

# British newspaper calls ‘Red Brick Road’ owner

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What would you think if someone on the phone with a pronounced British accent called and asked you about your business?

Why, spill the whole story, of course. “I received a call Monday (Jan. 30) which I was sure was a telemarketer, probably wanting me to sign up for their credit card machine,” said Roxie Yonkey, co-owner of Red Brick Road Promotions. “Instead, it was a reporter from the *Guardian*, a British newspaper.”

The reporter asked her what she thought of Sir Frank Lowe using the name Red Brick Road for his new advertising agency in London. Yonkey said she had never heard of Lowe.



Yonkey

The reporter looked up Red Brick Road on the Internet and got her phone number there.

Lowe is known as an elder statesman of advertising, she found. He started Lowe London in 1981. He left that company three years ago after problems with the parent company, Interpublic, reported the *Guardian*.

“I sell promotional products as a authorized agent for L. W. Barrett Co.,” said Yonkey.

Promotional products include pens, calendars, clipboards, clothing and much more, she said. Her territory covers western Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Nebraska.

“I had a hard time making the British reporter understand what promotional products are,” she added. “That’s evidently something

that’s not done in England.”

The *Guardian* reported that “he (Lowe) might be embarrassed to learn that his agency’s namesake makes promotional pens, caps, badges and stationery for local retailers and car yards.”

The paper said Lowe chose the name for his company after a Montessori teacher talked to him about what might have happened if Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz* had followed a red brick road instead of the yellow one.

Yonkey said of her choice for the name, “Our office used to be on a red brick street and of course this is Kansas. The yellow brick road is probably trademarked and also not terribly original.”

Yonkey’s Red Brick Road has its own web site, redbrickroad.com, which means the London advertising agency will have to pick a different domain name.

## Signs of progress



A worker from Commercial Sign of Colby put the finishing screw in a new sign for Goodland Energy Center’s building at 1208 Main. Ron Pickman, chief executive officer for the company, said there were supposed to be three signs with one for each of the buildings, but one didn’t fit. The workers are to be back to put the middle sign up. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# Jury finds Kanorado man guilty on five drug charges

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The jury in the drug trial of a Kanorado garage owner needed only about an hour last Thursday to agree on a guilty verdict in five of the seven counts against him.

Scott Baumfalk was taken back to the Sherman County Bastille to await a pre-sentencing investigation by Court Services. He could serve 10 months to 17 years depending on whether the sentences will run at the same time.

The seven counts, as amended, included manufacture of methamphetamine, possession of pseudoephedrine, and possession of a lithium metal, all level 1 drug felonies; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to distribute or manufacture, a level 4 drug felony; aiding and abetting in the attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, a level 1 drug felony; no drug stamp, a level 10 non person felony; and possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of school property, a level 2 drug felony.

A couple of the counts were lumped together in the verdict, and the aiding and abetting in the attempt to manufacture methamphetamine was dropped by the judge.

Officers from state, federal and county agencies raided Baumfalk’s Goodland home July 1 after getting reports that he had made threats and might be building bombs. Police teams sealed off the block near downtown and Baumfalk was hauled out to the street at gun point. When the search yielded no bombs, but evidence of a drug lab, they got a second search warrant.

Baumfalk was accused of making methamphetamine and having



Baumfalk

the things and equipment with which to make it from. The state showed the defendant had more pseudoephedrine tablets — a key ingredient in meth making — than anyone needed for colds or allergies. The suspected equipment used to make the methamphetamine showed presence of that drug when tested, experts testified, and there was enough methamphetamine at the house for a month’s supply for one person. Officers said they saw no state drug tax stamps, as required by state law, on the meth.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby, with the help of deputy Scott Showalter, called law enforcement officers to testify as to how the search warrants were executed and how evidence was collected, photographed and tested during the raid at 715 Center. The defense attorneys, Richard Dinkel and Etta Walker of Sharon Springs, tried to show how the material found in the house had other uses. The defense also tried to show that, with 12 officers in the house, no one knew who had found what things. They did not call any of their own witnesses.

