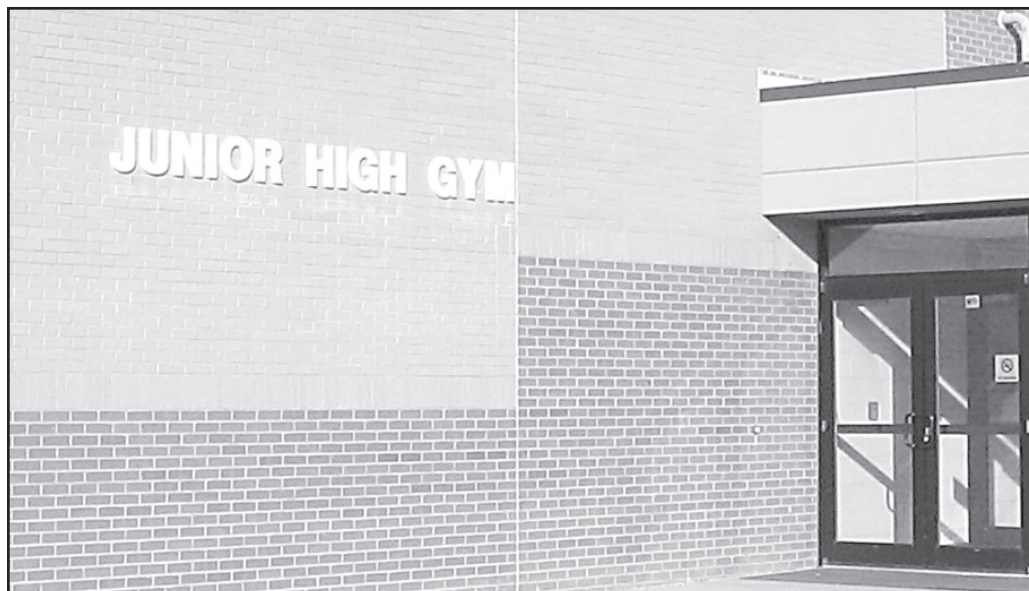


## New sign installed for Junior High Gym

Randy Toppliff (bottom photo) of American Door Co. helped Black and Gold Booster Club Past President Fred Hall and President Brad Schields install new lettering on the outside of the junior high gym at Max Jones Fieldhouse under the direction of Kenny Studer, school district maintenance supervisor. The club, which says it supports academics, activities and athletics, handles concessions for the Topside Tip-Off basketball tournament. Members said people were asking where the junior high gym was since it was not well marked. The letters were ordered from Rasure Lumber by club treasure Steve Duell. Photos by Brad Schields



## Radio operators contact the world

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Floyd said the atmospheric conditions change and those changes affect how well a radio signal travels, and he said it appeared the conditions were better last year allowing the radio operators to reach more stations.

Police Officer Jim Gillespie, another of the Goodland radio operators, said he was making contacts through an Echolink system, which connects stations through a computer.

Gillespie said he enjoys using Echolink because it allows him to make contacts around the world, and he has several people he contacts regularly, including one in Estonia.

Using Echolink expands his reach with a low-power radio, Gillespie said, and he can talk to a lot of different people through an Echolink conference connection. He can see the contact information on the computer monitor, and using a microphone, he talks to the person on the other end and can listen to the conversation through his computer's speakers.

Other stations called to make contact with Goodland, and one of those was Christopher, calling

from Sparta, Mo. Gillespie and Christopher exchanged call signs and weather information as part of their short conversation.

During the event, the radio operators used headphones so the other people did not hear both sides of the conversation. That kept the noise level down for weather forecasters, who were doing their work, as well as for the other radio operators.

Using Echolink, Gillespie was net control for an hour of Weather Talk, a conference setup allowing a large number of stations to make contact, with the Goodland station handling all the traffic.

Floyd said among the other hams who participated were Bob McLamore, Colby fire chief; Mike Albers, Thomas County assistant emergency manager; and Nathan Reitcheck of Levant.

Al Pietrycha, Weather Service science and operations officer, was in to help set up and work the radios. Pietrycha, the contact with the hams during severe weather, said he has been working with the Echolink and repeater systems.

Floyd said Chris Foltz, a meteorologist and a ham, worked the radios for several hours on Friday and Saturday.

## matters of record

Goodland Police  
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Nov. 25** — 12:38 p.m., 204 W. 11th, arrested Mitchell H. Shepherd on a probation violation. Case referred to county attorney

4:45 p.m., 516 W business U.S. 24, Apt. 311, child in need of care, juvenile involved. Case referred to county attorney

**Nov. 28** — 4 p.m., 423 Kansas Ave., Rick Warren reported a theft.

**Nov. 29** — 4:11 p.m., 1602 Clark Ave., Gary Meyer reported a theft. 8:03 p.m., 700 E. 13th, battery of a juvenile was reported. Case referred to county attorney.

**Dec. 1** — 12:23 p.m., 803 W. 13th, arrested Marty Cress for child abuse against a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

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