

Goodland DECA earns three third-place finishes

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News
Nine Goodland students brought home the gold for marketing projects from the International National DECA Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif., last week.

"They were fantastic kids," said DECA sponsor Richard Schwasinger, "and their performance down there was almost perfect."
The high school students flew to California on Tuesday, April 26, to compete in the four-day event.

Schwasinger said they had earned a chance to compete at the international level by winning first or second in state conference.

Seniors Ana McClung, Erinn Abernathy and Emily Burkett won first place at state for their Learn and Earn Project. At nationals, the group earned a third place in the first round, which won them Gold Level Competency Certification.

Only first and second place winners moved on to finals.

Mallory Younger, Charles Lammer and Kelsi Ihrig, all seniors, took second place at state for a Public Relations Project. They also took third in the preliminary round, winning the group another gold.

Lauren Abernathy and Andrew Philbrick, both freshmen, won second place at state with an Entrepreneurship Promotion Project. The

two took third in the first round, too.

"Goodland is the only chapter in Kansas that received this level of recognition by every member who participated," Schwasinger said.

Senior Ashley Wing took a project and went through Leadership Development Academy, a two-day intensive 8-hour class. Wing took a food marketing project and met with corporate executives to learn leadership.

On the day they arrived, he said, students attended a briefing on competition rules.

The first day of competition, he said, they registered their projects and went through preliminary interviews. The competition has 38 ma-

major categories with 150 students in each.

Overnight, judges read projects. The students had interviews and were ranked the next morning.

The fourth day, finalists went on to compete and judges named winners in all 38 DECA categories.

Schwasinger said judges for the events are picked from among executives of Wal-Mart, Safeway, Phillips Petroleum and other large corporations.

"It's quite a big thing," he said, noting that over 1,000 professionals served as judges.

Schwasinger was series director for the Business Services Marketing Competition at the conference.

He said more than 14,000 DECA members competed for the \$250,000 in cash and scholarships up for grabs.

Although they were busy most of the time, Schwasinger said, the trip wasn't all work. He said the kids visited Universal Studios, Disneyland and the ocean.

He said they managed to squeeze in the activities where they could.

"The kids were so busy," he said. "We just try to fit in as much of the extra stuff as we can. It's a reward for the kids."

DECA, Schwasinger said, teaches the skills and standards required for business careers. In competition, members use interviews,

tests, role-plays, online simulations and written project reports. He said those skills are taught in marketing classrooms.

Schwasinger said the conference marked the 59th annual event and Goodland has gone 27 out of 28 years they have been involved in DECA. The organization, he said, has 180,000 members in the U.S., Guam, Mexico, Canada, Germany, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The kids, he said, come home from international competitions eager to learn more about marketing.

"I think it's a great academic opportunity for these kids," Schwasinger said.

Goodland said good-bye to 'Jack the Tailor,' helped him go home today in history

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society

May 4, 1905: 'Jack, The Tailor,' Gone — Said Good-bye to Goodland After a Residence of Ten Years — Few people in Goodland knew Phillip Brehm, although he had lived here and mingled with them for perhaps the last ten years.

As 'Jack, the Tailor,' almost everybody knew and liked him. He left for Chillicothe, Ohio, to spend most likely his last days at the home of his sister. He also has a brother living there.

"Jack" has cancer of the throat, and the doctors have little hope of his surviving but a short time. The malady, which appeared not long ago, soon reduced his flesh and strength. Last week he gave out. He was sad that his working days were over.

The few articles with which his little tailor shop was equipped, he almost carried under his arm, and these as all his earthly belongings, he moved to the storeroom in the old Exchange bank building.

His many friends felt sorry, too. "Jack" told someone he wanted to go to Chillicothe, his boyhood home. The word was passed along. Dollars all along the street were "chipped in" to make up a fund, \$45 being given.

A railroad ticket, which cost \$30, was purchased and the remainder turned over to him. And so provided — "Jack" is gone! He could only whisper when he said good-bye.

"Jack" had been his worst enemy; and every other enemy besides — if it may be said he had a single one — was a thousand times more his friend than "Jack" himself.

Whiskey was his arch fiend and enemy, and like many another, he had long since come to love that which was to destroy him. The cancer was the pitiless climax. We feel an uncharity in even referring to this shortcoming of his and here drop the pencil and turn to cover, as it were, the past as with a cloak of charity.

May 5, 1905: Board Education Elect Two — The old board of education of the Goodland city schools and the recently elected members met at Coleman's hardware store to reorganize and to transact the business of the regular May session.

County Superintendent F.E. Barnett, who has a voice in the management of the Sherman County high school, and W.S. Coleman, treasurer of the board of education, were present.

After allowing bills and adjusting minor matters, the board proceeded to the election of principal of the Sherman County high school. After considering the applications of S.V. Mallory, Chas. W. McCormick and a few others, a vote was taken which resulted in the election of S.V. Mallory as principal of the Sherman County high school and superintendent of the Goodland city schools.

John R. Reed was next elected to a position in the school, his title being known as principal of the Goodland city schools, at a salary of \$75 per month. The arrangement places Mr. Reed in practical control of the grades and still allows for the election of assistant principal for county high school, of which there is need in order to strengthen the high school course in fact and to make its graduates worthy of entrance into Kansas colleges without exceptions or provisions.

J.S. Ellenberger was elected janitor and truant officer at a salary of \$50 per month.

May 6, 1905: LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE — In the district court of Sherman County, Kansas, Asher B. Wilson, plaintiff, vs.