Baumfalk is due to be back in court next Wednesday through Friday, when he faces more drug charges from a search warrant executed on Dec. 19, 2002, at Scotty’s Motor in Kanorado. He is also facing charges on possession of stolen property in a case split off from the July 1, 2005, drug arrest.

When the first trial started last Wednesday, District Judge Jack Burr said that witnesses should not remain in the courtroom or talk to each other before they testify. He said they could stay in court after they testified if they wanted to. Jury

selection was held that morning.

Selby called Goodland Police Chief Ray Smee as the first witness. Smee said his job was to take pictures to document evidence. He said the department’s camera took digital photos directly to a compact disc.

Smee identified pictures of the house, batteries, lye, pseudoephedrine tablets, jars and tubes possibly used in making methamphetamine and white crystals that were thought to be methamphetamine.

Dinkel asked Smee if lye, drain cleaner and batteries were common household items and Smee said they were.

Selby called Goodland Building Inspector Steve Criswell, who testified that it is 770 feet from the house at 715 Center to the building at 912 Main, the Learning Center for the Goodland School District.

Walker asked if Criswell had measured the distance between the two locations. Criswell said he had figured it with computer software.

Showalter called Tim Leakey, a special agent for the KBI in narcotics, who testified how criminals make methamphetamine from the decongestant pseudoephedrine, and how the household items he found could be used. He also said he saw no state drug tax stamps on a jar of white crystals identified as methamphetamine.

Dinkel asked Leakey if he found anhydrous ammonia, gas line anti-freeze or opened batteries, also used to make meth, and he said no.

Showalter asked if it was common to find anhydrous ammonia in town. Leakey said no, because anhydrous smells and can explode.

Selby next called Niel Tierney, an officer for the federal Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Tierney said he swept the house to make sure it was safe for other officers to enter. The original search

warrant was to look for pipe bombs. Methamphetamine labs have really nasty byproducts that can be hazardous to people’s health, he said, and he worked with Ron Harris and Wally Roberts of the Kansas State Fire Marshall’s Office to look for flammable or poisonous chemicals.

He said he found field test kits for methamphetamine in the closet and in a blue hooded sweatshirt, a container with white crystals in it. Walker asked if he had been the first officer in the bedroom, and he said no.

Selby called Doug Murphy, coordinator of the Quad County Drug Task Force, who testified that generally there was no anhydrous ammonia found in town where methamphetamine is made. He was asked if he knew whether Baumfalk had access to anhydrous ammonia. On April 21, Murphy said, he had interviewed Clint Gresty, who said he had been present when Baumfalk had made methamphetamine at a rural house but not at his home.

On Thursday, Selby called Justin Rankin, a forensic scientist for the KBI in Great Bend. Rankin explained how items were labeled and bagged for testing. He also gave the results of the lab tests. There was 25.02 grams of methamphetamine, he said, and two of the samples were also tested for fingerprints.

On cross-examination, Walker

asked how much of a chance there was for a sample to be contaminated. Rankin said if evidence-gathering procedures had been followed, there shouldn’t be any contamination. Walker asked if there household uses for the items tested. He said yes, but it was the combination that indicated drug making.

The defense called no witnesses. Walker moved for a mistrial and a directed verdict of innocent. Judge Burr said there wasn’t anything of the level of a mistrial, but issued a directed verdict on the charge of aiding and abetting in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The judge then conferred with lawyers for both sides on jury instructions. Showalter said the state would like to give its closing argument in two sections, one before and one after the defense. Burr agreed, saying the burden of proof was on the state.

Burr read the jury the instructions, telling them they needed to elect a presiding juror and that their verdict must be unanimous.

Showalter told the jurors the “case was relatively straight forward.”

“Officers found many different levels in the manufacture of methamphetamine,” he said, adding that they also found \$2,500 worth of methamphetamine.

Dinkel, in his argument, said the state had not proved each element of the crimes beyond a reasonable doubt. He said all the items found had common uses and that there was no anhydrous ammonia — a key element in the meth-making process. No one knew who the first person had been to handle the items sent to the lab for testing, he said.

