

Burlington couple found dead; son charged

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A Burlington couple was found dead and two of their children were injured in their home Tuesday according to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

A 12-year-old boy, one of three children living in the home, was taken into custody Wednesday.

Official charges are to be filed with the 13th District Attorney's

Office. It is unclear what charges the boy might face. He was advised of the potential charges against him in Fort Morgan because there is no juvenile detention center in Burlington. He most likely would be transferred to Greeley after he appeared in court on Wednesday evening.

During a press conference at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Steve Johnson, the assistant director for the CBI, said Charles and Marilyn Long

were found dead in their home at 783 Lowell Ave. Charles was 50 and Marilyn was 51.

The two injured children, a 5-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy, are in critical condition at Children's Hospital in Denver. The two were treated at Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Denver. Word Thursday morning was the two injured children are expected to recover.

The pastor of the Longs' church,

the Evangelical Free Church of Burlington, Ron Lee, says the 9-year-old boy was shot twice. He is still sedated. The girl, who had injuries to her neck, is off a respirator and talking. Both are expected to live.

Johnson said Wednesday a 12-year-old boy who made a 911 call from the home was being interviewed by law enforcement. Later in the day the CBI announced the boy was being taken into custody and charges were pending.

Names of the children were not released.

The 911 call was made at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday. Johnson commented the male juvenile who made the call said gun shots had been fired. Johnson said the responding police officer found at least three people shot. Five people were in the home at the time.

Johnson declined to comment about the details of the 911 call. He did not answer a question if the

12-year-old boy had shot the gun. Johnson reported the cause of deaths have not been determined. Johnson refused to answer a question if the incident was a murder-suicide.

Warrants related to the case have been sealed.

"This is very preliminary and we are working with the Burlington Police Department," Johnson said.

Methodist church to observe 125 years

The Goodland United Methodist Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary on Sunday. It was built in March 1886.

Circuit Riders came out to minister to a group of seven people originally. It was called a Sunday School class. A pastor would come every three or four weeks for baptisms or weddings. Lay leaders would lead a lot of the services.

At 9:15 a.m. there will be a welcome coffee in the parlor.

At 10:30 a.m. the worship service will be officiated by Bishop Scott Jones from Wichita for the

State of Kansas. The Bishop oversees 700 churches in Kansas.

The District Superintendent Max Clayton from Hays will also be there.

They will have a noon meal.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a remembrance program with a slide show of previous facilities and sharing of memories. The vision for the church in the years to come will be talked about. Former ministers the Rev. Gene Tromble, the Rev. Janet Hernandez, the Rev. Tom Schneider, Dr. Chet Ross and the Rev. James Iwig will share their memories of the church and

what they are doing now.

Rev. Tromble is retired and lives in Goodland.

Rev. Janet Hernandez was pastor from 2002 to 2007 and is now the District Superintendent at Wichita.

Rev. Tom Schneider was pastor from 1990 to 1995 and is retired and lives in Newton.

Dr. Chet Ross is a retired military chaplain and was a temporary pastor in 2008. He and his wife, Ruth, live in Goodland.

Rev. James Iwig was pastor from 1977 to 1982 and is retired.

Goodland School Board gets news of funding cuts

By Pat Schiefen
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The Goodland School Board heard from Superintendent Shelly Angelos on Monday night at the regular school board meeting that the district would be getting cut \$49,000 in the base state aid from the state. Superintendent Angelos said she is expecting at least one more cut this year in state aid. That money goes into the general fund used for operations.

The outlook for next fall is a \$157 cut on each full time equivalency or \$428,180 less in base state aid in the general fund. The legislature is talking about another \$40 cut to fund special education. That would be \$492,496 less for the general fund.

Superintendent Angelos said that with the help of the staff she would be looking for places to cut money

out of.

Board member John Hendrich asked how many teachers it would take to make up the difference. Superintendent Angelos said on the average a teacher cost \$50,000 to \$60,000. So Hendrich said that figured out to be about eight teachers.

"It looks bleak," said Superintendent Angelos.

