

## Kindergarteners learn about firemen



Sherman County Rural firemen Burton (front) and Cary Amos (rear) crawled along the floor to show the kindergarteners at North Elementary what it is like when firemen crawl into a home for a search and Jason Showalter explained what the two firemen were doing. The Sherman County Rural Fire Department was at North Elementary on Friday to talk about fire safety. The kindergarteners got to see Cary Amos spray water from a fire hose assisted by Burton Pinalto. Rural Fire Chief Alan David said the Rural Fire Department will have the fire safety trailer at West on Friday, Oct. 13, and at Wal-Mart on Saturday, Oct. 14. Photos by Chief Alan David/Rural Fire Chief



# Three men charged in seven vehicle break-ins

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland Police and area sheriff's officers arrested three young men last Friday in connection with thefts from a Goodland home and several vehicles.

Officers say they have more stolen property than they have victims, so if you're missing something from a car or truck, call.

The three young men's first appearance was before District Court Judge Jack Burr on Monday on 10 counts, including burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, theft and possession of stolen property.

The thefts occurred between Friday, Sept. 22 to Monday, Sept. 25 at one home and many vehicles, police said. The vehicles were in different parts of town and were locked.

"Colby made an arrest on someone who was not involved but knew about the burglaries in Sherman County and they let us know," said Goodland Police Chief Ray

Smee said.

"I think we cleared seven cases that we know of so far," he said. "If people come in and find other property, we may find more cases."

"We have more stuff than has been reported. Anyone who is missing compact disc players, car stereos, cell phones, antennas or other property that may have been stolen in the last two weeks should check with the police to see if we have it."

Burr set bail for Joseph Lindsley, 20; Nicholas Slusher, 18; and Andrew Zimkus, 19, at \$10,000 each. He scheduled preliminary hearings for 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The trio was arrested on Monday, Sept. 25, by Goodland Police and released on Wednesday, Sept. 27 for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of stolen property. Charges were filed last Friday, and the trio was rearrested, said Smee. A search warrant was executed on Lindsley's home at 218 Caldwell.

The arrests were made in a cooperative effort among the Goodland Police Department and the Thomas and Sherman County sheriffs, said Smee. Goodland Police Officer James Gillespie led the investigation with help from Cpl. Bill Fulcher.

A juvenile was arrested at the house, Smee said, but police determined he was not involved in the burglaries.

Lindsley was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary to the residence of Joyce Rivera, 1609 Clark, a 1980 Toyota Celica owned by T.J. Hawkins at 1200 Arcade, a 1987 Mercury owned by Barbara Ray at 816 Cherry, a 1979 Dodge pickup owned by Matthew Waldman at East Fifth and Walnut and a 1992 Ford Escort owned by Brittany Fisher at 602 W. 14; possession of stolen property, AM/FM compact disc player worth less than \$1,000; and conspiracy to commit burglary to a 1982 Dodge pickup owned by Christopher McQuigg at 1802 Sandy, a 1993 S-10 Blazer owned by

Jeffrey Holmes at 515 E. 5 and a 2001 Ford F-150 pickup owned by Charles Redlin at 1007 E. business U.S. 24. The conspiracy to commit burglary to a residence is a Level 9 felony, according to court documents, while the conspiracies to commit burglaries on the vehicles are level 10 felonies and possession of stolen property is a Class A misdemeanor.

Judge Burr appointed Leslie Biems of Vignery and Mason to represent Lindsley.

Slusher, 528 E. 14th, was charged with intent to commit theft at the Rivera residence of two coin purses and a check book, a Panasonic stereo from Hawkins, an in-dash AM/FM compact disc player from a Ray, a Sony AM/FM compact disc player from Waldman, a AM/FM compact disc player from Fisher; possession of Fisher's disc player worth less than \$1,000, a Rockford Fosgate AZ-800 competition amplifier and MTX Road Thunder 5,000 series sub woofer from Holmes, an ATM card owned

by Redlin of In the Can Disposal; and criminal use of bank card to defraud less than \$500. Count one is a level seven felony; counts two, three, four, five, seven and eight are level nine felonies; count six is a property misdemeanor class A; and count nine is a miscellaneous misdemeanor class A. Scott Showalter was appointed to represent Slusher.

