

# Cleaners owner commits suicide

**By Kathryn Burke**  
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Goodland Police officers were called to the scene of an apparent suicide at Wardrobe Cleaners, 1019 Center, around 9:20 a.m. Wednesday. John Scheifen, 60, owner of the cleaners, shot himself in the head around 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, just minutes before a call came into 911, said Goodland Police Chief Ray Smeed.

"We don't use the word suicide," he said. "He died from a self inflicted gunshot wound."

Smeed said the incident is not under investigation.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Goodland with the Rev. H.A. Lycett officiating.

Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Cemetery with military honors by the Goodland VFW and the United States Army of Fort Riley.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the church in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

# Girl Scouts sell trademark cookies

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Time again for people everywhere to wrap their lips around the thin chocolate wafers in the rich chocolaty coating topped with a burst of peppermint oil, Thin Mints, as the five Goodland Girl Scout troops are selling cookies.

"They're going well so far," said Jackie Buller, scout service unit manager, about the cookie sales.

for cookie sales, Buller said, and they even win prizes for selling the most cookies. She said the badge can come from the scouts going through lessons on money skills or other cookie related subjects.

Through selling cookies, girls can earn cookie dough, coupons that can be used towards girl scout expenses including camp, she said. The coupons are how some girls get a chance to afford camp, she said.

The girls sell Caramel Delights, a vanilla cookies dipped in caramel and then striped with chocolate; Peanut Butter Patties, vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered in chocolate coating; Classic Shortbread, buttery shortbread cookies; Peanut Butter Sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiched between crunchy oatmeal cookies; Lemon Pastry Cremes, lemon cream between lightly glazed pastry cookies; and Animal Treasures, shortbread cookies with the bottom dipped in fudge and embossed with the image of an endangered animal.



She said selling cookies is the major fundraiser and a benefit to the groups.

"It's good to teach the girls how to be responsible with money," she said, "and to get out to the community."

Each troop, she said, from kindergarten to high school girls, sets individual goals for the group and sends the girls out to hit the streets. She said the troops also decide what they plan to do with the proceeds.

Before they send the girls out, Buller said, they make sure everyone understands selling safety. Scouts are told to always sell cookies with someone else, she said.

Some troops, she said, will go out together with troop leaders who caravan through town to sell the tasty treats.

She said girls are told to never go by themselves and never to go into a strangers' house.

Older girl scouts, Buller said, are taught a little bit of salesmanship, and all the girls learn to get out and talk to people in the community. The scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms but, she said, the outfits aren't required.

Although some girls enlist the help of their parents to sell cookies, she said, the troops stress personal responsibility for the cookies.

"It's a nice way for them to get out," she said.

Individual girls can earn a badge

The newest cookies is the Iced Berry Piñatas, a crunchy oatmeal base filled with berry fruit, iced on the bottom and covered with swirls of sugar glaze and cinnamon crumb topping.

"Every year or two they bring out a new one," Buller said adding there is not a new cookie for this year.

She said the most popular cookies are the Thin Mints but she prefers the Lemon Pastry Cremes.

When they come in, she said, the cookies are all delivered to one place where troops come to separate them. She said they deliver the cookies and collect the money.

Sales for the cookies started Monday, Jan. 21, and will continue through Monday, Feb. 7. Buller said if you are not contacted by a scout and still want cookies, call her at 890-6547.

# corrections

On Page 2 of *The Goodland Star-News* on Tuesday, Feb. 1 it was incorrectly reported under Matters of Record that Daniel T. Dempenwolf was arrested for battery. Dempenwolf was not arrested, but the victim of battery.

This was the reporter's error.

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Goodland police officers checked out the scene of an accident at 324 E. 12th on Tuesday. The driver, Kimberly Arasmith lost control due to a medical condition and the car swerved off the road into the backyard of the home.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

# Car hits house

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Residents at 324 E. 12th were startled Tuesday as a Goodland woman lost control and drove her car through their backyard and into the corner of their house.

