Star-news Jland The Goodland Star-News / Tuesday, March 11, 2003 Goodland High senior puts skills to the test

By Andrea Fenner

The Goodland Star-News Goodland's Amanda Hoffman, state president of the Family, Community and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA), has put her leadership skills to the test by accomplishing many projects and coming out on top.

Her journey started as a freshman when she attended the State Leadership Showcase and then, the National Leadership Meeting in Orlando, Fla., with the freshman parliamentary procedure team.

Attending the national event inspired Hoffman to become an officer. She wanted to influence others in the hope that they would benefit from the group as she had.

include checking here-mail at least chapter and the activities they put once a day, as it is usual for her to receive 10 e-mails each day concerning her duties.

She attends conferences such as state officer training, KATFACS/KACTE, the national leadership meeting, state board meetings and visits to cities around the state.

putting together the script for the state meeting, making agendas for troubled times," Hoffman said, all business meetings and corresponding with the state executive ever, and FCCLA helps to teach stucouncil and Kansas Department of dents about family values. Education. She also gets to work



dent-led organization On top of that, she is in charge of where the focus is on the family. "As our world faces these "family is more important than

"FCCLA helps create students

on. Hoffman has been

quite the busy leader with

all of the responsibilities

she has taken upon her-

self, but she has suc-

ceeded at responsibili-

ties. Hoffman said she

believes the group is

good for high school be-

cause it is the one stu-

communities."

Hoffman wants high school students to take advantage of this organization and absorb what it has to offer. She feels that nothing is too great to achieve.

With the support of the advisors as well as the school and our town, she said, you can make any dream become a reality.

chance to gain life skills," Hoffman said, "and through FCCLA, students are able to meet members from other towns in Kansas. They also get the chance to travel across the nation and meet teen-agers from all over the country."

Hoffman said she would like to

As the state president, her duties with the members of the Goodland who are committed to serving their thank all of the members, school faculty, administrators and community members for their support of FCCLA.

"As the Kansas FCCLA state president," Hoffman said, "the impacted by things it sees," Hoffpower was placed in my hands, and because of your never-ending encouragement, I knew that I could handle the responsibility."

Amanda's parents are Richard 'The club offers students the and Lynn Hoffman of Goodland. A senior at Goodland High School, she was elected state president last spring. She had to best 10 candidates from the 12 club districts. She stories and provided pictures for took a written test, passed an interview by a 13-member panel of club Family, Community and Career advisors, then gave a mock thank- Leaders of America. The Commuyou speech and a presentation.

The club's theme this year is "Lights, camera, action," so she decided to do her presentation as a series of television commercials.

"I wanted to show how society is man said. "When I gave the beginning of the spirit slogan, 'Obey your...' the audience finished the phrase for me with 'thirst.' It kind of proved that people are impacted by what they see, and can be impacted by what our club does."

Andrea Fenner, a senior at Goodland High School, wrote two her "Power of One" project for nity Page in on Page 7 today.

Man faces drug charges

A Goodland man is in jail facing five drug charges after the Quad-County drug task force raided his home at 10 p.m. on Feb. 26 and found marijuana and methamphetamine.

Paul Medrano, 24, was arrested by Goodland Police at his home at 611 W. 9th Street and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school; possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school; sale of a narcotic drug within 1,000 feet of a school; no drug tax stamps for the drugs he sold; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Medrano's residence is within 1,000 feet of Grant Junior High.

The drug possession charges are both level 2 felonies; the selling charge is a level 9 felony; no tax stamp is a level 10 non person felony; and the paraphernalia charge is a misdemeanor.

Medrano is out on a \$20,000 bond after making a first appearance in Sherman County District Court. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. May 2.

Car rear ended by semi truck

Twin bothers Leo and Paul Zerr, 74, of Oakley were flown from Citizens Medical Center in Colby on Monday to Denver after their car was rear-ended by a semi-trailer



Students waiting for the awards presentation at the party in Kanorado had materials for drawing pictures but weren't too busy to mug the camera. Photo by Sheila Smith/The Goodland-Star News

Kanorado honors students

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News About 50 people turned out at the Kanorado Senior Center to enjoy a giant sandwich and celebrate the achievements of Kanorado students.

It was a Subway and sundae party on Friday, Feb. 28, said Kanorado Mayor Hazel Estes, and it was fun. There was a 12-foot Subway sandwich, and everyone put their own toppings on their pieces. Then Honor Roll — Devin Mangus and Danielle Pettieveryone did the same with the ice cream.

recognized 25 students from Kanorado who were Galvan and Javier Gonzales. on the honor roll or had perfect attendance at their

she said, but may pick a different theme the next time

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade who were recognized for perfect attendance were: Cody Hooker, Juan Sandoval, Jordan Siruta, Megan Siruta and Samantha Goalden. There is no honor roll for those grades.

North Elementary students honored: Supreme bone; Principal's Honor Roll - Daniel Haley and The program, sponsored by Kanorado PRIDE, Gabriel Gonzales; Honorable Mention - Jesus

North students who had perfect attendance:

Appeals court asked to overturn decision

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press Citizens Medical Center of Colby is asking the Kansas Court of Appeals to overturn a district court decision which kept the hospital from barring a Colby doctor from seeing patients at its facility.

