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Girls' school finds a home near Brewster

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A ministry working with troubled girls that started in temporary quarters in Goodland at the beginning of the year now has a permanent home on a farmstead eight miles northeast of Brewster in Thomas County.

Vicky and Charles Taff of Victory House Christian Academy are ordained ministers of the Assembly of God Ministries with more than 30 years' experience. The couple says they are following their hearts to help juvenile girls

overcome some of life's controlling issues.

Vickie said they have been full-time pastors since 1981, and even before that, they worked with teens.

"I've always had a heart for teenage girls as they struggle," Vicky said, "and have a love to pour into them the things they need for a good life, so that they feel they don't have to follow the crowd, and to let them know they can get their life in order if they want to."

She said she and her husband

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Candidate talks immigration at coffee shop

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Now that the dust has settled from the 1st Congressional District primary election, Democrat candidate Alan Jilka said he's ready to face his opponent.

Jilka, who was in town for the annual meeting of the Thomas County Farm Bureau Thursday, met with the early morning coffee crowd at Smoffee's on Friday.

Jilka said that because he was the only congressional candidate in the state without a primary opponent, it was difficult to get much coverage. Now that he is directly facing Republican winner Tim Huelskamp, the campaign is more focused, he said, and he's trying to highlight the differences between the two.



Alan Jilka

Jilka, who studied Spanish and Portuguese in Central and South America, said immigration is one of the biggest issues facing the U.S., and is one where he differs from Huelskamp. Jilka charges that Huelskamp wants to deport all illegal immigrants. The Repub-

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Moderates to play big role in state race

By John Hanna
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OVERLAND PARK - About 150 of Kris Kobach's fellow Republicans cheered loudly for him at a unity breakfast the morning after Kansas' primary election. Within a week, his two former GOP rivals endorsed him for secretary of state.

Still, Republican moderates could doom the former Kansas GOP chairman's bid for statewide office. If they do, a big reason will be the work on immigration issues that has brought national attention to Kobach, a University of Mis-

souri-Kansas City law professor.

Kobach helped draft Arizona's new law on illegal immigration, and he advises city officials and state legislators across the nation on how to crack down. His campaign has tapped into voters' frustrations about the issue.

But the key question for him and Republicans hoping for a "clean sweep" of statewide offices is whether Kobach's national prominence repels as many voters as it attracts. He has had problems in the past keeping GOP moderates in his political fold.

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Town joins together to help at cemetery

More than 170 people turned up at Beulah Cemetery today to help set up headstones that had been knocked over by vandals Tuesday morning. A crane and work crew (above) righted each stone and set them up on top of the base stone on wooden spacers. The crew lifted each stone with cloth straps and then turned them right side up in the air before setting them down. After that, volunteers (left and below) put putty between the two stones. When it sets, the putty will glue each stone down.



Briefly

Claim your prize from fair

Prize checks for 4-H and Open Class exhibit winners from the 2010 Thomas County Fair are ready to be picked up at the county Extension office, on the Thomas County Office Complex 350 S. Range Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call the office at 460-4582.

Food delivery coming Aug. 28

Prairie Land Food delivery will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Sacred Heart School gym, 1150 W. Sixth. For information, call Gene Griffin at (785) 460-3579.

Heartland seeks young students

Heartland Christian School is accepting enrollment applications for preschool and kindergarten classes. Call (785) 460-6419 for information on the 2010-11

school year. The school is at 1995 W. Fourth Street in Colby.

Sacred Heart enrolling Tuesday

Sacred Heart School enrollment will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the school for all students in preschool through fifth grade. New students need to bring a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security number, immunization records and physical. For information, call Principal David Evert at 462-2813

Volleyball team, parents to meet

The Colby Middle School volleyball team will have a parent-and-player meeting for incoming seventh and eighth graders at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the middle school cafeteria. Practice will start at 3:45 p.m. Thursday. For information, call Shirley Arnberger at 460-6464.

Vets may form chapter here

The Hays Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America will sponsor a meeting for Vietnam-era veterans at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 220 N. Lake Ave., to discuss forming a Colby chapter. For information, call Jack Duncan at (785) 846-7678.

Church plans carnival, picnic

The Colby Wesleyan Church will hold a free Kids' Carnival and Family Picnic with games, prizes and free supper from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the church, 320 W. Pine. Everyone is invited. Free school supplies will be available for elementary and middle-school students of families in financial need. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. For information, call the church office at 462-8391.

Volunteers needed for Relay

Relay for Life, an annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society, needs teams and team captains for the event, which starts 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Fike Park. For information or to sign up, call Denise Stupka at 462-2122.

Catholic youth ordering fruit

The Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization is taking orders for peaches, pears and apples until next Monday. Pickup will be Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the 4-H Building. To order, call Megan Augustine at the rectory, 462-2179. Some fruit may be available for those who do not order ahead of time.



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