

School bus accident has ties to Goodland

A WaKeeney school bus picking up children for school near Ogallah on Thursday morning and a truck collided at a rural intersection, killing a Goodland man's brother and the bus driver.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Toby D. Lynd, 49, a Trego County commissioner, was driving the 1996 International school bus north on a county road five miles south of the junction of I-70 and K-147 in Ogallah with 10 students on board. The bus and a 1993 Isuzu Rodeo driven by Brett A.

Deines, 32, WaKeeney, brother of Chad Deines of Goodland, collided.

Though both drivers died in the crash, the students were fine, officers said. Only two were injured. The students ranged in age from 6 to 14, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported; the two 14-year-olds were taken to Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

An article in Friday's edition of *The Salina Journal* says the two men were pronounced dead at the scene. The bus was on

its way to pick up a student on a county road when it collided with the truck at an unmarked intersection. The bus rolled at least once before settling on its side in a ditch. The highway patrol was called to the wreck by a student, who called his parents on a cell phone. It appears the two drivers didn't see one another, said Trooper Doug Shearer; he said the glaring sun at 7:30 a.m. might have had something to do with the crash.

Neither driver was wearing a seat belt. There were seat belts available in the bus

for the students, Shearer said, but he wasn't sure if any of the children was wearing them. Lynd was elected to the Trego County Commission in 2002 and had driven a bus for the Trego-WaKeeney School District for 21 years.

Brett Deines was born April 19, 1973, in WaKeeney, the son of Larry and Audrey Deines. He was a salesman for Hays Auto Parts.

Other survivors include his parents of WaKeeney; a sister, Erika Perry of Ottawa;

his paternal grandmother, Hilda Deines of WaKeeney; and a special friend, Shelli Jones of WaKeeney.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the Zion Lutheran Church in WaKeeney, with burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th, WaKeeney, Kan. 67672. Memorials may be made to the church or the Arthritis Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Restoration begins on display

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News
Restoration of Goodland's 100-piece Christmas display involves putting the plywood panels out where artists and workers can see what's wrong and fix it.

Members of the Goodland Rotary and Lions club moved the panels from storage to the old Corner Garage paint shop, where there's room to work on them. The shop has heat, a boon to the volunteers working on the project.

The panels have been put on sawhorses donated by Rasure-Do-It-Center, Jeanette Foust said.

The bad places on the panels have been chipped out, filled and then repainted, she said. The signs will be the first worked on.

"It's not any worse than the time before," said Foust, noting that the display has been repaired one other time.

The display was finished in 1988 by three artists, Foust, Maxine Rauscher and Connie Hatcher. Hatcher has since moved to Arizona, but the other two are helping with the restoration.

The late Ordie Billenwillms gave the money for the original display, Rauscher said. The welding department of the Northwest Kansas Technical College made the original and replacement stands. The whole project took over 2,000 hours to complete.

The display was usually put up around the hospital, but was not put up this last Christmas because of damage and wear to the pieces.

Ron Lucas, president of the Ro-

tary Club, said only about half of the display was in good enough to put up, so they decided to shelve it. Rotary has been in charge of putting the display up and taking it down with the help from students from the college.

The deterioration was caused by weather, wind, assembling, dismantling, transporting and storage over the years, said Lucas. For Christmas 2004, only about two-thirds of the display was in good enough shape to be used.

The scenes' story includes the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem for a Roman census, finding no place to stay but a stable, Jesus in a manger, angels appearing to shepherds and the three wise men making the journey to see Jesus. The scenes have lots of sheep, camels and donkeys.

Josh Dechant, vice president of Bankwest, has been in charge of raising donations for the restoration with the Sherman County Community Foundation handling of the money.

"There has been about \$13,650 donated so far," said Mike Briney, treasurer of the foundation.

Engineer Darin Neufeld has estimated it would take at least \$20,000 to restore the display.

They hope to replace the backs with new wood. The bigger pieces fold up and will need heavier hinges, said Dechant.

Bankwest and First National Bank each donated \$5,000 and Western State Bank donated \$2,000. Anyone wanting to donate can contact Dechant at 899-2342.

Leawood man dies in fiery I-70 accident

A Johnson County man died when his Land Rover flew off I-70 near the Brewster exit Sunday night, crashed into a field and burned.

