

# No evidence of dental office left

The sign is off the door, the phone is dead, the equipment is out and all evidence of it ever having been a dental office is gone, except for the holes where the necessary pipes went through the floor.

I worked 'till noon on Saturday vacuuming, dusting and making sure all was out before I left my keys on the desk for the final time.

What a sickening feeling I had all that day and into the night. I didn't sleep very good Saturday night, as my mind kept dredging up thoughts of my years in that building. Coupled with that, my back was about to put me under.

I've lived on pain pills all week as Dr. Beynon and I toiled with all those records that were left over.

Many were picked up, for that I'm thankful, but there are still dozens and dozens of some that were never called for.

They are now in storage and it will be a job to retrieve them as they no longer are in order.

They will still be available, but it will take time to make them available.

I'd like to thank everyone for the patience and kindness bestowed to Dr. Beynon and myself these past couple of weeks.

The cards and other mementos given us is appreciated. We enjoyed working these many years as a team and friends.

We also would like to thank all the other ladies, Lucille Nash, Dorothy Roeder, Betty Wyett and last but certainly not least, Mary Wyant, who helped out over the years. All of the



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it will be time to find something to do part time in the afternoons or early evening. Just what, I haven't a clue at this point.

My neighbor, Christie Schiefen, got home from the hospital on Wednesday. She has life line, meals on wheels and a friend staying with her. So, for now she is set and so happy to be back home.

I must truly confess I've not given this column much thought the last couple of weeks.

I've been too busy doing the other thing and was never in any mood to call and get news from people. I hope to get back in the swing of things in the next few weeks.

Father Charles at the church said Saturday afternoon that it would make it easier now for me to do church work during daytime hours instead of later at night.

I got the sinking feeling he'll have lots more work for me to do, so I'll see how that works out.

It may make my hours increase for the church but I'll have to wait and see.

Belated birthday greetings to Judy Nemechek on Feb. 6 and anniversary blessings to Bud and Pat Perrey on Feb. 5.

I'm late with this, but will get it to the news office on my way to school Monday morning.

I've suffered so much with my back that I've put off doing this column. On that note, I'll sign off 'till later.

above mentioned ladies are still in town, except Betty, and are doing different things.

I think one of the cutest things given to Dr. Beynon by the father of one of his former child patients was a dime as a start to his retirement fund.

The father said the thing his kids remember is the dime they always got for being good kids. Later as inflation set in, the ante was upped to a quarter.

Like I said lots and lots of memories, both good and bad, but mostly good. So on this note I will sign off as a member of the community dental family and as one TV performer always said "Thanks for the memories."

On Monday morning (short lived retirement) I will begin working at the Goodland Senior Center for a couple of hours a day.

I will be doing book work on the output of meals, fees, etc. for the center out of Hays, that monitors the nutrition at the Goodland senior center.

Will let you know how it goes in a couple of weeks. As I told the lady, Michelle from Hays, "I'll give it a whirl" and see what it leads to.

This will give me my afternoons to do some things at my house. Then

# Fire north of Colby claims one life

By Patty Decker

*The Colby Free Press*  
A 911 call from a neighbor who saw smoke at a nearby home north of Colby Monday sent fire and law enforcement officials to 11 Cottonwood Drive, where they discovered the body of a woman.

Loring E. Medford, 68, was found in the home at around 3 p.m., said Thomas County Sheriff Tom Jones. Details surrounding the fire and death re-

mained sketchy as officials continue their investigation.

"In situations like this," said Jones, "we have a standard procedure to follow and we are currently conducting interviews and gathering information to find out what happened."

On Tuesday, Melvin Dale, a deputy Kansas fire marshal from Garden City, was at the house to begin an investigation into what might have started the fire.

Meanwhile, members of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Colby Police Department and sheriff's department are still "controlling the scene," looking for answers to the tragedy," he sheriff said.

"It's just too early in the investigation to comment on anything," Jones said today.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Medford were pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby.

# City park gets more expensive

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after hearing that the price has increased from \$225,000 to \$600,000.

City Manager Ron Pickman gave commissioners a contract amendment boosting engineering and design fees for the park from \$27,500 to \$50,000. Pickman said the engineering costs, typically 10 percent of the construction cost, have gone up with the park's cost.

Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, an engineering firm with an office in Goodland, is designing the park, and Darin Neufeld, an engineer with the firm, is working with city officials.

