

# More top 10 stories of 2010 —

## School Board member killed in accident

**5** The death of Goodland School Board member Andrew House was fifth top story for the year. House, 44, was killed in an apparent head-on accident late Tuesday night, Sept. 21, on Country Road 65 west of County Road 14 about five and one-half miles west of town. The driver of the other vehicle, Anthony Urban, 18, a Northwest Tech student from Elizabeth, Colo., was flown to a Denver hospital. Sheriff Butts said his deputies were called at 12:24 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22. House was



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driving east in a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup, Butts said, and Urban was driving west in a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup. He said it appears both drivers were trapped in the vehicles at the time the deputies arrived. House was pronounced dead at the scene. Urban was transported to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then flown to a Denver hospital. The funeral for House will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the First United Methodist Church with burial to follow at the Goodland Cemetery.

## Goodland soldier in Hall of Fame

**6** Picked as the sixth top story of 2010 was that Goodland Sgt. Derrick Lutters, who was killed in Iraq on May 1, 2005, was one of 10 Kansas Army National Guard soldiers inducted into the Kansas Non-Commissioned Officer Hall of Fame on April 18, in Salina. All 10 Kansas Guardsmen have been killed in the Global War on Terrorism, and family members were present for the unveiling of special plaques dedicated to each of the fallen soldiers. Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner, who was stationed in Goodland until the armory was closed, attended the special induction ceremony in Salina. He said members of Derrick's family present included his father, Chuck Lutters of Goodland; his mother, Marion Lutters of Burlington; and a brother, Paul Lutters with two of his children.

This was the first induction of members into the NCO Hall of Fame held at the Salina Kansas Army National Guard's 235th Regional Training Institute. The families of all 10 soldiers and members of the Kansas Army National Guard attended the ceremony to celebrate the lives and contributions of the first inductees. The regional training institute started as a State NCO and Officer Candidate School in a handful of old wooden World War II barracks on what use to be Schilling Air Field. As the home of the NCO and Officer training for the Kansas Army National Guard, it was deemed the ideal location for the Hall of Fame, conceived by Command Sergeant Major John Ryan last year, which the U.S. Army declared as the Year of the NCO. SSG Reasoner said Derrick's plaque was unveiled by his parents.

## School board votes to close North school

**7** Coming in as the seventh top story of last year was the Goodland School Board's decision to close North Elementary School. After many months of discussion the board voted to close North on Monday, Feb. 8. In August 2008, the district hired the architect from Horst, Terrill and Karst Architects to do a structural analysis of all the buildings. Their findings were that the buildings were all sound, all buildings need multiple capital improvements, the student population was expected to continue to decline and the board would need to close buildings. In September 2008, Superintendent Angelos proposed the district close Grant Junior High and move those students to the high school. At that time it was not supported by the school board. The board made school visits in September 2009 with the focus on

