

## Students closer to getting shirts for members

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The Grant Junior High Students Against Destructive Decisions are one step closer to getting T-shirts for their members, and a town hall meeting aimed at curbing teen drinking is being planned for April.

The Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education voted to donate \$50 to the students for T-shirts at the partnership's monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 17, and started making plans for a town hall meeting.

The SADD chapter members have been wanting T-shirts, said Wendy Wellmann, prevention consultant with the Regional

Prevention Center, and have found some in black with the Kansas SADD logo.

The shirts cost \$10 each, she said, adding that the students will probably pay at least half of the cost.

The chapter held a bake sale at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Jan. 17th, Wellmann said, and are planning a dance in April and a carnival for the kids in the after-school program in May.

The kids are scripting their video on bullying with the theme "Nobody Stands Alone," Wellmann said; it's a project they would like to do to use at the school, and they would like to have the T-shirts for the video.

The Regional Prevention Center has \$700 from a Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority grant to plan a town hall meeting.

Wellmann said; the center will administer the grant for the partnership.

The group held a town hall meeting last year which included a panel of Goodland people who talked about the effects of underage drinking and laws relating to drinking and allowing parties on your property where alcohol is served to minors.

The panel included Jake Kling, a Goodland High School student; Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby; Tracy Hillmer, branch manager of High Plains Mental Health offices in Goodland and Colby;

Goodland police officer Frankie Hayes; Trooper Joe Greene from the Kansas Highway Patrol; Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Burton Pinalto; and Rob Cotter from Alcoholics Anonymous.

The partnership picked out potential dates in April for this year's meeting and will find out if they can hold it in the high school auditorium on one of those dates. They will be looking for a speaker and making decisions in the upcoming months about the theme and format and what prizes will be given away.

Members talked about themes that have been used in other counties, including a meeting focused on the influence of media

advertising and one at which the speaker talked about how alcohol affects the brain.

They will be looking at options to best reach teenagers and their parents at this year's meeting to discourage underage drinking.

They plan to hold the meeting before prom and graduation to remind the community of the dangers of teen drinking and the importance of making safer choices at a time when a lot of youths traditionally celebrate.

"We'd like to change the mentality that you have to drink to have a good time," Wellmann said.

## Three deer test positive for disease

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

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Three white-tail deer taken along Sappa Creek in central Decatur County in the past hunting season have tested positive for chronic wasting disease, which destroys an animal's brain and eventually kills it.

The disease is similar to mad cow disease in cattle, said Mike Miller, editor of *Kansas Wildlife and Parks* magazine. Scientists have not shown it can be transmitted to humans, he said, but it still is something people want to be careful of.

With the three confirmed cases in the county, he said, the department will take the first step in its contingency plan, which is holding a public meeting in Decatur County (no date has been announced yet), talking to the landowners where the deer were killed and talking to the hunters. Then, said Miller, the department will want to do some more sampling to see how widespread the infection is.

Although the disease is still somewhat rare, said Miller, the department has known about it for some time. Since 1996, the department has held an annual sampling for deer taken during season and animals killed on the roads.

Each hunting season, hunters are asked to send in samples from the deer they kill so they can be tested for chronic wasting disease. So far, only one other confirmed case has been found in Kansas, in Cheyenne County in 2005. In 2001, there was a confirmed case in a captive elk herd in Harper County, but that animal had been imported from Colorado.

The disease is known to be more widespread in both Colorado and Kansas, he said, so it's not a surprise that it might appear along the borders with Kansas.

Basically, said Miller, during the hunting season a sample is taken

from the deer and sent to the veterinary lab at Kansas State University. When there is a presumptive positive out of those tests, which is what happened with these three cases, said Miller, the samples are then sent to the National Vet Lab in Iowa. He said those results have shown a confirmed positive for chronic wasting disease.

The department, he said, wasn't surprised to have some positives with the disease close by. Last month, a positive test result was reported by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from a deer taken just a few miles north of Decatur County in Red Willow County, Neb.

The Kansas department will be doing some more testing, too, said Miller. He said he wasn't sure of the names of the hunters or if they were local people or people who traveled in to hunt.

