

# Goodland man named employee of year at prison

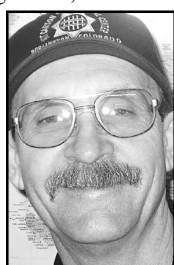
**By Russ Saffer**  
*KCCC Public Information Officer*

A Goodland resident and director of “Wheels For The World” program at Kit Carson Correctional Center in Burlington, has been named Employee of the Year.

Terry Thatcher was chosen for the award from a staff pool of 200. Candidates are judged by to years of service with Corrections Corporation of America, exceptional job performance, and commitment to their facility and to the company.

Leaving a farming background, Thatcher, 48, went to work at the prison in Burlington in January 2003 when he became a correctional officer. One month into his security job he became director of the facility’s “Wheels For The World” program.

The program, started by Joni Earekson Tada from California, refurbishes used wheel chairs which are sent all over the world to be used by people who



Thatcher

can’t afford to buy one. Considering the resources used, the Kit Carson prison’s wheel chair program was first in production and quality of all 11 refurbishing centers this year.

Wheel Chairs have been sent to Africa, South America, Russia and China. Thatcher’s 18 inmate workers refurbished

over 1,300 chairs in 2004.

Thatcher has developed excellent relationships with inmates shown

by the motivation, unity and harmony among his inmate workers.

He is a team player, perseveres during difficult times, communicates well with others and always exhibits a positive and joyful attitude.

Thatcher gives credit for his success to his great supervisor and great upper management staff.

“They are very supportive and excited about the program,” he said. “No two days are the same. I have a job I really love.”

“The company’s success rests on

the contributions of our staff,” said Warden Hoyt Brill, “and the Employee of the Year award is one way we emphasize the significance of individual professional accomplishments.

The award recognizes those qualities we consider essential for success on an individual and company wide level: dedication, loyalty, professionalism, interpersonal communication skills and commitment to exceptional personal performance.

“I am pleased to recognize

Thatcher for his professional contributions.”

Kit Carson Correction Center is a 768 bed, medium security facility, housing male inmates for the Colorado Department of Corrections and Wyoming Department of Corrections.

Corrections Corp. of America built and presently manages the facility that was opened in Oct. 1998. The company is the nation’s largest provider of outsource corrections management, with 63 facilities in 21 states.

## matters of record

### Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in Municipal Court:

**Dec. 22** — Paul M. Lobmeyer, 20, Goodland, \$96 for exhibition of speed.

Matthew L. Rivera, 22, Goodland, \$86 for unlawful discharge of fireworks.

Scott A. Korte, 22, Holyoke, Colo., \$96 for speeding, 35/20.

Harold W. Johnson, 53, Richmond, \$76 for no child restraint.

Debra Hummingbird, 44, Goodland, \$76 for speeding, 29/20.

Michael D. Hatfield, 33, Goodland, \$80 for speeding, 31/20.

Daniel L. Schulte, 50, Stratton, Colo., \$96 for exhibition of speed.

**Jan. 3** — Timothy N. Webster, 39, Goodland, \$76 for disobeying stop sign.

Aurora Sandoval, 36, Burlington, Colo., \$84 for speeding, 42/30.

### Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**Dec. 28** — Virginia M. Baker in a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer was traveling south on Grand and Allegra C. Adolf in a 1994 Ford Taurus was driving east on 7th when both cars met in the intersection and collided.

**Dec. 29** — An unknown vehicle performed a hit-and-run with a sign owned by the city of Goodland at business US 24.

**Jan. 4** — Janet Chacon was pulling into the parking lot in a 2002 Dodge when she slid on the ice and hit a concrete sign post at 2160 Commerce.

**Jan. 5** — Jordan Reibel was driving north on Arcade in a 2000 Jeep Larado when Brandon Douglas in a 1993 GMC Yukon with an ice obscured windshield proceeded into the intersection from 13th striking the Jeep in the driver’s side door.

### Goodland Police

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

**Dec. 17** — Ervin L. Elfman Jr. reported \$40 criminal damage to property at 205 Cottonwood. A juvenile was arrested.

**Dec. 18** — Nicholas James Gary was arrested at 1124 Main for consuming alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Paul J. Weber reported an \$80.05 forgery at 2710 Commerce Rd. Jerry Wade Dobbs is the suspect.