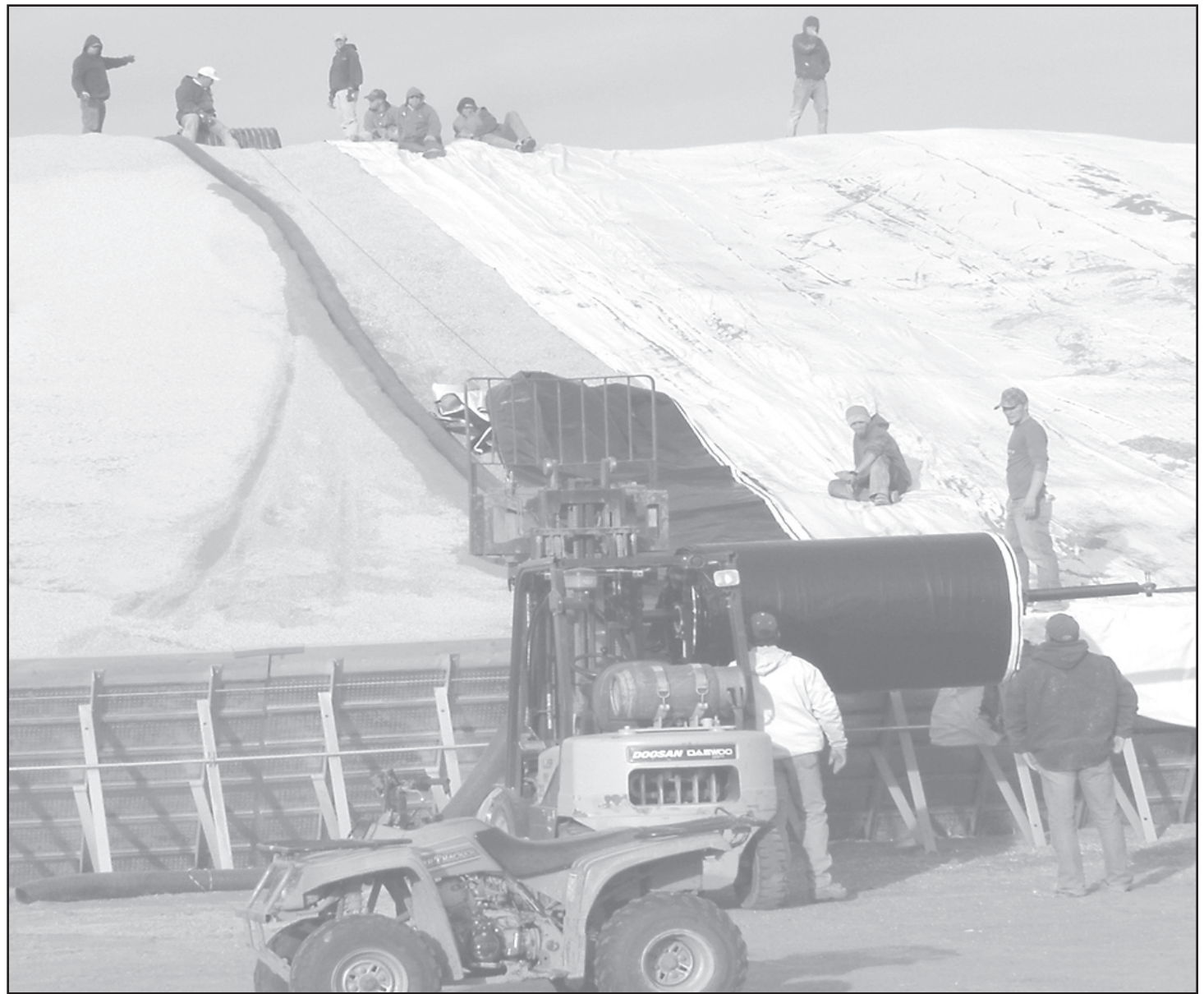
capital improvements. Angelos proposed closing North Elementary in September 2009. She said North needed more repairs than Central or West. The cuts in funding for the general fund from the state is expected to be as much as \$400,000 in the 2010-2011 school year, the superintendent said. On Monday, June 14, The Goodland School Board — after many months of discussion — passed a resolution 4-3 to pursue a path leading to a bond for the remodeling of North Elementary School into a kindergarten through sixth grade facility and to renovate and remodel the high school for consolidation with the junior high. The district was awarded a \$1.5 million Quality Zone Academy Bond to replace windows, heating, air conditioning and ventilation at the high school. The district is working to pass a school bond to finance the remodeling.

## Road and Bridge gets reorganized

**8** Sherman County commissioners surprised many on Monday morning, Sept. 13, with the firing of the public works manager and the county shop foreman on a 2-1 vote following a closed door session. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked for an executive session for 15 minutes for personnel matters with the commissioners and the county attorney. When the commissioners reopened the meeting Strnad had a motion "As a result of discussion in executive session I move Curt Way and Steve Goodman's positions with Sherman County be terminated effective today," she said. Thomas asked for a second. Max Linin seconded the motion. Thomas asked for a vote and Strnad and Linin voted in favor and Thomas voted against. The commissioners asked to have Butch Vandiver, road and bridge foreman, come to the meeting. "Some changes have been made in

your department today," Thomas said. Thomas asked Vandiver if he was willing to step up and take Way's job. "I can do that," Vandiver said. "That is what we wanted to know," Thomas said. A question was raised about Strnad not living in her commissioner district, and a special meeting was called for Thursday, Sept. 23, to address the issue. When the meeting reopened Thomas read a motion: "That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Sherman hereby moves to ratify, adopt and affirm all actions and votes taken by the board from Dec. 1, to and through the date of this motion including, but not limited to, the decision by the board by a 2 to 1 vote to terminate Curt Way and Steven Goodman on Sept. 13." As a second part of the action Linin made a motion to terminate Way and Goodman effective as of Sept. 13. The motion was seconded by Thomas and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

## Record corn harvest fills, expands storage needs



Workers from Frontier Ag spent a Saturday morning at the end of October spreading a large tarp on top of a huge pile of corn. The corn pile was erected on the Goodland Industrial Park. The corn harvest for Sherman County was estimated to be a record 20 million bushels. Storage was added by both Frontier Ag and ADM, but a small amount of corn did end up on the ground. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Goodland hospital plans for dialysis unit

