

Hospice team combines all aspects of health care

The hospice interdisciplinary team has been, and probably always will be, central to the hospice philosophy of care.

Hospice founder Dame Cicely Saunders, who embodied the interdisciplinary spirit in her work as physician, nurse and social worker, believed in honoring and caring for all aspects of the patient and family — physical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual.

Care is directed and provided by an interdisciplinary team made up of physicians, nurses, social workers, spiritual providers and volunteers. The interdisciplinary team conducts assessments, develops and monitors care plans and reviews the nature and effectiveness of care on a regular basis.

The interdisciplinary team model creates an environment where individual care providers are stronger together than they ever would have



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comprehensive care plans. The exact combination of services and the level of care is unique to each patient

and changes as his needs evolve over the course of his involvement with hospice.

Physician services include both the services provided by the hospice medical director as well as services provided by the person's attending physician.

Nursing services provide intermittent visits, performing prescribed medical treatments, including pain management and symptom control. The nurse is responsible for nursing assessment and evaluation.

He or she educates the patient and family about the expected course of

the disease, care techniques and other health measures.

Social services include the assessment of social and emotional factors related to the patient's condition and his and his family's reaction to it. The social worker participates in the care planning, evaluation and revision as appropriate to changing patient/family needs.

The social worker helps the patient access available resources and assumes responsibility for the provision of bereavement services to the patient, family or other primary caregiver prior to and following the person's death.

Spiritual assessment, care planning and intervention are among the most varied areas of the hospice interdisciplinary team. Spiritual values may be expressed in such media as art, music, meditation, etc.

Hospice Services partners with the family pastor, if available, to

address the spiritual concerns of the patient, family and significant others.

The hospice volunteer is the heart and soul of the hospice team. The breadth, scope and nature of volunteer services to hospice are as great as the number of volunteers.

Hospice Services has more than 100 volunteers. Each volunteer brings to hospice a unique style, set of skills and experiences which, if appropriately tapped and monitored, can greatly enhance the functioning and scope of services provided by hospice.

All too often, referrals are made to Hospice at the very end of a terminal illness, and the Hospice Interdisciplinary Team is unable to address all of the needs of the terminally ill and their families. In fact, the No. 1 response from patients and families in a recent survey was, "why didn't we know about Hos-

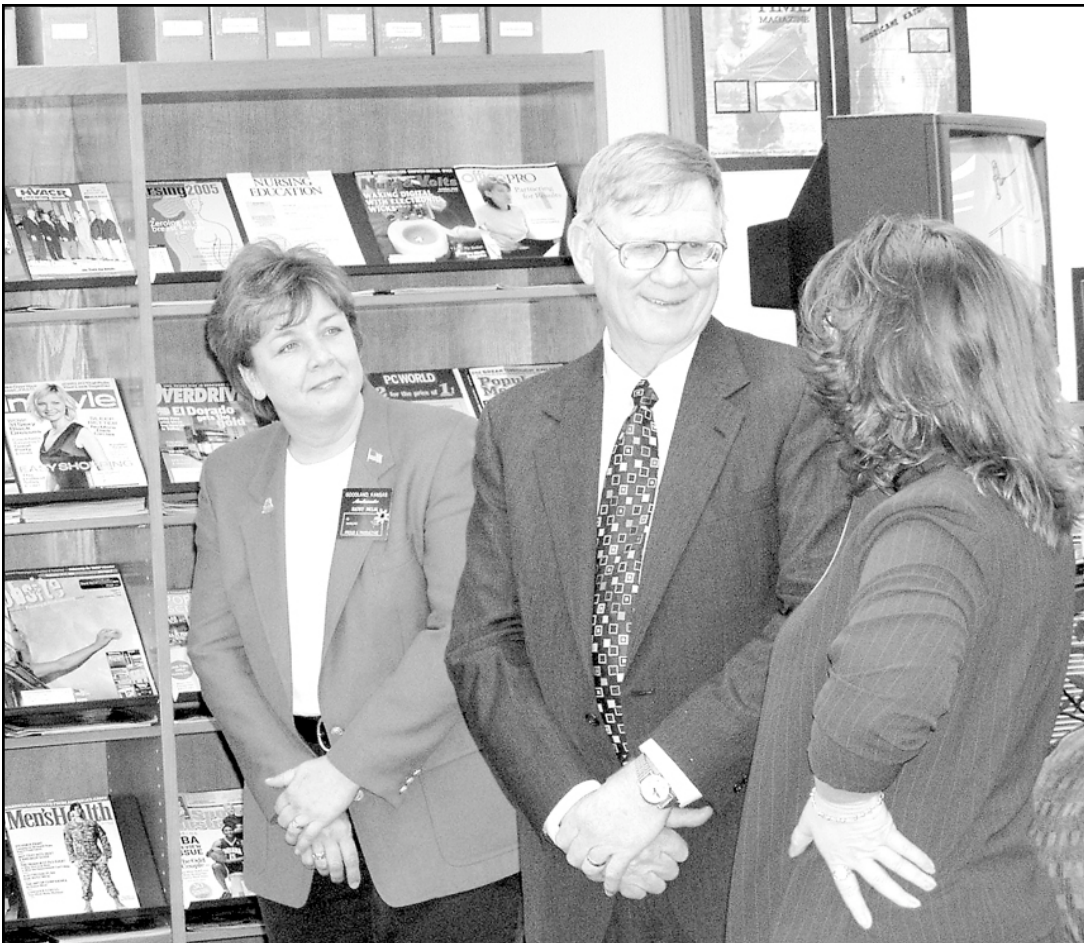
pice sooner?"

