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## New physician signs agreement for August 2004

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

Colby will soon have another family practice doctor in town.

Dr. Brewster Kellogg, born and raised in Arizona, will be practicing the full spectrum of family practice, said Scott Focke, clinic manager at the Family Center for Health Care, which is owned and operated by Citizens Medical Center, Inc. He will be partnering with Dr. Gary Slavens, who is currently at the clinic.

"The addition of Dr. Kellogg is very important to the clinic," Focke said this week. "With the number of patients our clinic takes care of, one doctor cannot meet all their needs."

Focke said the new doctor will begin his practice on Monday, Aug. 9, but said he has already started planning his move to Colby.

Offering his style of practice, Kellogg explained that since each patient is unique, the relationship between doctor-patient is also unique.

"I enjoy so many different types of medicine and so many different types of patients," Kellogg said during a previous interview, "that family medicine is the only practice I could ever see myself in."

He said he also believes that with these unique relationships between the doctor and patient, he sees himself as also a teacher, friend, parent, confidant, consultant or whatever the situation would call for.

Kellogg also said that he believes medicine works best when the doctor and patient form a relationship geared to promote the health of the patient.

The new doctor's first experiences in Kansas was when he attended Manhattan Christian College as a student. From there, he transferred to Kansas State University and received his bachelor of arts and master's in English.

His medical education was at the

Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine and his residency program is through the University of Missouri in Kansas City with completion scheduled for the end of July 2004.

Kellogg said he believes his education is preparing him well for his practice in northwest Kansas.

"My residency was particularly strong in obstetrics," he said, "not only deliveries but also in prenatal education."

"I have followed over 60 patients from their first prenatal visit to delivery — along with learning to manage high risk obstetrics and performing our own C-sections."

Kellogg and his wife, Terrilyn (Fleming) have two daughters: Audra and Brevyn, who are both active in Tae Kwon Do, basketball, dancing and soccer.

His wife is also a graduate of Kansas State with her doctorate degree in theatre having taught English and theatre at both the college and high school level, Focke said.

Slavens started his family practice at the Family Center for Health Care in August of 2004, Focke said, and by late Spring of 2005, a third doctor will arrive at that clinic. As for Kellogg, the official word was received last Friday when he signed a contract to practice at the Colby facility.

"It is a great thing that Citizens Medical Center, Inc. has accomplished over the last 12 months or so," Focke said.

"We have successfully recruited three physicians and in a physician recruitment environment where 6,000 people complete their residency and are immediately recruited by 18,000 job openings located in urban and suburban areas with huge recruiting packages.

For those reasons and more, Focke said "it should be no wonder why we are so excited in rural Colby."

## Remembering Dr. Seuss



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Second graders Miranda Ortiz, Nina Tao, Carly Shull, Haley Mengel and Tyler Neighbor, students at Colby Grade School, celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday in library class Tuesday by

sharing one of Seuss' many books. The Colby school district commemorated Read Across America Day with breakfast for lunch and other activities.

## All-day kindergarten on school board agenda

By TISHA COX

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The possibility of expanding the kindergarten to five full-time days a week was a topic of discussion at the Colby school board meeting Monday.

Grade school principal Terrel Harrison said there's been some talk in the past about expanding the program to better meet the needs of students. She said they aren't trying to "cram" more students in but instead give more time for one-on-one interaction.

Harrison said studies have shown all-day kindergarten programs yield better academic results. They're more relaxed and teachers don't have to rush to get through lessons and other activities because of a lack of time.

She also said more parents are interested in all-day kindergarten. Currently, the district's kindergartners have full day classes three days a week instead of five.

"We've talked about it before and it seems like it's something they'll have to do," said school board presi-

dent Stan Molstad.

He said he thinks some kids are ready to attend school full time already. Also, Molstad said it would help with the federal mandate of "No Child Left Behind."

"It'll be a great start toward that," he said.

Implementing the change wouldn't cost the district any extra money.

Molstad said it would require three full-time kindergarten teachers but the district already has two full-time and one half-time teacher.

The district would only have to change the half-time job to full-time.

Superintendent Kirk Nielsen said that is one possibility or the staffing could be left the way it is. He also said the idea isn't a new one. The district tried a similar program about five years ago.

Molstad said the cost would be \$15,000-\$18,000 but it's already in the grade school's budget so that wouldn't change.

The issue will be on the agenda at the next board meeting March 15.

## Bid specs received for resurfacing school track

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

The Colby School Board opened bids for the track resurfacing project at Dennen Field but didn't make a decision at its meeting Monday.

