

## There's no place like home



A tree limb was blown down in front of Curtis and Kathy Russell's home at 318 W. 12th during a thunderstorm Monday night in Goodland. The limb blocked part of the street, but by early Tuesday morning it had been cleared away.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Government in spotlight at Davidian trial

WACO, Texas (AP) — Seven years ago, during the long government standoff with the Branch Davidians, an FBI criminal profiler warned the on-scene commander about using force to end the siege.

If the FBI took "physical action" to end the confrontation and children died, Peter Smerick said in a March 7, 1993 memorandum to Jeffery Jamar, agents would be blamed even if they were not responsible.

Jamar ordered the use of tanks to fire tear gas into the compound on April 19, 1993, to force out the Branch Davidians. A fire broke out six hours into the operation, destroying the compound and killing about 80 people.

Now, with the wrongful death lawsuit filed by surviving Branch Davidian members set to begin, lawyers for the plaintiffs are hoping to use the information against the government.

"That's the best evidence we have from the government, period," plaintiffs' lawyer Jim Brannon said on the eve of Tuesday's opening statements.

The \$675 million lawsuit consolidates nine civil cases filed in 1994 after the federal raid and deadly fire that burned through the compound near Waco. The trial is expected to last about a month.

Government lawyers say the memo falls under the "discretionary function" privilege, which shields the federal government — even if its agents' actions proved negligent — from liability in its decisions. The law is designed to give federal officials the ability to act without the fear of being sued.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith was expected Tuesday to decide whether documents from FBI negotiators who were at the compound will be allowed before the seven-member jury, which includes one alternate. Plaintiffs' attorneys were expected to argue the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents used excessive force in the initial raid on the compound that started the standoff on Feb. 28, 1993; that the government may have caused at least two of the fires that destroyed the compound 51 days later; that it improperly withheld firefighting assistance; and whether using tanks to push into the compound deviated from a plan approved by Attorney General Janet Reno.

The initial raid set off a gunfight in which four agents and six Davidians were killed. After the April 19 fire, sect leader David Koresh and some 80 of his followers were found dead, some from the blaze, others from gunshot

wounds.

Testimony in the case will focus on whether government agents used excessive force during the botched ATF raid that turned into a bloody gunfight, said Michael Caddell, lead counsel for the plaintiffs.

"Those four guys were victims of the same bad tactics, bad management and bad decision-making that ultimately resulted in the deaths of so many Davidians," said Caddell said of the four agents killed.

Plaintiffs' attorneys say agents fired indiscriminately at the compound even though women and children were inside.

U.S. Attorney Michael Bradford, lead counsel for the government, said the agents were ambushed by the sect and were firing back in defense of their lives. In 1994, five Davidians were convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the agents' deaths.

Smith last week removed what could have been the most contentious issue of the lawsuit — whether government agents shot at Davidians during the final hours of the siege.

He said the issue would not be addressed during the trial because a court-appointed expert was unable to attend due to illness.

## Low-precipitation thunderstorms needed for study

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ther Service station.

All of this equipment has been brought together for the first time to study "low precipitation" thunderstorm systems, but there has been only one small problem, said Rust. There haven't been any major storms with the unusual characteristics that they are looking for.

"What they are looking for is the cloud systems that has a stable build to it," he said, "meaning that it has distinct circular edges, not blurred edges, and the system takes on an anvil-like shape. The anvil shape is created by wind shear that flows over the clouds."

These storms are called supercell thunderstorms, he said, and specifically they are looking for low precipi-

tation supercells.

So far, their luck hasn't been so good, said Rust. They have only really had one significant storm during their study that would qualify. All the storms Tuesday were the more common high-precipitation supercells.

The program will be here until July 19, so there is still a chance for a better storm.

## 'Chunk of Heaven' southeast of here

By Juno Ogle

The Hays Daily News

RUSSELL SPRINGS (AP) — Just about 35 miles southeast of Goodland is a large chunk of Heaven called the Smoky Valley Ranch.

That's what Michelle Martin calls the 16,000-acre ranch she and her family have called home for the last four and a half years. With the help of the Nature Conservancy, that prairie patch of Heaven will stay that way.

The nonprofit organization purchased the ranch about a year and a half ago with the goal of preserving its pristine short-grass prairie and wildlife.

But the conservancy's plans for the ranch include preserving the way of life for Randy and Michelle Martin and their children, son Buck, 12, and daughter Morgan, 9, and others like them.

Purchased from a privately owned grazing association, the conservancy will continue to operate the Smoky Valley as a cattle ranch. The Martins first managed the ranch for the association, fixing up and living in the 93-year-old limestone ranch house.

As ranch manager and ranch services coordinator for the Nature Conservancy, Randy, Michelle and their children will continue to live on the ranch.

The Martins, who have worked and managed ranches in northern California and Wyoming, admit they were a bit worried when they heard the Smoky Valley was being sold.

"I don't even know that we were concerned so much about the conservancy," Michelle said. "It was just the idea that, 'Great, here goes another ranch out from under us.'"

They had never heard of the Nature Conservancy, but as they began to meet its members and officials and do their own research, they liked what they saw.

"Knowing that they've been in business for 52 years and knowing that they don't resell property is real security," Randy said.

A large factor in favor of the conservancy was the group's philosophy that environmentalism and ranching can mix.

"They want to do things here that maybe the normal farmer couldn't afford to do or take the time to do like rotation of grazing," she said.

The results of the grazing plan, as

## Lockup more than expected

TOPEKA (AP) — Juvenile Justice Commissioner Albert Murray told legislators Monday that his agency will need nearly \$150,000 to redesign architectural plans for a new maximum-security lockup in Topeka.