The Brewster rural fire department was called to the scene on a report of a ditch fire, but it turned out to be a sports utility vehicle burning. They discovered a body inside.

Trooper Josh McQuitty was called about 11 p.m. Sunday to the scene at mile marker 40, just east of the Thomas County line.

Reports at the scene indicated there could have been one or two people inside. The car was badly burned and officers were unsure what make it was at first. It was past moon Monday before the patrol released the identity of car and driver.

Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Brad Parker was sent to the wreck, but returned to Sherman County after troopers and a Thomas County deputy arrived.

McQuitty's preliminary report indicated the 2002 Land Rover was traveling east when the driver, David G. Hof, 59, of Leawood, apparently fell asleep and the Land

Rover went off the highway and over an embankment. It was airborne for a distance before landing on its wheels, and caught fire.

McQuitty reported the car was ablaze when the Brewster fire department arrived. The firemen remained at the scene until about 2 a.m.

The body was taken to the Kerssenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

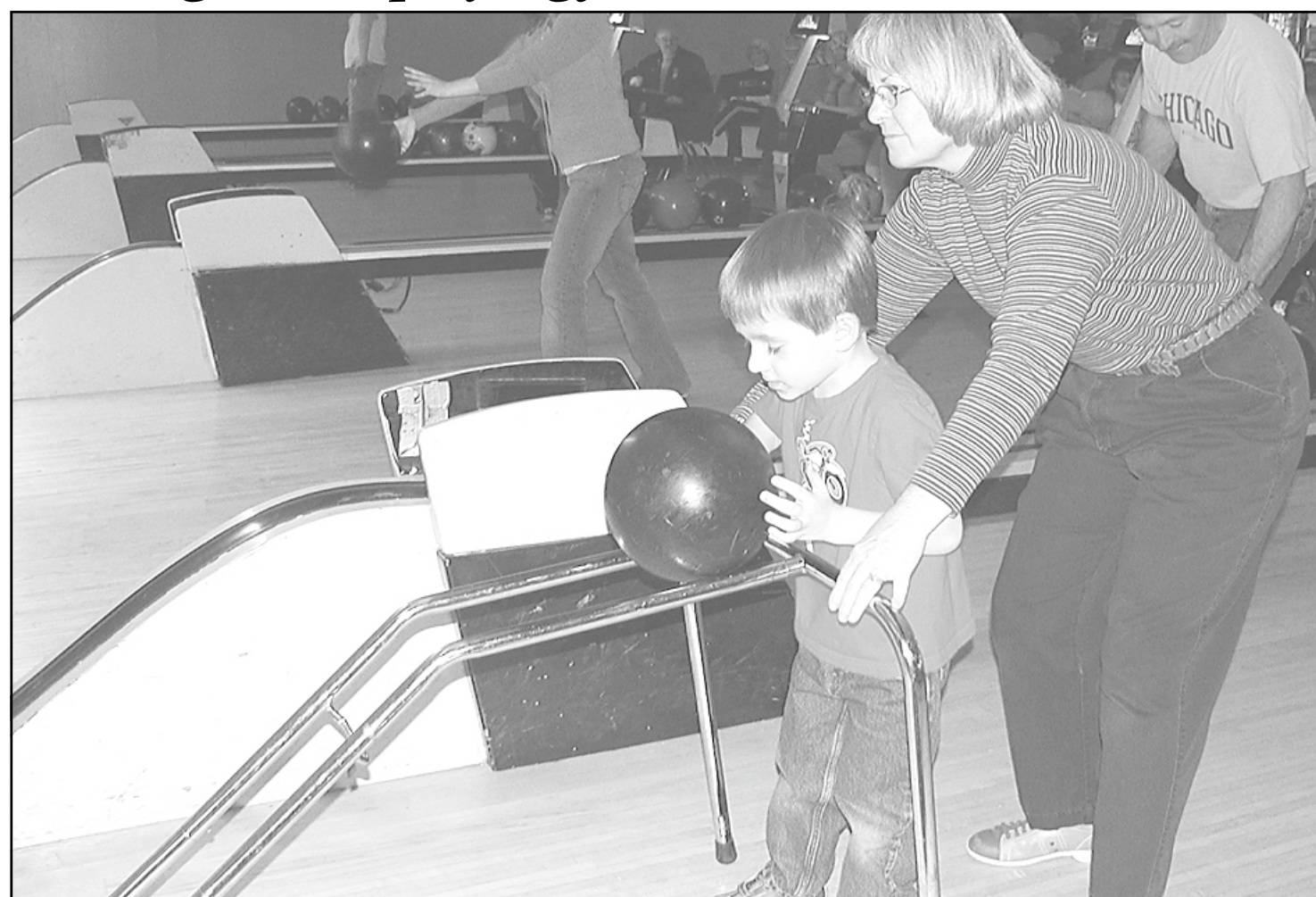
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Evening out the playing field