School Board President Chuck Wilkens said that at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center it was business as usual. Wilkens said that the center was very concerned about their financing.

Wilkens said he and board member Gary Slough went to the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relations Seminar in Topeka. He said it was very interesting especially after getting to know some of the members of

the legislature. Wilkens said that the new budget director is Steve Anderson who was originally from Oberlin.

In other business the board:

- Heard that Mike Cochran was unable to attend the meeting as he was in Larned to watch his daughter play in substate basketball.

- Paid \$19,543 in bills.

- That Superintendent Angelos had accepted the bid from Bankwest on the district CDs. Western State Bank and First National Bank did not make a bid. Peoples State did not bid on the total amount and was less than Bankwest.

The next regular school board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at the administration building.

New 'Dig Pit' attracts crowds at Sternberg Museum

"I love being a Paleontologist!" said Cole Morton, grandson of Elton and Wendy Beougher, Hays. The Beougher family was visiting the new Fossil Dig Pit attraction opened recently at Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

"This is their favorite place to go," said Wendy Beougher. "As soon as they get into town, they want to come. The Sternberg is a great place to bring kids."

In this exhibit, children can dig in sand to find fossils such as the Pliosaur from the Kansas chalk fields. They can try to identify creatures who lived in the warm seas that covered Kansas during the age of dinosaurs. Different fossils are put in periodically.

Brian Bartels, museum educator, showed the children who were

digging in the pit on one recent Saturday a model of the Pliosaur they were uncovering.

A Pliosaur fossil cast will take the place of the mammoth in the front entrance of the museum beginning April 1. The exhibit will be called "The Sea Monster." The mammoth will be moved to the second floor to join other fossils and fossil casts.

"This is a great learning opportunity and a great hands-on tool for Ian to learn about dinosaurs," said Jan Schmidt, mother of Ian Schmidt who was playing in the pit. "When we leave, he always wants to go dig for fossils at home."

The Dig Pit, constructed at the Sternberg Museum in response to demand, is very popular based on successful traveling dig pits the Museum has had. The Museum staff wanted a permanent one. It was

a project of the museum exhibits staff, Greg Walters, exhibits director, and Beatrice Bauer, exhibits preparator.

"The Dig Pit is open whenever the museum is open. This is an exhibit in itself, open to the public and very interactive," said Mark Kellerman, director of public relations.

"This exhibit is meant to make kids feel like they were George Sternberg in a tent uncovering fossils," said Morgan Lampe, a public relations intern.

The museum provides many other programs, exhibits and collections for visitors. For more information, visit www.sternberg.fhsu.edu or call (785) 628-5298. The museum is open Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time and Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time.

matters of record

Gary Leon Fisher and Brenda Sue Fisher and Rick Billinger, quit claims to Gary Leon Fisher and Brenda Fisher, Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 8, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Charles E. Hickman and Deborah M. Hickman to Perry L. Baird and Terry Ann Baird, Lots 9 and 10 in Block 13, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Yvonne A. Acosta quit claims to George Z. Acosta, Lot 18, Block 4, Eastridge Addition No. 1, to the City of Goodland.

NW Ventures, LLC, to Pillango Investments, LLC, the E/2 of Sec. 6, T10S, R38W.

Lois Sieck, Trustee of the Lois Sieck Family Trust dated August 29, 2007, to Dwight Chipperfield and Judith Chipperfield, the E/2 of Sec. 7, T9S, R41W, LESS 3 tracts: a tract of land in E/2 of Sec. 7, T9S, R41W; a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec. 7, T9S, R41W; the SW/4 of Sec. 7, T9S, R41W and SW/4 of Sec. 8, T9S, R41W, with grantor reserving unto itself 49% of the oil, gas and other minerals until December 31, 2017, at which time said reservation shall lapse and expire unless production has been had before that date.

Cheryl Evert and David L. Evert convey and warrant to Cheryl Evert and David Evert, Trustees of the Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Cheryl Evert, dated December 15, 2009, an undivided 1/2 interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W, save and except these 2 tracts: a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W, AND

a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 16, T8S, R40W; SW/4 of Sec. 23, T8S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 16, T7S, R41W.

