

Richard Westfahl (left) and Jim Bowker who work for The Goodland Daily News took down the sign Tuesday morning. The sign will be repainted by Hot Brush Signs from Bird City. Photo by Doug Jackson/The Goodland Daily News

## Shooting suspect tracked in snow

woman prompted a man to shoot two people, killing one and critically wounding the other, police said.

The suspect in Tuesday morning's shootings was arrested after police followed his footprints in the snow for more

his east Topeka home. Steven M. Gigger, 16, was listed in critical con- murder. dition Tuesday night at a Topeka hos-

pital.

TOPEKA (AP) — A dispute over a than 1 1/2 miles, Lt. John Sidwell said. held Tuesday night at the Shawnee Delquinton M. Maddox, 20, died at County Jail on suspicion of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree

> Sidwell said an investigation found an ongoing dispute over a woman be-The 29-year-old suspect was being tween Maddox and the suspect.

## Start now to save your children

Parents are the best protection young people have against alcohol and drug abuse.

Drug abuse is widespread. This includes the use of illegal drugs (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), cigarettes and alcohol by children and the non-medical use of prescription and over-thecounter drugs (sleeping pills, diet aids, etc.).

You have probably already started helping your children build resistance to using drugs by raising them with love, guidance and support, so you're well on your way to helping prevent drug abuse.

Strong family support helps children develop the personal values and selfconfidence they need to resist peer pressure to use drugs.

It is important to realize, however, that despite your efforts, peer pressure can still have a strong influence on your child.

You can provide accurate information to your children about alcohol and other drugs.

To do this, you must know something about drugs. That doesn't mean becoming a drug expert, but it does mean having enough facts to support your views.

Unfortunately, many parents wait until their children are involved in drugs before initiating a discussion. You should talk with your children before there's a problem.

As early as the fourth grade, your children may have some knowledge of the drug scene.

National statistics indicate that by 12, young people begin to experiment. Much of their information will be inaccurate and will tend to glamorize drugs.

That's why it's important that you be



remember, don't make your discussion whether he or she is involved. of drugs a one-shot event.

Children need to be reminded often of where their parents stand on important issues such as drugs.

If you find alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia in your child's possession, there's a strong probability that your child is using drugs.

Certain behaviors also can warn you that your child may be involved with drugs, such as:

•Abrupt change in mood or attitude. • Sudden decline in attendance or

performance at work or school. Sudden resistance at home or school.

· Impaired relationship with family or friends.

• Ignoring curfews.

• Unusual flare-ups of temper.

• Increased borrowing of money from parents or friends or stealing from home, school or employer.

• Heightened secrecy about actions and possessions.

• Association with a new group of friends, especially with those who use drugs

While these behaviors may indicate drug use, they may also reflect normal teenage growing pains.

prepared to set the record straight. And



By observing

vour child, getting

to know his or her

friends and talking

to your child about

problems, includ-

ing drugs and alco-

hol, you should be

learn

able to

What to do if you think your child

In a straightforward way, tell your

child about your concern and the rea-

sons for it-taking drugs is harmful to

one's physical, mental and social well-

to any drug use and you intend to en-

drugs, he or she needs your help. You

Tell your child that you are opposed

Remember, if your child is using

Seeking the support of other parents

in your community will enable you to

handle this problem in a more under-

standing and helpful way. Don't be

If the problem becomes too much for

Counselors trained in working with

youth and substance abuse can help to

re-open communication between par-

ent and child. Outside help can support

If you would like information on a

you to handle alone, professional help

afraid to be a strong parent.

should be considered.

vour efforts at home.

may be using drugs?

force that position.

may want help also.

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