The board will wait until its March 15 meeting to make a decision. School board president Stan Molstad said they're interested in finding out more about doing a lease-purchase for the track surface instead of paying for it outright.

He explained the reasoning is to try to keep a reserve of money in the capital outlay fund in case of unforeseen circumstances.

The board received two bids for the track resurfacing project. He said there was interest from several companies but not all of them could meet the deadline for the completion of work.

"There were only two that have met specs," Molstad said, adding there was a stipulation in the bid that work must be completed by the start of school this fall.

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Fisher Track in Boone, Iowa, for \$53,386 and a bid for \$55,790 from Vibra-World in Panhandle, Texas. The bid is for a 3/8 latex surface.

"That's an exact replacement of what we've got," he said.

The bid price includes removal of the old surface, repair of the asphalt base and complete resurfacing of the track and high- and long-jump areas.

Molstad said the board wants the work finished this summer.

In other business, the board approved a subcontract of \$4,174 to retain the services of Diana Stithem of the Regional Prevention Center as Drug Free Schools and Communities Program coordinator.



GARY SHULL/Colby Free Press

Members of the Colby Fire Department Rescue Squad work on Edna Hatcher's van after a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Range and College Drive Monday. Neither Hatcher, or Rachelle Krzycki, the driver of the other van, suffered serious injuries.

## Accident closes College Drive

A wreck late Tuesday afternoon left part of College Drive closed for about one hour.

Gary Shull, an investigator with the Colby Police Department, said the wreck involved two vans. The drivers involved were Edna A. Hatcher, 82, and Rachelle L. Krzycki, 35, both of

Colby.

Shull said the accident report wasn't complete yet and didn't have details on the cause of the accident. He said both women received only minor injuries but the Colby Fire Department Rescue Squad had to cut open the roof of Hatcher's van to get her out because the vehicle

was resting on its side. The department received the call at 4:13 p.m. College Drive was closed from Terrace Drive to Range Avenue.

The intersection was cleared and opened back up at 5:13 p.m. Range remained opened during the cleanup.

## Briefly

### Free workshop planned

Colby Community College will host a free workshop on the new Kansas Destination-Based Sales Tax Law on Thursday, March 25, in the Colby College Student Union, Room 106. The 90-minute session will begin at 9 a.m. Larry Barrett, one of the presentors, will review the purpose and methods of the new program and how it affects local businesses. This program is being provided at no charge as a business outreach service of the Colby College community service division. For information call Barrett at (785) 462-6215.

### Deadline for Walk Kansas nears

Registration for the Walk Kansas program are being accepted until Wednesday, March 10, said D'Ette Scholtz,

Thomas County Extension agent. "Walk Kansas is a fun, health and fitness program sponsored by the K-State Research and Extension," she said.

Registration forms are available at the extension office, 350 S. Range, Colby.

### Senior Center fund raiser

The Senior Progress Center will have a Sausage and Pancake feed Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, 165 Fike Park. A free will donation will be taken at the door. The funds go for Senior Progress Center upkeep and activities.

### Volunteers need for tournament

Volunteers are needed for the Colby High School Eagle

forensics team tournament, Thursday, March 25, starting at 2 p.m. All competitions will be held at the high school and more than 20 schools are expected to participate, said Nancy Rundel, head coach.

For those who can volunteer their time, Rundel and Linda Jones, assistant coach, urge them to call (785) 360-5300, ext. 3504 and leave a message or stop by the high school and pick up a judging form.

### Chautauqua discussion next week

A book discussion on "All True Travels and Adventures of Liddie Newton" will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Pioneer Memorial Library. The event is one of many leading up to Kansas Chautauqua in Colby in June.



### Expect snow

**Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area Tonight...**Partly cloudy then mostly cloudy after midnight. Widespread fog after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.  
**Thursday...**Cloudy. A chance of snow then rain or snow likely in the afternoon. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Highs in the upper 30s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain or snow 70 percent.

**Thursday night...**Mostly cloudy. Rain and snow likely then a chance of snow after midnight. Snow accumulation up to 1 inch. Total snow accumulation 2 inches. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 60 percent.  
**Friday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Friday night through Sunday night...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the mid 20s.

**The numbers**  
Tuesday's high, 41  
Low this morning, 24

Records for March 3, 80 in 1974 and -22 in 1960 (lowest March temperature ever recorded in Colby)  
Year ago today, 56 and 18  
March moisture to date, 0.52;  
March snowfall, trace; Soil temperature, 37; February's total precipitation, 0.68  
February's total snowfall, 6 inches

**The sources:**  
The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby.

