

# Honor society inducts 21 students

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The Goodland High School National Honor Society inducted 21 new members on Tuesday at the high school auditorium.

To be a member, a student must have a 3.5 grade average and be involved in school activities. Thirty-three invitations went out, said advisor Sheryl Carson, with 21 applicants returned. Each had to go through an interview.

During the ceremony, each new member was pinned and gave a rose to the person who did the pinning.

The seven current members are seniors Josh Doke, Ren Scherling, Samantha Raymer, Forrest Trachsel, Chris Irvin, Heidi Yonkey and Holly Kibel.

New members are seniors Marisa Acuff, Amanda Amthor, Kylie Buller, Brennen Clouse, Aaron Deeds and Jake Kling, and juniors Kirsten Dutton, Matthew Espinoza, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Chelsea Gausman, Shelbi Hall, Rory Kling, Devin Mangus, Taylor McLemore, Jace Mosbarger, Tanner Oharah, Danielle Pettibone, Whitney Schields, Clay Schilling, Courtney Sheldon and Andrew Taylor.



Senior Samantha Raymer lit a candle representing leadership in the induction ceremony for 21 new members of Goodland High School National Honor Society on Tuesday night at the high school auditorium. Ron Schilling pinned the National Honor Society pin on his son Clay's sash. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



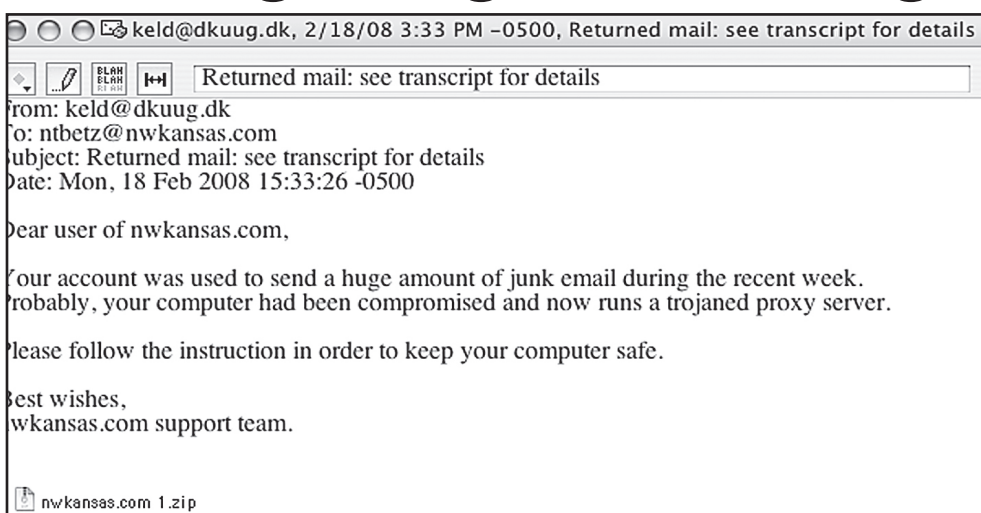
# Internet customers getting fake messages; attachment is a virus

Internet customers of [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) are receiving fake messages saying their e-mail address has been infected by a "proxy server," with an attachment usually in a .zip format that contains a computer virus.

Technical support people for the Internet provider have not sent these messages and are warning customers not to open the attachment.

"These messages claim to be from the 'nwkansas.com support team,' but they are not from our support system," said Tom Betz, director of Internet Services for the firm. "The attached file is a virus, and should be deleted without opening."

Betz said the message usually comes under a heading of "returned mail," "delivery failed," or "Returned mail: Data



format error." When opened, the message may only contain an attachment, he said, which begins with the user's e-mail address and ends

with a ".zip" format.

Sometimes the message will say:

"Dear user of [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com),

"Your e-mail account was used to send a large amount of junk e-mail during the last week.

"Most likely your computer was infected and now runs a trojaned proxy server.

"Please follow our instruction in the attached file in order to keep your computer safe.

"Sincerely yours,

"The [nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com) support team."

Betz said these messages are being sent to random customers, but anyone who receives such a message should delete it and make sure the attachment is not opened.

The .zip file, if opened, will create an

executable program file that contains a virus, he said.

