# Goodland family relieved to have son back alive

#### By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News A Goodland family is relieved to have their son back alive, but they still don't have all the answers they would like.

The young man suffered a severe beating, his family says, and is lucky to be alive.

Marco Ault Sr. and Yvonne Ornelas have Ault's son, Marco Jr., home, but they still don't know why he left. The younger Ault had been missing since Saturday, Feb. 26, but is now in Goodland.

Ornelas said they got a call Wednesday, May 18, from his mother, saying she would be bringing him to Goodland the next day. Ault Jr. assault. had been in the hospital in Denver, his step-mother said, and then was staying with his mother, but she didn't call and tell them.

The young man is a bit worse for the wear and will need some time to friends in Denver and will be going recover, Ornelas said, but the family is just glad he is alive. He was jumped and beaten up badly in Denver, she said, and doesn't remember much.

trict attorney's office said they expect to file a case this week on the

Ault.Jr. doesn't remember why he left Goodland, Ornelas said, and he has been relearning to walk and some other things. He knows who beat him up, she said, from his back to testify against him.

The guy was wearing steel-toed boots, she said, and Ault Jr. has prints from them on his body. He was in the hospital at least a

Doe" for at least three days and was "a vegetable" part of the time. His sister finally went looking for him, Ornelas said.

He knows his dad can take care of him, she said, since he has been a certified nurse aide for 20 years. But his dad can sense he is afraid, she said, and he's lucky to be alive.

Ornelas said Ault Jr. is only going out if she, his dad or his brother David can go with him, and they are keep-Ault Jr. is on disability, Ornelas where he was.

The Arapahoe County, Colo., dis- month, Ornelas said, as a "John said, and is going to need at least a year to recuperate.

she said, which was one of those his had \$800 cash on him, she said, but roommate, Monica Ford, called this spring, but he may not have been hurt until after those calls.

The family was puzzled when he disappeared because they were sure he wanted to get his life together and had plans for the future. Rumors put him in Mexico, in Denver and in jail, but they were not able to find ing people away who will upset him. any reliable information about

Ornelas said it was strange that he just left because he always told his He was in University Hospital, roommate where he was going. He didn't take any of his things. He didn't show up for work, didn't call home, Ornelas said, and didn't get in touch with his probation officer.

She said he was also looking forward to graduation after earning his high school diploma from the Goodland Learning Center. He needs seven more credits to graduate, she said, and he plans to go back after he has recovered.

# Sentencing in fatality delayed

up in the air, as her sentencing in a three times over the legal limit when state, between mile-markers 124 deadly car accident on I-70 last her car struck a Ford Explorer from and 118 a few miles west of summer has been pushed back to behind on June 11, knocking it out WaKeeney. After she was stopped later this month.

After pleading no contest to three counts of involuntary manslaughter in Sherman County District Court last month, Jennifer Adams, 28, was scheduled for sentencing on Wednesday, May 25. The new court date is 9 a.m. on Friday, June 24.

Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby said Adams' attorney, Christopher McHugh, filed a motion for a continuance to delay the sentencing.

"He said he needed more time to prepare," she said Monday.

Judge Jack Burr found Adams guilty on all six charges against her including one aggravated battery, a level 5 person felony, driving under the influence of alcohol, and transporting an open container, both misdemeanors

Adams is facing anywhere from 38 to 172 months in prison depending on her criminal history. Burr said she could be facing a fine along with the jail time.

Court records show that Adams'

A Colorado woman's fate is still blood alcohol tested more than along the same stretch of the Interof control and killing three the first time, he said, she went back Goodland women.

The accident on I-70, east of mile marker 33 between Brewster and Edson, killed Christine Williams, her mother, Mary Wyatt, and her grandmother, Aline Becker, and injured two of Williams' children, Garrett, 8, and Caylee, 6.

Williams was a science teacher at Goodland High School, and tary.

Judge Jack Burr signed a motion ordering Adams to pay \$5,000 for Becker's funeral.

At a preliminary hearing in October, testimony revealed that Adams has been stopped and ticketed twice that day for speeding on I-70 west of WaKeeney, and that her car was moving fast and nearly out of control just before the wreck.

WaKeeney, an 18-year veteran of the Kansas Highway Patrol, said alcohol content at .265 percent, that he stopped Adams twice for more than three times the legal limit speeding within a 30-minute period of .08.

to town to get gas and then headed west again.

Stithem said the first time he stopped Adams, he clocked her at 96 mph, and the second time it was 104. He said he wrote her tickets both times and asked the dispatcher to notify officers to the west to watch for her.

Trooper Troy Smith of Goodland Wyatt was an aide at West Elemen- testified that Adams consented to a search of her car. He found an opened bottle of Smiroff Vodka in front of the passenger seat and an unopened bottle of beer in a cooler behind the driver's seat.

