

Family wants police to have list of owners

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"They said they thought my son lived there."

Spencer added that he isn't sure how his son knows the shooters.

There could be more paintball attacks in town soon, Spencer said, because of the proposed Goodland Paintball Club.

"If we are going to have a club," he said, "I think the police should have a list of everyone who owns a gun. It might be a deterrent to more damage. This paintball thing is getting out of hand before it's even getting started."

Smee said officers found a paintgun, paintballs, open beverages and a "bong," or marijuana water pipe, when they searched the car.

They also found a small bag of what they say is marijuana on Jeffries, the



As many as 22 paintballs were shot at 1521 Sherman on Thursday night. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

driver of the car.

Jeffries will be charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, minor in consumption of alcohol, and transportation of an open container, said Smee.

Nelson, the alleged shooter, will be charged with assault, criminal damage to property, and the alcohol charges, he said.

Board heard little talk of pay hikes

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teachers' team put forward were vague, but they said they would have more precise proposals at a later meeting. The teachers withdrew a proposal to increase pay for some voluntary duties.

There was little talk about pay raises because the board doesn't know how much money it will have to spend next year until the Kansas Legislature passes a school finance package.

Lawmakers have discussed cutting state aid to schools by \$303 per student, keeping aid the same or increasing it \$10 per pupil. The state is facing money problems and legislators are trying to balance a budget without raising taxes.

No matter what, the district will likely have less money to spend next year because of dropping enrollment and increased expenses.

Kathy Russell, head of the board's four-member team, told the teachers that the board wants to avoid layoffs, but can't make a decision until the Legislature does.

Mary Porterfield, head of the teach-

ers' five-person team, said three elementary teachers are planning to retire early to help alleviate the district's money problems.

Earlier this year, the board offered four elementary teachers an early retirement bonus of 10 percent of their total salary.

Russell said the board needs four teachers to retire early so it can meet its budget goals.

The teams decided to meet again at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 29. Superintendent Marvin Selby said they probably still won't be able to discuss money because he doesn't foresee the Legislature passing an education bill by then.

The boards' team proposed six items, including freezing the amount the district would pay for each single health insurance policy at \$3,435, phasing out a column in the salary schedule to encourage teachers to get master's degrees, making some duties mandatory but keeping pay the same, deleting two paragraphs that say the district can't start advertising for a position until it receives a formal res-

ignation and requiring teachers to be 57 or older before they can retire.

The teachers made 10 proposals, including adding a third party to help handle complaints from staff, increasing pay \$5 for unused sick leave to \$40 per day, changing the technology requirement to make it more useful, adding the start and end of the workday in the agreement and attaching the teacher evaluation form to the agreement.

Porterfield said teachers want to include an outside person when hashing out complaints because many times the administrators who the complaint is against are the same people making the decisions on how to rectify it.

Russell said the board may not be interested in talking about that. The board has the right not to discuss it, she said, because the item legally falls under the "permissibly negotiable" category.

Selby said if the evaluation form is attached to the negotiated agreement, then its contents will be negotiable. Porterfield agreed it would be a good idea to include a footnote saying the criteria will not change.

Stovall asks agency to investigate

TOPEKA (AP) — Federal officials continue to field requests for investigations into last month's unfounded rumor of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in northeast Kansas.

Spokesman Alan Sobba said the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission has received requests for an investigation from a few states, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other interested parties. The commission hopes to make a status report April 19 when the NCBA meets in Washington.

Sobba said investigators were building a timeline of events and the commodity prices for March with the help of USDA and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

In her letter, Stovall said because of the commission's "exclusive" jurisdiction, "We are unable to conduct our own investigation and prosecution."

Last week, U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to investigate immediately. Harkin, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said a Justice Department probe would strengthen the hand of other agencies investigating the incident.

Consumers want to avoid telemarketing

TOPEKA (AP) — Legislators who are trying to meet demands from consumers for a way to avoid telemarketing calls must now reconcile different versions of an industry-backed proposal.

The House passed a no-call bill on a 105-18 vote Thursday and sent it back to the Senate. Several consumer

protections were added in the House, so that a version acceptable to both chambers will probably have to be negotiated.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. John Vratil said Thursday the two chambers did not seem too far apart.

"I think there are a lot of ideas we

can work with in conference," said Vratil, R-Leawood. "If the bill doesn't have enough consumer protection, it's not worth doing."

Under both the House and Senate plans, Kansans could place themselves on a no-call list maintained by the Direct Marketing Association, which would sell it to businesses.

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