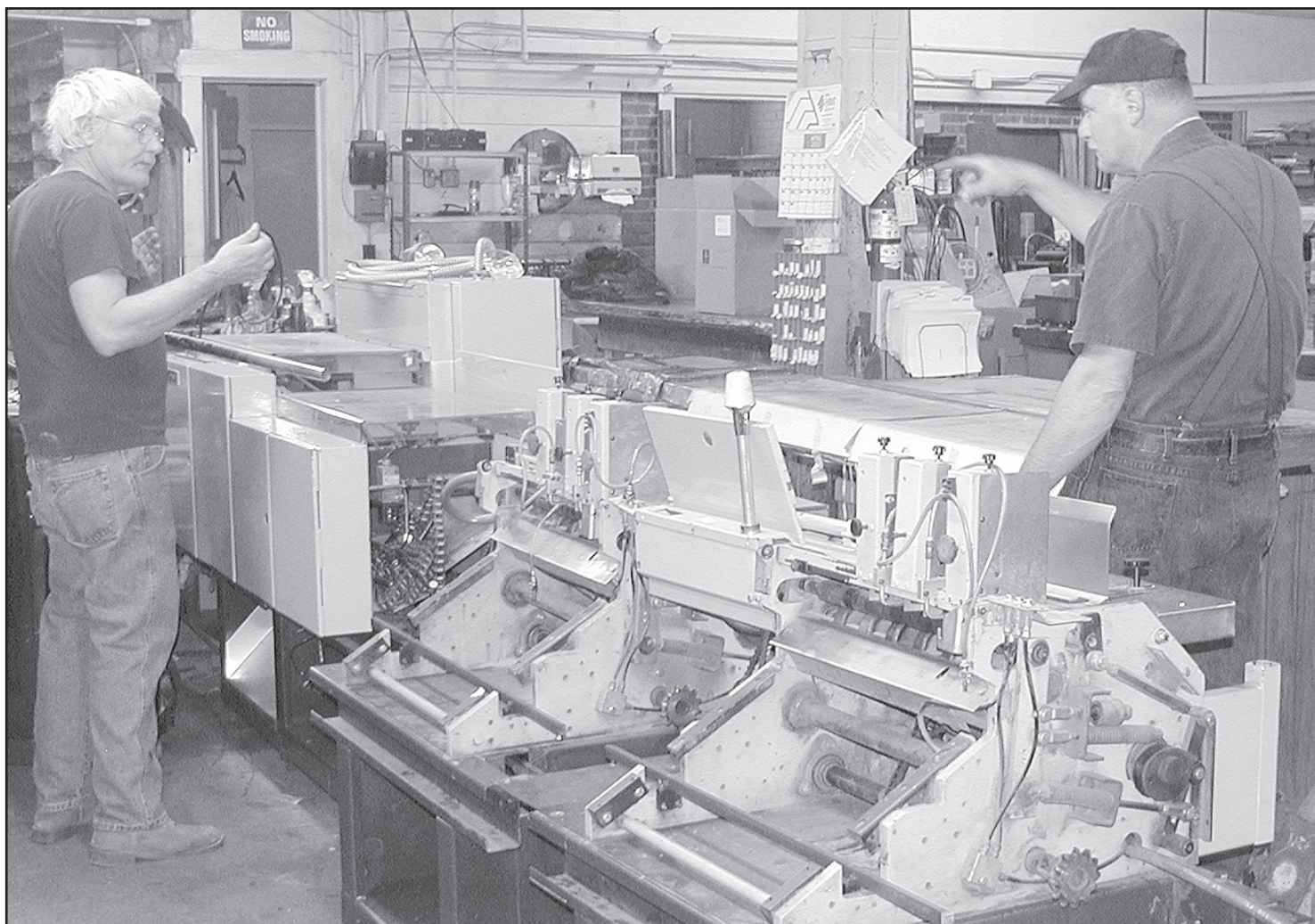


Changes coming



NorWest pressmen Jim Jackson and Gary Meyer are part of the press staff working to install an inserting machine to insert circulars in the newspapers that are printing including *The Goodland Star-News* at their location at 1205 Main. Currently they are working on the air compressor that helps operate the system. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Local company to help students

Eagle Communications of Hays announced a new initiative helping low-income families access the Internet in the 30 communities served by Eagle, including Goodland.

The Connect2Compete initiative provides low-income families who qualify for free lunches through the National School Lunch Program to get internet access at home for less than \$10 a month for two years.

"Eagle Communications believes technology is one of the greatest tools students can have both in and out of the classroom," Travis Kohlrus, Eagle Communications Broadband Division General Manager, said. "We are also very aware that not all students have the same access to high-speed Internet services in their homes."

Eagle's Connect2Compete program provides 1 Mb/512kb high-speed Internet access for only \$9.95 per month and free modem use for two years to families who qualify for free lunches through school lunch program. This is a program fully-funded locally by Eagle Communications and no tax dollars will be spent for this program.

