

Accident traps woman in car

Fire and rescue workers helped free an injured Mexican woman from her car at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday after an accident on K-27 at 16th St. forced police to close the road. Trooper Bryon Wilson of the Kansas Highway Patrol said Karina Hernandez, 22, was trapped when her 2002 Chevrolet sports utility vehicle was hit by an out-of-control car. She was taken by ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center where she was treated and released. Wilson said the accident happened when Susan K. Siruta, 46, Goodland, tried to pass a north-

bound car that was stopped to turn left on 16th St. Siruta attempted to go around, he said, and her car slid out of control into oncoming traffic. Her 1990 Oldsmobile hit Hernandez's car in the southbound lane. The vehicles remained on the roadway, but Siruta moved to allow traffic to pass. Both women were wearing seat belts. Police closed K-27 from the U.S. 24 intersection to Eighth Street, diverting traffic on to Cattletrail Ave. The road was reopened after Alex's Radiator and Repair removed the Oldsmobile and Stage Stop Sinclair removed the Chevrolet.



Trooper Bryon Wilson checked out a 2002 Chevrolet sports utility vehicle for his report after an accident Tuesday morning. Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

Brewster Cemetery wants money from county

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
Over 20 years ago Sherman County approved an agreement with Goodland and Kanorado to take care of their cemeteries and share the county's property tax, but the Brewster Cemetery was not included. Cynthia Strnad, a former county commissioner and Brewster area farmer, asked the commissioners Tuesday to consider adding the Brewster Cemetery to the agreement. Commissioners agreed that might be fair, but asked the county

attorney to look at the contracts before they did anything. "This is the season to beg for money," Strnad said. "I am sure it was overlooked when the cemetery agreement was drafted over 20 years ago. People think of Brewster as being in Thomas County, but the cemetery is in Sherman County. "I asked the Thomas County officials if they contribute any money to the Brewster Cemetery, and the answer was "no." Brewster pays up to \$2,000 for upkeep, but there is no money to put aside for improvements or future expansion."

The cemetery agreement says the county can levy up to one mill for county cemeteries, and that Goodland will receive 90 percent and Kanorado 10 percent. Strnad said she did not want to create a problem, but asked if the agreement could be written to give Brewster 10 percent, Kanorado 10 percent and Goodland 80 percent. "In the past when something had to be done for the cemetery," she said, "we have called around for donations. "We need to build up a fund to maintain and prepare for the future. We don't have an official board, but

we could have a board if needed. We could hold a public meeting and establish a board." "It sounds fair to me," said Commission Chairman Mitch Tiede. "Let us look it over and have the county attorney review the old agreement." Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if the Brewster cemetery was the same size as the one in Kanorado. Strnad said the Brewster cemetery was twice the size of Kanorado. She said the Veterans of Foreign Wars under Bill Selby are doing

some work on the veteran's memorial, and expect to raise money for that over the next few years. "When I was a commissioner, I signed the renewal of the cemetery agreement," Strnad said. "It was to run for another 10 years, and at the time I did not want to make more waves. Now it is 10 years later, and I think the resolution will have to be renewed. This time I would like to see Brewster included." A copy of the resolution, with Strand's signature, was located and County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she did not see an expiration date. The resolution also was turned

over to County Attorney Bonnie Selby to review. The resolution talks about cemeteries in Sherman County. The interlocal agreement specified the money breakdown between Goodland and Kanorado. Strnad said it was her understanding the agreement would expire after the 10 years. The commissioners said they would wait for a report from the attorney, but felt the Brewster cemetery should be part of any new agreement.

School board to swear in new members and reorganize

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News
Outgoing Goodland School Board members will pass the torch to newly elected members at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 8. Superintendent Marvin Selby asked board members Monday, June 13, to pick a date for the reorganization. Board member Dick Short said he wasn't available until July 8, a day that worked for new member Amy Sederstrom. LeAnn Friedrichs, the other new member, was not at the meeting Monday, but Selby said he would check her availability. The board will decide on board committees and officers at the meeting. Selby said after taking to the two new members, he found some areas of interest. At the meeting, he said, they will talk about the positions and reorganize the entire board if necessary. In other business, board members: •Hired Amity Ihrig as library media specialist for kindergarten through eighth grade. She is to become certified at her own expense. The board approved hiring Connie Bergquist as an English teacher for Grant Junior High; Sherly Carson, biology teacher for the high school; and Dennis Friedrichs, science, engineering and physics teacher at the high school, as National Honor Society sponsor for next year. The appointments were made after a seven-minute closed session. Ron Schilling excused himself from voting.

•Approved the school financial reports and bills. Selby told board members a bill from Vignery and Mason included phone calls to the law firm. He said the calls date back to dealing with former football coach Tony Diehl. The district terminated the coach after he was arrested for attempted arson of his home at 1108 Harrison. Selby said some calls involve the sale of the old Edison school gym to Jeff Soper of California. The school doesn't keep a log, he said, but he's sure the times are correct. The bills for a total of \$91,746 were approved by the board. •Heard a report from board member Marty Melia on the Northwest Kansas Technical College. Melia said the projected college enrollment is up a little bit next year, especially in the auto body and diesel mechanical programs. The college, he said, is considering expansion of the departments to accommodate the extra students. Although the college was originally considering an addition to the existing auto body building, Melia said, they are now looking at building something new. He said college officials estimate the cost for an add-on would be nearly as much as a new building. The plans are still preliminary, he added. •Agreed to support the Western Plains Arts Association with a \$250 donation. Selby said the group has been providing good entertainment to northwest Kansas for years. "I suggest we continue to support them," he said. •Approved professional development council reports. •Approved the minutes from Monday, May 23.

Goodland High School gets flag

The color guard of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars raised a new flag at Goodland High School as part of the annual Goodland Elks Flag Day ceremony on Tuesday. The flag, provided by Congressman Jerry Moran, had been flown over the U.S. Capitol. Ron Barkley, the Elks' Americanism chairman, presented the flag to high school principal Harvey Swager and vice principal Steve Raymer. Walt Linthacum of the Elks led the service with help from Barkley, Tom Rohr, Joe Scheopner, Larry



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Dick Liess

He also described the pride and emotions images such as the rising of the flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima during World War II and the flag flying above the ruins of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 bring out in many Americans. Members of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America assisted the color guard and handed out small American flags. The ceremony included patriotic songs sung by Lea Shores and Devin Mangus. Ben Waugh, 13, and Day Waugh, 11, read their winning Americanism essays.

Enfield, and Ed Schulte. Linthacum recited the Elks' "Tribute to the Flag." Dick Liess, vice president of Western State Bank, was the main speaker. Leiss, an Army veteran of Vietnam, said the United States flag is the most recognized symbol in the world and explained how the flag has served as a powerful motivator in times of crisis.

correction

A photo caption for a picture from Youth Skills Day on Page 1 of the Tuesday, June 21, *Goodland Star-News* incorrectly identified a boy as Jesse Cooper, son of Kendall and Jacque Cooper. He was Colton Cooper, son of Rod and Michelle Cooper. The mistake was due to incorrect information given to the paper. ☆☆☆☆☆

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