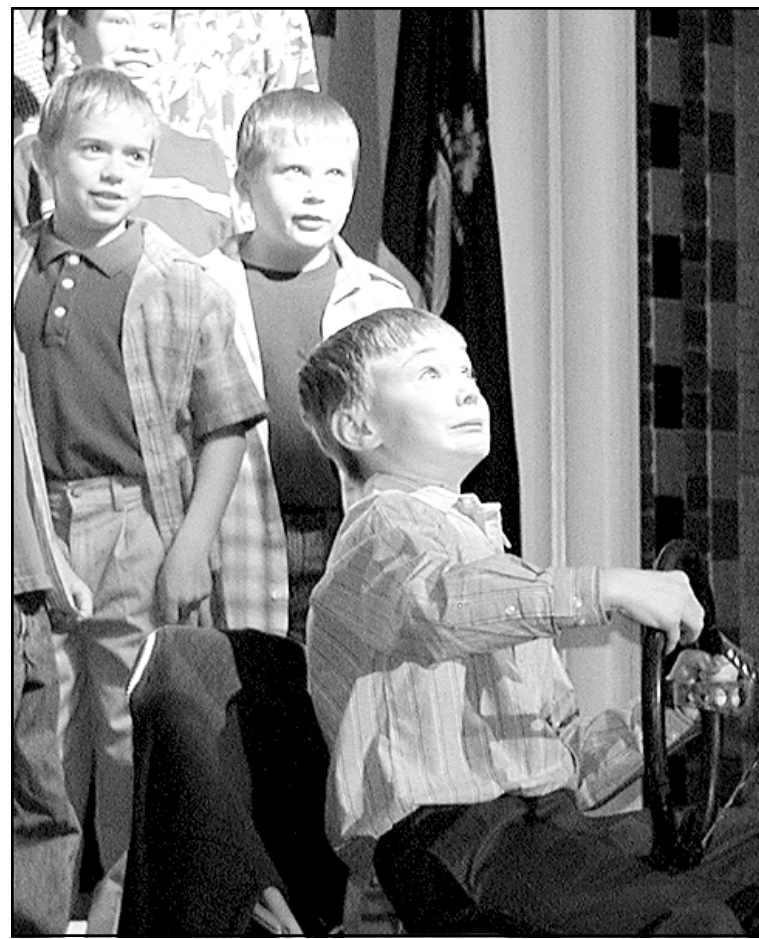




Holton Witman, fourth grader from Central Elementary School, was driving his Cadillac during the song "Beep Beep" on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium. He was being chased by another car that kept beeping at him.

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# Fourth grade takes rock and roll journey

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Rock and roll from the 60s filled the Goodland High School Tuesday night as fourth graders rocked for their parents and grandparents.

The program started with "Locomotion" and then went to "Purple People Eater." The lively one-eyed one-horned purple people eater was Todd Snethen.

Jarod Lake and Connor Simpson wrote about the woes of going to summer camp in "Hello Muddah."

The students then sang "Stand by Me" and "Proud Mary."

Cody Hooker had his box of macaroni and cheese as they sang "Mac-N-Cheese." John Hendrich alternated between reading his newspaper and doing some unorthodox piano playing during "Old Time Rock-n-Roll."

Next came the song "Look to the Future" followed by "Pretty Woman" featuring John Aguirre, Taylen Smith, Garrett Taylor, Johnathan Peden, Garrett Williams,

Shay Miller and Gage Ihrig.

Tyler Gastineau, Tyler Steggall, Dax Ruhs, Nicholas Koel and Ian Bonsall acted out "Do You Love Me."

Hope Cochran was the crazy driver following the Cadillac driven by Holton Witman in "Beep Beep."

The Sign of the Times Medley followed which included "Wild Thing"; "Louie, Louie"; "Celebrate"; "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"; "A Hard Day's Night"; "Na, Na, Hey, Hey"; and "Somewhere

Out There."

The group with the wild hair for "Wild Thing" was Timothy Fugleberg, Gannon Ihrig, Ace Arteaga, Austin Rains, Abraham Sarmiento, Jose Nunez, Austin Ray and Pilar Olave.

The Beatles wanna bes were Jesse Cooper, Brook Bahe, Zach Miller and Colton Cooper.

Members of Virginia Palmgren's class are Arteaga, Bahe, Alicia Benavides, Hope Cochran, Colton Cooper, Fionna Cruz, Lauren

Espinoza, Breanna Garrett, Jovita Garza, Hendrich, Elizabeth House, Mara Kling, Zachery Miller, Halie Price, Bracelyn Redlin, Ruhs, Megan Sruta, Taylen Smith, Snethen, Steggall, Williams and Witman.

Marilyn Sowers' class includes Austin, Ashleigh Borders, Milan Brannick, Jesse Cooper, Timothy Fugleberg, Kendra Grammon, Miranda Hernandez, Hooker, Gage Ihrig, Jordan Knitig, Lake, Miller, Peden, Karlee Raile, Rains,

Garriella Rangel, Sarmiento, Taylor and Brianna White.

The class of Jan Wilson includes Aguirre, Shelby Arnold, Bonsall, Cameron Cochran, Katrina Delgado, Gastineau, Gannon Ihrig, Steven Johnson, Koel, Nunez, Olave, Amber Perdew, Ray, Simpson, Amber Smith, Elisa Soto, Berkley White and Machel Zupko.

Sharon Gregory is the principal of Central Elementary School and Char Avila is the music instructor.

