



Trooper Andrew Schippers (above) of the Kansas Highway Patrol installed an infant car seat at Lonny's Quality Auto Body last Saturday as part of the National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. The seat was being installed in the pickup for Rod Butts for his daughter, Summar Smith. Smith is staying with her family until she has her baby. Her husband, Joey Smith, son of Virgil and Jackie Baumfalk, is in the U.S. Coast Guard stationed in the Bahamas. She said the Coast Guard recommended she come home to have her baby. Lt. Kevin Winston, (left) Kansas Highway Patrol, was explaining how the seat belt unlatched to sixth grader Jaime Flores of North Elementary School. The race consisted of starting with hands up, unlatching the seat belt, running around cones, touching a knee inside a hula hoop, round more hoops, buckling up and ending with hands up.

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# Seat-belt races teach North Elementary kids safety

By Pat Schiefen

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Pam Hardy's sixth graders waited patiently — and impatiently — for their turn to see who could race through the cones the fastest in a "seat-belt race" Friday at North School.

Lt. Kevin Winston and Trooper M.C. Huywy of the Kansas High-

way Patrol timed the race to see who could unbuckle a seat belt, run around the cones, drop a knee in a hula hoop, run around more cones and buckle up again.

All the kids went away winners, Winston said, with the message that it takes just a second to buckle up when you get in a car.

The fastest times in the race were

a little over 20 seconds.

The fastest boy and girl got a gift certificate to Dairy Queen. Kids were planning to shave time off their run with perhaps a somersault through the hoop. Reed Bellamy won the boys' race and Winston's daughter, Sidney, won the girls' event.

Kids started buckled into a car

seat with their hands up. They had to unbuckle the seat belt, get up and run a slalom course around orange traffic cones, race to other end of the gym, put a knee down on a mat in a hula hoop, run around several more orange cones and get back into the car seat and buckle the seat belt.

Other students racing included Jason Cowan, Dallas DeLaRosa,

J.J. Farris, Jaime Flores, Mikail Freeman, Caleb Fugleberg, Jacob Garcia, Garrett Geist, Nicole Hendrich, Laine Herl, M'Lynn Hinger, Dolores Montoya, Riley Oharah, Jaron Ragels, Ty Stelting, Seth Stramel, Sydnee Thornburg and Skylar Williams.

Troopers were out in force Saturday afternoon at Lonny's Quality

Auto Body, 1933 Caldwell, helping people install infant seats correctly and checking installed ones. Thanks to Lonny's, people got to be inside out of freezing cold weather.

Both events were part of the patrol's effort for National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Winston said.

# Harlan, Iowa company wins \$14.6 million K-27 rebuilding contract

Construction is expected to begin this spring on rebuilding K-27 from Goodland south to the Wallace County line.

Western Engineering of Harlan, Iowa, had the low bid, Eric Oelschlager, state highway project engineer from Atwood, said Thursday.

The project price is \$14,672,114.

He said the bidding was very close with \$13,000 separating the low bidder and Venture of Great Bend who was second.

"That is closer than I have seen," Oelschlager.

The difference in the two bids was .09 percent.

Oelschlager said he has not talked to the company about a start time,

but work will begin this spring.

The project will build a new roadway for K-27 to the east of the existing highway. It will tie in with the new bridge across the North Fork of the Smoky River completed in November.

Another project this year will resurface I-70 from Goodland west to the state line at Kanorado.

Oelschlager said that Vance Brothers of Kansas City will start injecting a cement-fly ash mixture underneath the concrete panels on Tuesday from Goodland to the line. The mixture fills any voids underneath the concrete to stabilize the panels and eliminate dips.

Apac-Shears of Hutchinson will

overlay the freeway I-70 with 3 and one-half inches of new asphalt from Goodland to Caruso. Oelschlager said work should start by the end of March or first of April. Work will include paving several side roads.

"This job includes Business U.S. 24," he said, "and the county is going to have Apac-Shears pave the

Caruso and Ruleton roads from I-70 north to old U.S. 24."

Oelschlager said the work on Business U.S. 24 will be a milling off of about an inch and then overlaying with an inch and half of asphalt. He expects this and the I-70 project to be completed before mid-summer.

# Kanorado man pleads guilty to charge of adultery

Charges against a Kanorado man accused of rape were reduced last week from breaking into an elderly Goodland woman's home and sexually assaulting her to a misdemeanor charge of adultery.

Robert E. Handle, 55, 306 Locust, was arrested on Thursday,

Dec. 1, by the Sherman County sheriff's office. Handle has been out on \$50,000 bond.

An elderly Goodland woman told deputies Handle had forced his way into her home and assaulted her on Nov. 18, 2005.

Handle agreed to a plea bargain

and did not appear in court for a pretrial hearing last Monday, Feb. 13. He was represented by Kevin Berens, St. Francis.

Handle could have gotten a possible sentence on the most severe charge of 12 years, three months to

54 years, five months.

The penalty for adultery, a Class C misdemeanor, is six months supervised probation, said Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby's office.

## corrections

In an article on state legislators on the front page of the Tuesday, Feb. 21, *Goodland Star-News*, Norman House incorrectly identified at Harlan House. This was a reporting error.

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In the National Honor Society story on Page 5a of the same paper, Junior Lindsay Schields was left out of the list of the 15 — rather than 14 — new members inducted. This was a reporting error.

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In the Conservation District

awards story on Page 3a, Cappi Thomas was identified incorrectly as Cassie. This was an error in information given to the newspaper.

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## student of the week



**Name:** Abby Martin  
**Parents:** Tony & Debbie Martin  
**Grade:** 12  
**Age:** 18

**We've nominated this student because:** Abby has matured into a hard working, very competent student.

**Student Comment:** My best liked subjects would have to be all my 2nd semester classes of senior year. I will remember most about GHS is my friends & all the time in

Nancy's office just talking.

**Activities involved in at school:** AFS

**My choice of movies, books, and games:**

Movies: Ladder 49 & House of Wax. Games: UNO Attack. Music anything except jazz & blues. Books: In Cold Blood.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:**

pursue my education in Business Technology at NWKTC.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:**

working for a bank, maybe in Colorado, happily married with two kids.

**Favorite Quote:**

Fear defeats more people than any other one thing in the world.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 28, 2006  
5:30 to 7:30 PM MST

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Goodland  
(13th & Center)

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