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## Hospital clinic has new doctor

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Colby Free Press

The Family Center for Health Care in Colby announced today that Dr. Bruce Kellogg has joined the staff and is now on board.



Dr. Kellogg

Kellogg said his expertise in medicine runs the gamut from family medicine including obstetrics to geriatrics and he will be offering those services. He's also trained to do C-sections and has experience in pediatrics.

Kellogg said he is excited to be in Colby and is glad to be offering obstetric services because some hospitals in the area have stopped offering those services. Kellogg said he's also glad to be in a place where physicians are needed.

Right now, Kellogg is getting a chance to put some of his experience in different areas to use. He said he's been dealing with sports medicine since athletic practices at area schools have started.

"I wanted to do rural medicine," Kellogg said. "That's where the need is these days."

He just completed his residency and is board certified, which is important, Kellogg said.

He earned his bachelor and masters degrees at Kansas State University and was out of school five years, teaching college English, before deciding to go into medicine. While his wife Terrilyn was working on her doctorate, he was working at a doctor's office and fell in love with the medical profession, which was why he chose to pursue his medical degree.

Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine was where he completed his pre-med work.

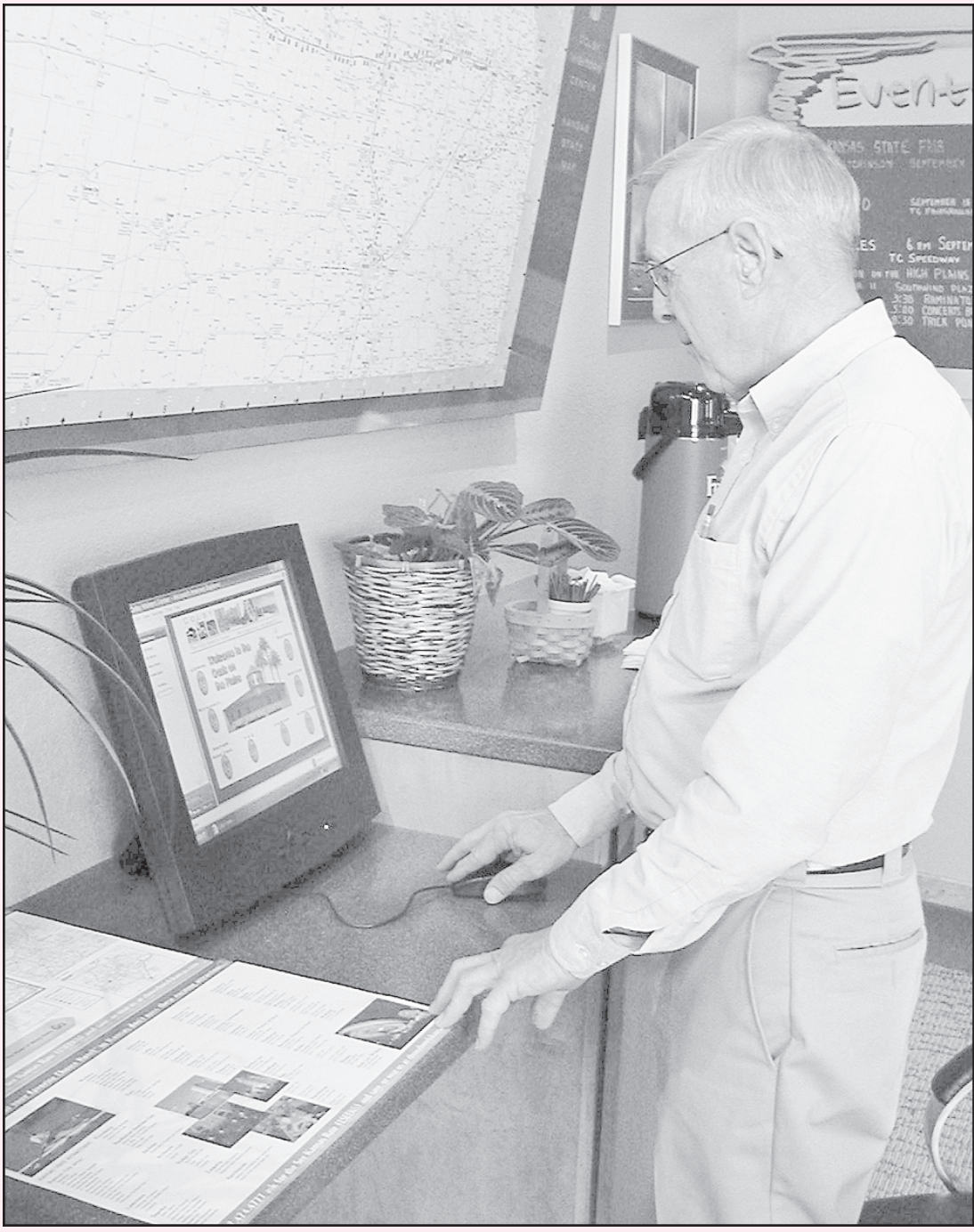
Kellogg completed his residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"It's an interesting program in that it's a rural program in the middle of the city," he said, adding it was ideal training for a rural area because doctors in the program are taught everything without relying much on specialty medicine.

