

Lives shattered and changed after tragedy

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 was shattered when the trade center collapsed. He worked in the twin towers, she said, went to restaurants and bars there and had friends in the buildings. She said he spent most of his time in the trade center.
 "Everything was gone," she said. Hapke said she talked with a group of young men who said they were on

their way to work at the trade center when the terrorists attacked. They were late that morning, she said, because they had stayed up the night before to watch the New York Giants game.
 The attacks have also brought people closer together, Hapke said. Volunteers were told to keep their minds occupied, she said, so she and others spent most of their free-time walking around New York. She said

she watched the tree lighting at Rockefeller Center and visited Radio City Music Hall and St. Patrick's Cathedral.
 "We were just walking the city," she said, "and seeing the people."
 In a city formerly known for its violence and racism, Hapke said everyone was "so nice."
 "I don't think I met one rude person," she said, adding that when a group of

volunteers got lost walking one day, ambulance workers gave them a ride back to the hotel.
 Ed Lofland, Jr., communications instructor, said he thinks his students picked up that people at the site were cooperating. He said he felt it was important for them to hear Hapke speak because they'll play an integral behind-the-scenes part in a disaster situation.

"I wanted the students to have an indication of what they'd be up against," he said.
 Hapke said she tried to stress that it's important to work together. "In a disaster," she said, "it takes everyone to make it work. It takes a team effort."
 She said she also wanted the students to understand that life is short.
 "You can do whatever you want to do," she said, "if you want it bad

enough. If you're not happy, find something else."
 And it's important to help out whenever you can.
 "If you have a chance to do it," she said, "do it."
 She said she decided that before she left for Ground Zero.
 "My first thought was I couldn't afford to go," she said, "but then I thought I couldn't afford not to go."

County lucky not to have some varieties of weeds

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 ers to present the eradication program report for last year and the weed management plan for the upcoming season.
 When West was asked how the weed program is going, he said he was not sure, but that they were trying to keep up with the existing level.
 "We are lucky we don't have some of the weed varieties they have in the east," he said.
 "The weeds there are very resistant to chemicals."
 Commissioner Tiede agreed, saying it was because the western part of the

state was drier and the weeds would not survive in the dry climate.
 West said he has most of the chemicals he needs for this year, and he is looking for a part-time person to help with the record keeping. He said Way has been advertising the position and has interviewed some applicants so far.
 Way and Bob McClung, Smoky Gardens caretaker, appeared and asked the commissioners for a closed session to discuss personnel.
 The commissioners were behind closed doors for about 20 minutes, and no decision was made after they returned to open session.

The commissioners approved sending County Clerk Janet Rumpel to a grant writing workshop in Stockton on Feb. 19. She and Commissioner Tiede attended the area Resource Conservation and Development meeting Monday to talk about Sherman County's need for a cardboard recycling program.
 Rumpel said she is working on a grant request for a building, bailer and fork lift to start a cardboard recycling program. She said the deadline for submitting the grant is April 26.
 Crystal Linsner has been asked to work with Thomas County to help de-

velop a household hazardous waste program for Sherman County. The plan is to start as a satellite to the current program in Thomas County, and determine if there is a need to have a separate program for Sherman County.
 Once the commissioners had completed most of their agenda they began discussing the solid waste program and the joint meeting with the city commissioners to be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the courthouse.
 Commissioner Rasure said he felt one of the major problems was that the current system was not convenient for the citizen who is bringing material out

to the transfer station.
 Commissioner Tiede suggested asking the city for four dumpsters which could be placed near the scales for those who are bringing small amounts of metal, wood, concrete and other construction and demolition debris.
 Talking about the charge for the construction and demolition debris, Commissioner Rasure said he felt it was somewhat unfair to homeowners and landlords the way it is currently set up.
 Way said he felt it would be better to give everyone a 1,000-pound grace for bringing this type of material to the transfer station before there are any

charges.
 "This way if a homeowner or a landlord has a small project like tearing out a sidewalk or driveway, they would get a break and would not be charged for the first 1,000 pounds," Way said.
 "This would also apply to the contractors probably on a monthly basis."
 After the first 1,000 pounds of construction and demolition debris, the charge is \$11 per ton.
 The next regular commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Avenue.