Hospice care is driven by a set of core values that include respect, dignity, acceptance and compassion. In interdisciplinary care, patients and families are very much part of the interdisciplinary team. They identify the needs and goals that drive the care delivery process.

One of the greatest challenges in hospice and palliative care is determining how to effectively join the various disciplines to enhance the patient and family's experience and meet their needs and goals.

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New library draws crowd to open house



The Northwest Kansas Technical College held an open house to celebrate the opening of its library Thursday, Oct. 27. Chatting by the magazine racks were (from left) Kathy Melia, a Goodland Ambassador; Paul Chaffin, director of student services and counselor; and Sherri Knitig, executive secretary at the college.

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Area officers graduate from training center

Two area police officers graduated last month from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center near Yoder.

John Bowman, with the Goodland Police Department, and Derek J. Morrow, with the St. Francis Police Department, completed the basic training.

Garden City Police Chief James Hawkins congratulated 60 graduates Oct. 21 at the 4-H Building on the state fair grounds.

The graduates, who began their training July 18, represented 42 city, county and state law enforcement agencies, the 181st basic training class at the center.

Graduates receive certificates for course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, formerly known as the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Commission.

Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve problems they face in the line of duty.

The center is a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, the center is in southern Reno County at a former Naval

Air Station.

The center trains the state law enforcement officers in Kansas and oversees and monitors the training of the remaining officers at seven authorized and certified academy programs operated by local agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The center also monitors the employment and training histories of all Kansas law enforcement officers in the Central Registry, created in 1982 by the Kansas Legislature.

Operation is paid for from docket fees from municipal and state courts. No tax money is used.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Oct. 28 — Minor in possession at 7:55 p.m. on W. Hwy. 24. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 29 — Arrested Dustin James Krayca at 1100 College at midnight, for driving under the influence. Case referred to city attorney.

Presto Convenience Store, 2510 Commerce reported theft of gasoline \$22.50 at 1:20 a.m. Case remains under investigation.

Vicki Lea Geeseka, 800 Main, reported theft of a purse \$20 at noon. Case remains under investigation.

Arrested Rudy Pena, 1000 Main, at 7:56 p.m., on a warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

Oct. 31 — Ruben Garcia, 916 Syracuse, reported theft of license tag \$3, at noon. Case remains under investigation.

Accidents

These are accidents investigated by the Goodland police department.

Sept. 20

7:15 a.m. — Jillian L. Parker, driving a 1998 Pontiac, turned east onto 12th from Main. Driver's vision became obstructed by bright sunlight, and struck the parked 2004 Chevrolet pickup of Haynes Publishing.

Sept. 23

3:42 p.m. — Elizabeth Bowen, driving a 2001 Chevrolet Tracker. Driving east onto a traffic lane in the parking lot at 2160 Commerce Rd. Tracker turned too sharp and struck a concrete sign. There was damage to the right size. The sign was not damaged.

Sept. 27

8:24 a.m. — Ronald Grass, driving a 1996 Freight liner, was attempting to turn around in a field at 6th and Caldwell when the trailer caught cable lines.

3:23 p.m. — Lynda J. Townsend, driving a 2000 Chevrolet, was packing from a parking space on Main near 12th Street, and did not see the 1989 Chevrolet, driven by Sharon Corcoran. Townsend struck the Corcoran car in the passenger side causing damage.

Sept. 28

7:45 a.m. — Timothy C. Hawking, driving a 1986 GM pickup, was attempting to park at 13th and Walnut when the pickup hit the driver side rear bumper and quarter panel of a second vehicle.

Sept. 30

6:10 a.m. — Mark D. Westover, driving a 2001 Freightliner, was trying to turn into the drive of Frontier Equity at 1202 W. Hwy 24 when the trailer struck the 1984 GMC driven by Elden L. Zinn.

Oct. 8

11:05 a.m. — Carole Farris, driving a 1986 Honda, was parked in the parking lot of Kabredlo's at 320 E. 8th. Farris' car went out of gear and rolled back into a car parked at the fuel pumps causing damage.

Oct. 9

6:57 p.m. — Esther Montoya driving a 1996 GMC pickup, was backing out of the driveway in the west alley of 5th and Sherman. The pickup struck the gas meter along the west side of the alley.

Oct. 14

8:27 p.m. — Andrea L. Grieve, driving a 1990 Hyundai, was traveling south on Main following a 1976 Chevy K10 pickup driven by Dustin A. Baker. Baker slowed to

turn into a parking lot and was struck in the rear by Grieve. There was minor damage to the Hyundai. There was no damage to the Baker pickup.

Oct. 20

3:31 p.m. — Anna Lu, driving a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer, struck the driver side and rear fender of a 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Shelby Herl who was driving north of Caldwell at 12th.

Oct. 21

6:59 p.m. — Roger Enfield, driving a 2001 Chevrolet pickup was driving south on K-27 and did not see the 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Allen N. Moore slowing down to turn and struck it from behind. Moore's pickup was not in the turning lane.

2 p.m. — Dennis Sharp had parked his 1998 Chevrolet pickup at 1100 E. 13th when it was struck by the 1986 Ford pickup owned by Andrew Zimkus, which was illegally parked.

Oct. 22

7:36 p.m. — Jamaie Curtis, driving a 1998 Buick Lesabre, was going to turn south onto Texas at 12th and saw another vehicle which wasn't going to stop at the stop sign. She slammed on her brakes and was hit by the other vehicle which left the scene.

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Sept. 14: Kenneth M. Pottorff, speeding 45/30. Total fine and costs \$536.

Jessie Corona, amended speeding 35/30. Total fine and costs \$128.

Caleb M. Simon, Quinter, disobey stop sign. Fine and costs \$76.

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