect to have thirty and still growing by year end."



An employee for Siram worked at his station on printer cartridges that the company remanufactures in their facility at the old Edson School gym. The company refills, cleans and repairs the cartridges. The company does wholesale and retail sales.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Engineering firm adds jobs to handle street, road projects

Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates Engineering continues to expand their local and statewide services and the Goodland office has been working with the City of Goodland and Sherman County on a number of projects.

In the past year the Goodland office has worked with the design and construction of five brick intersection on Main (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th); 17th Street from Main east to the railroad crossing near the museum on Cherry; intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and Armory and Caldwell Ave.; Caldwell Ave. from Eighth Street north to the airport entrances; Eighth Street from Cattle Trail to D-Lao; and designing a new entrance to the airport.

Projects in the design process in-

clude County Road 14 from old U.S. 24 north to County Road 65, which is a Kansas Department of Transportation economic development project and EBH helped Sherman County win an \$800,000 grant to help build this road past Northern Sun and the new Goodland Energy Center.

Darin Neufeld, engineer and part owner of EBH, said state projects are being worked on for improvement of the Cherry Ave. intersection with Business U.S. 24 to add turn lanes, and to replace the asphalt section of K-27 from K-10 north to the Business U.S. 24 intersection.

Other area projects the office has been involved in include Kanorado water wells and waterlines and barn restoration at the historic Kuhrt Ranch.

Neufeld said the office has been

working on site planning, waterlines, sewer lines and storm sewer system for the Goodland Energy Center at Caruso west of Goodland.

"To handle the work we have added two positions in our local office and one more at the corporate level," he said. "We continue to expand our local and statewide services and have openings for engineers, engineering technicians and inspectors at all of our five offices in the state.

"Even though there will not be this amount of local work in the next year, due to the end of the sales tax project construction, we continue to have this amount of work in the region and across the state."

The Goodland office is located at Renner Field and can be reached by phone at (785) 899-7019.

Cole's Real Estate started by couple 30 years ago

What seems like eons ago, Charlene Cole and her husband, Curtis started a real estate company in 1977 that specialized in both commercial and residential real estate as well as an auction service.

Curtis Cole passed away in 1998 and Charlene has continued to carry the torch.

When asked about the auction services, Charlene is quick to say, "No problem... if someone wants an auction, I have connections with auctioneers in Hays."

Primarily though, Charlene specializes in helping buyers and sellers of residential and commercial

properties in both Sherman County, Kansas and Kit Carson County, Colo., as she is licensed in both states.

She manages rentals as well; both residential and commercial. Charlene has added Diana Spinney as a part time sales agent who is licensed in Kansas.

Charlene is quick to comment about the future. She would like to see Goodland grow so she can sell more real estate.

Contact Charlene and Diana at the office located on 13th Street just west of Main. Call her at (785) 899-2683.

Classifieds work! Call 899-2338.

Northern Sun plant expects more sunflowers

It has been an exciting year for the ADM Northern Sun sunflower crushing facility at Caruso five miles west of Goodland.

Frito-Lay announced they were switching to NuSun sunflower oil in their Lay's brand Potato Chips. That means the NuSun sunflowers grown in northwest Kansas and processed into NuSun sunflower oil at the Northern Sun plant could be in that bag of potato chips you enjoyed at the last family barbeque.

Helping to create a smarter snack for the American consumer and adding good jobs to the local community is something Northern Sun is

proud to be a part of.

Over the past 18 months Northern Sun has added 10 employees for our plant operation and two were added to the office staff.

The Northern Sun staff feel it is a privilege to have been a part of the community for more than 15 years and they look forward to an exciting future for Goodland and ADM Northern Sun.

Northern Sun is located at 6425 Road 14, and ADM can be contacted at 800-542-7333 or online at sunflowers@admworld.com

Prairie Rose Floral expands merchandise, adds people

Former Cobblestone owner, Joni Guyer, started over in the floral business by opening her new shop, Prairie Rose Floral on October 1, 2005.

Over the last year the store is bustling with extended merchandise and additional personnel. On occasion, you'll even see a farmer or two pitching in to help with deliveries during the holidays and larger events.

They've recently purchased the Blossom Shoppe that was located at the on south Main and incorporated that inventory into the store.

Joni now has two full-time gals that keep her sanity level on an even keel. They are Marsha Schilling and Reva Bauman. Joni has part-timers Lori Leonard and Karen Coon who lend a valuable hand as well.

Additional to the extra staff, Joni has added bedding plants to her product line. Bedding plants are made up of annuals and perennials

and offer a home's front walkway curb appeal. Joni sells these plants in baskets that will make any front door beautiful!

Prairie Rose has doubled their gift and candle inventory that is sure to whet the senses inside of the house as well! They carry a line of hand-made outdoor woody products such as wagons, windmills, planters and benches to name a few.