Tobacco lawsuit to begin in Kansas court

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — David Burton has no legs. A courtroom battle began Tuesday over whether that's his own fault, or that of tobacco companies who sold him cigarettes for 43 years.

Burton, of Kansas City, Kan., sued the R.J. Reynolds and Brown & Williamson tobacco companies in 1994 in federal court, alleging they hid the dangers of smoking from the public, even though they knew cigarettes

were dangerous.
 He smoked from 1950, when he was a teen, until 1993, when a circulatory disease forced doctors to amputate his legs.
 Smoker lawsuits against tobacco companies are common, though smokers seldom win: Just a handful of smokers have won individual claims against tobacco companies since the mid-1990s.

your own risk," McClain said.
 Burton was "unaware that at the end of the road, he could lose his legs," McClain said. "In 1954, he's 19 years old, he has no idea what (smoking) has in store for him. The tobacco companies do."
 He said Burton couldn't quit because he was addicted. He stopped smoking in 1993.
 R.J. Reynolds attorney Sydney McDole told jurors that Burton's health problems had less to do with smoking than with a lifetime of drinking and eating bacon, ham and eggs, against his doctor's warnings.
 She called Burton an "independent, strong-willed man" who "knew alcohol was bad for him, yet he drank a lot of whiskey and beer."
 McDole said tobacco's dangers were known before Burton began smoking in 1950. And she pointed out that a health warning was printed on every pack of cigarettes he bought after 1966.

Owner hopes no one is shoplifting here

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not."
 "This is a small town, and we hope nobody would steal," she said, "but sometimes they do."
 Cooper, who hung one of the fliers in her store window, says she thinks the program is a good idea.
 "It might make people stop and think," she said.
 The Deca members have also prepared a pamphlet on employee theft, which Wing says McDonald's has requested.
 "It's not the same as shoplifting," she said, "but it is a big problem, and it costs these businesses money."
 The girls say they are hoping to get the KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio

station in Goodland to air announcements about the special week.
 As part of their project, the members have to write a manual for the Deca state contest that describes why they chose their problem, how they researched the problem and how they tried to fix it.
 The manual is judged at the state contest in Kansas City in March and if it does well, the team will go on to the national contest in Salt Lake City in April.
 If the program is successful, Wing said, she would like to see it brought back every year.
 "This problem isn't just going to go away," she said, "but we can slow it down."

Kansans back tax hike

TOPEKA (AP) — A health care group released a poll Tuesday showing most Kansans would support a higher tax on cigarettes.
 Gov. Bill Graves has proposed increasing the state tax to 89 cents per pack from the current 24 cents to raise an estimated \$111 million in the fiscal year that starts July 1.
 The increase is supported by the Kansas Health Care Access Coalition, made up of 34 health and social service groups.
 A December survey of 500 registered Kansas voters found supporters of a higher tax outnumbered opponents 3-to-1, coalition members said at a Statehouse news conference. The poll

had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.
 Many health advocates say higher cigarette prices would reduce smoking, especially among young people.
 "This is more than a fiscal issue," said Graves, who dropped in on the news conference. "This is driven in large part by health benefits that we know will be derived from reducing smoking, especially among young Kansans."
 At a hearing Tuesday of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee, health advocates spoke in favor of Graves' tax plan while criticism came from anti-tax activists, retail stores and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

On Tuesday, Burton watched from his black, motorized wheelchair as his attorney, Kenneth B. McClain, laid out his case against the two tobacco companies.
 Tobacco companies cast doubt about whether smoking was dangerous well into the 1980s, McClain said.
 He showed jurors documents from tobacco companies where they publicly claimed to be concerned about smokers' health, while, he said, acknowledging only to themselves that smoking was dangerous.
 "They didn't say, 'You smoke at

Woman pleads guilty on taxes

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A DeSoto woman has pleaded guilty to filing an income tax return that did not include about \$292,471 she had embezzled from her employer.
 Marlene Saathof, 53, entered the plea Monday before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to one count of filing a false income tax return.
 U.S. Attorney Jim Flory said Saathof admitted that she failed to report as income on her 1998 tax return the money she had embezzled from Entire Supply.
 Saathof faces a maximum penalty of three years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for April 22.

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