Kellogg said he was hoping to find a rural community where he could practice medicine and Colby fits the bill.

He and Terrilyn, who is a teacher, have two daughters, Audra, who is 11, and Brevin, 8.

## Weather check



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Ralph Fisher, who works at the Colby Visitors Center, checked area weather on the center's computer this morning. The computer, along with tourist information on the entire state, are just a few of the amenities offered at the center, which has attracted large numbers of visitors this summer.

## Food bank is getting hungry

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

Genesis-Thomas County food bank needs a little help. Treasurer Geri Landry said today a summer of helping families has left shelves more empty than usual for the time of year.

"We always run low this time of year," she said. "This year we've been hit especially hard during the summer. We have more families using it, larger families."

Since school's been out, parents have had to buy all the food to feed their families instead of relying on one or two meals a day at school for their kids, she said.

Landry said economic conditions also aren't helping the situation.

She said right now the food bank use any non-perishable food items people wish to donate or cash donations so what is needed can be bought.

Hamburger is one item they can use any time but would be especially appreciated now.

"Anything they would like to donate we would be glad to accept," she said.

Landry said the food bank, located in the Thomas County Office Complex, is open on Wednesdays and people can drop donations then.

Food drives later in fall will help

stock the bank's shelves for the rest of the year. She said the Girl Scouts will hold their annual food drive for the bank in October.

Usually, Landry said, there are several food drives held throughout the year. Already, the local post office had theirs in May and area service clubs, churches and Colby High School will be holding theirs closer to Christmas.

She said those drives always help because the food bank gives out food baskets during the holidays.

If anyone wants to donate, Landry said they can call her at 460-2258 or leave a message at the food bank by calling 462-7930.

## Board suspends coach

After learning that high school football coach Tony Diehl had been arrested, the Goodland School Board met Sunday afternoon and suspended him with pay, as both a high school English teacher and coach.

Superintendent Marvin Selby met with Jeff Mason, the school district's attorney, for a few minutes before the board met. High school Principal Harvey Swager, Steve Raymer, vice principal and activities director, and Jim Mull, principal of Grant Junior High and North Elementary, attended the meeting.

Assistant football coach Jon McLean also was there. Gaylene Shank and Rebecca Musil, from the

Goodland chapter of the National Education Association, the teachers' union, were in the audience, as was Dane Scherling, football parent.

The special meeting was called to order by board President Jane Philbrick with five of the seven members answering the roll. Member Dick Short showed up late. Selby announced that McLean had agreed to take over as head football coach for the Cowboys.

McLean accepted the board's offer during the executive session. He teaches world geography and freshman physical education at the high school, and also is head coach for the Cowboys basketball team.

## Goodland coach arrested after house fire

By TOM BETZ

The Goodland Star-News

GOODLAND—Police arrested the Goodland High School football coach on suspicion of arson late Saturday after a second fire at his home.

Coach Tony Diehl, 34, 1108 Harrison, was arrested about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Chief Ray Smee said.

The fire was set with gasoline on the back side of the roof of the house, neighbors said.

The coach had complained of vandalism and at least one arson attempt at his home in the last couple of weeks, after he reported a teen-age party to the sheriff's department. He said the windshield was broken out of his pickup, and someone had attempted to set fire to his house.

Police watching for vandals apparently caught the "victim" instead.

Lowell Lambrecht of 1109 Harrison, and his brother-in-law Marty Ross of Colorado Springs, who was visiting, awakened him when Ross saw the flames at Diehl's house and the two men rushed out to help put the flames out with a garden hose.

"My brother-in-law went to get a glass of water and saw the flames, and woke me up and we went over to help," Lambrecht said. "I don't understand what happened with him. He is a pretty good guy, and has been a good neighbor. I can't understand it."

"I feel sorry for him, and feel it was an act of desperation. I hope the community goes easy on him. His troubles are just beginning while the people's troubles are over. I can't imagine what might make a person do this."

Lambrecht said the flames were about four feet high when he and his brother-in-law rushed across the street. They had the fire under control before the first fire truck arrived. Firemen were on the scene a minute or two before that, the men said.

Smee said there were officers in the area quickly and they kicked in the front door to get Diehl out because of the fire. Diehl's wife, Tiffany, and son, Dietrich, were out of town.

Diehl was taken to a police car in front of his home and put in the back seat to keep him warm. Neighbors gathered on the street to watch and wonder at who could have set the fire. Smee said Sunday that after the fire was put out, officers got permission from Diehl to search the house, and then arrested him and took him to the Sherman County Bastille.

Chief Smee said he talked to Lambrecht and Ross to let them know his officers were about to arrest the coach.

"I felt they needed to know," Smee said, "and it was a way to calm the neighbors fears that someone was coming into their area and doing this."

