

County pays dues to planning district

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has used low income housing tax credits to build the units. He said the units pay off after 15 years and can be converted to marked rate units after that.

Another project the organization helped with was a state development grant to help erect the VanGogh sunflower painting.

He said Sherman County is part of a regional solid waste program and the report is due each year and handled on a regional basis. He said the objective of this was to help keep small arid landfills used by the rural counties. He said he will need a resolution on the solid waste program.

Strnad said she had not seen a resolution and asked Rhabe to send another copy.

Commissioner Larry Enfield asked if there was a way to do an ambulance barn.

Rhabe said they could do the application for that up to \$400,000 for the grant program.

Commissioner Max Linin asked about a grant to help with the heating and air conditioning upgrade for the courthouse.

Rhabe said that might stretch the limit of the grant, but said it might work if the county can prove it would be more efficient.

Strand said she would contact the person who is designing the system.

Rhabe said the organization has a guaranteed loan program, and has rural tax credits from the state. He said the tax credits are 75 percent and used for a revolving loan fund.

He said Pioneer Development has made \$1.9 million in loans out of that to leverage bank loans. He said the program has been great the last few years because of the financial crisis.

He said when loans are reviewed they are looking at the cash flow of the project.

Strand said the county did not have a problem with the dues, but wanted to be a little more knowledgeable about the programs.

Rhabe said the organization policy is if a county does not pay the

dues all the work done in that county or cities in the county are done on an hourly and mileage basis.

He said the Economic Development Administration has notified him the district will be getting about 60 percent of the allocation. He said he was not sure what that might mean for the CDBG programs.

He said the organization gets lots of project applications and probably one in three get grant money.

Enfield said that is being cut. Rhabe said it was cut 20 percent and was thrown out at one time, but now back in until next year's budget.

The commissioners unanimously approved paying the dues of about \$6,400.

Northwest Tech students like campus, programs

Editor's note: These are three memos written by students at Northwest Technical College from Diesel Technology and Electrical that were not included in the previous published set. The students were tasked by their instructor Leland Williams to reflect on their education experience at the college and put it in memo form for her class.



Clapper



Dow



Wright

you don't show up on time to work, the result will be you will learn less, get less done, and have less hours in the week."

If I didn't have this education, I would be out there trying to learn things the hard way by trial and error. This education will help me to diagnose problems and fix them much faster.

Randy Wright

At first, I was skeptical about attending Northwest Tech, but I have come to enjoy my time here at the college and the town itself.

This college isn't like other colleges. There are attendance policies and all day classes. I was upset at that fact, thinking I could just lie back and make my way through school. After remaining at school here, I came to realize not only am I getting an education in electrical, but I am being more prepared for the work force.

As foreman of our class's Auto Tech job, I was nervous and unsure on how to do certain things. Plans changing, not having parts, my

teacher wanting it one way and Mr. Goodwin another nearly made me feel discouraged.

After all the blocks in the road, not only did Mr. Goodwin not get upset with electrical, but was still kind and thankful. I wanted to thank him for his patience. If anyone is thinking about taking Auto Tech, I would recommend it. On top of that, all the teachers here on campus will give the respect to students that is deserved.

I would like to thank Ms. Williams for helping me with my writing. I have been one to always hate English, but she has helped me get over my fear of someone reading what I write, and helped me with my resumes, memos, and cover letters.

While attending Northwest Tech, I plan to get a journeyman's license and an AAS Degree in applied sciences.

After I finish college, I plan to move to Lamar, Colo., and work for Lamar Light and Power for the City of Lamar.

Collin Clapper

Re: College
I went to Northwest Tech to study diesel tech, and there are a lot of things I would like to do with my education. The most important thing is to bring what I have learned and use it on the family farm.

I would use my education to save money by not having to take a tractor or vehicle to a service shop or the dealer.

We run 10 trucks during corn harvest and four combines. Just the trucks are enough to keep me busy if one or two of them go down.

The farm will keep me pretty busy year round, but I can work on things whenever I feel like it, so I'm told.

Then with all the free time I can acquire, I will be farming for myself with my dad and uncle. I hope to be able to build a few Cummins race engines in the shop and put them

in an 84 Chevy we call the mudder trucker, and put the other in a 76 Ford.

Everyone I have met at this school has been very interesting to me, and each person has contributed to my education.

Ethan Dow

Reflection
I'm currently enrolled in the diesel department at Northwest Tech. I have been working for Goodland Greenline since I started my education at the college.

Before I came to college, I was working for my uncle in the haying business. He inspired me by showing me how to identify the problems of why the equipment was not working and how to fix the problem.

Another thing he taught me was to show up to work on time or, in other words, not to be lazy. He said "If

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Sydnee Thornburg
Nominated by: Ms. Elliott
Parents: Neal and Stacy Thornburg
Activities: Softball, band, Flag line, Volleyball, Cheerleading

Mara Kling
Nominated by: Mr. Mercer
Parents: Brian and Rochelle Kling
Activities: Volleyball, basketball, track, Black and Gold Choir

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Jaime Flores
Nominated by: Mr. First
Parents: Jaime and Emilia Flores
Activities: none

Colby Minchow
Nominated by: Mrs. Meyere
Parents: Jill and Alen Snethen
Activities: Basketball

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We need those forms and your senior pictures returned to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

If you are needing another form, please call or come down to the office, and we will be glad to give you one!

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