Judge allows doctor to continue working despite hospital's suspension

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patients at the hospital who were also employees. Bonebrake said that all three were women.

O'Neal claims that on Sept. 3 Hildyard received a letter advising him of the hospital's intent to summarily suspend his privileges, unless proposed action was taken by Sept. 5. On the advice of counsel, Dr. Hildyard rejected the proposed action, saying he would have to waive his due process

Bonebrake said that in front of four members of the hospital board,

Hildyard said he had no intention of do what it has done," Bonebrake said. aged by the whole of community" participating (nor his associates, Dr. LaDonna Regier and Dr. Raymond up of real people with real jobs who Ketting) under the conditions that were have real concerns about the health being asked of him.

Bonebrake said Hildyard had convinced obstetrical nurses they are tak- a win/lose situation," she said. ing a risk by working with doctors hired by the hospital through Docs every member of the community can Who Care, since they are not properly licensed to deliver.

"The hospital is within its right to

She said the hospital board "is made

care in this community.'

"The board does not want this to be

She concluded by saying that not be involved in the decision. During the board's private meeting where Dr. She said those doctors have been Hildyard was suspended for a second granted obstetrical privileges and time, hundreds of people filled the have been approved by the hospital hospital's parking lot to protest the suspension.

matter to proceed." O'Neal said, "The hospital adds new

elements every time we turn around." He noted the original letter presented

to Hildyard was based on a written complaint from a disgruntled employee. In documents from O'Neal's office,

it says the alleged complaints were the subject of the hospital's Human Resources department investigation, and did not involve patient care.

"They are scrambling to find patient "No health care system can be man-care issues," O'Neal said. "It is a situ-

ation where the hospital has tried to you don't, it is not fair, but I still must Bonebrake said. "It is time for this create excuses to get rid of Dr. Hildyard."

> O'Neal said they want the hospital board to be equitable and fair, and added he had three documented complaints against other physicians that person that could be left out of an inwere very serious patient care con-

He said those complaints were never investigated or disciplined.

"He wants to be treated no different than they treat any other physician," he

In her rebuttal, Bonebrake refuted by saying, "If I get a speeding ticket and the middle ground."

pay the piper." O'Neal also addressed the fact that

both Dr. Regier and Dr. Ketting have been left out of the investigation, presumably due to bias. He said the only vestigation such as this, according to hospital bylaws, would be "a member of staff that would be in direct economic competition."

Burr said he had no authority to make an order for the two parties to find a compromise, but he encouraged both the hospital and Hildyard to "explore

Hospital stops releasing patient list to newspaper

HOSPITAL, from Page 1

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations are making it necessary for hospitals to evaluate policies regarding patient information.'

The Daily questioned the need to eliminate the patient information because each person is asked when they are admitted if they are willing to have their name published in the hospital

"It is our position that the patient can approve release of their name to be used in the hospital report," said Tom would comply with the new regula- hold while we evaluate our policies to see where there is anything that would on Thursday. prevent the patient from agreeing to the release for use in the newspaper.

control of their medical information, and there is no reason why, if they want it released, the hospital can't continue implementing these regulations and to do so. We feel this is ending a service many people in Goodland depend be reviewed," McCants said. "We un-

Betz said he offered to develop a release form for the patient to sign which is our decision to put the question on

Betz, editor. "Looking at the mountions. McCants said they would review tains of pages of regulations, we do not it, and a draft was sent to the hospital

On Friday, McCants called and said that after consulting with Administra-"The law is designed to give people tor Jay Jolly, they had decided to put the release question on hold.

"We have lots of things to handle in our whole patient system will have to derstand that this is only a portion of what we will have to deal with, and it

comply with the privacy, confidentiality and security of patient health care information."

When asked if the release would be considered, McCants said the paper could take it to the next hospital board meeting on Monday, Oct. 28.

The federal regulations were issued under the law, passed in 1996. Congress gave the government two years to develop regulations, but it wound up taking nearly six, and the regulations don't actually go into effect until next

School meeting

At its meeting on Monday, the Goodland School Board will:

· Talk about bids on the Edson gym,

which the board wants to sell. Hear an annual audit report from the

district's accountant. Hear reports from Superintendent

Marvin Selby and school principals. Discuss holding a joint board meeting with the Northwest Kansas Technical College board on Saturday,

• Talk to band director Deandra Wirth

about how to get band students to San Antonio for the Alamo Bowl in Decem-

 Hear a request for Palm Pilots from Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal.

 Discuss a technology plan with Karla Murray, the district's technology coordi-

 Hear results of the recent Eco-Meet from Dennis Friedrichs, technology teacher, and his students.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the district office on Main Avenue.

matters of record

Municipal Traffic

Sept. 20 — Andrew Phillips, 18, of Goodland was fined \$136 for exhibition of speed and \$50 for careless driv-

Sept. 23—Brent Linin of Goodland was fined \$46 for improper parking.

Elizabeth A. Perez, 38, of Goodland was fined \$76 for second dog at large and \$20 for no dog license.

Justin Sherwood, 19, of Goodland was fined \$84 for speeding, 32/20, and

\$40 for disobeying stop sign **Sept. 25** — Olin M. Small, 22, of Goodland was fined \$236 for furnish-

ng alcohol to a minor. Kevin J. Isaac, 37, of Goodland was fined \$136 for driving while sus-

Shirley T. Walters, 52, of Goodland was fined \$56 for no dog license.

Elaine Larson, 71, of Goodland was fined \$136 for failure to report acci-

Orlando Gonzalez, 25, of Goodland was fined \$76 for speeding, 40/30.

Accidents

correction

a reporting error.

Accidents reported by the Goodland police department:

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ing into a parking space at Wal-Mart in a 1998 Ford when she hit a parked 2002 Chevy owned by Michelle L. Cooper and left the scene.

Sept. 28 — Adam S. Miller was northbound on Caldwell in a 1993 Mercury and drifted into a parked 1998 Chevy pickup owned by Cochran

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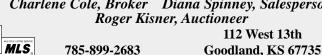
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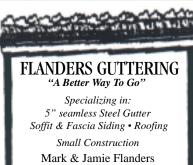
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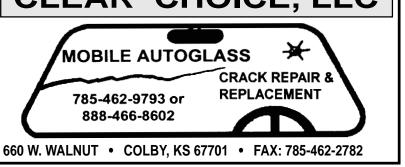
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