Commissioners said they were surprised at the price increase — with Billinger questioning whether the city should seek more bids on the engineering work — but Pickman said the commission had approved the extra ameni-

ties. He said he would seek bids if the commission wanted him to, but no one requested it.

Despite Billinger's "no" vote, the commission approved the contract amendment, saying the city could go ahead with the design work but might not be able to build the whole park.

Pickman said the city has \$100,000 budgeted and, depending on contributions from the state and community, may be able to finish the park all at once or in phases. He told commissioners it's important to have the design so a group that decides later to finish the project will have plans.

Pickman said after the meeting that the straightening of Cherry Street will proceed, as a contractor has already been hired, but added that he's not sure when the park will be finished or who will pay for it. He told commissioners that a group of people in Goodland is prepared to raise extra money.

The city has already received donations, Pickman said, for a large evergreen tree that will be decorated for the holidays and was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for a pavilion.

He said Goodland residents say they want the area — a large, vacant lot which will serve as a new city entrance — to attract tourists.

"This particular area has been a problem for 60 years," Pickman said. "Now people are saying if we're going to do something, we should do it right the first time."

But, he told commissioners, people may have to pay for it.

"There will need to be some funds raised," Pickman said, "to make it come to fruition."

If necessary, he said, the city might have to return to the project's original scope and build a storm drainage pond and cement walking trail.

# February books arrive at Public Library

This is a list of the new books and audio cassette tapes available for adults and children at the Goodland Public Library.

## ADULT FICTION

Riley in the Morning, by Sandra Brown; Finding Ian, by Stella Cameron; Shadow of the Hegemon, by Orson Scott Card; Two O'Clock, Eastern Wartime, by John Dunning; Bad Boy, by Olivia Goldsmith; Special Ops, by W.E.B. Griffin; Sarah's Child, by Linda Howard;

Candyland, by Evan Hunter and Ed McBain; From the Corner of His Eye, by Dean Koontz; Lost and Found, by Jayne Ann Krentz; The Constant Gardener, by John LeCarre;

Beautiful Dreamer, by Elizabeth Lowell (also in large print edition); A Day Late and a Dollar Short, by Terry McMillan; A Storm of Swords, by George Martin; The First Counsel, by Brad Meltzer; Death Benefits, by Thomas Perry; The Kill Artist, by Daniel Silva; City Girl, by Lori Wick.

## ADULT NON-FICTION

Computer and Internet Dictionary for Ages 9 to 99, by Charles Sims; You're Fifty—Now What?, by Charles Schwab; Nancy Dunnan's Guide to Your Investments, 2001 edition; The Government Racket, 2000 edition, by Martin Gross;

Standard & Poor's 500 Guide, 2001 edition; World War 3.0—the Microsoft Trial, by Ken Auletta; The Public Domain—how to find and use copyright-free writings, music, art and more; Live Right 4 Your Type, by Peter D'Adamo;

The People's Pharmacy Guide to Home and Herbal Remedies, 2001 edition; Jazz—A History of America's Music, by Geoffrey Ward; Abandon Ship—Death of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, by Richard Newcomb; Great Presidential Wit, by Robert Dole.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Arthur's First Kiss, by Marc Brown; Biscuit Wants to Play, by Alyssa Capucilli; Gregory's Shadow, by Don Freeman; Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day, by Barbara Park;

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, by J.K. Rowling (large print); Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J.K. Rowling (large print); Martin Luther King and the March on Washington, by Frances Ruffin;

Abe Lincoln Remembers, by Ann Warren Turner; Fernando's Gift—El Regalo de Fernando, by Douglas Keister; Corduroy, by Don Freeman (Spanish edition); Jorge el Curioso—Curious George, by H.A. Rey.

## AUDIO CASSETTES

The Tin Collectors, by Stephen Cannell; The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, by Washington Irving; Beautiful Dreamer, by Elizabeth Lowell; A Day Late and a Dollar Short, by Terry McMillan (CD);

The First Counsel, by Brad Meltzer; Naked in Death, by J.D. Robb; Heart of the Sea, by Nora Roberts; The Kill Artist, by Daniel Silva; Abandon Ship!, by Richard Newcomb.

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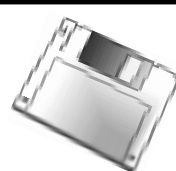


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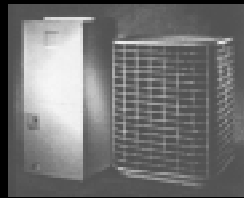
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