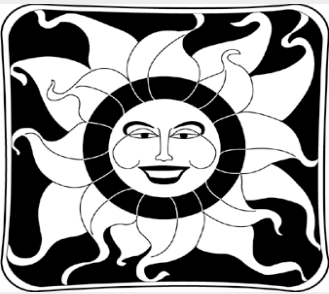




Weather Corner



Autumn begins; highs in mid 80s

Tonight: Breezy. Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

The extended forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Officials with the City of Colby's Public Works Department will no longer track the average water usage since fall begins today.

For current temperatures, call (785) 460-8367.

Goodland's city manager resigns, effective in 90 days

By Tom Betz
Goodland Star-News
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City commissioners met with City Manager Wayne Hill behind closed doors last Monday, and when the meeting reopened Mayor Rick Billinger announced that Hill had resigned and will be leaving in 90 days.

After the resignation was accepted and the meeting adjourned Billinger said the resignation was not anything that Hill had done, or that the commissioners had asked for.

"He told us he had his reasons," Billinger said, "and that he wanted to get a few projects completed before he left."

Hill said he did not resign because of any problem with the commissioners, and that he felt he had a good relationship with all of the commissioners and the city staff.

"I have enjoyed working in

Goodland," he said. "Over the past three years I have worked to help the city improve, and I think we have done quite a bit."

"I want to get the sewer system in shape, and try to have more answers on the nitrate problem in the water before I leave."

Billinger asked for a 10 minute closed door session near the end of the meeting on Monday with

the commissioners and Hill.

When the commissioners came back Billinger asked for a 5 minute closed session with the five commissioners.

He announced the resignation, and Commissioner John Garcia made the motion to accept with a second by Commissioner Dave Daniels.

None of the commissioners had

any comments about the resignation at that time.

"He has done a good job the last three years," Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said on Wednesday.

"I think it was for health and personal reasons and we have to accept that and go on. I hate to see him leave as I said I think he has done a good job."

Massage clinic starts

Students in the therapeutic massage program at Colby Community College are offering massage clinics every Saturday during the school term, said Carol Johnson, director.

Appointment times for a one-hour massage will be 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. Twenty appointments will be available each Saturday, 10 for each time.

Cost for the first semester is \$10, but that will go to \$15 for the second semester.

In addition to the Saturday clinics held by massage therapy students, the physical therapist assistant program will honor all massage coupons distributed during the last five or six years.

Appointments with physical therapist assistant students are available afternoons or evenings after they are out of class during October, November, January, February, April and May. To make an appointment, call 460-4797.

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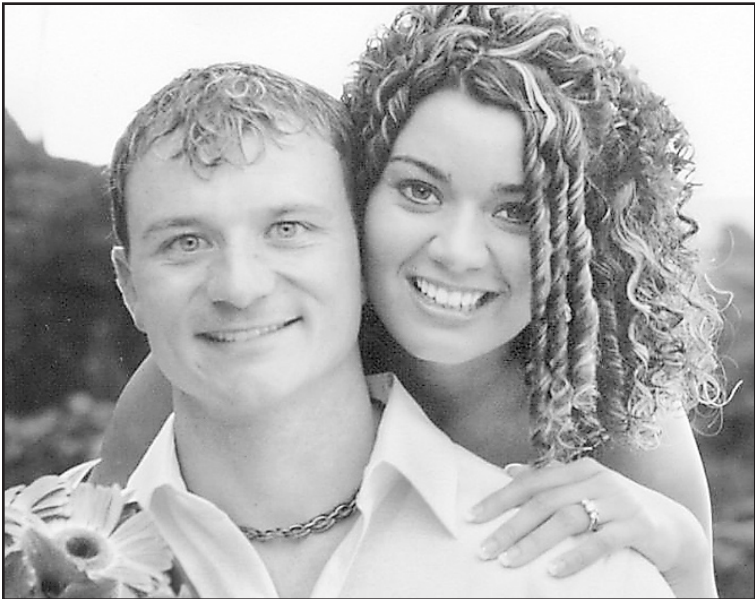
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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Chase Remington Kough

Couple marry in Hawaii

Abigail Kristen Stewart and Chase Remington Kough were married Saturday, July 19, on Makena Beach in south Maui Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Wanda Stewart of Asatula, Fla.

She is employed as a lease consultant with Gables Residences.

The groom is the son of Roger and Connie Kough of Colby. He is a personal trainer with the Lord's Gym.

The couple is at home in Clermont, Fla.

More engagements, anniversaries on page 4.

Essay contest deadline set

Seventh and eighth grade students in Kansas still have time to show off their essay-writing skills as the seventh annual Learning Quest Essay Contest nears the deadline Friday.

Kansas State Treasurer and Learning QuestR Program Administrator Lynn Jenkins, CPA, asks students to answer the question, "How can I make a positive impact on the world?" in 100 to 200 words.

One winner and runner-up will be chosen from each grade to win a \$500 or \$1,000 Learning Quest college savings account. In addition, each winner will receive a celebration party for their classmates.

Plus, teachers who submit entries will have their names included in a drawing for \$500 worth of classroom supplies. Winners will be announced in November.

In past essay contests, students have been asked to describe a profession of interest and how they would prepare for it, to describe someone they admire who went to college and how it helped the person succeed.

This year's topic will require students to take a look at the world around them and decide how they can improve it.

Information was distributed to Kansas teachers in August. Home-

schoolers and parents who would like their seventh or eighth grade children to participate even if their classroom teachers are not, may individually submit essays written by their children.

Visit www.learningquest.com/ essay to download the necessary documents. Entries for the essay contest must be postmarked by Sept. 26, 2008 to be considered by the panel of judges.

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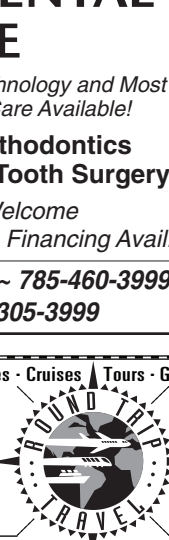
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