**9** With the closure of Davita's dialysis unit in Burlington the Goodland Regional Medical Center took a look at opening a dialysis unit starting in the spring. The opening year of a dialysis operation at Goodland Regional Medical Center would probably be in the red the hospital board heard at their November meeting, but the operation is looking for help to reduce that figure and make it more of a break even service. Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly told the board the original estimate put together in April was for a four-patient dialysis operation, but he believes it would be more of an eight patient operation based on information he and his executive team have gathered. He said when the projections were done in April it appeared the operation would have a \$150,000 loss the first year, but he feels with the new projections the loss would be around \$133,000 for the first year. The cost on start up would include some minor equipment plus the four dialysis stations running three days a week to handle eight patients. The stations would cost \$54,000, and the central water system would be

another \$73,000. He said the team had looked at a bid for \$91,000 that would have had a reverse osmosis system with each station, but the feeling was having a central system was better. As to the medical director Jolly said he feels the person will have an intensive amount of work for the first few months as they will have to deal with the policies and procedures as well as overseeing the operation. He said the person would probably be a nephrologist from a larger facility and would look at Denver first. He said he expects the director to spend about a half day a month once things are set up, and is thinking the hospital could do a nephrology clinic the other half of the day. He said the director would not be treating the kidney disease, but there are others who need to see a nephrologist. He said the Northwest Kansas Hospital Foundation has agreed to help the hospital with this effort as they see it as a needed service. Jolly said the foundation has agreed to help with \$80,000 to \$100,000 to help get the dialysis operation going.

## Northwest Tech unveils image, logo

**X** The tenth top story for 2010 was the unveiling on Friday, Jan. 22, of a new logo, name change and mascot for the Northwest Kansas Technical College to become Northwest Tech the home of the Mavericks. The college held a contest in the fall to develop the new logo, which was unveiled at Friday's presentation. Members of the Graphic Design class were the winners with Kyle Willems the overall concept winner, Devin Keister concept winner, Whitney Licano comic strip winner and Jeremy Chandler Little Mavericks logo winner for the day care center. Each received \$100 for their winning designs. College President Dr. Ed Mills introduced a few of the people attending including Sen. Ralph Ostmyer and several members of the college board Bruce Buck, Rob Loftin, Frank Otter and George Schmidt. Mills introduced Brenda McCants, director of development, who helped unveil the new image and logo for the college to be known as Northwest Tech and the mascot for the college will be the

Mavericks. The colors are red, white and black with the red symbolizing power, white energy and black stability. The Mavericks symbolized by a horse head fit as the mascot she said because Northwest Tech will be the first of its kind to strike out and add athletic programs. Mills said the new programs are the tipping point for the college and that the addition of wrestling under Steve Lampe and golf under Tammy Neal will bring more excitement and attention to the college. Another big announcement was made by Ben Coumerilh, director of technology, said beginning in the fall every student will have an iPod Touch and the campus will be wireless and provide a new tool to help educate students. He said the college will join iTunes U, where hundreds of universities allow access to college information and lectures. Each student will have an e-mail address and allow them to communicate with the teachers, keep calendars, search the Web and download from the iTunes App Store.

## Crossword Puzzle

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Sound unit of loudness
  - Persistently annoying person
  - Picture surround
  - Methaqualone pill (slang)
  - South American Indian
  - Leaf gathering tools
  - Poem telling of a hero's deeds
  - Make secure by lashing
  - Being of use or service
  - Where thoughts are stored
  - Calm interval in a storm
  - Military mailbox
  - Look at with admiration
  - A line of steep cliffs
  - A low mournful cry
  - Mariners
  - Swiss river
  - S. AM. mountains
  - Point midway between E and SE
  - Singer Lena
  - A large body of water
  - Fencing swords
  - College army
  - Special courses
  - Small upright piano
  - 1/1000 of an inch
  - \_\_\_\_\_ vera: healing plant
  - Belief in equality
  - Fictional work: \_\_\_\_\_comedy
  - Oil cartel
  - Unit of weight (Indian)
  - Shoelace sheath
  - Genus Leuciscus
  - British school
  - Helps bands on tour
  - W. Romanian city
  - Aba \_\_\_\_\_ Honeymoon
- CLUES DOWN**
- Commoner
  - One of the Athapaskan
  - Hypothetical life force
  - V, scoop or crew
  - Trivial nonsense
  - Register formally
  - Read superficially
  - Cellophane or magic
  - Dowdy
  - Magnitude relations
  - Having essential likeness
  - To cause to merge
  - Economic search engine tool employed by Google
  - Belong to us
  - 2010 Angelina Jolie film
  - Accumulate
  - Donation recipient
  - A woman of refinement
  - Bullfighting maneuvers (Span.)
  - Brews
  - Moses' elder brother
  - "The Divine Comedy" author
  - Used of posture
  - One with unusual powers of foresight
  - Mental infirmity in old age
  - Placed in a particular relation
  - Hawaiian cliff
  - Visualized
  - Cut through meat
  - Bluegrass genus
  - Butterfly palm
  - Consequently
  - Festive occasion
  - South Dravidian
  - Active Phased Array Radar (abbr.)
  - 9th Greek letter
  - Slovenly person
  - Supernatural force
  - Seaman

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