The jury went out for deliberation, returning in an hour with their verdict. The jury found Baumfalk guilty on five counts.

Burr said sentencing would be scheduled after court services had done their pre sentencing recommendations.

Murphy, at least, was happy with the outcome.

“I am pleased with the outcome of the trial,” said Murphy. “The Quad County Drug Task Force and its member agencies are committed to continued effort to improve the quality of life in our respective communities.”

## student of the week



**Name:** Katrina Cotter  
**Parents:** Robert and Cheryl Cotter  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 17

**We’ve nominated this student because:** of her performance in the classroom. Katrina has always worked hard in Calculus and her work has paid off. She always has a positive upbeat attitude. She is a super role model for the underclassmen. There is no doubt that Katrina will be successful in whatever area she pursues.

**Student Comment:** Being with my friends is definitely the best aspect of school life. My best liked subjects would be the chal-

lenge of my math class, my accounting class and aide with Mrs. Slovacek. After graduation I will remember all the crazy school trips taken in band and FCCLA.

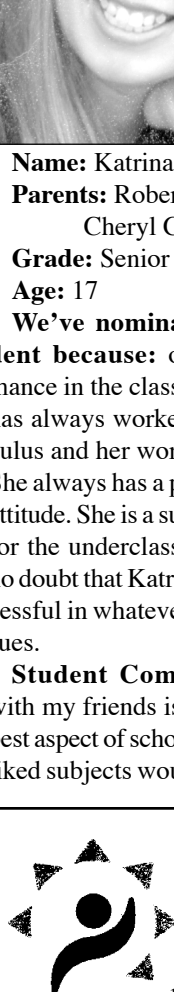
**Activities involved in at school:** Band, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, volleyball, Catholic Youth Organization and National Honor Society.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I have a big variety of music and movies I like, but prefer scary or funny movies. I enjoy reading murder mysteries, playing pitch, yahtzee, pinochle and hearts.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** go to college at Kansas State University taking up accounting

**And 10 years from now, I think I’ll be:** Living a comfortable life as an accountant and having a wonderful family.

**Favorite Quote:** It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.



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## Invitation to Bid

2004 CFP Modernizations Sparks and Handy Towers  
for the Goodland Housing Authority

**Bid Date:**.....Friday, March 3, 2006  
**Bid Time:**.....1:00 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST)  
**Bid Place**.....Goodland Housing Authority  
515 E. 5th Street  
Goodland, KS 67735

**Pre-Bid Meeting (attendance mandatory)**  
**Date:**.....Tuesday, February 21, 2006  
**Time:**.....10:00 am MST  
**Place:**.....GHA Offices in Sparks Towers

The GHA will receive sealed bids for the Work referenced above. The Work includes removal and replacement of sidewalk, restoration of cantilevered concrete balconies and handrails, electrical modernization work, replacement of some fire doors/hardware, new carpeting and other items as indicated, at both of the apartment buildings listed above. Both buildings are three story, concrete frame with masonry veneer. Buildings house 1 and 2 bedroom, elderly apartments as well as offices and community spaces. All bidders shall attend the Pre-Bid Meeting and shall verify that they have inspected the existing site conditions prior to submitting their bid.

For any information, contact Richard Zingre\* at Zingre and Associates, P.A., 1019 Scott Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701, (620) 223-6030. To receive a printed set of plans and specs, send a check for \$35.00 made out to Zingre and Associates, P.A., to the office of Zingre\* and Associates. This is a non-refundable purchase. Electronic versions of the plans and specs are available by e-mail for free. Plans may also be reviewed at the Plan Rooms of: F.W. Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularity in bidding. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bid if reasonable, and if it is in the interest of the GHA to accept it.

Attention is called to the provisions of equal opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications.

This contract is subject to the conditions of Executive Order 11246, which prohibits discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin on federal or federally assisted construction contracts. this contract also is subject to the provisions of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.