Trooper Joe Greene of Goodland administered a breath alcohol field test, which Adams failed. She was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence.

She was taken to the Sherman Master Trooper Terry Stithem of County Bastille, Greene said, where breath tests pegged her blood

## Kansas travelers can win prizes

City, a luggage set, a canoe or one of several prizes or trips in the Kansas Mega Gigantic Getaway Giveaway.

The contest, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce, Travel and Tourism Division, is designed to encourage people to visit the sites in the Kansas Getaway Guide and those listed at www.travelKS.com.

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau got donations from area businesses to put together a Goodland travel package as one of the prizes.

The package, valued at \$350, includes a night at the Kuhrt Ranch Bed and Breakfast, a night at Best Western Buffalo Inn, dinner for two at the Harvesters Restaurant at Howard Johnson's, lunch buffet for two at Hank's Restaurant, the Flatlander Fall Festival, free admission to the High Plains Museum and the one-room school house, two movie passes at the Sherman Theatre, a tour of the National Weather Service, a tour of the Ennis-Handy House and a gift certificate at the Antique Warehouse Mall.

Getaway packages also include trips to Atchison, the Flint Hills, Hutchison, Junction City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, northwest Kansas (a package put together by the Northwest Kansas Travel Council made up of 18 counties), Olathe, Salina, Topeka, Wichita, Winfield and the "Amazing 100 Miles of Kansas."

Other prizes include a Kansas Cattle Towns Adventure, I-35 road trip, a Panasonic Palmcorder of many wonderful prizes!"

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> To win, you have to travel at least 100 miles from home before Oct. 31 to visit a Kansas attraction or event listed on the web site or in the guide. Take pictures of yourself, your family or friends enjoying the attraction and submit a photo with an official entry form either on-line or by mail. The event or attraction must be recognizable in the photos, and the department wants to see people in them.

The photos will not be judged; winners will be selected by a random drawing. Entry forms are available at the web site and at The Goodland Star-News office, the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau and area restaurants and motels.

Following the success of last year's in-state promotion, the Commerce Travel and Tourism Division decided to hold another travel giveaway; the division expects the 2005 Kansas Mega Gigantic Getaway Giveaway to be even bigger.

"With gas prices so high, this is a perfect opportunity to discover, or re-discover your own backyard and take in all of the great attractions and events Kansas has to offer," said Travel and Tourism Director Becky Blake. "While out exploring, be sure to take pictures and enter the giveaway to win one

### Archaeological dig to begin Saturday

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The field school is a joint program of the state Historical Society and the Kansas Anthropological Association in cooperation with the Geological Survey, the KU department of anthropology and the Denver museum.

Goodland High School will be headquarters for a training program during the two weeks beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, when the registration desk opens.

Volunteers may work from one day or the entire 16 days. Each day is broken into two four-hour segat 8 a.m. and the afternoon at 1 p.m. Workers will be shuttled by bus from the high school to the site. Abus will leave the high school at 8 a.m., make a shift run at 12:30 p.m. and return the workers to the school at 5 p.m. orientation session, offered daily from 8 to 9 a.m. For new volunteers,

there is a two-hour Principles of and those younger than 14 must Archeology course, which will follow the orientation course each day.

people and the weather each day, between 14 and 18. Registration some volunteers may be assigned to will be accepted during the twothe field lab at the high school. The week program with a participation lab will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, fee \$30 for association and society and from 1 to 5 p.m.

A special collectors night is planned for Wednesday, June 8, when people are invited to bring fossil artifacts to the high school for display and expert identification. A silent auction will be held on Satur-All participants must attend an day, June 18, as part of the final night of the school.

Participants must be at least 10, plan to work with a parent or other sponsoring adult at all times. An Depending on the number of adult must accompany participants members and \$90 for nonmembers

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## matters of record

#### **District Traffic**

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Pa., \$186 for speeding. Court

April 18 — Tracie L. Blanchard, 18, Kiowa, Colo., \$186 for speeding

Daisy M. Ferguson, 31, Hillsboro, Ill., \$108 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

rado Springs, \$126 for speeding. Carol S. Goguts, 59, Robersonia,

Ryan C. Marks, 19, Conifer, Colo., \$150 for speeding. Evonne K. Kemper, 26, Kansas ing. City, Mo., \$138 for speeding.

Texas, \$138 for speeding.

trailer violations.

Ashley R. Hardman, 22, Henderson, Colo., \$132 for speeding. April 19—Teddy D. Glause, 44, Saint Libory, Neb., \$132 for speed-

Kristin L. Goldman, 20, Pine

Kent P. Dethample, 48, Wichita,

### Douhnn G. Gbehan, 33, Colo- Jacinto, Calif., \$210 for tractor seat belt.

### Carlos V. Bravo, 41, Houston, Bluff, Ark., \$138 for speeding. Edmond H. Evans Jr., 54, San \$177 for speeding and \$120 for no

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