The police report said Kimberly Arasmith was driving a 1979 blue Ford limited edition south on Caldwell when an apparent medical condition caused her to lose control. The car left the roadway, knocked down the fence and hit the corner of the house before coming to a stop.

Arasmith was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center where she was treated and released the same day.

Neighbors watched as police surrounded the scene of the accident and blocked off Caldwell from 11th to 12th Street.

The rust red fence surrounding the white house yielded to the car and splintered into pieces. The car's wheels were damaged and the front end was damaged where it hit the house.

# Pioneer Park options top city agenda

Finding ways to move the Pioneer Park project to the construction phase are the top issue on the city agenda for the meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday.

At the previous city meeting bids for the project were presented and the commission was told the bid was about \$85,000 over what the city had to pay for the project.

City Manager Ron Pickman was not at the meeting because of a mediation hearing in Kansas City.

However, he hopes to be at Monday's meeting and said he believes with some additional funds and negotiations with the contractor the difference can be narrowed to less than \$10,000.

"I told the Rev. Gene Tromble that I hoped he was able to raise some money to help the project," Pickman said, "but told him we had to have the money in hand before it could be counted toward the project."

"The project will be the top item on Monday, and the hope is to get

commission approval to move ahead with the contract."

Pickman said he had reviewed the budget and found some money that could be moved into the project. He said he was able to take about \$10,000 from the budgeted cost for the aerial photos of the city which came in lower than had been expected.

"That helps," he said, "and it was good to see that we could get that project done for about the same price as we did seven years ago."

Pickman said there are several items on the bids that he feels could be negotiated with Miller Construction if the commission will give their approval.

Miller Construction was the low bidder for the construction at \$465,404, but the engineering costs — with a maximum of \$75,000 — had to be added to bring the total to \$538,904.

The city has \$453,916 set aside, leaving a shortage of \$84,989.

The Rev. Gene Tromble, a retired Methodist minister and volunteer chairman of the Pioneer Park committee, is working with a group of financial advisors to raise money to help with the costs of building the park as it is designed.

Any donations to Pioneer Park need to be made by today, Tromble said, so a report can be made at the city meeting on Monday.

Tromble said he talked to Jim Wedermyer, Terry Richardson, Larry McCants, Randy Coleman, Pete Whalen, Dwight Perry and others who have given him ideas and are willing to help raise the money.

In other business the commission:

- Will consider renewal of the health insurance policy. Pickman said the indication is the total cost may go down this year.
- Consider an appointment to the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board. Cris Lovington,

who was the representative, has indicated she is resigning.

- Appoint a delegate and alternate to the Rural Water business meeting.
- Discusses the electric rate study to be conducted by Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.
- A quote to upgrade water telemetry system.
- Purchase of topper for fire rescue vehicle.
- Appointments of two to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The terms of Dean Graber and Don Newell are expiring and there is another vacancy on the board.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. in the commission room upstairs in the administration building, 204 W. 11th. The city offices close at 4 p.m., and the doors are locked. To gain admittance to the commission meeting it is necessary to push the button and wait for the door to be released.

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# student of the week



**Name:** Richard Bauman  
**Parents:** Jerry and Reva Bauman  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18  
**We've nominated this student because:** of his efforts in the classroom. Richard is self-motivated. He always comes prepared for class and has a desire to learn.

**Student Comment:** My favorite aspect of school life is being around all the students. Math and computer classes have always been my best liked subjects. I will remember all of the life

lessons that Goodland High School has given me.

**Activities involved in at school:** Band, FCCLA, Student Council and golf.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** I like movies that are full of action like Top Gun. My favorite type of music is alternative rock. I really like the instrumental part of the band Creed.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** Attend Kansas State University and major in computer science and computer networking.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** Working on my Doctorate in computer science engineering, while working at a secure job that I enjoy.

**Favorite Quote:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

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