

National Honor Society inducts 14 new members

The Goodland High National Honor Society inducted 14 members at ceremonies on Monday, Feb. 6, at the high school auditorium.

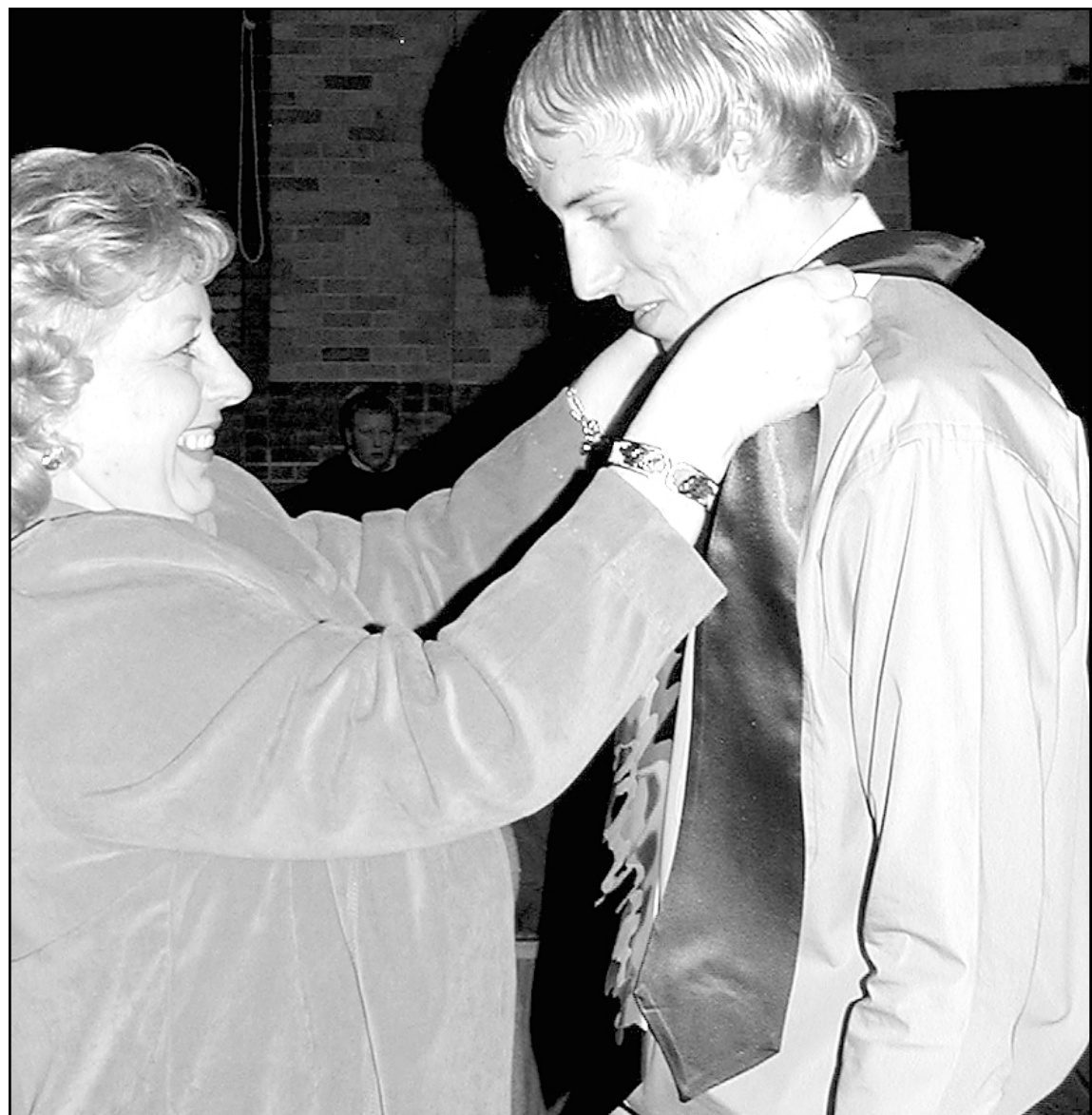
Conducting the ceremony were seniors Aaron Duell, Jordan Frazier, Justeen Koehler, Kaitlin Lee, Samantha Philbrick, Matt Rohr, Katrina Cotter, Lindsay Schields and Melissa Swager.

Each of the new members was introduced and their individual resume read. The new member then stepped down from the stage to have the special blue collar and pin placed by one or both of their parents.

Seniors inducted were Wyatt Dautel and Kali Rietcheck, though Rietcheck was not at the ceremony because of a schedule conflict.

