

Looking for gas line



John Wright of Swerdfeger Construction out of Pueblo, Colo., shoveled dirt from a hole Wednesday afternoon along 16th Street between Main and Center in Goodland, as he looked for a gas line. The old line is being replaced with polyethylene pipe from 15th to 17th between Main and Center, said Ron Murray, operations technician with Peoples Natural Gas in Goodland. When this is done, it will complete the replacement of pipe for the downtown business district, Murray said.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Man-made ponds , not under act

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ponds don't fall under the Clean Water Act because they are man-made. She said the federal law applies only to natural lakes and ponds.

She issued her opinion late Tuesday at the request of Clyde Graeber, secretary of health and environment. The opinion doesn't have the force of law, but state agencies generally follow the attorney general's advice.

An EPA spokesman said it is too early to say whether the attorney general's opinion resolved the farm pond controversy.

"All I can tell you is that the attorneys will review it, and it will take some time," said Dale Armstrong, a spokesman in the agency's regional office in Kansas City. "Hopefully, it will clarify some of the issues we've had."

After the EPA published its proposed standard for Kansas in July, the Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Livestock Association and other powerful agriculture groups immediately ob-

jected. They said the new rules would force farmers and ranchers to keep their stock ponds clean enough for swimming and fishing.

Last month, angry farmers and ranchers packed public hearings in Topeka and Dodge City to protest the regulations.

EPA officials have insisted they have no intention of inspecting farm ponds.

However, during an Aug. 30 meeting with lawmakers, Geoffrey Grubbs, director of the EPA's Office of Science and Technology, said the ponds were included in the proposed rules because of a 1987 opinion written by former Attorney General Bob Stephan.

Stephan's opinion said a state law that exempted them from the Clean Water Act was inconsistent with the federal law.

At the same meeting, Dennis Grams, administrator of the EPA's regional office in Kansas City, said that farm ponds could be exempt from regulation if Stovall issued a new opinion saying the state law wasn't inconsistent with

the federal law.

Stovall did exactly that.

In a synopsis on the first page of the eight-page opinion, Stovall said, "The federal Clean Water Act's water quality standards apply only to 'natural ponds' and not to artificially created ponds."

The attorney general noted that officials at the Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Water Office and the U.S. Geological Survey said nearly all farm ponds are not natural but "are the result of man-made construction."

Stovall told Graeber that he could resolve the farm pond controversy by issuing a regulation clarifying that the state exemption applies only to "non-natural" ponds and reservoirs.

Graeber said he would have his staff draft the necessary changes.

"This opinion helps resolve one of the major issues KDHE and other agencies and associations have with the water quality standards," Graeber said.

Some seamen lived after Kursk blast

MURMANSK, Russia (AP) — A note found on the body of a sailor who died on a Russian nuclear submarine shows that 23 crewmen were still alive after explosions sank the vessel and describes their desperate plans to escape, military officials said Thursday.

"None of us can get to the surface," read the note found in the pocket of a seaman identified as Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov, said Russian Navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov.

It was the first sign that anyone had survived the initial blasts that tore apart the submarine and sank it in the Barents Sea, killing all 118 men aboard. And it again raised the question of whether there might have been any chance to save some of the crew if Russia had not balked for days at accepting foreign aid.

The note provided no clues to the cause of the catastrophe.

"All the crew from the sixth, seventh and eighth compartments went over to the ninth. There are 23 people here. We made this decision as a result of the accident," Kuroyedov

quoted the note as saying, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The note was written between 1:34 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. local time Aug. 12, the day of the disaster, said Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, chief of staff of the Northern Fleet. Foreign and Russian ships in the area registered two powerful explosions around 11:30 a.m.

The note "also said that two or three people might try to escape the submarine through the emergency escape hatch located in the ninth compartment," Motsak said.

Water that gradually flooded the ninth compartment could have thwarted that escape attempt, he said. After the Kursk sank, Russian submersibles were unable to latch onto the hatch, but Norwegian divers who followed managed to open it a week after the tragedy and determined that there were no survivors.

Kolesnikov, a 27-year-old son of a submariner from St. Petersburg, was commander of the Kursk's turbine section. His was among the first four bodies retrieved Wednesday and the

only seaman to have been identified so far, officials said.

"I am writing blindly," his note said, and mentioned the figures 13 and five, without explanation, Kuroyedov told families of the crew gathered in the Arctic port of Murmansk. The rest of the note was private, Motsak said.

"I'm preparing for a meeting with him," Kolesnikov's widow Olga, a schoolteacher, said between sobs in a brief Russian television interview from St. Petersburg. "I want to see him again, I want to read his letter."

New winner in football contest

The eighth winner of the *Goodland Daily News*' Power Points football contest joked that he might take a world cruise with his \$100 winnings from the contest.

Scott Waugh won the contest in the eighth week with 117 points out of the 136 possible. He said his secret strategy was lucky guessing.

When asked his plans for the money, he said maybe he would take a world cruise — or pay off his Internet bill.

Waugh said he is a big Raiders fan. "There were lots of upsets this week," said Waugh.



Scott Waugh

Two major upsets this last week were the Broncos losing to Cincinnati for the Bengals first win of the season, and Kansas City soundly beat the World Champion St. Louis Rams.

Only one contestant region-wide was able to card 130 points. The next-highest score was 124, recorded by a half-dozen contestants.

