

New trooper reports for duty in Goodland

By Greg Stover
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Sherman County has a new state trooper to help patrol the highways of northwest Kansas.
Trooper Bryon L. Wilson graduated from the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Center last week and reported for work with Troop D, District 11, on Tuesday. Initially he will do his field training under the supervision of Trooper Rich Hageman of Goodland.



Wilson

automotive technology from Northwest Kansas Technical

“This is a fulfillment of a childhood dream,” said Wilson, a 1995 graduate of Trego Community High School in WaKeeney. He received his certificate in

College in December 1996 and studied criminal justice at Fort Hays State University.
Prior to joining the patrol, Wilson worked at the juvenile detention center in WaKeeney, then moved to the Trego County sheriff’s office. He later joined the WaKeeney Police Department and served as a volunteer emergency medical technician.
Wilson and his wife Myra have two children, 5-year-old Riley, who

is in kindergarten at West School, and Gavin, who will be 2 next month.
“We’re enjoying the city,” said Wilson. “We’re excited about the career choices we have chosen.”
Gov. Kathleen Sebelius spoke at the graduation ceremony where the 26 new troopers of Class 39 received their badges. During her address, she asked Col. William Seck, highway patrol superintendent since June, to chair the

state Homeland Security Council.
Sebelius said she wanted to give Seck some time to settle in as superintendent before asking him to head the council. Previously, he worked in the Wichita office of the FBI, supervising resident agents in Kansas.
The governor said she was confident that Seck’s experience and background in law enforcement will serve him well. The group is made up of representative from 12

agencies including the governor’s office, the state fire marshal, the budget office, the adjutant general’s office, the highway patrol, the Emergency Medical Services Board, the International Association of Firefighters, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Animal Health Department, the League of Municipalities, the Association of Counties, and the state Department of Health and Environment.

Program would help parents

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ited Steve Raymer, the new assistant principal and athletic director, as a major factor.
Raymer updated the board on the status of fall sports and events. He said the band’s had gone to Colorado Springs to perform at the football half time show at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The school’s chapters of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and the Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA, had fall leadership conferences Thursday.
In other business, the board:
Heard from Threse Armstrong, the new chair of the Professional Development Committee, who gave members a copy of the new format for the program and said that it is now more aligned with state regulations.
Unanimously approved the financial reports and the check register. Also approved was a transfer of funds from the local option budget to the vocational education budget
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corrections

It was incorrectly reported in Tuesday’s edition of *The Goodland Star-News* that Cal Zimbelman served as master of ceremonies at the Kanorado Octoberfest. Curtis Duncan performed those duties. This was a reporting error.

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George Phillips of Goodland was ready for the Cheyenne County Trail Ride to start Sunday along the Republican River north of St. Francis. Phillips attends the ride each year.

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Kids to learn price of ‘sex, drugs, rock ‘n’ roll’

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Jeff Mason thinks a title like “Sex, Drugs and Rock ‘n’ Roll” will get kids’ attention, and maybe help keep some of them from getting in trouble.

Mason, a Goodland lawyer and father of three (a daughter in college

and two sons in high school), has created a presentation designed to show young people when happens when you break the laws on underage drinking, illegal drugs and inappropriate sexual behavior.
Mason said he designed the program for students at the Northwest Kansas Technical

College. He said he realized that the program, with some modifications, might work for high school and junior high school students could.

Mason proposed to the Goodland School Board on Monday that he show his presentation to the high school and junior high site councils Monday to get their ideas before showing it to parents. Parents will be invited to come see the presentation at either the high school or junior high on Monday, Nov. 3. Once parents have seen it, he said, they can decide whether to let their child see it or not.

He said the mechanism for letting parents make their decision known to the school prior hasn’t been

decided, but it will be set in plenty of time. The tentative date for showing the presentation to high school students is Thursday, Nov. 6.

The presentation covers three potential trouble areas for students: alcohol and drugs, sex and unlawful “party” behavior. The students will be given the legal definitions pertaining to each, he said, then these are explained in “street language” so the students can relate what is done to the law. The penalties and consequences of each violation are emphasized by telling the students exactly what the effects to their lives could be.

Mason gave a quick version of the presentation to the board so it

could see exactly what the students will see and how it will be explained to them.

Mason said he, County Attorney Bonnie Selby and court services officer Kathy Russell will conduct the presentation so that the students can hear different perspectives about each topic.

Board member Marty Melia made the motion, seconded by Danny Whalen, to allow Mason to proceed with his proposal. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mason said he is donating his time to develop this presentation and make it available to the students of Goodland.

Public library uses subsidy for computers

The Goodland public library will soon have two more computers available for the public to access the Internet, thanks to a state program.

The Goodland schools and the Goodland Regional Medical Center also got checks from the program, known as Kan-Ed.

Three Goodland institutions received grants from the Kansas Board of Regents to help them get access to high-speed Internet. The subsidies are part of \$2.3 million total package to be divided among 563 member institutions of the program approved to receive the money.

The Goodland Regional Medical Center, the public library and the school district each received a check for \$4,135. The institutions can use the funds to buy equipment, upgrade computer connections and/

or pay installation or connection fees.

Library Director Janet Warren said that the money the library received went to buy two computers that will increase the number available to the public for Internet access to eight. She said the library updated its system to increase access speed in January.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the Goodland School District is still undecided about what to use its check for. Karla Murray, the district’s technology coordinator, will consult with Doug Ewert of Technology Consulting in Hays, the man who designed the district’s Internet system, to develop a plan.

A spokesperson for the Goodland Regional Medical Center said its money will be used to help pay for its current Internet service.

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