

Family, friends worried about missing Goodland man

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peared, but she sent a letter dated March 3 and addressed from Denver to her other son, David, 15, who lives with his father and step-mother. His mother asked about Marco and how he was doing, Ornelas said. Why would she do that if she had seen him?

Ornelas said she has been with Marco Ault Sr. six years, and the couple moved from Denver to Goodland in September 2003.

Marco stayed with his mother in Denver but later wanted to leave his life there.

Ornelas said she and his father sent him money and a bus ticket, and he came to Goodland on a Greyhound nearly a year ago.

After he disappeared, Ornelas said, they called his friends in Denver. They have talked to his sister Amanda, 18, and her husband in Las Vegas. He hasn't been in touch with anyone, Ornelas said.

She said they have heard rumors

that he went to Mexico, that he went to Denver and that he was in jail. None of those have panned out, she said. Ornelas said she asked a friend in the Denver district attorney's office to check the National Crime Information Center, and he said Marco is not in jail.

She said three kids he hung out with said they had taken him to Denver and dropped him along the road somewhere, but that hasn't proven true. She said she questions those friends' reliability, saying one is a drug addict

and another a habitual liar.

A week before Marco disappeared, Ornelas said, a couple of big guys were looking for him. She said she didn't know what they wanted, but the police had questioned a couple of guys. She's left with a bad feeling about what has happened to her stepson.

"We're really worried about him," she said, "and wonder where he could be. We just want him home. Something's wrong; you get that feeling. Even though I didn't

give birth to him, he's my son."

Ryan Hageman, general manager at Wendy's, said he didn't want to comment about Marco.

Pat Selfridge, a shift manager at the restaurant, described him as "a nice guy" and "hardworking."

Selfridge said he worked with Marco about nine months. He got along well with others, Selfridge said, and didn't seem like the kind who would take off.

"I'm surprised he is gone," Selfridge said.

Tammy Freeman, former site coordinator at the learning center, said she worked with Marco for a short time before she left the job in May. He wasn't there that often, she said, and didn't seem that interested in getting his diploma.

"I don't know if he's changed," she said.

His father is on the house staff at Golden West Community Services, and Ornelas works at the Goodland Churches Thrift Store and is a secretary at Jones Land Co.

Cropssufferfromlackofmoisture

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"The wheat crops are going to be relying on Mother Nature," he said. Statewide, the Kansas Agriculture Statistics Service rated topsoil moisture 2 percent very short, 25 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was

rated 2 percent very short, 24 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

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As for other crops, Belshe said, people will watch to see what type of moisture we get this spring.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA LEE HARBERT, Deceased Case No. 05PR08

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