In a 40-page document submitted to the Court of Appeals in the latter part of January, Carol Bonebrake of Topeka, who represents the hospital, said that the District Court of Thomas County abused its discretion by denying the hospital's summary suspension and by refusing to order Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II to post a bond during the injunction.

In not allowing the hospital to enforce its summary suspension of Hildyard, Bonebrake said, the facility is being held hostage while peer review proceedings are in progress. She argued that the judge interfered in the hospital's decision to suspend the doctor, who is alleged to have used offensive language with staff and put patient care at risk.

Conversely, Michael O'Neal, representing Hildyard, said in his response during the latter part of February that the lower court did not abuse its discretion in denying the hospital's motion to dissolve the temporary restraining order and require posting of bond.

O'Neal argued that the appeal should be dismissed for lack of ju-straining order previously will rerisdiction and because the issues main in force and effect until such raised by the hospital should be con- time as Hildyard's administrative sidered "moot." Bonebrake also claimed in her brief that Hildyard's actions, based on testimony by Janine Colson, the risk manager at Citizens Medical Center, violated the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, a charge which, at joined from enforcing the summary the time of the oral argument with the district judge, was still under investigation. "The hospital was required to submit a plan of correction," she told the appeals court, "and if the plan of correction is not accepted,

Citizens Medical Center, Inc., stands to lose its Medicare program funding which totals in the neighborhood of \$15 million a year."

On the other hand, O'Neal said that in a written report from the receiving physician in Hays regarding the alleged violation, there was nothing to suggest that the means of transportation to the Hays facility was inappropriate.

"The Colby hospital," he said earlier this week, "didn't bother to request this opinion or learn the true facts before self-reporting. We received a similar opinion from Dr. LaDonna Regier, the hospital's chief of staff."

The common term for the violation is refusal to treat, or "patient dumping."

Prior to the appeal, District Judge Jack L. Burr had twice ordered the hospital to let Hildyard keep his privileges. The first attempt to suspend the doctor's privileges at the hospital was in April after a hospital employee alleged inappropriate conduct to Michael Boyles, the chief executive officer. Boyles, in turn, filed for a temporary restraining order, which was overturned by the judge. The second time was in September, when again Burr prevented the hospital from suspending privileges.

In his ruling, Burr said the reremedies pursuant to the Medical Staff and Hospital Bylaws have been exhausted, at which time the temporary restraining order will automatically dissolve. In his October decision, Burr said that the hospital is temporarily ensuspension of Hildyard's clinical privileges and membership to medical staff. He denied the hospital's request for bond. No date has been scheduled for when the Court of Appeals will review the hospital's appeal.

truck eight miles southeast of Colby and engulfed in flames.

Shortly before 11 p.m., officers from both the Kansas Highway Patrol and Thomas County Sheriff's Office were alerted to a vehicle driving east on Interstate 70 without headlights, moving very slowly, around 20 miles per hour.

Trooper Mitch Nolette of the highway patrol said officers were on the way to check into the situation when the accident happened, so officers were on scene quickly.

Nolette said the semi, driven by Steven Duling of Madrid, Iowa. had come up on the vehicle quickly and struck the back end. The Zerr car spun off the road and into the south ditch. The semi went out of control and also ended up in the south ditch.

The Zerr's 1986 Chrysler caught on fire, and both men were belted inside. Nolette said officer Jim Engel was able to pull both from the car before it was engulfed.

Duling, 46, escaped uninjured, and while neither Leo or Paul Zerr was burned, both were taken to the Colby hospital. Nolette said that the Zerrs were transferred by plane to St. Anthony Hospital in Denver.

schools.

said, and nearly 50 people showed up. Everybody seemed to have a good time.

"The parents and students were pleased that we did something to give them recognition," she said.

They were especially pleased that the elementary students were honored, Estes added, since those students don't get a lot of recognition. There were favors and table decorations, she said, and the PRIDE committee gave out certificates.

Kanorado plans to hold the event each quarter, fect attendance.

Lorenzo Delgado, Rosa Sandoval, Adam Delgado The students and their parents were invited, Estes and Robert Gonzales for the second quarter, and Rosa Sandoval and Robert Gonzales for the first semester.

> On the Grant Junior High honor roll: Jorge Galvan, Andrew Pettibone and Molly Witzel. Steven Mangus had honorable mention.

> On the Goodland High School honor roll: Deanna Thompson, Maggie Witzel, Jessica Colby, Aubrea Winter and Michael Mangus.

No one at the junior high or high school had per-

U. S. Navy Band to perform in Colby

tion and Colby Free Press have joined up to sponsor a performance by the United States Navy Band at Colby Community Building.

Pat Ziegelmeier, executive director of the arts association, said this special performance in Colby is part of the Navy Band's national tour. The band will present a variety of popular and classical favorites.

Ziegelmeier said several members of the Colby Community College Band will join the Navy Band

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The Western Plains Arts Associa- to perform John Philip Sousa's band is under the leadership of "Washington Post March."

The band is the Navy's premier musical representative in Washing-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the ton, and is recognized by many as The World's Finest.'

> Officially formed by an Act of presidential inaugurals. The con-Congress on March 4, 1925, the cert is free to the public.

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