Paul J. Weber reported a \$67 forgery at 1001 Caldwell. Jerry Wade Dobbs is the suspect.

Paul J. Weber reported a \$125 forgery at 204 W. 11th. Jerry Wade Dobbs is the suspect.

The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses reported \$300 damage to property at 808 Wyoming. The case is under investigation.

James C. Gillespie reported disorderly conduct at 1124 Main. A juvenile was arrested.

**Dec. 20** — Melva Rae Stephan reported a burglary and theft from a motor vehicle at 2160 Commerce Rd. The case is under investigation.

**Dec. 21** — Jimmy E. Lovington was arrested for driving under the influence at 1100 Broadway. Case has been referred to the city attorney.

Wal-Mart reported someone gave a worthless check for \$174 at 2160 Commerce Rd. The case is under investigation.

**Dec. 22** — Frontier Equity Exchange reported the theft of license tag SDJ879, value \$20, at 1202 W. U.S. Business 24. The case is under investigation.

Renaee Anne Peterson was arrested at 1200 Cattletrail for driving while suspended and no proof of liability insurance.

Lois Frodin reported \$40 criminal damage to Christmas lights at 321 Willow. The case is under investigation.

**Dec. 23** — Jesse Clifford Huff reported \$90 criminal damage to property at 317 Willow. The case is under investigation.

**Dec. 25** — Elias Diaz Salas was arrested on U.S. Business 24 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

**Dec. 27** — Wal-Mart reported someone giving a worthless check at 2160 Commerce Rd. The case is under investigation.

Kristi Boyce and a minor were arrested as minors in consumption of alcohol at Sycamore and Poplar. The case has been referred to the county attorney.

**Dec. 28** — Allegra C. Adolf was arrested at 700 Grand for driving while license revoked, operating a vehicle without registration and operating a vehicle without a valid

license. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

**Dec. 31** — Richard Breininger reported the theft of a tire and rim, value of \$55, at 210E. 17th. The case is under investigation.

**Jan. 1** — Mark Allen Aaron was arrested at 800 Cattletrail for driving while license suspended and impeding normal traffic with slow speed. The case has been referred to

the city attorney.

**Jan. 2** — Brandon Baker was arrested at 1601 Kansas for aggravated sexual battery of a juvenile. The case has been referred to the county attorney.

**Jan. 3** — Roy L. Wassemiller reported \$10 criminal damage to a license tag at 804 Washington.

Kenneth Pottorff was arrested at 700 W. Eighth for driving under the

influence. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

**Jan. 4** — Marcus Alan Frederick was arrested at 1700 Cattletrail for driving while suspended, no proof of insurance and illegal license tag. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

Robert N. Lashley was arrested at 1300 Arcade for driving under the influence and transporting an open

container. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

**Jan. 5** — Saul Sigala was arrested at 521 E. 13th on a warrant. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

Angela L. Delano was arrested at 507 E. 13th on a warrant. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

Zachary A. Potterf was arrested at 311 E. 12th on a warrant. The case has been referred to the city attorney.

## Worship warms the heart

**Calvary Gospel Church**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Steve Rains  
Fourth & College • 899-3605  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Small Group Ministries  
**Wednesday:** Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**Pastor:** Father Norbert Dlabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
1st & 3rd Sunday: 4 pm

**Sonrise Christian Church**  
Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:**  
**Youth Minister:**  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

**Word of Life**  
**Joursquare Church**  
10th & Clark • 899-5250  
**Pastor:** John Coumerilh  
**Service Schedule:**  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am  
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Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

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**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm

**Bible Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Glenn Hermanson  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

**Church of Jesus Christ**  
**of Latter-Day Saints**  
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
(719) 346-7984  
**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

**Iglesia Del Dios Vivo**  
La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

**United Methodist Church**  
**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

**First Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**Pastor:** John Park Winkler  
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m.  
**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,  
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,  
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  
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**Kanorado**  
**United Methodist**  
**Church**  
**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am

**Church of the Nazarene**  
**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

**Goodland Bible Church**  
109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** John Meckling  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
Call church for information  
**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatridge Center

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969  
Sr. Warden for emergencies  
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

**Grace Fellowship Church**  
104 E. Hwy 24 • 890-6423  
**Pastor:**  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

**Church of Christ**  
401 Caldwell  
890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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