

# Goodland High School senior named scholar

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Reed Bellamy of Goodland High School, was selected to attend the 29th Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on Sunday, May 6, in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state. "These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Governor Brownback said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

This program is coordinated for the governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. It is funded by donations from private sector businesses in



Governor Sam Brownback and Reed Bellamy

Kansas. The task force was formed 29 years ago to strengthen public confidence in education. The following organizations are member of the task force: American Association of University Women, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and

Teachers, Kansas State Department of Education — National Education Association, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association and United School Administrators of Kansas.

## Junior high students honored



Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer (left) presented its "Junior Teen of the Year" award for the Goodland Elks Lodge. Eighth graders Alexis Bergquist (center) and Mario Lazo (right) were chosen to receive the Kansas State High School Activities Association Citizenship Award along with a certificate and a \$50 money order from the Elks.

# Nebraska student wins honor at Tech College



Patrick Lorens

Patrick Lorens of Stratton, Neb., is this year's Northwest Kansas Technical College student of the year. Lorens was selected out of the 15 nominees.

Lorens graduated from Dundy County Stratton High School in 2010. He was the treasurer for Collegiate Kiwanis (Circle K), a member of SkillsUSA, Gaming Club, Maverick Student Council representative, National Technical Honors Society recipient, and on the Honor Roll.

When asked why he is chose to attend Northwest Tech, Lorens said, "It was the closest to home, and has a great Com-

munications course. Each day we have covered something new, it has been a wonderful experience."

"Patrick is a top-notch student in every way," said Scott Waugh, Communications Technology instructor. "He is willing to help out his peers whenever they need it." Patrick's plans after graduation are returning home to Stratton, Neb., and work at BWTelcom. Congratulations to Patrick on this honor, Northwest Tech is proud to have a student of his caliber on our campus. We look forward to hearing great things in his success after Northwest Tech."

# Two local businesses honored by state award

Two Goodland businesses were picked in the Kansas Department of Commerce 22 Regional Business Excellence Award winners and 97 Merit Award winners as part of Business Appreciation Month, the Department's annual celebration of Kansas businesses and their contributions to their communities and the state economy.

Crop Production Services in Goodland was a regional winner and Jacque's Hallmark in Goodland was a merit winner.

The 119 businesses were nominated in one of four categories: manufacturing/distribution, service, retail and hospital/non-profit.

Six of the 22 Regional Business Excellence Award winners have been named finalists for the Governor's Award of Excellence — the top award given to a business by the state — which will be announced Tuesday, June 12, at the Kansas Cavalry Encampment in Manhattan. The six finalists are Carter Automotive Warehouse (Coffeyville and four other locations), Custom Foods Inc. (DeSoto), Gove County Medical Center (Quinter), Midland Marketing (Hays), NetStandard Inc. (Kansas City, Kan.) and Nex-Tech Inc. (Norton and Ellis).

Other Merit Winners were Bird City Hometown Market in Bird

City, CS Gas, Inc. in Atwood, Logan County Hospital in Oakley, Norton County Health Department in Norton, ReNew Chic Boutique in Norton and Road Runner Mfg. in Levant.

"I want to congratulate all the businesses recognized this year," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "They represent the very best of their communities and Kansas. These awards are a way the state recognized the business accomplishments and community contributions that allow Kansas to be the best place to live and work."

# Automotive student wins auto scholarship

Northwest Kansas Technical College student Jason Troyer has been selected to receive a Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. The scholarship money comes from the Michael Busch Memorial Fund.

In order to receive this scholarship, Troyer had to fill out an application, send in his current college transcripts, letter or recommendation, and a summary of why he felt he deserves the scholarship.

Troyer is a first year collision repair student at Northwest Tech. He is involved in student life on campus, belonging to the Music Club, Gaming Club and was on the Wrestling team last year.

Troyer graduated from Goodland High School in 2006, and then went on to join the Army where he served active duty for 2 years stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y. He has three children, Allissa, Draco, and Rayne.

"I feel that Jason being a recipient of this scholarship is an example of the commitment he has for his educational choices," said Larry Mc-

Lemore, collision repair instructor. "Jason is a leader in the program and an excellent example of the commitment necessary to be successful in the collision repair industry."

Troyer plans to graduate from Northwest Tech next year go to work in collision repair while continuing his stock car racing. He also enjoys paintball and football.

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