# Burglary report leads to sentence

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

A rural Sherman County woman pleads guilty to three misdemeanors involving her report of a burglary at her house, 6940 Road 19 on Nov. 3, 2003.

Marci Peden called the Sherman County Sheriff's Office and reported a burglary to Assistant Deputy Terry Smith.

Peden said that after harvest her husband, Mark, went to Utah and she went to Nebraska and someone had broken into her home, caused

damage and stolen money. Smith went to her house and found no evidence to support a burglary, said Sheriff Kevin Butts who was called in by Smith.

She made a claim to her insurance company, National Farmers Union Insurance Company, on the damage and stolen property.

Peden pleaded not guilty at her arraignment on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005 to insurance fraud, a level 7 felony and falsely reporting a crime, a class A misdemeanor. Shelley Diehl, Special Assistant Attorney

General for the State of Kansas working for Sandy Praeger's Anti-Fraud Division, prosecuted the case. Cal Williams, Colby, was her attorney.

The state's witnesses were Smith, Butts, Nancy Cole, Kim Roeder, Kevin Dubbert and Doug Van Loenen.

Under a plea agreement on Tuesday, Feb. 28, Peden pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor of insurance fraud, a class C non person misdemeanor, one misdemeanor of falsely reporting a crime, a class A

non person misdemeanor and one misdemeanor of obstruction of official duty, a class A non person misdemeanor, said the office of the Kansas Insurance Commissioner.

Peden was sentenced to one and one-half years in the Sherman County Bastille and supervised probation for one year.

She also has to pay back the insurance company \$4,579.33, pay court costs and reimburse the costs of prosecution by the Kansas Insurance Department, said officials.

# Sheriff reports problem with sally port door

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sheriff Kevin Butts told Sherman County commissioners last Tuesday there is a problem with the sally port door, where prisoners are brought into the jail, and problems getting it fixed.

He said the door is not rolling up, and there have been times when the door has stuck with people in the sally port, a secure, enclosed entry to the lockup.

"We have had trouble with it for some time," Butts said. "It is tough getting it fixed."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said Butts needs to talk to the company that made the door and tell them it has to be fixed now.

"If they can't," Rasure said, "we will make arrangements to get it fixed."

In other business, the commissioners:

• Talked with the sheriff about the

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special license tags for fire fighters. Butts said there seems to be a problem at the treasurer's office, because the plate numbers are not coming up right. Iris Scheopner, county treasurer, said it is a problem in the state computer system, and they are working on it.

"We have had to do a manual correction on some of these," she said.

• Heard that County Attorney Bonnie Selby had a question about the micro loan letters she had sent out. She told the commissioners she has sent three letters, and one of them, J&K Radiator, is no longer in business. Rasure said the loan was used to buy equipment. He suggested Selby call Kay Younger at the economic development office

and have her call a meeting of the micro loan committee.

• Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Snethen said she had been contacted by a Charles Dawes about holding a circus at the fairgrounds in April. She did not know what circus, and did not have much information. Rasure said the county needed references at least 30 days in advance, and wanted to know the name of the circus, the company and the principal owners. The possible dates are April 13-14 or April 19-20; Snethen said they don't need electricity but would need water.

• Approved a \$235-per-month demand meter charge for the courthouse. Snethen said last year, the difference between the floating de-

mand charge and the set rate was \$72. The commissioners felt staying with the flat monthly demand rate for this year was the best option. The commissioners accepted the tier rate of \$235 from the city.

• Approved bills for the second half of February totaling \$121,867. Commission Tiede abstained from voting because there was a payment to him for grading work out at the landfill.

• Approved three more tax rebate applications as recommended by the county assessor. The three are for Frontier Equity for a new building, Rick McElwee for a home shop-storage building and for a set of storage rental buildings for Kendal Cooper.

# Animal cruelty case pretrail hearing in May

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

District Court Judge Jack Burr saw the Sherman County couple accused of animal cruelty and unlawful disposal for their first appearance in his chambers. Attorney Cal Williams, Colby, is their lawyer and prosecuting the case is Scott Showalter for Sherman County.

Tim and Shaunna Armknecht face 14 counts of animal cruelty and 4 counts of unlawful disposal, all of which are misdemeanors. The charges were filed after the sheriff's office received a call of possible animal mistreatment at 6975 Hwy. 27, about five miles north of Goodland.

Deputy Jason Showalter and Undersheriff Roger Student investigated the report and found

10 horses with no food and water and four others that had been dead for awhile.

The horses were transported to Prairieland Animal Clinic and later seven were put in pasture under the care of the veterinarian.

The 14 counts of animal cruelty are class A misdemeanors which carry the penalty of one year in jail and/or \$2,500 fine for each count. The four counts of unlawful disposal carry a fine of \$100 for every 24 hours for each count.

The Armknechts pleaded not guilty to the charges. Their pretrial appearance will be on Monday, May 8. Williams said there would be scientific testing and extensive discovery motions.

# Notice:

As of March 7, 2006, the Board of Sherman Co. Commissioners issued a total burn ban for all of Sherman County outside the city limits of Goodland. This ban includes the city of Kanorado and prohibits any open burning, burning trash in trash barrels or any container of any type. Due to the dry conditions the Commissioners felt this was necessary to protect lives and property in Sherman County. This ban will be remain in place until conditions improve. It is illegal to burn in the city of Goodland without a permit issued by the Goodland Fire Department.

Sherman County Commissioners

First National Bank employees will be attending a Spring Conference on March 15, therefore we will be closing early on that day. Please note the following closing time on your calendar:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006  
FNB will close at 2:00 pm MT.

Thank you!

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