

# Drug dog searches continue next school year

**By Pat Schiefen**  
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The Goodland High School site council and principal recommended that the school continue random searches by a drug dog, and the school board agreed.  
Principal Harvey Swager reported at a board meeting Monday, April 24, that the drug-dog team found marijuana the last time it came but did not find anything the two times before. He said he thought the dog was a good preventative.  
The dog never searches the same areas or cars, he said. Even he never knows when or where the dog team, provided by Interquest Detective K-9s from Oklahoma City, will search.

The cost is \$100 per month plus expenses. Superintendent Marvin Selby said these dogs are trained to sit when they find something, not to paw or scratch at it. He said they like that, especially with cars.  
Teacher motivational committees reported on their activities. Science teacher Connie Livengood reported that her attitude group thought the Gold Card Program was working. Students with a gold card get an early lunch, she said, but if they lose the card twice, they can't get it back.  
The gold cards are earned with good grades, good attitude and good leadership. If the student's grades drop he loses the card.  
West Elementary Principal Shelly

Angelos, who will take over as superintendent in July, had a pep rally before the state assessment tests, Livengood said. They also used citizenship stickers for rewards for kids who did something without being asked to do it. Three stickers earn an early lunch.  
High school German teacher Elaine Felver said her group, hard workers, wants to encourage eighth graders to get involved in activities when they go to high school. She said they have been trying to encourage a positive classroom environment. A new thought, she said, is to make the connection for students between their classes and actual jobs.  
High school English teacher Susan Hall

said her group, versatile connections, wants to make sure the freshmen get started right and find out early who is having trouble. They want to try having faculty members adopt a student who is having problems and to have better connections with parents.  
Math teacher Gaylene Shank's high expectations group has been trying to figure out how to get students to motivate themselves. She said they put up motivational posters and had coach Don Smith talk to the students.  
Superintendent Selby said in his report that he was impressed by Tatro, the company from Garden City installing the air conditioning at West Elementary. They were already checking on what they will

need, he said.  
He said the insurance adjuster decided a roof leak at Central Elementary was caused by hail damage. The Duralast roof is prone to hail damage, he said. Murray Roofing in Colby said it would cost \$106,000 to replace. Selby said he thought they would ask for better subsurface material.  
Selby said he told Murray that any work over \$25,000 would have to be done through the bid process. Maintenance Supervisor Kenny Studer has asked people to submit bids, and the board's bid committee will review them.  
In other business, the board approved payment of bills for \$64,084.



## English oak planted in park

**By Pat Schiefen**  
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Despite the cool and damp, students from Central Elementary School watched officials plant an English oak tree for Arbor Day on Friday at Chambers Park.  
The Goodland city crew had a busy day of planting. They planted two trees at Chambers, two at Memory Park, two at Phillips Park and one at Steever Park. The other tree planted at Chambers was a maple.  
The Arbor Day tree planted at Chambers Park was a seven-to-10-year-old English oak donated by

Mayor Rick Billinger holds pipe for Central Elementary School students to place pictures and notes for a time capsule. The time capsule was buried under an English oak that was planted in Chambers Park for Arbor Day.  
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Lou Spinney. Spinney said he had grown the tree from an acorn.  
City Manager Wayne Hill introduced Mayor Rick Billinger, who read his proclamation and received a Tree City Flag from the district forester of Kansas Forest Service, Jim Strine from Hays.  
Billinger held a time capsule into which students put items, including photographs and notes.  
The mayor threw the capsule into the hole and Kevin Zimmerman of Kevin Zimmerman Tree Service lowered the tree into the hole using a tree spade. One by one the shovel-like blades came out from around the tree. The spade opened and it was pulled away from the newly planted tree.  
Christy Rasure, chairman of the Goodland Tree Board, introduced the other members of the board, Ed Carlton, Gary Coon, Dale Ellison, Judy McKee and Spinney. Dana Belshe of the Sunflower Extension District was also present.

## Man appeals verdict in meth drug case

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The convictions of a former Kanorado man in a jury trial on Thursday, Feb. 2 are being appealed.  
District Judge Jack Burr on Thursday, April 27, had sentenced Scott Baumfalk to two 158 month (13 year 2 month) sentences that are to run one after another.  
Baumfalk was arrested on July 1, 2005, at 715 Center on seven counts including a count 1 manufacture of methamphetamine, a severity level 1 drug felony and count 2 possession of pseudoephedrine, also a severity level 1 drug felony.  
The case was prosecuted by Sherman County Attorney

Bonnie Selby and Baumfalk was defended by R. Dean Dinkel, Sharon Springs. The jury took about one hour to convict Baumfalk.  
Officers from state, federal and county agencies raided Baumfalk's home after reports he had made threats and might be building bombs. When police found no bombs, but evidence of a drug lab, they got a second search warrant. Police teams sealed off the block and Baumfalk was hauled out to the street at gun point.  
Baumfalk was charged and convicted of making methamphetamine and having the items and equipment with which to make the drug.