"We want our customers to know that we have seen several of these messages in the past week," Betz said. "When we send our customers a message, it clearly says it is from support-[nwkansas.com](http://nwkansas.com), and we do not include attached files.

"We know the amount of spam continues to grow, and these scam messages seem to multiply and come back in a variety of forms. Everyone who uses the Internet and e-mail systems must remain vigilant in dealing with the messages they receive.

"No virus software will catch all these messages, and it only takes one to wipe out the person's files and possibly destroy a hard drive."

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## district matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

**Jan. 5:** Bryan E. St. John, 39, Colorado Springs, \$366 for driving while suspended, first conviction, \$270 for speeding, 106/70, and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

**Jan. 6:** Carol J. Sweet, 50, Edgewater, Colo., \$246 for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

**Jan. 7:** Glenn W. Pendlay Jr., 62, McPherson, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, log book not current.

Michael J. Suydam, 39, Parker, Colo., \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Tyler P. Tate, 22, St. Louis, \$150 for improper parking.

Terry Thompson-Myers, 51, Fairbanks, Ala., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

**Jan. 8:** Maruis V. Nutu, 22, Vancouver, Wash., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, false log, and \$150 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, seat belt.

Florentino Ramirez-Cortes, 22, Santa Fe, N.M., \$126 for improper parking.

Jignesh Rathod, 26, San Francisco, \$152 for speeding, 89/70.

Gregory S. Roy, 38, Rogersville, Mo., \$132 for improper parking.

Jessica A. Vaughn, 31, Colby, \$156 for improper parking.

**Jan. 9:** Michael L. Rabenseifner, 39, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no log book.

Anthony J. Shives, 25, Hoisington, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no log book.

Peter E. Sisco, 53, Palm Coast, Fla., \$114 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Fredrick J. Stasser, 53, Goodland, \$132 for improper parking.

**Jan. 10:** Jason M. Overall, 46, Ecorse, Mich., \$114 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Richard P. Soulia, 46, Churubusco, N.Y., \$114 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Jason L. Stewart, 27, Oklahoma City, \$102 for speeding.

John C. Zosh, 39, Centennial, Colo., \$132 for improper parking.

**Jan. 11:** Raymond L. Oakes, 71, O'Fallon, Mo., \$126 for improper parking.

Mark L. Robertson, 48, Tribune, \$165 for improper parking.

James P. Sauer, 22, Richmond, Va., \$96 for speeding, 80/70.

Brock A. Schwien, 42, Lawrence, \$144 for speeding.

Kevin P. Williams, 20, Topeka, \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

**Jan. 12:** Alberto B. Noe, 24, Dodge City, \$140 for speeding, 87/70.

Jeffrey D. Stevens, 47, Goodland, \$126 for expired registration.

**Jan. 13:** Kevin L. Oxsen, 19, Norman, Okla., \$132 for speeding, 86/70, \$60 for operating a motor vehicle without a license and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

Michael J. Pettibone, 20, Gilbert, Ariz., \$150 for speeding, 89/70.

Darren E. Pletcher, 39, Sharon Springs, \$132 for improper parking.

**Jan. 14:** Benjamin R. Schow, 37, Denver, \$176 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

## Commissioners agree to settlement

By John Van Nostrand  
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Thomas County commissioners unanimously approved a settlement agreement Tuesday from the state attorney general's office covering public meeting violations.

The commissioners agreed to have a 90-minute training course on public meeting rules and regulations with the attorney of their choice, but are expected to schedule the session with Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick.

Colby Free Press Editor Patty Decker filed a complaint with the attorney general's office after reporter Kevin Johnson questioned the procedure leading up to a closed-door session Dec. 28.

The attorney general's office agreed commissioners violated the laws by discussing a salary plan that covered all county employees — including elected officials — in

a closed-door session with department heads and elected officials in the closed meeting. A second violation occurred when commissioners failed to end the executive session when they said they would.

The commissioners received the settlement agreement Feb. 4 and had until March 5 to accept.

Should they violate the law in the future, the agreement would be canceled and commissioners could face prosecution and fines up to \$500 for each violation.

Expenses related to the 90-minute training must be paid by the commissioners themselves and not the county.

Commissioner Paul Steele said the Colby Community College

board, Colby School Board and the Colby City Council all have their lawyers to advise them when they meet. County commissioners do not.

"And we pay more," he said.

## corrections

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