

Car crash kills former minister

A Catholic nun who served as pastoral minister at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, was killed last Wednesday in a car crash near Syracuse.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Sister Lorena Bolte, 58, prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, was westbound on U.S. 50 four miles west of Syracuse in a 2005 Chevy passenger car, when the car crossed the centerline and ran under an eastbound semitrailer.

The report says Jeffrey S. Matthews, 45, St. George, was eastbound in a 2005 Freightliner. The patrol said the driver turned right to avoid the car, but the Chevy hit the fourth axle on the driver side near the outside line of the eastbound lane.

Sister Bolte was taken to the Hamilton County hospital in Syracuse, where she was pronounced dead.

Matthews was uninjured, the patrol said. Both drivers were wearing seat belts. The vehicles were removed by Heartbreaker Express.

Sister Bolte was born Jan. 27, 1949, in Nelson, Neb., as Marie Bolte, the daughter of Lawrence and Bernice (Kathman) Bolte. She entered the Dominican Sisters Aug. 26, 1965, and pronounced her first vows June 18, 1966. She celebrated 25 years in the order in 1993.

She taught at Luckey High School in Manhattan from 1972-

1974 and ministered in Nigeria from 1976 to 1995. She was a teacher and formation director for indigenous congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Gusau, Nigeria, a foundation of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, and later its major superior.

She served as pastoral minister in Goodland from 1998 to 2002 and later was assistant prioress of the Great Bend motherhouse for four years. At the time of her death, she was prioress.

A funeral Mass was scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2007, at the motherhouse in Great Bend with the Most Rev. Ronald M. Gilmore, bishop of Dodge City, presiding, and burial in the sisters' Resurrection Cemetery.

Preceding Sister Bolte in death was her father.

Survivors include her mother; two brothers, William Bolte of Central City, Neb., and James Bolte of Lawrence, Neb.; and three sisters, Elizabeth Daake of Riverdale, Neb., and Alice Buser and Lora Messbarger of Kearney, Neb..

Memorials may be made to the sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, Kan. 67530-8692.

Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend was in charge of arrangements.

Bug gets hot under the collar



Goodland firemen Thomas Tompkins (with hose), Scott Hillbrink (holding engine cover open), Fire Chief Brian James (left, checking behind front seat) and Tyler Finley (on other side of the car) responded to a car fire in the Dollar General parking lot Thursday afternoon. Firemen Tim and Jeff Dinkel drove the two fire

trucks. The crew quickly extinguished a fire in the engine compartment of the older Volkswagon. James said it was a short fire, but there was a lot of smoke coming from the car when they arrived. Police blocked the railroad crossing at Cherry Avenue to allow the fire trucks quick access.

Governor calls for new approach to rural development

The nation needs a new approach to rural development, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius told a Congressional committee during recent testimony, recommending a process used in Goodland and other area towns.

"It is time to help rural communities develop the ability to bring citizens together around a shared vision for their communities' future," the governor said.

Sebelius was on Capitol Hill on June 27, testifying to the U.S. House Appropriations Commit-

tee's Subcommittee on Agriculture as part of the National Rural Assembly.

"We must give communities the knowledge and tools they need to come together and set their own course," she said, "and then we must ensure they have the skilled leadership needed to keep the community united on that course."

Sebelius highlighted the "Public Square" process, being used in Greensburg, Goodland, Oberlin and other towns around Kansas.

The process was created by Terry Woodbury, a Kansas City-based consultant with ties to Leoti, who facilitates discussions in towns using his plan. Woodbury has formed a statewide alliance of these towns called Kansas Communities.

"The Public Square Process brings the community together, rebuilding lines of communication and helping residents and business leaders come to a consensus about the direction they want to go," she said. "This then allows them to fol-

low a long-term plan, rather than just applying for whatever grants and programs become available.

"We're seeing the bonds between residents strengthened by the process of developing a shared vision for the community, which is outstanding and will help them overcome future challenges."

Sebelius told the committee the current "alphabet soup" of federal programs leaves many rural towns out because of restrictive rules and a one-size-fits-all mentality. She

called for easing restrictions on programs, saying small communities don't have the same resources as large ones when it comes to seeking and administering federal grants.

The governor pointed out that Kansas' new Office of Rural Opportunity, which will help people navigate the bureaucracy and develop a strategic plan that allows them to better use existing programs. She called for special help for rural business people.

"We've seen the success of mi-

cro-loans in other countries," she said. "It's time to bring that success home by giving entrepreneurs the start-up support they need to bring new businesses to rural communities."

"The opportunity to create off-farm jobs, to allow people to supplement their income and bring new businesses to small towns is too great for us to pass up."

Firemen take classes



School began last Monday for 14 members of the Goodland Volunteer Fire Department taking classes to be certified as fire fighters. Fire Chief Brian James said the weekly classes will take about three months, then the men will take a test. The classes

are being taught Mondays and Thursdays by Dave Wickershime of the University of Kansas, assisted by J.L. Ellis of Colby.

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Sales taxes collected on track for payoff

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Construction continues on the joint city-county road projects, and income from the one-cent sales tax is on track to pay the projects off, based on the 10-month figures handed to the Sherman County commissioners.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said June 29, figures for the sales tax look good, but he hopes the monthly average continues to increase so the county can pay the \$12 million in bonds off in less than 10 years.

Through May, the sales tax, which went into effect in July, has brought in \$854,763. The average collection has been \$85,476 per month. The highest collection was \$99,900 in September, and the lowest \$75,193 in November.

Using the average, an estimate

for the first year of sales tax would be just over \$1 million, Rasure said, and that is about what is needed to make the bond payment.

The sales tax money is invested at interest, he said, and in the 10 months that added \$13,773 to the total, now \$868,136 with interest. That includes all the money received from the state, while the permanent countywide one-cent sales tax is split between the county, Goodland and Kanorado.

The county share of the perma-

nent sales tax was \$192,943 for the first five months of the year, about \$1,200 ahead of the same period in 2006. The sales tax has grown over the past five years, figures from Sherman County Treasurer Iris Scheopner show. For the first five months of 2003, the county got \$170,584, in 2004, \$183,575, and in 2005, \$183,285.

Rasure said the county's bond advisors used conservative figures

to estimate the tax income. He said the current estimate is about what they anticipated, and with modest growth in the future, the county should pay the bonds off early.

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