



West Elementary second grader Alyssa Wear added one more item to the time capsule put in the ground as a pear tree was planted for Arbor Day on Friday afternoon at Phillips Park. Goodland city employee Danny Krayca (left) got ready to put the glue on the capsule as City Commissioner Josh Dechant held it. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Sun comes out for pear tree planting on Arbor Day

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After a drizzly morning, the sun came out on Friday at Phillips Park for the Arbor Day tree planting. Second graders from West Elementary School watched officials plant a Bradford pear and put items

in a time capsule to bury with it. District Forester Jim Strine with the state Forest Service from Hays quizzed the students. How many of them had planted a tree? How many had climbed a tree? What was made from trees? One boy said trees provide homes

for birds. Strine had everyone be quiet and listen to see if they could hear a bird chirping, and the feathered ones met the challenge. Strine gave Mayor Rick Billinger a Tree City USA flag for Goodland's efforts to plant trees, the city's 29th year to win the honor.

To be a tree city, he said, Goodland has to have a tree board and spend \$2 per person for trees each year. The city crew had dug a hole and the tree, donated by Kevin Zimmerman Tree Service, waited in a tree spade. Strine said the ornamental pear blooms but does not bear

fruit. After lowering tree lowered into the hole, Zimmerman had some trouble getting it to come loose from the spade. He said he was not used to the ground being damp. City Manager Wayne Hill and City Commissioners Dave Daniels,

Josh Dechant and Annette Fairbanks attended the planting. Christy Rasure, chairman of the city Tree Board, introduced the other members, Ed Carlton, Gary Coon, Dale Ellison, Marty Melia and Lou Spinney.

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
July 15, 2005 — Daniel W. Lock, \$108 reinstated for speeding and \$100 reinstated for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.
Feb. 4, 2006 — Julian Malagon, \$177 reinstated for speeding.
June 24 — Victor F. Monroy, \$360 reinstated for no liability insurance.
Oct. 22 — Jonathan W. Stout, \$126 reinstated for improper turn and \$10 reinstated for no seat belt.

Nov. 19 — Dennis F. Elmore, \$126 for speeding and \$100 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.
Nov. 21 — Nathan A. Byars, \$246 reinstated for speeding.
Nov. 22 — Mariano Herrera, \$174 reinstated for speeding.
Nov. 23 — Jason M. Bahe, \$120 for speeding.
Nov. 26 — Deshana L. White, \$138 reinstated for speeding.
Dec. 3 — Eugene F. Uribe, \$144 reinstated for speeding.
Dec. 26 — Paula R. Taylor, \$126

reinstated for speeding.
Dec. 28, 2006 — Patrick D. Hough, \$96 for speeding.
Jan. 2, 2007 — Sergio A. Pena, \$156 for speeding, \$60 for no child safety belt and \$450 for driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.
Jan. 3 — Sandra L. Clark, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle.
Jan. 4 — Seth A. Moreland, \$366 for no liability insurance and dismissed for improper driving on laned road.
Jan. 6 — Alan W. Buster, \$591

for driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.
Jan. 31 — Derrick D. Peace, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicle.
Feb. 5 — Darin K. Fisher, \$132 for speeding.
Feb. 7 — Gloria A. Gonzalez, \$126 for operating a vehicle without a license.
Feb. 14 — Christopher C. Moore, \$126 for speeding.
Feb. 15 — Jennifer L. Champagne, \$126 for speeding.
Laurie L. Champagne, \$126 for speeding.

March 6 — Freddy R. Sanchez, \$246 for not obeying railroad crossing signal and \$10 for no seat belt.
March 7 — Paula G. Littlejohn, \$126 for speeding.
March 10 — Timothy L. Blakely, \$120 for speeding.
Jeffrey A. Tiell Jr., \$366 for no liability insurance.
March 11 — Drew C. Loscke, \$183 for improper parking and \$60 for driving without a license.
March 12 — Maria I. Saldivar, \$120 for speeding.
March 13 — Dustin A. Harrison,

\$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.
March 15 — Hosea Aldridge, \$174 for speeding.
Phillip D. Estep, \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.
Kenneth P. Kesner, \$132 for speeding.
Kathleen E. Parker, \$183 for speeding.
March 16 — Dylan W. Florentin, \$165 for improper parking.
Melissa K. Opheim, \$132 for speeding.

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