Murray told the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight that the Juvenile Justice Authority will ask the State Finance Council to transfer \$148,522 from a fund for state construction to pay for the work.

The council is made up of the governor and eight legislative leaders and can reallocate money in individual agencies' budgets when the Legislature is not in session.

Murray said the architectural work will cost more than expected because it will include plans for space shared by the current youth lockup in Topeka and the new, maximum-security one. Legislators included that change in their final spending bill of the year.

well as other research conducted on the ranch, will be shared with any interested ranchers.

Having the conservancy take over the ranch has been a bonus for the Martin children. Buck and Morgan are typical ranch kids — they ride the bus to school, play baseball and softball in the summer and have chores such as helping take care of the family's menagerie of horses, goats, chickens, dogs, cats, rabbits and a potbelly pig.

But they have one advantage at the Smoky Valley.

"Scientists come out and they know so much and we just follow them around. By that time we kind of know some of it," Morgan said.

Added Buck: "I think they follow us around."

The children have acted as guides for some of the many researchers, writers and photographers who come to the ranch from all over the country.

On excursions across the ranch, Morgan keeps her eyes on the ground, looking for species she hasn't yet identified, as well as for the occasional reptile.

Morgan likes to catch lizards, green toads and snakes, as long as she knows they're not poisonous. She recently found what may be a Cheyenne County milk snake, a rarity in the region. It will be taken to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History to add to its collection.

The ranch's residents — human and animal alike — aren't its only charms. The land has a real history, too.

Homesteaded in 1885, the Smoky Valley has operated as a cattle ranch,

and was later a sheep ranch.

Its past also includes some well-known names and events, such as explorer John C. Fremont, Gen. George Armstrong Custer and the 7th Cavalry, Wild Bill Hickock, the 10th U.S. Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers and the Butterfield Overland Dispatch stage route.

Significant archaeological finds have been made here, too, including the discovery of a Folsom point 32 years before a similar find in New Mexico — proving humans came to North America thousands of years earlier than previously thought.

Although the Martins accommodate visitors around the ranch's day-to-day operations, they don't have a goal of turning the ranch into a high-traffic tourist site.

"That's just defeating the purpose of what the conservancy's trying to do," Michelle said.

Michelle does want to start an educational program, where teachers can bring students and use the ranch as a large, open laboratory. Organized tour days, such as one in May that attracted more than 100 people, will also introduce the public to the ranch.

In the meantime, there is still much research and ranch work to be done. But with the addition of the Nature Conservancy to the Smoky Valley Ranch, a vision the Martins had when they first arrived is coming true.

"As soon as we saw it we knew it could be a showplace — the history of it, the rock house, the beauty of it," Michelle said. "This was just perfect."

## Antique & Household Auction

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Bavaria Rose Plate signed • Roseville 146-6 Peony Vase • Collection of State & Collector Plates • Weller 10 1/2" Vase w/floral design • Several Germany Plates, relish dish • Carnival glass Amethyst purple iris candy dish and fluted bowl • Carnival basket weave vase • Hull #95 double geese planter • Collection bone china cups & saucers • Leaded glass fruit bowl • 3 Goebel Mother Series plates • Etched Glass stemware • Cut glass, some etched, some cranberry • Apple pattern candy dish • Adam pattern Pink Depression 9" bowl • Raindrops 6" Pink Depression Dish • Madrid 9 1/2" Pink Depression Bowl • 6" Amber Depression Bowl • Cabbage Rose 9" Pink Depression Bowl • Various other Depression glass • Bird City Calendar Plate 1910 • Gooftus glass bowl • Occupied Japan figurines • Italian Hat Basket • Mayfair Pink Depression Open Rose Bowl 10" • Turquoise Fiesta Teapot • Hobnail Basket • Marigold carnival glass fluted cut edge candy dish • Green depression salt & Peppers w/holder • Pattern glass snack set • Sandwiche glass hobnail dish • Last Supper plate carnival glass • McCoy Teapot, creamer, sugar caddis • McCoy shoe vase • Large covered apple cookie jar w/salt & pepper shakers, old • Black amethyst handpainted fruit bowl & candlesticks • Nippon glassware • Salt & pepper collection • Blue Dragon Teapot • 14 pc Japan Teaset w/gold trim • Blue hobnail cornucopias • Handpainted candlesticks • Carmel slag Cream & sugar • Vaseline glass dog • Pr. Artifacts Potteries Planters • Gold rim handpainted leaded crystal • sugar amber glass • Covered glass apple • Blue Satin Fenton fluted Sunflower dish • White Satin Fenton compote painted amber • Blue Satin Fenton fluted fruit dish • Marigold double handle candy dish • Small collection of figurines & bells • Pink depression florentine bowls • Pressed glass • FireKing dishes • Bow Knot Ewer Vase B-1 5 1/2" • 50s Red glass vases • Italian blue stretched glass dish • Set of 12 Amber Madrid Depression glass sherberts • Franklin ware set of 6 ivory 22K gold rim dishes • McCoy Ivory Pitcher • 2 Green satin compote dishes • RS Prussia Plate • Lots of Footed Glassware • Spongeware Covered Casserole • Depression Rose Salt & Pepper stone shakers • Spongeware Small mixing bowl w/ventilated Harris Merc Co. St. Francis, Bird City, McDonald • Red Wing Refrigerator Jar • Roseville White Rose Vase • Green depression cracker jar • Sm White Opalescent Hobnail Basket • Clear Satin Glass Pitcher & mug set • Handblown Peacock • Marbaro Silver Tray

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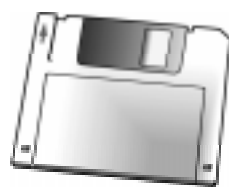
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