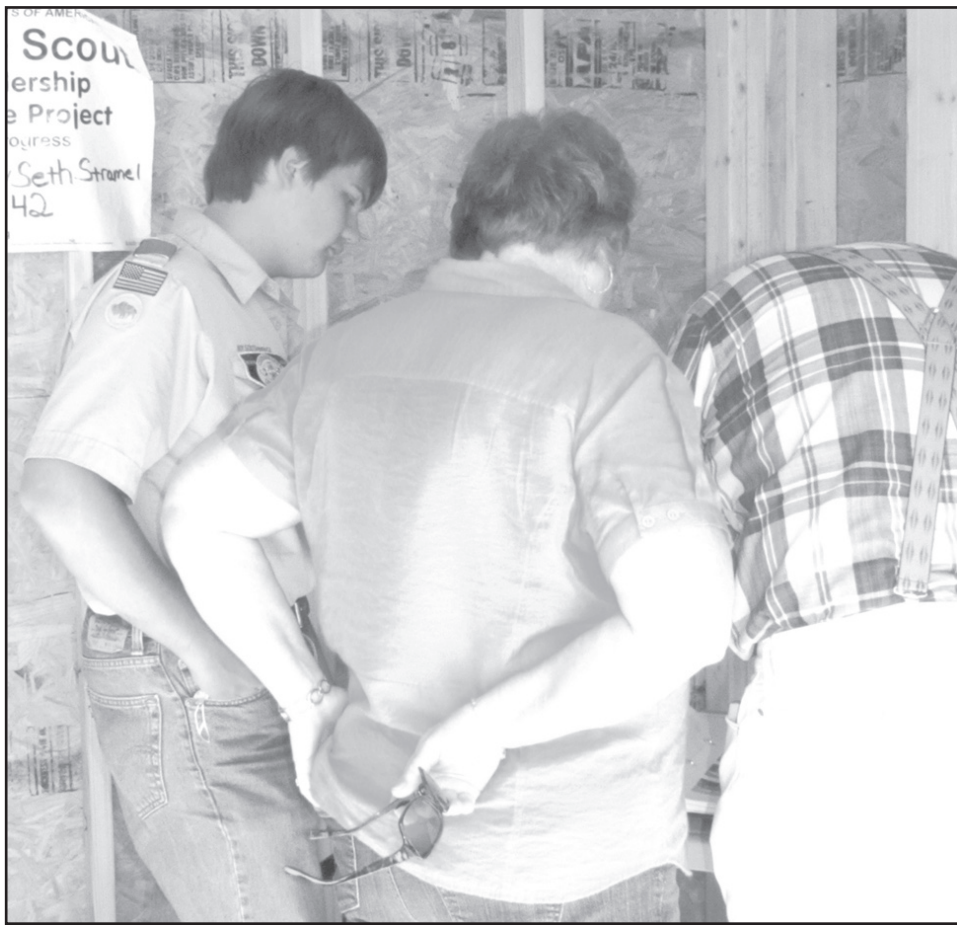


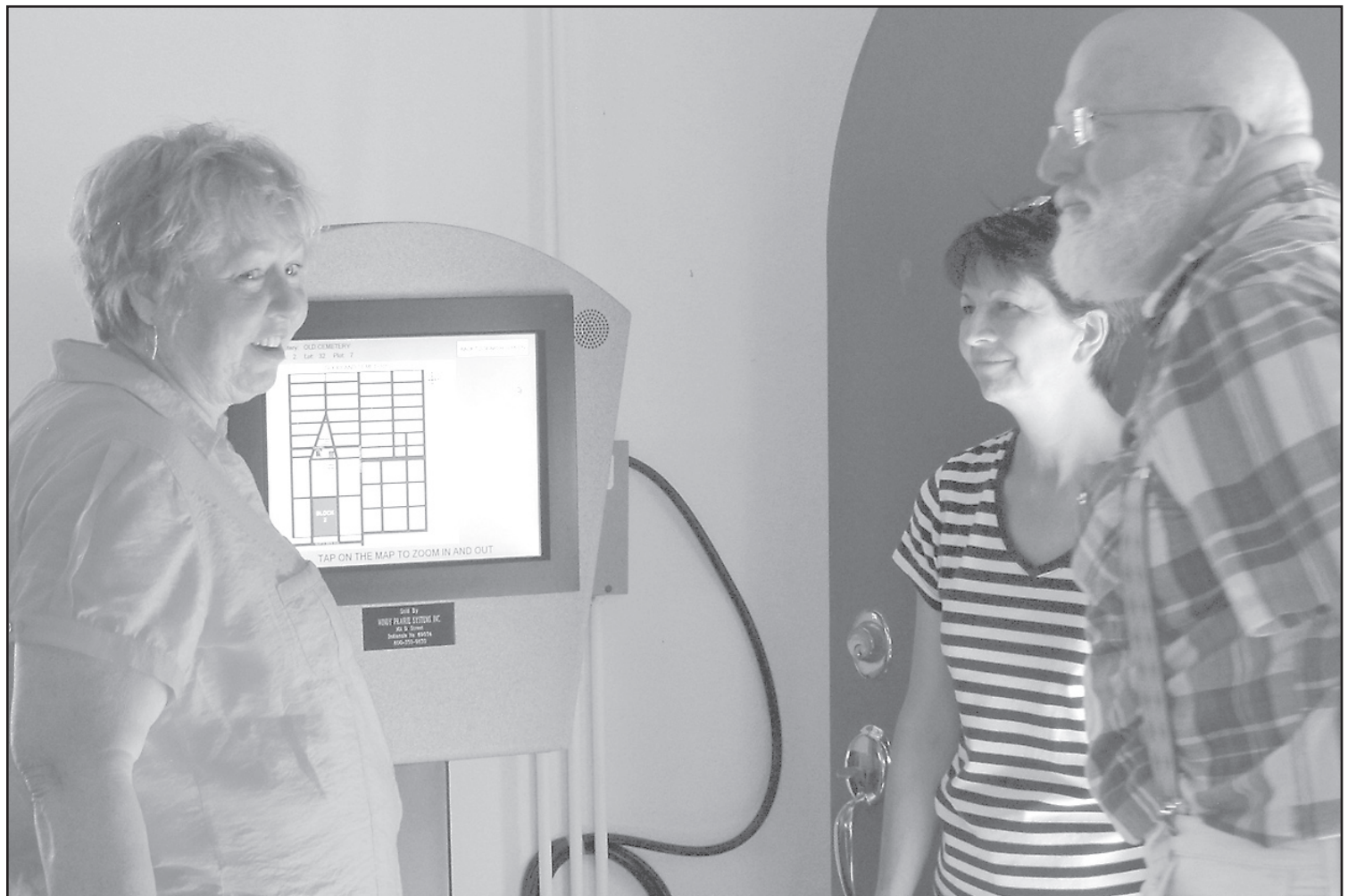
# Eagle Scout project at cemetery nearing completion



Goodland Eagle Scout Seth Stramel explains the plans for the special building project being built at the Goodland Cemetery to house the new electronic kiosk for the graves directory and cemetery map. Stramel had to change his plans a couple of times, and the cost more than doubled to more than \$6,000. He has been trying to raise the money to cover the final phase of the project.

On Memorial Day people were invited to check out the Eagle Scout project of Seth Stramel nearing completion north of the All Faith Chapel at the Goodland Cemetery. The building will house the electronic kiosk the Goodland Cemetery Board purchased to help people find graves of friends and relatives. The stand alone kiosk (below left) is currently in the All Faiths Chapel and has many special features. Cemetery Board member Jan Lohr talked to a couple about the kiosk and helped them find a friend's grave location on Memorial Day.

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# Couples to marry should check insurance policies

With wedding bells pealing throughout June, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger urges couples who are tying the knot to review their insurance coverage.

Commissioner Sandy Praeger offers these insurance tips for upcoming newlyweds.

• Homeowners and renters insurance - Whether you're staying in your current home or finding a new one, make sure your home and its contents are properly insured. If you need to buy insurance, shop for a policy by asking for quotes from several insurers. If you're choosing to add on to a current home to



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accommodate an expanding family, call your agent. Always review your insurance coverage after any home improvement projects over \$5,000.

• Auto Insurance - It is important to inform your insurer when a new driver becomes a resident in your household and/or when you move. Most insurers consider married

couples a lower risk than single drivers and depending on the ages of the drivers, your insurance may cost less. If each spouse has his or her own car, it is usually less expensive to insure both cars on one policy. However, if a spouse has a poor driving record, this could also affect your premiums.

• Health Insurance - If you group health insurance, you are allowed to add your spouse and new dependent children, to the plan outside annual open enrollment because marriage

is considered a qualifying major life event. Contact your company's benefits administrator to find out what you need to do. However, be aware: Some insurance companies require formal notification of marriage within a certain number of days.

• Life Insurance - A life change, such as marriage, can be a good time to consider life insurance that may help secure your family's financial

future. It also helps ensure that your estate will go to the beneficiaries you have chosen. You may want to update your beneficiary information to include your spouse if you already have a policy. If this isn't your first marriage, you may need to consult an attorney to see if there are any legal restrictions to changing your beneficiary information.

"Kansans with questions about

insurance coverage should always first contact their insurance company, broker or agent," Commissioner Praeger said. "You can also contact the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Hotline, (800)432-2484 or go to our website, [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org), for more information."

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