

# Goodland men questioned

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Two Goodland men were questioned last week in the beating early last Tuesday of Thomas County Undersheriff Allan Marcum's brother, who suffered head injuries bad enough to require emergency treatment at a Denver hospital.

Authorities in Colby said they spoke with Brian Carr and Brett Jarmin, both in their 20s, who allegedly had something to do with an incident involving Douglas Marcum of Colby.

Alicia Riedel, manager of Love's Country Store at 265 W. Fourth St. in Colby, said she had been told the incident took place at 2:30 a.m. Riedel said she was not working then, but confirmed the assault had taken place outside the store.

Colby Police Detective Gary Shull said the Kansas Bureau of Investigation is handling the case, and details are still sketchy.

"I know (Marcum) sustained a

head trauma and was flown out to a hospital in Denver," Shull said.

A spokesperson for Swedish Medical Center in Denver said Monday that Marcum was listed in fair condition, meaning his vital signs were stable and within normal limits.

Colby officers asked Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts for help find and interview Carr and Jarmin. The sheriff said he had done the interviews but could not comment and that the case was still under investigation.

So far, no arrests have been made, a spokesperson said at the Thomas County jail today. A spokesperson for Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick said she is aware of the incident, but has not received paperwork to review.

When she receives the complaint from law enforcement, she said, Wyrick will determine whether charges will be filed against Carr or Jarmin.

# Sunflower Celebration to be held August 10

The Sunflower Celebration will be start at 7 a.m. for rolls and coffee on Friday, Aug. 10 at the 4-H Building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

The Sunflower Celebration is a promotional and educational program for High Plains sunflower growers and businesses.

Congressman Jerry Moran is expected to be one of the afternoon speakers, and will talk about the current farm bill working its way through Congress.

The event includes a tour of the Steve Evert Farm irrigated plots and the High Plains Research and Technology Center dryland plots out at Caruso. Implement dealers are expected to have examples of new sunflower field equipment on display at the fairgrounds.

The Evert Farm plots are located three miles south of the ADM/Northern Sun plant west on Old U.S. 24 and the high plains research plot is south of the plant buildings. The plots will have NuSun, high oleic oil and confection sunflower

variety yield trials.

Various seed company representative will talk about hybrids in the market. Jeanne Falk, Kansas State agronomist, will talk about sunflower growth and development. John Murray of Pioneer Hybrids will talk about limited irrigation strategies. J.P. Michaud, K-State entomologist, will talk about sunflower insects and Doug Jardine, K-State plant pathologist, will talk on rust and other diseases.

Lunch will be served to the participants.

Speakers will start after 12:30 p.m. including National Sunflower Association President Larry Kleingartner, Bruce Rosken of PepsiCo (Frito Lay), Mike Williams of Red River Commodities and U.S. Congressman Jerry Moran.

There will be tours to local processing facilities after 2 p.m.

For information call Joni Wilson at (800) 542-7333 or e-mail joni\_wilson@admworld.com.

# Relay to raise money for cancer society, research

By Pat Schiefen

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The Relay for Life fundraiser is being moved from the Sherman County Fairgrounds to the Goodland High School Track on Friday, Aug. 10. The Relay raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The opening ceremony with the survivor, care giver and team laps will start at 7 p.m. with the closing ceremony being at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning. There will be golf carts for survivors unable to walk the lap.

The theme for this year is Speedway. A quilt made by Nancy Kear, owner of Lonny's Quality Auto Body, made from previous year's T-shirts, lawn ornaments made by Clayton Hoss and a birdhouse made by Melanie Biel's father, Keith Baker, will be auctioned off.

A silent auction will be held for baskets made by the relay's teams in the Bingo tent in the middle of the track. The teams will also camp in the center of the track.

At 9 p.m. the luminaries will be

lit and with the Ceremony of Hope following. The Pieces of Eight, a local band, will perform. The Kiwanis Shack will serve burgers until 10 p.m. with the Knight of Columbus serving breakfast from 5 to 9 a.m. Events during the night will include a frozen T-shirt contest, bingo, water volleyball, scavenger hunt, sand castle contest and shoe relay.

The goal for this year's relay is \$32,000.

For information contact Josh Dechant, member of organizing committee at Bankwest, (785) 899-2342.

"People will have a good time and good experience," said Jessica Kannady, member of the organizing committee.

## Not so slow



Parents and kids urged the turtles on as the speedy ones crawled to the border of the circle to win. The turtle races were the first event of the Family Fun Night on Monday, and everyone got a chance to race a turtle. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# Treasurer's office has new license plate design

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A new state license plate with the Great Seal of the State of Kansas on it is starting to show up on vehicles in Sherman County since the county treasurer's supply of old plates with the Statehouse profile, wind-blown wheat stalks and white puffy clouds has run out.

Sherman County has been issuing the new plates for new vehicles for four to six weeks.

The new "Ad Astra Per Aspera" plates with dark blue lettering on a light blue surface should start showing up in Shawnee County in September sometime.

"We're really excited about this plate," said Carmen Alldritt, state director of motor vehicles. "It's kind of plain compared to what we've had before. People like that."

Ellis County was the first county to issue the new plates in May. The purchase of motorcycles to beat the high price of fuel used up their stockpile of old tags.

Kansas law require a different basic license plate to be issued every five years. The last revision was done in 2001. The Kansas Department of Revenue had gotten a one-year delay to finish the new plate.

Revenue Secretary Joan Wagnon convinced the 2006 legislature to OK a three-year phase-in of the new plates. That did away with the immediate switch from the old plate to the new one. The state will limit the



Teresa David of the Sherman County Treasurer's office shows off the new license plate yesterday at the Sherman County Courthouse. The new plates will be issued to new cars without a plate to transfer. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

new plates to people purchasing new vehicles without an old one to transfer to it.

The new approach is expected to save the state \$4.2 million out of the normal \$6 million budgeted for a new plate, said Alldritt.

Lt. John Eichkorn, spokesman for the Kansas Highway Patrol, said

the changing of the state's plate was for the benefit of police officers. Changes make it easier for officers to spot out-of-date plates, he said.

An obvious change will be the reversal of numbers and letters on the plates, he said. The old tags have three letters followed by three numbers.

## corrections

In the story "Retired teacher to lead parade" on the front page on the Friday, July 27, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* Arbutus Topliff's daughters went to the Ruleton School not the Edson School. Becky Katie Hatcher's maiden name was Zimmerman not Zimbelman. Mandi Parrish's first name should be spelled Mandy and her husband is from Kansas City. Amber Hicks is the one who works for Allegiant Airlines in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was due to reporting error.

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In the photo caption for the picture "Showing off style for bed" Austin McClung's name should have been Ashtin McClung. This was due to a reporting error.

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