

# Goodland High senior puts skills to the test

**By Andrea Fenner**  
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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.

As the state president, her duties include checking here e-mail at least 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.

On top of that, she is in charge of putting together the script for the state meeting, making agendas for all business meetings and corresponding with the state executive council and Kansas Department of Education. She also gets to work



Hoffman

with the members of the Goodland chapter and the activities they put on. Hoffman has been quite the busy leader with all of the responsibilities she has taken upon herself, but she has succeeded at responsibilities. Hoffman said she believes the group is good for high school because it is the one student-led organization where the focus is on the family.

"As our world faces these troubled times," Hoffman said, "family is more important than ever, and FCCLA helps to teach students about family values.

"FCCLA helps create students

who are committed to serving their 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.

"The club offers students the 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

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 power 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 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 took a written test, passed an interview by a 13-member panel of club advisors, then gave a mock thank-you 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 impacted by things it sees," Hoffman 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 stories and provided pictures for her "Power of One" project for Family, Community and Career Leaders of America. The Community 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 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.



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**  
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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 everyone did the same with the ice cream.

The program, sponsored by Kanorado PRIDE, recognized 25 students from Kanorado who were on the honor roll or had perfect attendance at their schools.

The students and their parents were invited, Estes 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,

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 Goaden. There is no honor roll for those grades.

**North Elementary students honored:** Supreme Honor Roll — Devin Mangus and Danielle Pettibone; Principal's Honor Roll — Daniel Haley and Gabriel Gonzales; Honorable Mention — Jesus Galvan and Javier Gonzales.

North students who had perfect attendance: Lorenzo Delgado, Rosa Sandoval, Adam Delgado 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 perfect attendance.

## U. S. Navy Band to perform in Colby

The Western Plains Arts Association and *Colby Free Press* have joined up to sponsor a performance by the United States Navy Band at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the 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

to perform John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March."

The band is the Navy's premier musical representative in Washington, and is recognized by many as "The World's Finest."

Officially formed by an Act of Congress on March 4, 1925, the

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