David L. Evert and Cheryl Evert convey and warrant to David L. Evert and Cheryl Evert, Trustees of the Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of David L. Evert, dated December 15, 2009, an undivided 1/2 interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W, save and except these 2 tracts: a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W, AND a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, T7S, R41W, AND a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 16, T8S, R40W; SW/4 of Sec. 23, T8S, R41W; SW/4 of Sec. 16, T7S, R41W.

Curtis C. Russell and Kathleen A. Russell convey and warrant to Larry L. Ketler and Marta J. Ketler, the N52' of Lots 13 and 14, and part of Lot 15, in Block 68, in original Town of Goodland.

Larry F. Kleine and Marie Hevner Kleine, Trustees of the Marie H. Kleine Revocable Trust UTD 10-21-1998, to Eric Albright and Lana Albright, Lots 7 and N30' of Lot 8, Block 33, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Leroy Evert Farms, Inc. quit claims to Bar E Farm, Inc., the NE/4 of Sec. 19, T9S, R40W.

Henrietta Homm to Whitney Dittmars, the E10' of Lot 17 and all of Lots 18 and 19, Block 49, Original Town of Goodland.

Firm Foundation Builders, Inc. conveys and warrants to John Pharr and Ina Pharr, Lots 23 and 24, Block 15, Third Addition to the City of

Goodland.

Thomas A. Rohr and Coleen A. Rohr, to Thomas A. Rohr and Coleen A. Rohr, Trustees of the Thomas and Coleen Rohr Living Trust dated November 12, 2010, Lots 5 and 6, Block 26, First Addition to the Town of Goodland; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, Block 12, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland; the W80' of Lots 13 and 14 and all of Lots 15, 16 and 17, Block 74, original Town of Goodland; Lots 1 and 2, Block 26, First Addition to the City of Goodland; N/2 of Lot 12 and all of Lot 13, Block 9, Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Scout Royalty Corp., an Oklahoma corporation, quit claims all minerals to Rivendell Royalty Corp., from the N/2 of Sec. 9, T10S, R42W, except one acre in the SE corner for school purposes.

Delmer V. Pancake, Trustee of the Alfred G. Pancake Revocable Trust dated June 13, 1994, to Delmer V. Pancake, Trustee of the Pancake Family Land Trust dated June 24, 2010, the SW/4 of Sec. 27, T6S, R40W; SE/4 of Sec. 33, T6S, R40W; all of Sec. 34, T6S, R40W; W/2 and W/2 of NE/4 of Sec. 10, T7S, R39W; NE/4 of Sec. 9, T7S, R39W; SE/4 of Sec. 28, T6S, R40W.

Cody McDaniel and Tancy McDaniel to James L. Mosbarger and Darla S. Mosbarger, a tract of land in E/2 of Sec. 25, T7S, R38W, containing 94.44 acres more or less.

Duane E. Whiteman and Rosetta M. Whiteman quit claims to Duane E. Whiteman and Rosetta M. Whiteman, Lots 3 and 4, Block 35, First Addition of the City of Goodland.

Piano students to play

Jessica Klemm and Andrew Shores will play their pieces that earned them a I rating at the State Music piano competition at a recital at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 307 W. 13th.

Anyone can attend and visit with the students following the recital. Refreshments will be served.

The Goodland Federated Music Club is hosting the recital.

Police investigate death

Goodland police were called to 314 Main Ave., about 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, and were directed to the back yard where they found a dead body.

Police Chief Ray Smee said the man was Toby Cooper, 37 of Burlington, Colo., and he had died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Sherman County Coroner Dr. Travis Daise was called to the scene and the body was taken to Koons Funeral Home.

Cooper, a massage therapist, was at Judy Herl's home where the incident happened.

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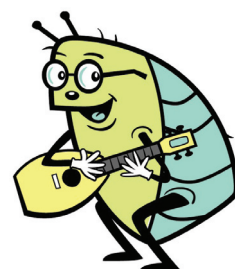
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