Their bear population has grown too so that they can continue to offer their popular bear and balloon bouquets.

They have recently added a line of whimsical "singing bears" including one group of bears that are referred to as "Hope" bears that send \$2 of every bear in this line sold to national breast cancer research organizations which are working to find a cure for breast cancer. Make sure you stop in to see them... they are pretty special.

Prairie Rose Floral is located at 1012 Main. Call (875) 890-ROSE (7673).

Garcia's Home Furnishings has new mattress line, appliances

New this year at Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliances is the Theratouch Mattress, completely latex and visco foam.

"Equal to the popular Therapudic, that gives a wonderful sleep concept of both comfort and support, you need to come in and try out these!" said owner John Garcia.

"We continue to carry a full line of appliances," he said. "The new front loading washers are a favorite of the ladies. Men will be interested in the new thin plasma TV's.

"We strive to fill the store with the latest styles

and colors in upholstery. We are an exclusive England dealer that offers a variety of style and fabric to choose from. Also on hand are bedroom suites, dining sets and recliners.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their past and continued support and welcome everyone to come and browse, and take advantage of our free design help."

Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance is located at 1114 Main. Call (785) 899-6770.



Sunflower Contest

RULES

• Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word **"Magnoliopsida"**

• Do not use proper names

• Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star- News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 13th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 17th edition

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Shopping at hometown stores helps our economy develope!



Wal-Mart works to help beautify city

The Goodland Wal-Mart Supercenter is one of 44 Supercenters in the state of Kansas.

The store offers a variety of general merchandise items such as health and beauty aids, pharmacy, apparel, home goods, electronics, sporting goods, hardware and one-hour photo. As well as meat, produce, bakery, grocery items, frozen foods and dairy products. The store employs nearly 200 associates of the 19,700 in the state of Kansas said Laura Pope, store manager.

The Goodland store was remodeled in May of 2006. Some changes that have been made are the addition of the service deli for both meat and cheese items, as well as, a hot food service counter.

The store now offers the Site to Store SM service that provides customers an even wider variety of merchandise. The service allows customers to shop and purchase products online at Walmart.com, and have them shipped to the local Wal-Mart store for free.

The Site to Store experience crosses nearly 100 categories with

tens of thousands of additional items Pope said, creating a multi-channel shopping experience that brings added assortment, convenience and value to the Wal-Mart customer.

"At Wal-Mart, we know that being an efficient and profitable business and being a good steward of the environment go hand in hand," she said. "And our associates know they have the ability to make changes in their homes and communities by integrating sustainability into their own lives.

"That's why our associates have established Personal Sustainability Projects (PSPs) goals that are part of an employee-driven program that help bring sustainability into their daily lives.

"The associates of the Goodland Supercenter have already stated by doing weekly clean-ups around the store and parking lot, and adopting the planters at the city entrance on Cherry Street.

Associates will began work in June to create a focal point for the city, as well as visitors, in an effort to beautify Goodland and support Shine on Sherman County.

Chemical company suppyls area farmers

UAP Distribution, located on K-27, has been in Goodland for 35 years.

The company is a wholesale warehouse supplying area agricultural businesses in northwest Kansas and eastern Colorado with chemical and seed needs.

UAP launched Dyna-Gro seeds five years ago in this area and has since developed a manufacturing company Loveland Products Inc.

This is the third year the company is growing samples in a master plot located 1 mile East of Levant on U.S. 24.

Over 40 varieties of Dyna-Gro Seed along with varieties from Otilie, Mycogen, and DeKalb seed companies are in the master plot.

The plot is sprayed with new chemicals to demonstrate how each of these items work for the variety of corn that is planted.

The plot is growing this summer and there will be a plot tour in late August.

UAP's staff includes Bill Shields, area manager (22 years), Chris Soehner, manager and salesman (7 years), Robert Moore, warehouse operations (10 years), Jeris McCombs, administrative assistant (3 years).

Drivers include Gary Splattstoesser (9 years), Steve Rutz (6 years), Larry Cearly (2 years) and Mark Swayne (4 years).

Call (785) 899-5601.

Rotary erects Van Gogh viewing sign



Goodland Rotary club members Larry Keirns (right), Jeff Deeds (holding frame) and Bryce Cole (pouring) put up a sign to direct people to a Van Gogh viewing and parking area built by the club north of Business U.S. 24. The group took the giant painting and easel on as a project, and over the past year members installed a light to illuminate the painting at night, a brick triangle under the painting, brick sidewalks on the south and north sides with handicapped access, benches and finally the sign. The giant 24-by-36-foot painting was erected six years ago with \$150,000 raised here and a state tourism grant. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Next time you are in a local business tell the owner you are glad they are in our town.