"We have been working on this case, and have had extra people watching the area to try to catch whoever was doing these things. We are glad we were able to be on the scene at the right time. The investigation is not over, and we con-

tinue to look at all the events of the past two weeks."

Lambrecht said he was glad Smee had explained the situation before they hauled the coach away.

"I know living across the street I had been worried about these things taking place," Lambrecht said. "I was trying to guess — like everyone else — who might have been doing it, and was completely surprised when Smee said it was the coach himself. I wish the best for him, and hope he can get some help. It seems like he had to get this done and get caught before he had to face teaching or coaching this week."

Lambrecht said a neighbor lady who lives across the alley behind Diehl's home had seen the coach on the roof before the fire started.

The fire Saturday was reported about 11 p.m., and was the second arson fire reported at that address in a week. Smee said a 911 call came into the dispatch center at 11:10 p.m. that the roof of the house at 1108 Harrison was on fire.

"The neighbors reacted to the fire, and were getting the fire out as the Goodland fire department arrived," Smee said today.

Over the past two weeks, Diehl reported he was the target of harassment stemming from a party where he had called the Sherman County sheriff's office to report drugs being used. Charges in that incident are pending, said County Attorney Bonnie Selby.

Coach Diehl reported possible drug use at 1019 Harrison at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12.

Deputy Burton Pianalto, who investigated, contacted a high school student at the home. He described the offenses as possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. The deputy said he seized a pipe and 2 grams of marijuana valued at \$10. The offenders also were suspected of using alcohol.

On Monday, Aug. 16, Coach Diehl reported criminal damage to the windshield of his 1995 Ford pickup in the amount of \$350. Diehl told *The Goodland Star-News* on Tuesday the windshield was smashed with a portable air bottle, and that it had happened about 11:30 p.m. after he got home.

The first fire at Diehl's home was reported at 11:20 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, and officer Brad Parker, who investigated the incident after the fire department was called, estimated \$1,000 in damage. He said that it had been set. On Wednesday, Diehl reported at 2:15 a.m. that a tire on his pickup had been slashed.

Smee said the investigation continues, and he does not know at this time if all of the previous incidents were done by the same person.

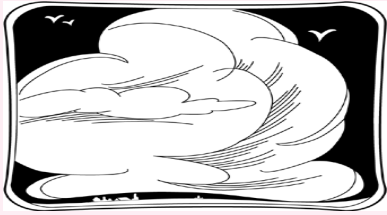
"We are gathering evidence," Smee said, "but we do not know if all these were done by one person. If there are others involved, we would like to catch them and bring them all to justice."

"The Sherman County Sheriff's department and the city police are investigating the arson."

Diehl is to be advised of charges against him in court this week.

The Cowboy football team had an 8-3 record last year under Coach Diehl.

## Colby Winona Monument



## 80s to linger this week

Colby, Monument, Winona

**Tonight...**Becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. **Tuesday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. **Tuesday night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday night...**Mostly clear. Lows around 60. **Thursday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

**The numbers**

Sunday's high, 90  
Low this morning, 50  
Records for Aug. 30, 104 in 1922 and 40 in 1915  
Year ago today, 68 and 55  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
August total, 1.23  
Soil temperature, 82

**The sources:**

The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

**Water use**

• Aug. 27-28-29 = 2.668 million gallons (daily average).

**Water advisories**

• Water **Watch** is 3.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.  
• Water **Warning** is 4.0 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.  
• Water **Emergency** is 4.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

## Briefly

**Man dies in crash near Oakley**

A Wichita man died early Saturday morning on Kansas Highway 25 south of the Logan/Thomas County line after failing to maneuver a curve, said the Kansas Highway Patrol. The one-vehicle accident involved the driver, Kenneth Ray Walker, 39, who was taken to Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home and one passenger, Justin Billy Adams, 21, who was ejected from the pickup and currently is hospitalized at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley. Walker was traveling southbound at about 3 a.m., said an official with the Kansas Highway Patrol, when he apparently continued driving straight instead of making the curve at milemarker 178 on Highway 25. The 2000 Ford pickup then left the roadway, entered the west ditch, struck an adjoining road embankment and went airborne about 55 feet before landing upright in a dirt field, officials said today.

**Commissioners to meet**

The Thomas County Commissioners will hold their end of month meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the county courthouse. Items on the agenda include Juanita Dewey, administrator of the Thomas County Health Department, Thomas County Emergency Medical Services director Kathi Wright with an ambulance bid, and Cheryl Baird, a Levant resident, who has a concern. The meeting is open to the public.

**Prize winners announced**

Dave Evert, principal of Sacred Heart School, Colby, today announced the winners of the three big prizes given away at Sunday's open house at the school. He said 816 tickets were sold and Jennifer Albers won the 2005 Ford Focus, Greg Baalman the \$1,000 and Elizabeth Moore the \$500. Evert said the open house drew a record crowd.