

Volunteer has seen success

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Lovington said another victim she has helped has chosen to stay with her partner and may have a happy outcome as well. He seems to be coming around, Lovington said. It's rare that abusers change, she said, but it can happen and may in this case.

Lovington said she does a lot of educating through the prevention center. She said she tries to teach young people abuse is not OK. It often starts with bullying in school, Lovington said; the abuser likes the feeling of control, and it grows from there.

There are kids in high school in dating situations, she said, where violence is already showing. According to a Kansas Juvenile Justice survey, Linsner said, as many as 40 percent of teens dating are in abusive situations.

In an educational program, Lovington said, young people were asked what they thought, and the girls in the group said when a guy abuses them, it's his way of show-



and are away from their family and friends, she said, and don't feel they have anyone here to turn to.

The men who brought them here threaten to

ing he loves them. Lovington says she is trying to change that kind of thinking.

Lovington does some work for the shelter through the prevention center and volunteers on her own time, and she served on the shelter board at one time.

She has found her skills as an interpreter valuable to combat a problem many people don't realize is happening.

Men bring women from other countries, she said, and keep the women under their control. The women don't speak our language

send them back, Linsner said. Though a federal law says that if they are in a domestic violence situation, they can't be deported, she said, the women usually don't know that.

Lovington said she teaches English as a second language and includes programs in her classes to help students who may be victims of violence. She said she had Linsner come in to talk about sexual abuse of children and she helps her students learn that they can stay in the United States and not be abused.

Family Shelter roundup

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter handles domestic violence in 18 northwest Kansas counties:

- A Sherman County victim, Linda, says the shelter saved her. Story was on Page 1 Friday.
- The family shelter provides safety, help, counsel to those who face violence in their home. Story was on Page 1 Friday.
- Goodland family shelter office closed for lack of money. Story was on Page 8 Friday.

• Shelter director hopes Sherman County will add domestic violence task force. Story was on Page 8 Friday.

- Family shelter has been in Sherman County for 30 years. Story was on Page 8 Friday.
- Volunteer has seen the good the family shelter can do. Story on Page 1.
- Family shelter covers 18-county area with five paid staff, 20-30 volunteers and shrinking budget. Story below.

Family shelter covers 18 counties

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter covers 10,080 square miles in 18 counties with five paid staff and 20-30 volunteers.

The shelter lost \$31,000 from its budget last year, Director Charlotte Linsner said, but because of the volunteers was still able to provide its services for free.

Even though the shelter facility is in Hays, services reach the western border of Kansas, including Sherman County. Linsner, who used to live in Goodland and still

has a home here, gives the following statistics:

- 230 volunteer hours were expended in Sherman County in the past year.
- 800 miles were traveled within the borders of Sherman, Thomas, Logan, Wallace and Cheyenne counties from January through July.
- The shelter has worked with 11 clients in those five counties in the same time.

Though the services are avail-

able, those needing them have to ask.

Victims wanting help from the volunteers or the shelter have to come forward, Linsner said; no one goes out looking for them.

For help, she said, call toll free at (800) 794-4624. Since it is a free call, she said, nothing will show up on your long distance bill a landline phone to tell the abuser you called. Since cell phones often have detailed billing, it usually will show up there.

Congressman chows down at 'goat roast'



Congressman Jerry Moran visited with Marty Melia and Ron Schilling Thursday afternoon at the KLOE/KKCI/KWGB goat roast held at Melia's home. Moran said he thought the goat tasted OK but felt he should stick with beef. Schilling said he thought the best of the goat they cooked was the shish kebobs with the vegetables. The goat, raised by Megan Sheldon, was the Grand Champion at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair, purchased by the radio station at the livestock sale.

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matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 16 — Esther Montoya, 54, Kanorado, was fined \$126 for speeding.

Patricia R. Deffendall, 26, Dutch Harbor, Ark. was fined \$150 for speeding.

James L. Carlson, 39, Tulsa, Okla. was fined \$120 for speeding.

James L. Carlson, 39, Tulsa, Okla. was fined \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Thomas W. Preston II, 27, Geneseo, N.Y. was fined \$138 for speeding.

Melissa S. Hernandez, 24, St. Louis, Mo. was fined \$144 for speeding.

Alberto Gonzalez, 53, Tampa, Fla. was fined \$115 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Jalaal R. Johnson, 24, Ft. Stewart, Ga. was fined \$126 for speeding.

July 19 — Nathan D. McCrorey, 43, of Paden, Okla. was fined \$125 for speeding.

Ann C. Gaus, 21, San Francisco, Calif. was fined \$168 for speeding.

Lee C. Highsmith, 35, Gary, N.C. was fined \$114 for speeding.

April D. Riedel, 18, Dudley, N.C. was fined \$132 for speeding.

Virginia A. Brown, 21, St. Francis, was fined \$108 for speeding.

Gregory D. Weigel, 22, Air Force

Academy, Colo. was fined \$240 for speeding.

William O. Gardner, II, 25, Milliken, Colo. was fined \$168 for

speeding.

James M. Rakestraw, 32, Louisville, Ky. was fined \$255 for speeding.

Medical assistant students listed on honor roll

Five students in the medical assistant program at the Northwest Kansas Technical College were on the spring honor roll:

Cassandra Dawdy, Juana M.

Hernandez, Manuela Hernandez, Jessica Loya and Marie Sandoval.

Students must have a grade point average of 3.5 to qualify for the

Honor Roll. Medical Assistant students completed their program July 16 after finishing a six-week internship in a medical office or facility.



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To register and get dates/times contact Cris at 899-3848 or stop at 109 W. 11th.

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The Hispanic Advisory Board will provide this free bilingual program for teen parents / parents to be (ages 13-19), created by the March of Dimes.

The course will be given in an 8 week period of 1 1/2 hours each week.

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