



Dr. David Younger signs his contract with Goodland Regional Medical Center, as Mary Ann Elliott Rural Health Ventures clinic manger watches. Dr. Younger has just joined the clinic as full-time physician.

Photo by Reaghan Smith/The Goodland Daily News.

Doctor's knowledge will be help

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many patients in the Goodland area and surrounding counties who have been seeing him at his Burlington office, so the move to Goodland will make primary care just that much more accessible for these residents."

Jay Jolly, hospital administrator, noted that Dr. Younger is an experienced practitioner with a career commitment to rural medicine.

"He understands the realities of rural practice and has actively updated his knowledge and proficiency to continue providing excellent care," Jolly said.

Jolly went on to say that Dr. Younger recently recertified on the family practice boards with a score that ranked him

in the 93rd percentile nationally of all physicians taking the exam. He is a faculty member at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, which the administrator said gives him access to outstanding medical resources.

Dr. Younger's practice includes geriatrics, obstetrics, pediatrics and minor surgery, as well as general adult and emergency medicine. He performs cesarean sections (C-sections) and will take part in the emergency room call rotation. A focus of his practice has been the diagnosis and management of diabetes, including management of insulin pumps.

"I am looking forward to working with Dr. Younger and benefiting from his vast knowledge in both medical practice and computer usage," said Dr.

Natalie Griego of Rural Health Ventures. "It will be a pleasure to continue growing my practice at Rural Health with Dr. Younger and Dr. Jennings."

Dr. Younger said he has a longstanding interest in the use of computer technology to improve medical practice and information flow.

"Dr. Younger's knowledge will help us make better decisions about these systems," Jolly said, "that will be useful in improving medical care while meeting our business needs."

Dr. Younger began seeing patients here Tuesday afternoon. Mary Ann Elliott, Rural Health Ventures clinic manager, said that he will have office hours in the afternoon for the next couple weeks as he wraps up scheduled appointments in the Burlington office.

After that Dr. Younger, will have a full day schedule Monday through Friday each week.

"Some of my patients from Burlington will try to come here to see me," Dr. Younger said. "Maybe the hospital could provide a shuttle bus for the older ones."

Dr. Younger is married, and has four children, two in college and two in high school. His wife, Kay, is a certified lactation educator trained at the University of California at Los Angeles Extension Service and has a bachelor's degree in music education in vocal music. He said he and his wife are looking for a place for him to rent while he is over here during the week, with the thought of buying land and building a home here some day.

Project at fieldhouse shortens balcony

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Board evaluates superintendent

payments. The Hicks-Ashby payment is only a percent of the total cost, with the rest being paid when the furniture is delivered and installed.

Selby said workers with Woofter Construction in Colby are finished shortening a nine-foot balcony on the east side of the junior high gymnasium in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

After the meeting, the superintendent said the workers removed three feet from the front part of the balcony, which he said stuck out over the basketball court, interfering with play. He said painters with a McPherson company are painting the railing.

Selby said because Strait, who designed the fieldhouse addition, including the junior high gym, felt the balcony was a design error, he is paying for the repairs.

The Goodland School Board, missing three members for most of its meeting Monday, went behind closed doors for 36 minutes to talk about personnel matters and evaluate Superintendent Marvin Selby.

The board included Dick Liess, high school athletic director and assistant principal, in their first 25-minute closed session. The board came out to hire Dawn Goodermuth as a parapro-

fessional at Grant Junior High. Dick Short, board president, only attended part of the meeting, arriving during the closed session and leaving after voting to hire Goodermuth. Short said he had to attend another meeting, while Mike Campbell and Ron Schilling were both out of town.

The board met early so members could attend a program at the high school that was part of before-school football game, but may have wait for cooler weather.

In other business, the board:
• Approved paying \$1,144,592 in monthly bills. Members said \$1,050,000 is money the board is reinvesting in the form of certificates of

activities. Classes started Tuesday. Despite missing some members, the board went ahead with the superintendent evaluation, going behind closed doors for 11 minutes.

Members took no action when they came into open session and immediately adjourned the meeting. Selby said later that the board gave him some compliments and some suggestions for improvements.

deposit.
• Decided to hold a dinner to celebrate the three elementary schools completing a five-year accreditation cycle and receiving accreditation under the state Board of Education's continuous improvement system.

Third victim identified

TOPEKA (AP) — Authorities continue to investigate a construction accident that claimed the lives of three workers in a sewer connection.

Autopsies were being performed Tuesday on the victims, who were employees of Emerson Construction and died while checking a new sewer line for leaks in a new subdivision in southwest Topeka. The three workers were pulled Monday afternoon from a 23-foot-deep manhole.

Authorities have identified the victims as Norman Emerson, 64, of Tecumseh; Lawrence Saloga, 53, of

Pratt; and Brian Phelps, 22, of Topeka. Emerson had been with the company since he founded the business nearly 40 years ago with his brother, Harley, said Todd Emerson, the victim's nephew.

"We honestly don't know what happened entirely," Todd Emerson said. "Until they can find something wrong, we do not know."

He said the deaths have hit the company hard. Saloga had worked for the company for about nine years, while Phelps had for a shorter time.

"We're all family," Todd Emerson said.

Fire forces former California mining town to evacuate

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Flames burned through houses and businesses after a fast-moving wildfire forced officials to evacuate more than half of this former mining town of 3,550.

Residents who fled Tuesday night with handfuls of belongings waited to hear if they still had homes.

They were ordered to evacuate after high wind fanned the blaze toward the town, about 200 miles north of San

Francisco, said California Department of Forestry spokesman Steve Gasaway.

The fire had destroyed at least nine homes, businesses and garages. Gasaway said the full extent of the damage wasn't known. No injuries were reported.

About 100 miles to the south, a man suspected of starting a fire in which two firefighting pilots died when their planes clipped wings was expected to

be arraigned Wednesday on murder charges.

The planes collided Monday over a blaze that may have broken out at an illegal methamphetamine lab in the woods near Hopland. Frank Brady, 50, of Redwood Valley was charged with two counts of murder.

Richard Mortensen, 43, of San Pablo was arrested on outstanding warrants for drug and weapons charges.

Prosecutor Norm Vroman said

Mortensen also might be charged in the deaths.

Across the West, 26 large fires were burning on more than 201,600 acres Tuesday, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

In Weaverville, Dan Malloy and his wife, June, managed to get some clothes, their computer, a fishing boat and their vacation tickets to Australia out of the house before they were ordered to leave.

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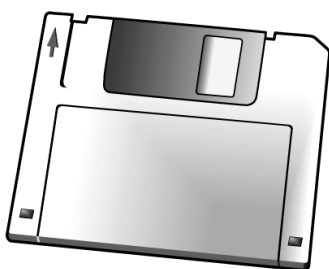
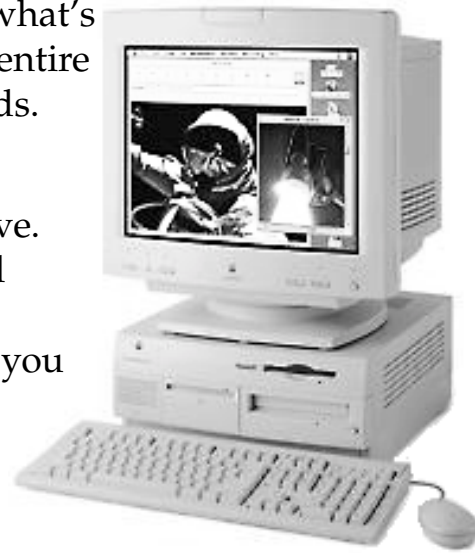
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