



Eli struck a pose in her dance costume that she used at the Right Combination Dance Studio in Goodland. She competed last weekend in the princess division at the National American Miss Pageant at Wichita.

Technical college awarded \$25,000

Northwest Tech has been awarded a \$25,000 grant for equipment as part of the new Mobile Application and Entertainment Development program starting in August.

Northwest Tech partnered with First National Bank for a Joint Opportunities for Building Success grant award from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

The purpose of the grant fund is to spur economic growth and job creation in bank member communities.

The Northwest Tech program will spur job creation through remote employment, entrepreneurship and expansion of local businesses.

With the broadband infrastruc-

ture investment in western Kansas, training people for this high wage, high demand industry will create jobs, increase household income and build our local economy," said Ben Coumerilh, college director of technology. "App development is one of the fastest growing careers according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook and the average wage for graduates is estimated in the range of \$60,000 to 100,000."

"The high tech app development industry has the potential to transform the rural regional economy in western Kansas," said Michael Solomon, Goodland economic development director. "We look forward to partnering with the col-

lege to maximize the job creation and economic benefit of this new program."

Northwest Tech has submitted a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor to expand the reach of the Mobile App and Entertainment Development program and mobilize higher education. The expected notification date is Sept. 30.

The Mobile App and Entertainment Development program is offered both on campus and online. More information is available on the college website www.nwktc.edu/maed. Interested students may apply online at www.nwktc.edu/ apply.

Former tech students join college faculty, staff

Five Northwest Tech graduates, including this year's Student of the Year, have accepted positions on the college faculty and staff.

Former HVAC/R student, and Northwest Tech Student of the Year, Troy Johnson, has accepted a position as an Admissions Representative at Northwest Tech.

Johnson comes from Stratton, Neb., and said he has fallen in love with Northwest Tech and the Goodland community. He said he looks forward to bringing his wife and son to Goodland and becoming more involved in the community.

"The reason I am so happy to accept the Admissions Rep position is because I appreciate the commitment Northwest Tech faculty and staff show for the students and for

each other," Johnson said. "In addition to the support and acceptance of the Goodland community."

Additional returning Northwest Tech Alumni faculty/staff members include: Logan Dobbs, Electrical Technology Instructor (Electrical Technology graduate); Wade Taylor, Carpentry Instructor (Carpentry graduate); Amber Peterson, Medical Assistant Instructor Goodland Campus (Medical Assistant graduate); Kayla Anderson, Housing Manager (Business Technology graduate).

"We are extremely excited about our new faculty members and dynamic staff," said Dr. Ed Mills, college president. "We have some of the most talented and energetic staff around and continue to build a

strong team."

Others joining the Northwest Tech family are: Sharon Leuenberger, Medical Assistant Instructor Hays Campus; Michael Zimmerman, Engineering Instructor; Thomas Clark, Business Technology Instructor; Ammie Jones, General Education Instructor; Ian Tompkins, Media Specialist; Reina Branum, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; Luis Figueroa, Admissions Representative; Christine Smith, Assistant Director of Development & Career Services Coordinator; Adam Elliott, Computer Graphics Instructor; John Coumerilh, Information Technology Assistant.

For more information on Northwest Tech, go to www.nwktc.edu or call 1 (800) 316-4127.

corrections

In the obituary of Marie Angelina Garcia on Friends page 2 of The Goodland Star-News on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, her mother's name should have been Guadalupe and Mexico was misspelled. This was due to reporter error.

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Second grader competes

Seven-year-old Nicole Eli spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday competing in the National American Miss Pageant in the princess division at Wichita. This is the third year for her to compete in the three to seven year old category.

Eli competed in the talent competition where she sang and danced,

personal introduction, photogenic and casual modeling and formal wear. There were 39 in her division. She won a photogenic award, a Freedom of America Award and a state finalist trophy.

She will be a second grader at West Elementary School and takes dance lesson at the Right Combina-

tion Dance Studio. Her parents are Joseph and Andrea Eli and she has a brother Destin.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, her parents said she will put on a demonstration of what she does at competition at the Skate Park to thank the people that supported her.

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