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## New doctor joins staff at eye center

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Vision Source of Colby has a new optometrist on staff. Dr. Jordan Hagler, a May 2011 graduate from the Oklahoma College of Optometry at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, began seeing patients at the beginning of August.

Dr. Hagler, who spends half of his time in Colby and half at the Vision Source office in Goodland, said he is happy to be back in northwestern Kansas, near his family and friends, and enjoying all of the things that go along with living here.

"I love it here because I am originally from northwest Kansas," he said. "I grew up on a farm south of Atwood, where I enjoyed farming with my dad and brother until I left for school...."

"Through my years in school, I had the opportunity to travel the country and see many amazing places, but nothing beats the big

open skies."

"We are thrilled to have Jordan with us," said Dr. Jeff Morrison, a co-owner and partner. "We watched him grow up as a patient of ours; he comes from a great farming family, is smart and well mannered and has excellent staying power."

"It's been cool seeing Jordan progress as he began thinking he wanted to go into optometry and then seeing him actually succeed. We were lucky enough to have him shadow with us whenever he could in high school and college, and when we heard he got accepted into residency, we started planting the seed early. By the time he was done, we had him swallowed up."

After graduating from Atwood High School in 2003, Hagler said, he set his sights on optometry at Kansas State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in biology. He then earned his doctorate and went on to get a certificate of advanced clinical

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Jordan Hagler

## Suspect barred for threatening college teacher

By P. Solomon Banda

Associated Press

DENVER — The suspect in a deadly movie theater attack was barred from the University of Colorado campus for threatening a professor, weeks before he opened fire at a midnight showing of the new Batman movie, prosecutors said in court documents released today.

That conflicts with the university's statements that Holmes was denied access to non-public parts of the campus because he had withdrawn from school.

The name of the person has been blacked out. University officials

did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Just minutes before the shooting, Holmes tried unsuccessfully to call his university psychiatrist, defense attorneys have said.

Holmes also mailed a notebook to psychiatrist Lynne Fenton, a professor at the school, including violent descriptions of an attack, attorneys said. She never received the package addressed to her, and it wasn't discovered in a university mail room until after the shooting.

Defense attorneys don't want it to be used as evidence, saying

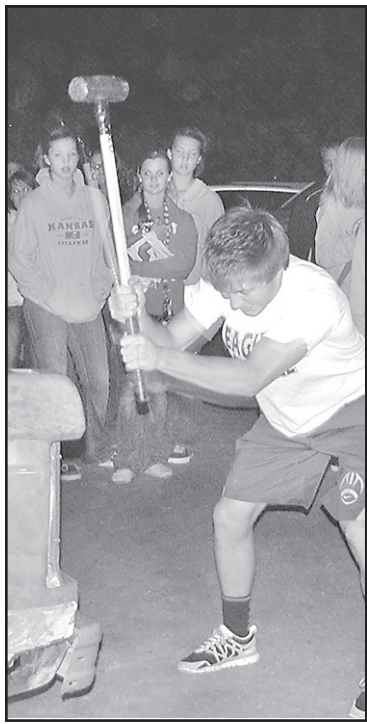
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## Bonfire held at Dennen

About 200 Colby High Schools students, faculty and their family members showed up about 8 p.m. Thursday at Dennen Field for a bonfire (left) to get them in the mood for the homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Before the fire was lit, students and teachers took turns demolishing a truck with sledgehammers (below).

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## Solid waste association holds meeting in Colby

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After Thomas County's annual Landfill Advisory Meeting last Thursday at Colby Community College, about 35 people from around northwest Kansas stayed on for a roundtable meeting of the Kansas Sunflower Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America.

This year, the association held roundtables in Colby, Junction City and Emporia. Colby had the biggest attendance, said Mike Fraser, chapter president and director of public works for the city of Salina.

Attendees included Thomas County Landfill Supervisor Larry Jumper; Colby Public Works Director Omar Weber and Ron Kogler, a city employee; Lynette Koon, program coordinator of the

Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization; Brewster Mayor and County Commissioner-elect Mike Baughn; Brewster City Superintendent Mike Schultz; Bill Hill of Hill Trash Service in Gem; and employees from Sheridan, Rawlins, Decatur, Wallace, Sherman, Lane, Greeley, Cheyenne, Ellis and Gove counties and the City of Oakley.

The director for the Sunflower Chapter, Jeff Beyer of the Coffey County Landfill in Burlington, said the roundtables give members a chance to discuss solid waste management issues and to learn about different operational practices.

He introduced Jack Chappelle of Engineering Solutions and Design in Overland Park, who specializes in solid waste planning, design and construction services. Chappelle explained ways to improve landfill operations and presented

a waste characterization study he led at a landfill site in Nebraska.

"It's helpful to know how to modify landfill operations," Chapelle said. "By understanding what kinds of materials are in your load, you can get a better look at the potential waste stream and adjust operations accordingly."

"Landfills need to get the biggest bang for your buck in volume. So, you need to know how to get as much waste as you can into one cubic yard. In order to do this, you have to know what your dealing with, because different waste materials compact differently. There are three ways to conduct the waste characterization study, but you can get started by simply understanding your customers."

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Jeff Beyer (center), director of the Kansas Sunflower Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America and Coffey County landfill supervisor, talked with Mark Felzien of Sherman County Landfill and another man last Thursday at a roundtable meeting at Colby Community College.

