



Ashley Engel lit candles for the National Honor Society induction ceremony at Goodland High on Thursday. Dane and Micki Scherling pinned their son Ian as a member during the ceremony. Photos by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Star-News

Students inducted to honor society

By Eric Yonkey
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 Goodland High School welcomed new members of the National Honor Society with an induction ceremony Thursday night at the that high school auditorium.
 Following the welcome and pledge, led by Goodland Chapter President Alan Cebula, officers Tammy Weeter, Donald Raymer, Amanda Hoffman and Ashley Engel lit candles in observance of the scholarship, leadership, service and character aspects of the organization.
 New inductees pledged to maintain their "high scholastic standing, to hold as fundamental and worthy

an untarnished character, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give of myself freely in service to others. In so doing, I shall prove myself worthy of a place in the National Honor Society."
 Then inductees took turns asking one or more parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers or other friends, to place a scarf bearing the society pin around their necks. Inductees are:
Senior, Matthias Goodley; **juniors**, Amy Anderson, Jared Doke, Josef Felver, Lauren Gray, Megan Leonard, Joselyn Lucas, Michael Mangus, Megan McCall, Alisha McKee, Janae McKee, Kayla Rasure, Brittney Redlin, Laurie Red-

lin, Ian Scherling, Cortney Schields, Lacy Stephens, Maggie Witzel and Mike Zimmerman.
 Senior members also include Amanda Angelos, Deanna Bauman, Kendra Billinger, Thomas Cotter, Jenna Deines, Stephanie Fairbanks, Andrea Fenner, Rebecca Gattshall, Matthew Hall, Amanda Jolly, Timothy Kafka, Colleen Koehler, Emily Langness, Bill Linnin, Deanna Livengood, Alyssa Mason, Anny McCoy, Britany Pettibone, Kamilla Pianalto, Chance Schilling, Tiffany Schwasinger, Joshua Topliff and Janet VanDonge.
 JoAnn Wahrman, high school librarian, is the faculty advisor.

Grant writer yet to find money for county

By Tom Betz
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 The county's grant writer so far hasn't found any money for the commissioner's top two projects.
 Renovation of the old Telephone Building on Main and a new rural fire station are the two main projects Sherman County commissioners have asked the grant writer to seek money for from the state or a foundation.
 Penny Nemecheck reported to the commissioners on these project at their meeting Friday, saying she has not been able "to find a good fit" for either project.
 On the Southwest Bell building, Nemecheck told the commissioners the first step would be to have someone come in and inspect the building to see what actual problems there are, such as asbestos and lead paint.
 "You need a master plan of what you expect to do with the building," Nemecheck said. "I know there are various ideas, but they need to be put together, and there are considerations about accessibility and the restrooms. This project needs your attention."
 Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it was something the commission-

ers needed to discuss.
 "We may be able to find some money," Nemecheck said, "but we need to look at a complete project."
 She said she had found two companies that do asbestos and lead paint inspections, and then they estimate the cost of removing or other ways to handle the material. The companies are from Lawrence and Wichita. She said the cost of the inspection is about \$3,000.
 Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt the county needed to do something about this project, and said that it might be good to send the companies a letter in inquiry to see what they are willing to do.
 Nemecheck said she had not found any grant money so far to help with a new rural fire house, but that there was a program to help with fire fighting equipment and fire trucks.
 She said there was a workshop

coming up in February on the program and that the grant has to be filed in March.
 She said rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith estimated the cost of the new fire house is \$165,000, including a classroom for fire training.
 She asked if the county could cooperate with the city, which is looking at a new fire house as well. Nemecheck said the grant people give higher points for joint projects.
 She said she would continue to look for grants for both projects.
 Rasure asked about the mortar problem at the courthouse, and Nemecheck said this was considered normal maintenance and she had not found any grants for this.
 "What I am hoping is that I can find money for another project that will allow you to have the money available to do the courthouse project," she said.

Woman passes on glass art

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Golden Chiropractic Clinic, were raised on stained glass, Cindy said, but don't complete many projects of their own.
 "They're both characters," she said. "They start 'em."
 And they're not shy about asking



Mentzer



Reasoner

Weather service wins award

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve has awarded a certificate of appreciation to the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Goodland.
 This award recognizes deserving employers whose support and good will are important to retaining highly skilled and qualified members of the Guard and reserve.
 The certificate and a Patriot Pin were presented to Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge. Technician Mark Reasoner of the National Guard Armory in Goodland made the presentation.
 Dedicated people from the weather service have participated in guard duties here, Reasoner said, including Mike Gahagan, and more recently, Jerry Higdon.
 "The National Weather Service office in Goodland has consistently supported the local National Guard unit," he said. "The local office has always supported its employees who are in the guard, and since our facilities are near one another, we've also coordinated local security plans."
 It's a two way street, Mentzer agreed.
 "While we've supported the guard," he said, "it has also supported our mission. For example, they allow us to conduct severe storm spotter training to the public every year at their facility. It's just a great relationship."
 Employer support for the guard can include arranging work schedules for employees who participate in weekend duty, differential pay to those called to serve their country and ensuring that benefits and career opportunities remain available when those on active duty.
 Nationwide, 1.3 million Americans serve in the national guard and the armed forces reserve.

their mom to make things for them. Kickler said Kari gave stained glass picture frames to all of her classmates when they graduated from high school and wants her to make 20 stained glass candleholders for the tables at her wedding reception in August.
 Though Kickler rolls her eyes at the size of the project, she clearly wouldn't say "no" to her little girl.
 Kickler said the latest project she and Gary took on was big windows at the Burlington Lutheran church. There are three windows in the church, Gary said, the largest nine feet by three feet. The two smaller windows are two and a half feet by seven.
 People from the church gave him three pictures, Gary said, saying they liked this part of one, another part of another and a part of the third. Gary said he combined the parts they liked from the pictures and drew the design himself.
 The design was a large red cross surrounded with geometric shapes

in blue, green, lavender, yellow and white glass in each window.
 The project took about three months, he said, starting in October and ending with the windows being installed in January. It was hard working on it that long, he said, without knowing what it would look like with the light shining through.
 Gary said he knew it was all worth it as soon as the windows were installed because they looked spectacular. The combination of three designs produced some tricky moments, Gary said, when it seemed it wasn't working. At the last, it all came together, he said.
 When the Kicklers work on their own projects, they say, inspiration can come from different sources. Sometimes the idea for a piece is from the glass, Cindy said, and other times they start with a pattern and look for glass to go with it.
 "Sometimes you see a piece of glass," Gary said, "and you just have to have it."

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