

West begins box top collection, sets higher goals

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West Elementary students are gathering General Mills box tops, hoping to repeat last spring's fun of throwing a pie at the principal and a teacher of their choice.

The students gathered last Friday for an assembly to learn what their goals would be for the box top collection and what their reward would be. Jenise Floyd, a parent volunteer, came out dressed in old-lady shopping garb with a big purse and a small shopping cart. She told the students if they gather 2,500 box tops by Oct. 30, raising \$250 for the school, they will get a surprise.

If students gather 5,000 box tops by Jan. 15, raising \$500 for the school, how far will Principal Gerald Burkett go to reward them? Floyd pulled out a hula skirt and asked if he'd wear it. He said no, but agreed to let the students throw pies at him if they meet the goal. Floyd asked the students if they wanted that \$500 to spend, and they all screamed, "Yes!"

She then said the teachers would want the \$500.

"Should the teachers spend your money?" she asked.

When the students said "no," Floyd said the teachers would need their own \$500.

But the teachers should do something for that money, she said.

If the students collect 10,000 box tops by March 15, raising \$1,000 for the school, she said, the class that brings in the most box tops gets to vote on which teacher gets the pies.

She asked the teachers to stand and raise their right hands and repeat after her: "I promise if the class votes for me, I will let the students throw pies at me."

Several students indicated that their votes would go to physical education teacher Andy Scheopner, who joined Burkett as a pie target in March after students collected enough box tops to raise \$650 for the school. But the target in January will depend on which class brings in the most box tops.

Floyd told the students to write their names on the back of the box tops and take them to Roberta Pianalto, school secretary, and she will give them a treat. He said a weekly drawing will be held for small prizes.

Since 1,500 box tops have already been collected, Floyd drew five names for prizes Friday. Brianna White, Saige VanDiver,



Jenise Floyd (above) showed West Elementary students what a box top looks like last Friday to be sure they knew what to turn in to raise money for the school. Ricky Milke, D.J. Glassman and Savannah Bassett (top left) held up the signs showing the prize for meeting October's goal of 2,500 box tops. Erin Floyd and Paige Cullens (left center) had help from a teacher, Nona Mason, with the signs for January's goal. Kegan Northdurft, Sammy Connally and Laura Entwistle (right) held up the signs for March's goal to raise \$1,000 for the school and throw pies at the teacher of their choice.

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Shelby Johnson, Amber Perdew and Kameron Buelna received pencils.

The program sponsored by General Mills provides 10 cents for each

special box top the school collects. The money can be used for anything the school needs, and a school can earn up to \$20,000 from the box top program.



Oklahoma dismisses murder charges

A Goodland man has been released after two charges of first-degree murder were dismissed in Oklahoma City. Officials there said they had the wrong man.

Orlando Sanchez Gonzales, 25, was released on Aug. 25 when Oklahoma County District Attorney C. Wesley Lane II dismissed the charges. He said it had been determined that Gonzales was not involved in the case.

Earlier, Oklahoma had issued a warrant for two counts of first-degree murder and a count of conspiracy in a killing that occurred on June 21.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson said he had reports that Gonzales was back in Goodland, but had no confirmation about the dropped charges.

A phone call to the district attorney's office Tuesday revealed

that the charges had been dismissed and that Gonzales had been released.

Gonzales was arrested Aug. 1 when state Trooper Joe Green noticed him driving into town on I-70. He was held in the Sherman County Bastille for a couple of weeks, but waived extradition and went back to Oklahoma voluntarily.

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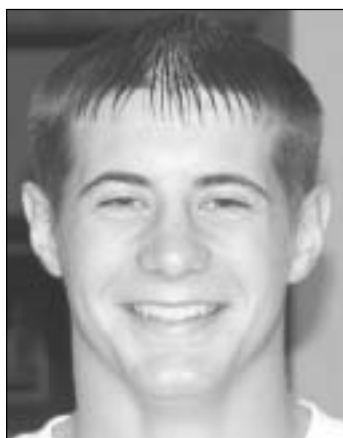
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student of the week



Name: Mike Zimmerman

Parents: Kevin and Mary Zimmerman

Grade: 12

Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Mike woks hard in all his school subjects. He has a good attitude and is a good leader for his peers. He is enjoyable to be around in school.

Student Comment: I

will always remember the good times in W-pressos as well as the good times with my friends.

Activities involved in at school: National Honor Society, football wrestling, musical, X-pressos.

My choice of movies, books, and games: whatever appeals to the senses.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to go to K State at Salina and become a mechanical engineer.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be starting a family and trying to slow down.

Favorite Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Phil. 4:13

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