Charles T. Killen, Gertrude M. Dewey, The C.P. Land and Cattle Company, a corporation, Chauncey Dewey, Emma Dewey, Chauncey Dewey and C.T. Killen, executors of the last will of Charles P. Dewey, deceased, and Henry L. Shaler, defendants, must answer said petition filed as foresaid on or before the 13th of June, A.D. 1905, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgment rendered against said defendants in favor of plaintiff Asher B. Wilson and against you said defendants, and each of you, forever quieting and confirming in plaintiff as against you said defendants and each of you the title in and to the southwest quarter of section ten, and the northeast quarter of section fourteen in township six, south of range thirty nine, and the southeast quarter of section twenty nine, in township seven, south of range thirty nine, all west of the sixth principal meridian in Sherman county Kansas, forever barring and estopping you said defendants and each of you, from setting up or claiming any right, title, estate, property, and equity of redemption in or to said premises or any part thereof

Chalkley A. Wilson and Asher B. Wilson, Attorneys for Plaintiff
Attest: A.E. Barnett, Clerk District Court

May 7, 1905: BLAME CHEYENNE'S ATTORNEY — Norton News Thinks State's Attorney Failed in His Plain Duty — From the Norton News: The cases against Chauncey Dewey, Clyde

Wilson and W.J. McBride were dismissed by Judge Geiger without prejudice.

Under the circumstances, there was nothing more that could be done, as the defendants had appeared in this court five times ready for trial, and the state had for as many times continued the case.

The attorneys for Cheyenne County never appeared, and repeated letters or telegrams failed to get any answer whatever. Norton County has paid out nearly \$7,000 on this case, which Cheyenne County has refused to pay.

No one of the attorneys of the state seemed to desire to assume the responsibility of asking for a dismissal, nor did they care to prosecute, so the cases were dismissed by Judge Geiger.

We are glad the case is over, so far as this county is concerned, for as long as the Dewey cases hung fire in this county, in our local elections there has been no great political parties, it was "Dewey and anti-Dewey."

One of the jurors in the first case is in the insane asylum, caused by receiving letters threatening to poison his stock, murder his family, and nearly all the others have in some manner been harassed in numerous ways.

If a juror in this county found the Deweys guilty, he would be considered a hero by a large number of people, but if in his opinion they were innocent and delivered a verdict accordingly, public sentiment

was very strong against him.

As the case now stands, it looks like the Berrys prefer money instead of justice, and suits against the Deweys for damages are now being tried in Sherman County.

The writer of this did not attend the great trial, never heard a word of evidence and knows nothing of the case except that which appeared in the papers. We know that the majority of the people here believe the Deweys guilty of murder, yet they appeared for trial once, were found not guilty; they have appeared for trial five times since then and had their cases carried over to the next term, and the attorneys for the state are either guilty of gross negligence in refusing to prosecute or the cases should have been, as they were, dismissed.

County Attorney Thompson has never had the evidence of the case in his possession so he could prosecute, and the Cheyenne County attorney has not shown any inclination to furnish the evidence.

May 8, 1905: I want 45 girls and 44 boys to meet me at the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) hall on Saturday at 4 o'clock to take parts and drill for Decoration day exercises at the opera house and at the cemetery.

Mrs. E.T. Winsell
From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

Skip-row farming may boost corn yields

Skip-row farming is catching on in the Great Plains, and that could help boost corn yields in dry years for some Kansas farmers.

What is skip-row corn? Typically, on a 30-inch row system, two rows are planted and one or two rows are skipped.

"The idea is to plant the same number of plants per acre — just in one-third fewer rows," said Dale Fjell, K-State Research and Extension agronomy state leader.

Skip-row planting works because it helps provide moisture from the blister to silk stages — critical growth periods for corn. Early in the season, the plants compete for moisture if the rows are highly populated. Later, as roots extend into the skip-row area, they take advantage of stored soil moisture.

"The theory is that we want to get root growth into as much of the soil moisture profile as possible," said Bob Kline, agronomist at the University of Nebraska experiment station in North Platte, Neb. "That way, the corn will not only have



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enough moisture for early vegetative growth but also will still have some for development."

Early studies indicated skip-row planting won't harm yields in a good year, such as in 2004, but that it could help in a drought year, Fjell said. At North Platte, tests in 2003 and 2004 showed skip-row corn had a yield advantage over conventional production methods.

In tests at Tribune, Quinter and Belleville in 2004, conventional planting had a moderate to slight yield advantage. These studies were conducted in wheat-corn-fallow rotation.

To successfully implement skip-row planting, select Bt, Roundup-Ready hybrids that perform well

under ideal or stressful situations. Use a no-till production system to keep residue levels high throughout the field to conserve moisture.

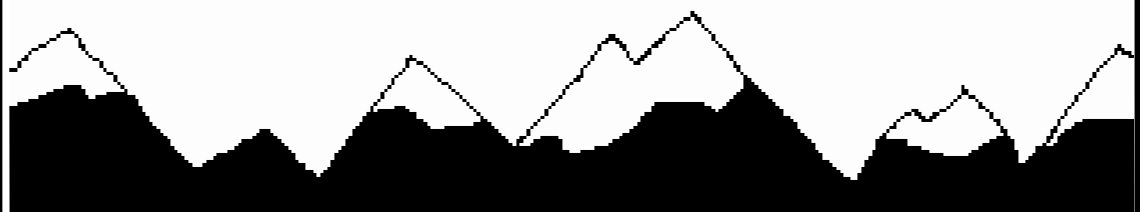
Plant appropriate populations, 10,000 to 13,000 plants per acre. Fill outside seed box on each end of the planter and skip appropriate boxes from there. Apply preplant herbicide treatment. Spray glyphosate post-emergence as needed to keep weeds under control.

Potential drawbacks to skip-row planting are:

- Crop insurance may not be available.
- Farm Service Agency may not count all acres as planted acres.
- Fields may be more attractive to corn borer because they are greener and healthier.

Jeanne Falk is area agronomist for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

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