New members who will be conducting the ceremony next year are juniors Kaylee, Billinger, Sarah Borneman, Ryan Gausman, Sandy Johnson, Jena McCall, John Mosbarger, Jillian Parker, Andrew Pettibone, Lea Shores, Michael Smith and Molly Witzel.

The National Honor Society was established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students. The group honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.



Coleen Dautel (above) placed the blue National Honor Society collar on her son Wyatt, a senior at Goodland High School and one of 14 members inducted into the National Honor Society at the high school auditorium on Monday, Feb. 6. Senior Melissa Swager (left), one of the members conducting the induction, lit a candle as part of the ceremony.

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Wildlife department completes deer sampling in Cheyenne County

State game officers collected 51 deer in Cheyenne County last week for follow-up sampling after chronic wasting disease was found in a whitetail doe taken during the fall firearms deer season.

The deer — 29 mule deer and 22 whitetails — were taken within a 15-mile radius of the location where a Cheyenne County hunter shot the doe that tested positive, said Steve Price, Fisheries and Wildlife Division regional supervisor.

Department of Wildlife and Parks staff gathered in St. Francis last Monday to begin the sampling. Their objective was to collect 50 deer and extract brain and lymphatic tissue for lab analysis to determine if other deer in the area have the disease. Global positioning system coordinates were entered to pinpoint where each of the 51 deer were taken.

“We were pleased with the way things went,” Price said.

Price and Lloyd Fox, the department’s big game project leader, coordinated the sampling effort. Twenty wildlife staff completed the hunt by about noon on Wednesday.

Two of the deer were taken on the St. Francis Wildlife Area, a 480-acre public wildlife area southwest of St. Francis; all others were taken on private land in Cheyenne County.

“We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the landowners

and citizens of Cheyenne County,” Price said.

About 85 percent of landowners contacted agreed to provide access to their property by wildlife staff, who were divided into three crews for the collection process.

Tissue samples extracted from the deer at a field lab have been sent to Kansas State University for analysis. Wildlife officials hope to

have preliminary results within a week and will announce those as soon as they are available.

Any positive results will be sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for confirmation.

The department has collected tissue samples from hunter-harvested deer since 1996 to help monitor chronic wasting disease.

The deer that tested positive for the disease was one of almost 2,000 tested from check stations around the state. All the other samples from the fall season have been analyzed, and no additional occurrences of chronic wasting disease were found.

School board learns about bullying

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ten this, Selby said. It was a change in school finance legislation.

- Paid out \$195,817 in bills.
- Asked Glen Strait, architect of Strait and Associates, to update specs for bids for air conditioning at West.
- Gave Selby permission to seek bids from banks for certificates of deposit.
- Accepted resignations of Janna Fairchild as high school library technician and Patty Purvis as a teacher aide.

Legislators thanked for their help

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not for alternatives. She said she is concerned about the costs for the kids in future drug use and health problems.

“Ritalin is an over-prescribed drug,” Morrison said.

He said one good thing to come out of the problem with school finances has been that the Legislature, court and the governor have been talking and working together.

The courts can tell the Legislature to spend more money on education,

Ostmeyer said. The court doesn’t have to worry about where the money comes from. None of the plans from the post audit report keep low-enrollment weighting as the rate it is now, he said, but there is a “hold harmless” clause for smaller schools which would not let them get any less than they are getting now.

“The at-risk weighting is too much different for urban and rural,” Ostmeyer said, noting that in one plan, the weighting factor would be .7 for urban and .4 for rural.

Morrison said that Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure coming to Topeka and testifying on the sales tax for roads in Sherman County made a powerful impact.

“Rasure showed we are not dumb farmers,” Morrison said, adding that having people come to Topeka and testifying is powerful. It helps the area have more influence with legislators from the cities.

“Johnson County needs us, they just don’t know it,” Morrison said, “when it comes to future legislation.”

Student sets sights high

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that does the interview decides if and what office you get, he said; you don’t campaign. The process will take place at the National Leadership Meeting on July 9-13 in Nashville.

Members of the Goodland High chapter have gone to the national meeting the last three years, Smith said. They will be in the team competitions this year. At the meeting, he said, there are three workshops a day, with students giving the talks.

Smith said the state officers have been planning the state meeting for

Sunday to Tuesday, April 9-11, in Wichita. The meeting will have workshops, speakers and STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. Goodland will have 22 people participating in these, Smith said. They events are competitive events where members are recognized for the projects they have been in, leadership skills and occupational preparation.

He said he would like to attend an Ivy League School such as Harvard and major in international business finance. He would like to be chief executive of an American company in a foreign country someday.

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