## Goodland man to serve 10 years in federal prison

A Goodland man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for stealing cold pills from the Wal-Mart in Colby.  
U.S. District Judge Monti L. Belot sentenced Jason Hopkins, 32, Monday, May 1 in Wichita.  
Hopkins pleaded guilty in February to possession of pseudoephedrin with intent to manufacture methamphetamine.  
Eric Melgren, U.S. attorney, said Hopkins had 68 boxes with 1,187

cold pills when he was arrested.  
Hopkins admitted he grabbed the boxes from a shelf in the Wal-Mart in Colby on March 26, 2005, and ran out of the store.  
He got into a car with Tresha Carter. They drove away, but were stopped by officers after a high-speed chase.  
Carter pleaded guilty to the same charges and is to be sentenced on Monday.

## Goodland music students finish year

Goodland High music students have finished up the final round of contests at state competition.  
The large groups' contest was in the first part of April and the soloists and small ensembles competed Friday, April 29.  
The soloists and small ensembles were at Andover on Friday, April 19. These musicians qualified by receiving a I rating at the regional music festival in Oberlin on Saturday, April 1.  
The saxophone quartet of

Vanessa Crotinger, Ashley Cebula, Sandy Johnson and Jena McCall got a I for their efforts at state. The clarinet ensemble of Lea Shores, Jillian Parker, Lacey Ridder, Alicia Felver and Kylie Buller also got a I.  
Vocal soloists, bass Tanner Oharah and alto Jena McCall, got I ratings.  
The flute ensemble of Briana Taylor, Danielle Pettibone, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Megan Rubio and Erica Fenner got a III.  
The X-Presso quartet of Jillian

Parker, Jena McCall, Jon Beeson and Michael Smith got a II. Vocal soloists that received a II were alto Tiffany Wang, baritone Michael Smith, sopranos Lea Shores and Jillian Parker.  
Soloists included Tanner Oharah on trombone getting a II, Danielle Pettibone on flute getting a III and Brandon Zelfer on baritone getting a III.  
Three judges rated the large groups, and the ratings were averaged. Nineteen schools were at

Colby on Thursday, April 7.  
The Goodland High School mass choir of 74 got a III, III and II with an overall rating of II. The choir was directed by Joey Nichols and accompanied by Nancy Shores. Randy Berls was celebrating the birth of a son. Berls directed the soloists and small groups.  
The high school band directed by Deanne Spanier got II, II and II with an overall rating of II. Melanie Biel was the assistant director.

## Kids' day planned to learn safety, shooting

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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Ready, aim, fire!  
Kids will be hearing that, along with turkey calls and safety tips at this summer's Youth Skills Day on Saturday, June 24, at Bellamy Farms, 1615 County Road 51.  
They can learn how to load and fire a shotgun, use a muzzle-loading rifle or learn to shoot with a laser, bowhunting, trapping, basic first aid, game calling and compass reading — and have a lot of fun doing it.  
The free day will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with lunch provided, for boys and girls ages 9 to 15.  
Preregistration of 50 kids is needed to hold the camp. Call Troy Mannis 821-1838 or Bob Juleson at 821-1207.  
The laser shot is for smaller kids, Mannis said, who can't fire a shotgun comfortably. It doesn't have the kickback, he said, or the noise.  
Mannis and Juleson are hunter safety instructors, and Mannis has helped with the annual Youth Skills

Day the last five years in Colby. They planned the event at Bellamy Farms for the first time last summer. Fifty-six kids showed up and 10 instructors and six leaders volunteered.  
People and businesses donated food and other items. Last year's event included a cookout lunch of buffalo burgers and hot dogs, and all the kids left with gift bags of T-shirts, caps, magnets, key chains, Frisbees and other items.  
The kids were divided into groups that went from station to station, learning each of the skills. There were volunteers to teach and supervise the kids.  
Elk burgers and buffalo will be served for lunch this year, Mannis said; the Buffalo Guys and Kansas Wildlife and Parks donated the meat.  
The event has 10 more sponsors this year than last, he said, and some of last year's sponsors upped their donations.  
"Apparently they were impressed enough," he said. "We had

to prove ourselves last year."  
Other sponsors for this year's youth day are Bellamy Farms, Pheasants Forever, Bob's Wildlife Taxidermy, the Kansas State Troopers Association, the Sherman County attorney, Great American Outdoor Trails, Just Ponds and More, Dr. Kenneth Austin, Dan Brenner Ford, S&T Communication, Frontier Equity Exchange, Lonny's Quality Auto Body, Aquila Natural Gas, First National Bank, American Family Insurance, the Insurance Agency, McB's, Dennis

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