The grand prize winner in Week 8 was Kevin Cordy, of Waynesville, Mo. He will take home the weekly cash prize of \$1,000.

Cordy entered the contest through *The Daily Guide* newspaper in Waynesville.

Contest entry forms can be found in the Tuesday's issue of *The Goodland Daily News* and can be dropped off at McDonald's, Ray's Cafe, Eagle Cable TV, Cowboy Loop, Kickers Restaurant and Lounge or the *Daily News*. The deadline for entries is 2 p.m. on Friday.

Disaster plans needed beforehand

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said Commissioner Chuck Frankenfelf. "It shows that we need to make some plans ahead of time so we don't find ourselves having to make decisions like who is going to be in charge while we are also trying to deal with the disaster."

In the exercise, Messamore is out of the area, and the first thing discovered was that she has no designated assistant. That is important, because under the Kansas emergency system, a request for state aid must come through an emergency management official designated by the county.

"I think it was very good for us to be involved, because we don't have a plan for the courthouse," said County Clerk Janet Rumpel. "I think it made us think about things we would not have thought about. I know one of the things they said about documenting actions is something I would not have thought about being as important during an emergency."

Messamore told the officials that documenting everything that happens in an emergency is very important to show costs and get money back from the state or federal governments.

"I thought everything went pretty

well," said Police Chief Ray Smee. "I think it was good to have everyone involved and there were some very good points brought up."

County Attorney Bonnie Selby had never seen the large three-ring binder with the county emergency plans, and was surprised to see how much information has been detailed in the plan. She also was interested in how many legal issues one could come up in an emergency. She discovered that if the commissioners would all be out of town or injured, she is next in line to make decisions on behalf of the county.

As the exercise moved forward additional issues were thrown in, including what happens if there is damage to Wal-Mart as the area's only grocery, and what is done to take care of homeless citizens and to house and feed the many volunteers who could be expected to come to the city.

Handling the media was another concern which the groups addressed, including how to accommodate reporters as well as keeping a flow of important information moving out to the citizens. The law enforcement people had a good handle on where to locate the outside media people who could be expected to arrive, and there was discussion about appointing someone as a public affairs officer to handle all the releases and press briefings and requests.

The medical people talked about where they could establish an emergency center to handle the injured and where a temporary morgue could be set up.

City and county officials talked about where they could establish temporary collection sites for debris, and what could be done about han-

dling dead animals and hazardous wastes.

"I am just amazed at all the questions there are," said City Clerk Mary Volk. "It seems so overwhelming and complex."

Handling the debris management were Jerry Nemecheck, city building inspector; Ed Wolak, city public works director; Curt Way, county road and bridge supervisor; Margaret Russell, landfill supervisor; Butch Vandiver, county road and bridge employee; and Karla Meisinger of the appraiser's office.

The medical group dealing with the dead and injured included Jim Chaddic, hospital administrator; Jeff Krall, assistant emergency medical service director; Mary Ann Elliott, hospital nurse; Wendy Charron, of the hospital; Linda Koons, of Koons Funeral Home; Debbie George, an emergency medical technician; and Dorrendo Harrel, head of the county health department.

The search and rescue group included Police Chief Ray Smee, Sheriff Doug Whitson, City Fire Chief Dean Jensen, Rural Fire Chief Ken Griffith and Erica Arntt, communications dispatcher.

The government officials included Commissioner Frankenfelf, Rumpel and Volk, Selby, and Yvonne Koehler, of the treasurer's office, and Karlin Barton, district court clerk.

Facilitators and the design team for the exercise were LeAnn Taylor, municipal court clerk; Peggy Klinge, emergency medical technician; Karen Hooker, emergency medical services director; and Messamore, director of emergency communications and the county's emergency management coordinator.

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Anesthesiology		
Dr. Martin	Nov. 8	8:30-12:00
	Nov. 29	8:30-2:00
Audiology		
L. Young, MA, CFY-A	Nov. 8	8:30-12:00
Cardiology		
Dr. Godfrey	Nov. 1	8:30-4:30
	Nov. 16	2:00-4:30
Ear/Nose/Throat		
Dr. Barron	Nov. 8	8:30-12:00
Gastroenterology		
Dr. Jain	Nov. 2	8:30-3:00
Dr. Jones	Nov. 16	8:45-4:30
General Surgery		
Dr. Winter	Nov. 8	8:30-12:00
Dr. Rogness	Nov. 29	8:30-2:00
Neurology		
Dr. Mazowiecki	Nov. 15	9:00-4:00
Dr. Miller	Nov. 30	8:30-2:00
OB/GYN		
Dr. McMillan	Nov. 13	8:30-12:00
Dr. Womack	Nov. 29	8:30-2:00
Oncology		
Dr. Rubinowitz	Nov. 1	7:00-12:00
	Nov. 29	7:00-12:00
Orthopedic		
Dr. Oster	Nov. 13	8:30-12:00
Dr. Reiss	Nov. 16	1:00-4:30
Dr. Wong	Nov. 29	8:30-2:00
Pathologist		
monthly		
Podiatry		
Dr. Ouder Kirk	Nov. 30	8:30-2:00
Pulmonary Medicine		
Dr. Weisiger	Nov. 2	8:30-3:00
	Nov. 9	8:30-2:00
	Nov. 29	8:30-2:00
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weekly		
Urology		
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