

## Giving it the old heave ho



Kyle Glunz shoveled snow Sunday from his driveway at 416 E. 14th after Saturday's snowstorm. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

# Fireball from out of space puts on good show for many

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seum staff found a piece of a meteorite near Colby a few years ago, said the meteorite Allaman and dozens of others saw most likely flew out of the asteroid belt, a band comprising thousands of rock chunks which circle the sun.

He said the fireball entered the earth's atmosphere in the northwestern part of the sky over the Rocky Mountains and traveled southeast toward Kansas.

Because the meteorite most likely flew close enough to the earth to significantly light up the ground, Murphy said, it's called a "fireball." He said he labeled the meteorite "stony," because it didn't last long once it hit the earth's atmosphere.

"It looks like it may have burned up in the atmosphere," he said. "These little pieces of asteroid are fryable."

He said meteorites made of metal are more durable than "stony" meteorites, which are made of rock.

Murphy said the fireball was probably the size of a basketball or smaller and flew 10 to 15 miles above the earth before disintegrating.

Allaman described the meteorite as being small with a short, bluish tail. She said she watched it burn out in the sky.

Though it may have completely disintegrated, Murphy said, the museum wants to pinpoint where the meteorite could have landed and try to find remains.

"It's really a needle in a haystack," he said, noting that if the meteorite

landed it was probably over eastern Colorado or western Kansas where the population is slim. He said the best witness is someone walking their dog or out on the porch smoking a cigarette.

"We prefer to have people that were stationary and sober," he said, "with landmarks nearby. People going 55 mph down the road aren't the best witnesses."

Though Allaman may not be the best witness, she said she may have been the only one in Sherman County. (There were some sightings reported in far southwest Nebraska, however.)

"No one I've talked to saw it," she said. "There were no other car lights on the road."

If you think you saw it, tell Murphy at (303) 370-6445 or jmurphy@DMNS.org.

## Relay challenge is coming up fast

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member paid a \$40 entry fee. Most of the teams were sponsored. Teams have to keep one person on the track for the entire 24 hours.

"I'd do it all over again," said Donna Fenner, a participant in last year's re-

lay, "because it is something for the kids of our community. We have good kids here in northwest Kansas and I enjoy supporting them."

"Yes, it was hard, but it was also fun walking and enjoying the friends (old and new) for a 24-hour period. I like to think I can make a contribution to help

kids know you can live a life free from alcohol, drugs, violence and tobacco."

A planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Goodland High School library for this year's challenge. Any who would like to be part of the organizing team is invited to come.

## matters of record

### Goodland Accidents

**Jan. 8** — At 6 p.m., Simon L. Bachert, driving an '82 Oldsmobile, was going north on Center and hit a parked '83 GMC pickup, owned by Pauline Renner, near Seventh and Center.

**Jan. 9** — At 7:36 a.m., Rusty Robinson, driving an '89 Ford, pulled out of a parking spot in front of the Goodland High School at 13th and Cherry and hit a parked '93 Chevrolet Suburban, owned by Janet D. Keys.

At 10:55 a.m., Marion I. Tomsic, driving a '99 Oldsmobile, was backing out of a parking space at 11th and Broadway and hit a parked '87 GMC pickup, owned by Kenneth Studer.

**Friday** — At 5:42 p.m., Richard L. Parker's '83 Ford pickup that he was driving stalled at 17th and Main. A short time later, a fire started under the hood of the vehicle. The fire was extinguished by the Goodland Police Department.

### Goodland Police Report

**Jan. 10** — At 12:45 p.m., Rasure Lumber, 605 Caldwell, reported that a jack hammer, saw and air compressor were rented between 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 and 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 10 and were not returned, \$1,883.

At 1:30 p.m., Richard L. Schwasinger reported that a tire on his vehicle was damaged at 1200 Arcade

between 6 p.m. on Jan. 5 and 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 10, \$85.

At 2:46 p.m., Joseph A. Hoveland, 23, was arrested for allegedly shoplifting a CD walkman from Wal-Mart between 2:40 and 2:46 p.m.

At 3:42 p.m., juveniles were involved in aggravated assault, battery and disorderly conduct at 1209 Cherry.

At 3:54 p.m., McB's Motor Co., 421 E. 17th, reported that some diesel fuel and a fuel filter were damaged between 4 p.m. on Jan. 7 and 2 a.m. on Jan. 8, \$116.

At 4:45 p.m., New Trail Truck Stop, 2631 Enterprise Road, reported a gas skip between 4:15 and 4:40 p.m. on Jan. 10, \$29.

At 6:06 p.m., Nadilyn J. Purdy reported that two tires on her vehicle were damaged at 1303 Caldwell, \$70.

**Thursday** — At 3:36 p.m., Alex D. West reported that two hub caps were taken from 531 W. 17th between noon and 3:36 p.m., \$180.

At 4:15 p.m., Kimberly C. Burk, 29, was arrested for allegedly shoplifting makeup and nail products from Wal-Mart, \$26.

**Friday** — At 12:04 a.m., Michelle S. Hartman reported that a cassette stereo and some bags of coins were taken from 110 Caldwell between 6:30 and 10:10 p.m., \$220.

At 11:30 a.m., Pied Piper Video, 1218 Main, reported that a Nintendo

console and games were rented between 11 a.m. on Dec. 12 and 11:30 a.m. on Friday and were not returned, \$340.

At 11:30 a.m., Pied Piper Video, 1218 Main, reported that a Playstation game and a movie were rented between 11 a.m. on Nov. 22 and 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 and were not returned, \$94.

At 8:49 p.m., Janice M. Bonsall, 31, was arrested for allegedly shoplifting items from Wal-Mart between 8:20 and 8:35 p.m., \$8.

**Saturday** — At 7 p.m., Brandon D. Terry, 21, reported that some CDs and a black case were taken at 16th and Arcade between 12:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., \$740.

### Real Estate Transfers

Roy H. Hinkle to Bruce R. and Marcia Plankinton, the SW 1/4 of Sec. 3, T10S, R40W, reserving an undivided one-half interest in the mineral rights.

Caldwell's Inc. to Michele Le Cooper, Lots 9 through 16 in Block 17 of the C.K.&N. Addition to Goodland.

Executor of the last will and testament of Edythe Handy to the trustees of the Wava Duell Trust, an undivided one-half interest in the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 10, T7S, R39W.

Executor of the last will and testament of Edythe Handy to the trustees of the Ralph Duell Trust, an undivided one-half interest in the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 10, T7S, R39W.

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