According to information from the department, chronic wasting disease is fatal to infected deer and elk. The progressive disease causes small holes to develop in the brain. That results in decreased brain function, which means the deer or elk can show signs of depression, a droopy head, staggering, loss of appetite and even a lack of response to humans. That continues into weight loss, drooling and excessive thirst.

The department asks hunters to continue getting deer tested for the disease and ask them not to take deer carcasses away from the area where they lived, especially ones taken in areas where chronic wasting disease has been confirmed.

It also suggests not dumping the carcasses where deer or elk can come into contact with the remains, but instead having them double-bagged and taken to a landfill, since the disease can be transmitted by contact with a dead animal or from the soil.

## Rural fire department called to shop blaze

Sunday afternoon about 4:20 p.m. the Sherman County Rural fire department was called to Mike Vandiver's home at 5794 County Road 14 where a shop was on fire.

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Bauman said the firemen and trucks arrived at 4:45 p.m., and the fire was out within 15 minutes.

Bauman said the fire was caused when Vandiver and another person were cutting on a pickup trailer and a piece of hot metal burned through the torch hose starting a fire.

Bauman said there was a smoke damage inside the shop, but the fire was contained to the trailer and nearby shop materials.

"After the fire started the owner and the other person left and closed the doors," Bauman said. "When we arrived we opened the small door and knocked the fire down before opening the two large doors to help vent out the toxic fumes."

"It was smart on their part to get out and not try to put it out themselves. I am sure there was plenty of stuff to burn, but closing the door kept the fire down."

"When we went in the shop was filled with black smoke and the air was very toxic."

Bauman said two fire trucks and the tanker were on scene with 10 firemen. An ambulance was called to be on standby at the scene.



Two Sherman County rural firemen sprayed the floor of a Mike Vandiver's shop after they extinguished a fire Sunday afternoon that caused smoke damage to the metal building, but did not do much structural damage Assistant Fire Chief Chris Bauman said. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Woman thrilled to have recipe published

By Pat Schiefen

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Marcia Emig received a welcome surprise in the mail when she got her copy of American Profile "Hometown Recipes for the Holidays" letting her know that she had a recipe in it.

"I do not know how many recipes I sent but probably two or three," Emig said. "This is the first recipe that I know that has been in a book. It was my sister's recipe."

Emig says she loves the "Ameri-

can Profile" that comes in *The Goodland Star-News* every week.

"I'm a good cook and my husband is a good cook," she said. "I like to do everything - desserts, meats and salads. My husband doesn't use a recipe. If he cooks, I clean up."

Emig's husband is Richard and she is originally from Oberlin. She has four stepchildren, Bridget (Travis) Troyer and Heather (Kris) Generali, all of Manhattan, Heidi (Russell) Avalon

of Omaha and Nathan (Lindsey) Emig of Goodland; and six grand-kids.

### Pumpkin Dip

Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened  
One 16-ounce package confectioners' sugar, sifted  
One 15-ounce can pumpkin  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
gingersnaps

Put cream cheese in a bowl and beat with a mixer until creamy at medium speed.

Add the sugar gradually and beat until blended. Add the pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg, beat until mixed well.

Refrigerate covered for two hours so that flavors can blend. Serve with gingersnaps.

Serves 20  
For a great centerpiece for Halloween and Thanksgiving use a small, fresh pumpkin to serve dip in. The top needs to be cut off of the pumpkin and the seeds and membrane need to be removed first.

The cookbooks can be bought at the newspaper office.

## corrections

At the end of the story about the salary for the county register of deeds on Page 10 of Tuesday, Jan. 22, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* an item about a benefit supper for George Phillips incorrectly said he had died of cancer. His brother Glen recently died of cancer, but George Phillips had some recent medical expenses and the benefit supper is to help with those expenses.

In the story on Page 1 of Tuesday, Jan. 22, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* about the economic development council Executive Director Jeremy Jennings said he got cell phone bids from S&T Com-

munications and Eagle Communications. However, James Miller, regional manager for Eagle, said he did not get a call asking about cell phone service, and said currently Eagle does not provide cell phone service in Goodland.

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