Micah Daise, 4, was one of the stars at the Bowl for Kids Sake on Saturday afternoon. With the help of his mother, Karen, and a ramp, Micah was the anchor for the Grant Junior High team.

The day of bowling raised money for the Sherman County Big Brothers-Big Sisters program.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Professor remembers 1930s Goodland

A retired professor has written a book about his life around the age of 10 when he lived in Goodland and his dad worked for the Rock Island Railroad.

The author, Hugh Hawkins, in "Railwayman's Son," makes no apology for his recollections. Hawkins lived in Goodland from 1935-1940, but the book starts when he lived in Herington, Kan., and continues when the family lived in El Reno, Okla.

The introduction talks about the pride and security of working for the railroad in hard times. Being a railroader — after a period of time — provided people with good wages, access to inexpensive medical care, and travel by rail at little or no cost.

J.A. Hawkins, Hawkins' father, like many young single men in the 1890s, went to work for the railroad, hiring out with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway in 1904 from the farm. J.A. learned Morse code and started as a relief operator,

which involved a lot of travel.

Some of the agent-operators would move up to major terminals and others would become a dispatcher and ultimately a chief dispatcher. Most of these men, like J.A. only went to school through the seventh grade and were not well educated. They learned bookkeeping, railroad operating rules and telegraphy on the job.

The job could be stressful. J.A. had ulcer attacks, eye strain and disrupted sleep patterns from working the midnight-8 a.m. shift. If a dispatcher misjudged train movements and an accident occurred, the dispatcher might have been suspended, demoted or fired. The dispatcher might also have faced criminal charges. Many agent-operators and dispatchers were Protestants and belonged to the Masons, Hawkins wrote.

Hugh, Hughie as a child, moved to Goodland at 7 when his dad was transferred to Goodland by the Rock Island from Herington in

1937. Hugh recalled the he did not want to leave his school. The move was more connected to consolidation than the depression, he remembers.

Hugh talks about his older brother, Dean, and sisters Helene, Ruth and Rena. Rena was closest in age to Hugh and he talks of their competitiveness. Ruth was the musical one. Helene, the oldest daughter, was a model student and social sophisticate. Their first home in Goodland was 1212 Walnut. He talks of going to the second grade

at the new Grant School and the building of the high school.

Hugh writes a great deal about his fellow students and school, church, but mostly his family memories.

"My memories of Goodland were vivid, he said, partly because that locality was so fixed to a limited time," Hugh recalls.

There are many pictures of family as well as places in Goodland. His Afterword gives the reader an idea what happened to family members later.

student of the week



Name: Kaitlin Lee
Parents: Tim & Darla Lee
Grade: 12
Age: 17

We've nominated this student because: Kaitlin is a quiet, unassuming young lady that lets her actions speak for her. She displays leadership in both the classroom and in her many activities. Kaitlin is cooperative, responsible, diligent and displays wonderful citizenship. Kaitlin is a fine example of the many excellent role models here at GHS. We have enjoyed having her in the Family & Consumer Science Dept. and in

FCCLA.

Student Comment: My favorite memories about GHS are things like Trig & Pre Cals study groups, state FCCLA, and all of the many fun discussions in government and art class.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Peer Counseling, NHS, and Adopt-a-Family.
My choice of movies, books, and games: Movies: Disney, scary and comedy. Music: pretty much anything. Games: card games & trivia games. Books: Harry Potter series.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: attend Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas and receive a degree in Biology. Then I will attend an optometry school in either Oklahoma or Texas.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: owning my own optometry office, starting a family, and happy with my life.

Favorite Quote: "Kites rise high against the wind, not with it."
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