People urged to put information on cell phones

When emergency medical people arrive contacts and vital medical information in accident scenes there were always cell ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 and so on. at an accident scene and the injured person is unable to respond, having a cell phone with ICE-In Case of Emergency-contacts

Judy McKee of the Sherman County Emergency Response Team, is asking people to join a national campaign urging everyone to store next-of-kin details in their mobile phones.

"When you ask Goodland residents what their original reason was for purchasing a cell phone for themselves or for their children, the majority of said it was to communicate in case of an emergency," said

"Some of the older people said they have always carried a written list of emergency

their purses and wallets. Others are wearphones with the injured, but responders ing medical bracelets and necklaces with didn't know which numbers to call. engraved information on them.

a cell phone do not replace those other file "next of kin" under. forms of identification, but should be used

"The national campaign is designed to be recognized by first responders ... for sav- an Emergency – into the mobile phone ing precious minutes ... when trying to contact next of kin...." The idea was developed by the East An-

glican Ambulance Trust, she said, after retelephoned following a serious accident.

Paramedic Bob Brochie noticed that at

"The In Case of Emergency contacts in there was a nationally recognized name to

This concept was recognized and won the 2005 Vodafone Life Savers Award.

By entering the letters ICE – In Case of book, users can log the name and number of someone who should be contacted in an emergency.

This idea can help paramedics, hospital search showing eight out of 10 people don't personnel and emergency responders to carry any details of who they would like contact a friend or relative which could be vital in a life-or-death situation.

For more than one contact, simply enter

McKee said people should think carefully about who will be their In Case of He thought is would be a good idea if Emergency partner, particularly if that person will be asked to give consent for medical treatment.

To activate the service on your mobile phone, go to "contacts," enter the letters "ICE" under the name, followed by the telephone number of your next of kin.

See that both daytime and evening numbers are included if possible.

When thinking about who you list as an emergency contact:

- Make sure the person whose name and number you give has agreed to be your ICE tion. partner.
 - Make sure your partner has a list of

people they should contact on your behalf - including your place of work.

- Make sure your partner's number is one that's easy to get. For example, a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person is at work.
- Make sure your partner knows about any medical conditions that could affect emergency treatment - for example allergies of current medication.
- Make sure if you are under 18, your ICE partner is either your mother or father or immediate member of your family authorized to make decisions on your behalf - for example if you need a life-or-death opera-



The "Help is Here" Bus was in Colby on Wednesday to help people cut the cost on their prescription

Convention to be held in Oakley

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What might be the one of the larggather for the first *Jericho* Convenor federal governments.

discuss things you wouldn't normally discuss," said Logan County who conceived the idea for a gathering when a fan of the CBS primetime drama "Jericho" called him from New York in late April.

The fan told Bell the fictitious city in the show replicated Oakley. "Oakley is Jericho," said Bell.

will hit in September, when televi- prepare a community to live with- iansofjericho.net or .org. sion producers, actors and fans out advice or information from state "I'm expecting between 2,000 "This will be an opportunity to ment about the upcoming event, but but there won't be an open motel

Bell said he plans to have experts in room for 100 miles." the field of nuclear energy address Development Director Jamie Bell, scientific and social issues raised in out the U.S., Bell has organized the show at the convention Sept. 14- committees to prepare for the con-16 in downtown Oakley. Bell said vention. a blog on the Internet has allowed fans and CBS executives to offer ideas about the convention and prepare to attend it.

As part of planning, Bell said, he

Jericho executive producers Jon established a web site and various Turteltaub, Carol Barbee and links about the show at www.jerich Stephen Chbosky said the show oconvention.blogspot.com., with est booms for northwestern Kansas covers such questions about how to forums now moving to www.guard

and 3,000 people," Bell said. "This Kahl was not available for com- will not only be good for Oakley,

Working with other fans through-

Bus helps 90 people to get prescription drugs ists, mobile phones, laptop comput- 4PPA-NOW, where a specialist will Michelle Myers freepress@nwkansas.com

Almost 90 low-income and underinsured people got some help with their medications Wednesday when the "Help is Here Express" bus came to Colby.

As part of a group called the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, supported by major drug companies, the bus tour based in Washington is a national effort to raise awareness for programs that provide free or low-cost prescription medicines.

There are over 475 programs, some of which have been around for 50 years, said Jeff Gilbert, director of communications and public affairs for Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

'We are in Kansas to help people with substantial needs who qualify for the help we offer," Gilbert said.

Since its beginning in April 2005, he said, the bus has visited all 50 states and helped 4 million people, including 40,000 in Kansas. "We are very happy with those

numbers," said Gilbert.

ers and printers, the bus offers a convenient prequalification process for prescription assistance In a process normally taking no longer than 10 minutes, patients are asked 10 questions to help determine if they qualify, Gilbert said. The application is then printed, the patient will send it to his or her doctor, who submits it to one or more programs, and the patient receives the prescriptions in two to three weeks.

Jennifer Mazanec of Colby and Judy Brenner from Goodland came to the bus for information they can give to their clients. Mazanec works with the Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, which helps with jobs, and Brenner works for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Goodland. "It sounds like a wonderful pro-

gram," Mazanec said.

For those who missed the bus, the prescription assistance plan offers two other ways patients can get help buying medications they need. Equipped with trained special- at www.pparx.org or call (888) our help," he said.

answer questions and help.

"Now, even more people will see how easy it is to get help by calling the program's toll-free number, using the web site, or by visiting the bus," said Chip Wheeland, executive director for the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine who was on the bus. "And that translates to more people getting the help they need."

The bus tour also stopped in Greensburg, leveled by a tornado May 4, to help people with rebuilding efforts by helping hospitals with supplies. The bus remained near the new hospital, hoping to find people who needed help, said Gilbert. It will continue on to Hays and should be in Lawrence and Leavenworth by Saturday.

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance is changing thousands of lives every day, said Billy Tauzin, president and chief executive officer of the pharmaceutical associa-

"We will keep coming back as They can visit the group's web site long as there are people who need

correction

An obituary for Evelyn Troutt-Mrs. Troutt-Berry's first husband, J. Lloyd Troutt, who had heart trouble. The town Emmett, Idaho, was incorrectly spelled Emmitt in one place in the obituary. These were reporting errors.

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