Zimkus, 218 Caldwell, was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary, felony level nine; counts two, three, four, five, seven, eight and nine was Felony level 10 conspiracy to commit burglary, count six is possession of stolen property under \$500, Class A misdemeanor; count 10 is criminal use of bank card to defraud less than \$500, Class A misdemeanor. Justin Barrett of St. Francis was appointed as his attorney.

If convicted, Slusher could serve 11 to 34 months in prison depending on whether or not he got probation. Lindsley and Zimkus could serve five to 17 months and pay a fine.

## Yellow Dot could save lives

A yellow dot sticker on the lower left corner of a driver's windshield can let emergency workers know there's information in the glove box they may need to treat you after an accident.

The Kansas Yellow Dot program has been developed by the state Department on Aging, targeting people 55 and older.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts plans to talk about the program at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Goodland Senior Center, 208 W. 15th.

"The yellow dot program will help police, emergency medical people and firefighters when people are not able to provide the information themselves," the sheriff said.

A picture should accompany the sheet of information,

which goes in a bright yellow envelope for the glove box. The picture will help emergency workers identify the person. An individual sheet can be included for all people who use the car.

The information sheet asks for the person's name, address, phone numbers and birthdate. Other information includes whether the person has a history of heart problems, seizures, a pacemaker, diabetes, insulin dependence or hemophilia. There is space for medical conditions, medications, doctor's name and emergency contacts.

People can get the Yellow Dot packet from the sheriff's department at 813 1/2 Broadway. A Yellow Dot talk is being scheduled at the Kanorado Senior Center, 212 Main.

## Sunday trail ride will help kids, show off fall colors

By Karen Krien

The Saint Francis Herald

Have your horses saddled up and be ready to ride at 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday for the 16th Cheyenne County Trail Ride.

The 2.5-hour ride starts at Albert Keller Farms (formerly the Walter Gorthy Ranch) northeast of St. Francis as a fund raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said coordinator Sharon Olofson.

"We are hoping for some autumn

colors on the trees and there are some nice hills to make the ride more interesting," he said.

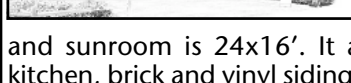
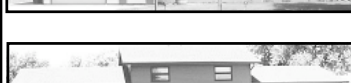
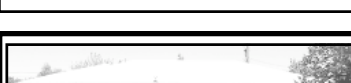
To reach the starting point from the K-27-U.S. 36 junction at Wheeler, go 9 miles north to the dead end on Road 19, turn east on Road W and go 3.75 miles to the dead end, turn left and follow trail road to parking area. Signs will be posted.

Members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide refreshments. Afterward, the 4-H Horse Club will be serving a barbecue.

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## Woman still waiting for delivery of furniture

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Thomas County woman continues her lawsuit against the owners of a Pratt moving company, alleging they want too much money to deliver her furniture, but still doesn't have her furniture.

For more than a year, Barbara Young-Duell and the owners of Wegele & Wegele Vanlines Inc. have battled over how much money Young-Duell owes for having furniture moved from Oberlin to Colby.

The dispute started after Wilson Moving Co. of Hays subcontracted the move of Young-Duell's household furnishings to Blaze L. and Dena D. Wegele.

Wilson Moving closed just days before Young-Duell's June 2005 move.

Young-Duell, at the onset of the dispute, said when Wegele arrived

at her home and started to unload his truck in Colby, a cost difference of several thousand dollars surfaced. Young-Duell said an oral quote of less than \$2,000 Wilson gave her should have been honored by Wegele.

According to court documents, Young-Duell claims Wegele wants \$8,000 more than Wilson Moving quoted in April 2005 to move her property.

Now back in court, Young-Duell, through her attorney, Jeff Mason of Goodland, continues to claim the Wegeles are holding her furniture.

She is asking for return of her property and damages in excess of \$75,000 for "wrongful detention of property," and "mental and emotional anguish" caused by the Wegeles.

The Wegeles, through their attorney, Stephen M. Kerwick of Foulston-Kiefkin LLP of Wichita,

are countersuing.

The Wegeles claim Young-Duell owes them the \$8,019 in tariff charges, plus \$11,008 in services, packing materials, labor and storage fees.

In August 2005, criminal charges were filed against Blaze L. Wegele, alleging he intentionally obtained or exerted control over Young-Duell's property.

Judge Richard Ress dismissed the case in December, saying Wegele's conduct was "governed by administrative rules, regulations and tariffs recognized by the State of Kansas."

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