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Goodland, Kansas 67735

# New doctor grew up in Brewster

at noon Today Sunset, 6:22 p.m. Tomorrow

weather

report

**63**°

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m. • Sunset, 6:20 p.m.

### **Midday Conditions**

Soil Temperature 64 degrees

- Humidity 76 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southwest at 10 mph
- Barometer 29.77 inches
- and falling Record High 95° (1934)
- Record Low 13° (1952)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

High	86°
Low	50°
Precipitation	none

#### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, with a chance of thunderstorms, low 45 to 50, north winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday: mostly cloudy, a 50 percent chance of rain, high near 60, north winds at 15 to 25 mph.

**Extended Forecast** 

Saturday through Monday: dry, lows near 45, highs near 80. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



#### Noon Wheat — \$2.09 bushel Posted county price — \$2.05 Loan deficiency payment — .40¢ Corn — \$1.53 bushel



Dr. Jed McKee, newest doctor in Goodland, listened to Erik Wenberg's heartbeat in his office on Monday. McKee's office is in the Medical Office Building, where he specializes in internal medicine. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

#### By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News "I kind of liked the small town environment," says Jed McKee, the newest addition to the list of Goodland doctors.

McKee, 35, was born in Colby and grew up on a farm north of Brewster. But he went away to college and lived and worked in several states before returning to the area.

Besides being a good place to practice medicine, McKee said Goodland is what he was used to and it's a good place to raise children.

McKee said right now, the cities are saturated with doctors, so the opportunities are in the smaller communities.

"It's a nicer way to practice," said McKee. "The people are more the Medical Office Building on Monfriendly.'

Before deciding to go to medical school, McKee, who graduated from Brewster High School in 1982, received a Bachelor of Science degree in feed science and management from Kansas State University. He then went to one and a half years of graduate school to earn a master's degree in grain science.

He took a job with Archer, Daniels, Midland as a grain merchandiser for and Will, 1. two years, living in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. While living in Texas, he said, he decided that this was not what he wanted to do to for a living.

McKee said he has an uncle in California who is a doctor. He liked his uncle's lifestyle and felt that that and the feeling of helping people were what influenced him to become a doctor.

"It's a nice thing to help people in trying times," said McKee. "It's a lot of fun, but it can be tough sometimes."

McKee went to University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, for his first two years of medical school and then finished his remaining two years at the university's Medical Center in Wichita. He did three years of internal medicine residency, which he completed the end of June, in Wichita also.

What he enjoyed most about his resi-

dency, and still enjoys, was the hospital care and intensive care units. He said he saw a lot of different cases.

"The problems are more difficult than in the clinic setting," McKee said

He specializes in internal medicine, working with adults, typically elderly patients who have multiple medical problems. These patients have problems that are more difficult to handle and more time consuming, he said.

McKee doesn't see obstetrical patients, he said, and usually doesn't see patients under 16 unless the other doctors' schedules are full or he is on call for the emergency room.

He started seeing patients on Sept. 8 and said he is not too busy yet. He is at days, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Wednesday is his day off and on Thursday he goes to Sharon Springs to see patients. McKee said he's been very busy there and usually has a lot of patients to see.

McKee and his wife Sherry met when he was going to medical school in Kansas City. She was going to nursing school, but she is not working in that profession for now, as she is taking care of their three sons, Dylan, 4; Collin, 2;

'They're pretty fun," McKee said about his boys. "They play well together."

His family just joined him in Goodland on Friday. The McKees bought a house and were getting moved in over the weekend. He had been staying with his mother, who now lives in Goodland

McKee has two older brothers who live here: Jerry is a teacher and coach at Goodland High School, and Jim is a farmer.

McKee's interests include reading, snow skiing, and golfing, but family time is highest on his list. He and his two oldest sons like to play in the back yard, shoot baskets and occasionally ride bikes together.

He and his wife both like to run and lift weights.

"Ihope to teach her how to play golf," McKee said. "She's had some lessons, but just needs to get out and play more."