"Educators know that Internet access is key for students to succeed with more technology-based school work," said Dennis Weese,

Eagle's Community Relations and Commercial Sales Director. "Eagle Communications is honored to participate in a program that will help more students have online access in their homes. We don't want to see any student lose an opportunity because they couldn't get access to the Internet."

To participate, parents will need to pick up the Eagle Communications Connect2Compete application at any Eagle Communication Customer Care Center or download the application at www.eaglecom.net/C2C and return the completed form to Eagle for consideration, 114 W. 11, Goodland.

Eagle Communications, Inc. is a Kansas based Broadband Services and Media Company with more than 270 Employee-Owners. The company operates 28 radio stations in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri as well as cable television systems in Kansas and Colorado. The company also offers e-business solutions, web hosting, high-speed Internet, telephone services and wireless Internet.

For more information go to www.eaglecom.net.

Youth track and field meet coming

Goodland will hold the youth track and field meet at the Goodland High School track and field facility on Saturday, April 28. The track is a seven-lane rubberized track. All jumping events have rubberized approaches, shot put and discus are cement, and javelin will be thrown on grass.

The entry fee is \$10 per athlete before Sunday, April 15, and \$15 the day of the meet. Registration begins at 9 a.m. (Central Time) the day of the meet, field events begin at 10:30 a.m. and running events begin at noon. A concession stand will be available.

Medals will be given for the first three places in all divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for fourth

through sixth places in all groups. Any athlete not awarded a medal or ribbon will receive a participation ribbon upon request.

There are six groups divided up by grades. Age groups are 2011-2012 grade level. Girls and boys division are separate in all groups.

Bantam: Pre-K-K: May compete in 3 events.

Events: 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, standing long jump and tennis ball throw.

Group 1: 1st and 2nd Grades: May compete in 2 events.

Events: 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, long jump, softball throw and

shot put.

Group 2: 3rd and 4th Grades: May compete in 4 events if one of the events is a relay.

Events: 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1,600-meter run, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus, turbo javelin, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay.

Group 3: 5th and 6th Grades: May compete in 4 events if one of the events is a relay.

Events: 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1,600-meter run, 100-meter hurdles (33 inches), long jump,

triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus, turbo javelin, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay.

The running events will begin at noon with 100-meter hurdles, followed by 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 1,600-meter run, 4x100 relay, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x400 relay.

Races will be run Bantam first followed by Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3.

For information, contact Shelley Brown at (785) 899-4701 or Kent Teeter at (785) 650-9633. You can mail your registration form to Kent Teeter at 1113 Harrison, Goodland, Kan., 67735. Make checks payable to GYTC.

Sabetha High School students send grain products to hungry

By Ron Wilson

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at Kansas State University

What crop are you producing? Many Kansas farmers produce wheat, corn and soybeans which can be processed into various products. Now, extruded grain products are traveling from rural Kansas to needy families around the world, thanks to an innovative Kansas school system, a pioneering private sector grain processing company and a creative teacher with some caring students. That's the subject of today's Kansas Profile.

Last week we learned about Sabetha High School teacher Carol Spangler and Grains for Hope, a Sabetha student organization which helps ship extruded grain products to needy families in Mozambique

and Haiti. After Carol learned about Wenger Manufacturing, a world-leader in grain extrusion technology based in Sabetha, she suggested a school research project to determine which countries could best use the extruded grain products generated by Wenger. That became the organization known as Grains for Hope which has led the effort to ship these products overseas.

Grains for Hope has involved an estimated 200 students and shipped 25 tons of enhanced grain products overseas. This innovative project benefitted many poor, malnourished families in these developing countries and has led to Sabetha High School receiving numerous awards.

But in visiting with Carol Spangler and Sabetha High principal Todd Evans, it's clear the awards are not what is most important to

them.

"It's amazing what kids can accomplish if you open the doors," Carol said. She proudly points to the achievements of those students who have been involved with Grains for Hope.

"In education today, project-based education is one of the major directions," said principal Todd Evans. In addition to the community engagement in Sabetha and the humanitarian benefits for needy families overseas, he sees the beneficial learning outcomes which result from students applying their classroom studies in a real world setting.

"A project like this gives relevance and meaning to their studies," Todd said.

"All of a sudden, students see that physics make sense, or it dawns on them that trigonometry can be used

on an actual project."

So what have students learned? Ben Koch is a senior at Sabetha High. "Incorporating this has been very meaningful," he said. "You get to see a more global picture and you get encouraged to find a rewarding career, not just a job." He received a scholarship to attend and speak to the American Association of Cereal Chemists annual meeting, and Carol Spangler saw his confidence and professionalism grow through that experience.

Another student gained a career-building internship through Grains for Hope. He came from the nearby rural community of Morrill, population 270 people. Now, that's rural.

Anna Sunderland is a sophomore at Sabetha. After an earthquake in Haiti, she traveled there through her church and worked in a Haitian hospital.

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