**THURSDAY October 7** 1999

**50**¢

Posted county price — \$1.57 Loan deficiency pmt. — .42¢ Milo — \$2.20 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.13 bushel Posted county price — \$4.02 Loan deficiency payment — .87¢ Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.15 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - \$3.56 Oil new crop — \$6.15 cwt. Confection current — \$9 cwt. Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop) (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures. )

## afternoon from the Associated Press 1 p.m. **Employes testify** against Koch Oil

TULSA—The nation's leading crude oil purchaser denies it has used illegal means to make millions of dollars on federal and Indian leases, but former employees from North Dakota to New Mexico are testifying to the contrary.

Some of them will bolster claims by fellow ex-Koch Industries workers they underreported oil taken from producers' tanks in order to keep their jobs.

By Tom Betz

closed beginning that day.

end of the month, with the road reopened

exit 17 ramps at K-27 should be re-

opened then, state highway officials say.

on resurfacing K-27 has shifted to the

bypass west of town and workers are

of town. The Caruso bridge on old U.S.

24 should be closed much of the win-

Elsewhere around the county, work

They allege the scheme ran from Louisiana to California to North Dakota.

Koch Industries attorneys have countered the claims by pointing out adjustments can be made under industry standards to make up for shrinkage and oil tanks that were encrusted with sediment or had sludge on the bottom.

On Wednesday, five former Koch gaugers testified they were trained to decrease the amount of oil they collected and its quality.

The Goodland Daily News west of town.

The eastbound ramps at the east Repaying of the ramps at the east Goodland exit on I-70 (exit 19) should Goodland exit at Business U.S. 24 has reopen by Saturday, but drivers can been completed and the on and off expect the west exit (exit 17) to be ramps are expected to reopen Saturday morning. Then workers will begin tear-All work on I-70 should be done by the ing out the eastbound ramps at K-27.

"The eastbound on-ramp at Exit 17 for four-lane traffic until spring, and the is scheduled to close Saturday afternoon," said Donna Binning of the Kansas Department of Transportation in Atwood, "and by Monday the eastbound Exit 17 off-ramp will be closed."

Binning said the west exit (Exit 17) about done with patching on I-70 west is expected to be closed through the first week of November, when the entire I-70 construction zone will be reopened

sume on the eastbound lanes in March. Koss Construction is the contractor on the project.

I-70 east exit opens Saturday, west exit closes

Weather permitting, the Exit 17 ramps eastbound will reopen the first week of November," Binning said.

#### I-70 WEST

Concrete patching on I-70 west of Goodland is done, Binning said, and the contractor, Prime Musselman and Hall of Kansas City, Mo., is sealing the joints to prevent moisture penetration. In the spring, a slurry seal will be applied to the lanes and a seal will be applied to the shoulders. Permanent pavement marking will be applied then.

ter, with a detour set up on Eighth Street for the winter. Construction will re- the roadway between Goodland and the of road until the major project gets unstate line until a major reconstruction can be scheduled," Binning said.

#### K-27 BYPASS

Binning said the construction activity on K-27 north of town is almost complete.

"The recent cold weather and rain slowed them down, but we are hopeful the work will be done by the end of this month," she said.

Dustrol Inc. of Towanda is recycling the surface pavement, using propane heaters to soften the surface, then mixing it up and rolling it down.

"This is a rejuvenating of the pavement surface only," Binning said. "We cling is done north of the airport to the "This work is intended to maintain are just temporarily fixing this stretch county line.

derway in a couple of years.'

The department plans to repave the highway through the county, closing both the north and south sections for a summer. The current pavement will be replaced, hills cut down and shoulders added to the road.

Wednesday, the recycling project had moved to the southern end of the section, at the intersection of K-27 and Business U.S. 24. The project causes some delays at the intersection, and drivers can expect this to continue as the project begins working back to the north around the K-27 bypass. Recy-



A flagger working for Dustrol Inc. was busy Wednesday, trying to keep traffic moving at the Business U.S. 24 and K-27 intersection in southwest Goodland while crews recyclced the pavement north of her. Since all traffic going north had to wait for a flag car, vehicles were

backed up in three directions while others wanted to go through the intersection. Dustro was trying to finish the work south of the railroad bridge today. Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Daily News