

# Hospital board reviews financials

By Sharon Corcoran

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Having lost nearly \$700,000 last year and with nearly \$300,000 so far this year, money is a concern for Goodland Regional Medical Center. The hospital's board reviewed April's financial report at its meeting Monday, June 2, after voting to seek critical access hospital status (See story in the Friday, June 6, is-

sue of *The Star-News*).

The new status will allow the hospital to collect more from Medicare by being reimbursed on a cost basis, rather than being paid a set amount based on what Medicare deems to be the cost of treatment.

The April report shows the hospital has lost \$296,914 so far this year, but most of that is depreciation for equipment rather than a cash

loss. Nonetheless, hospital officials are interested in seeing the medical center in the black.

The hospital's net loss from operations was \$23,691 after adding interest income of \$1,359 and \$36,176 from the county to the hospital's non-operating revenue.

The hospital paid \$302,261 for wages and salaries in April and \$61,141 for employee benefits and

taxes. Supplies were also a big expense at \$11,305. Provision for bad debt was \$71,964.

In other business, the board:

- Voted to pursue hiring a firm to recruit a surgeon.

- Approved refinancing an existing lease with First National Bank.

- Set the next meeting date for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at the hospital board room.

# Oberlin man has wreck in 'meth lab on wheels'

By Patty Decker

*Colby Free Press*  
Police said it was a meth lab on wheels.

After an Oberlin man's pickup crashed into a line of fences and some trees on Range Avenue just north of Walnut on Friday, rescue workers tried to go through the back to get to the driver.

They found there chemicals and other gear indicating a methamphetamine lab, and the driver, though unhurt in the wreck, was in a heap of trouble.

Gary Shull, a Colby Police investigator, said Jeremy Edward Stoney, 26, while heading north on Range Avenue when he apparently had an epileptic seizure.

The seizure caused Stoney to lose control of his pickup, which jumped the curb, taking out four fences including a chain link fence at the side of 645 S. Range, a wooden fence at 635 S. Range, a wire fence at the same address and a wooden fence at the side of 810 W. Cherry.

The 1993 GMC pickup then

came to rest jammed between two trees and was stopped by knocking over a large steel wagon wheel, coming to rest on top of the wheel.

As they went through the bed of the truck to get to the cab from the top, Shull said, they smelled the meth-making chemicals and saw the lab gear.

Later, police discovered what they called "a complete meth lab" in the truck. To get the man out of the pickup, a tow truck had to pull it back so rescuers could open the

doors.

Even though it appeared he was not injured from the crash, Shull said, Stoney was taken by ambulance to Citizens Medical Center and later arrested on charges of manufacturing meth. He was being held in the Thomas County Jail pending charges by Allan Taylor, county attorney.

The investigation is continuing by the Colby Police Department with assistance from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Thomas County sheriff's office.



Lila and Kenneth Engelhardt

# Pair together 30 years

Kenneth and Lila Engelhardt of rural Thomas County will celebrate their 30th anniversary Sunday, June 22, 2003. Their family request a card shower in the couple's honor. The couple married June 22,

1973, in the Colby Berean Church and have made their home around Colby most of their married lives. Send cards to the Engelhardts at 1118 County Road 30, Colby, Kan. 67701-8613.

# Goodland High graduate plays football in Germany

A 1999 Goodland High School graduate was graduated from Baker University in May and recently played in an All-Star football game and against a German football team, spending a week in Germany.

Wesley Hatcher, son of Bryan and Cinda Hatcher of Goodland, graduated from the university in Baldwin City with a mathematics degree on Sunday, May 18. There were 114 graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Hatcher and 24 teammates from the university beat the National Football Academy Monarchs 65-0 in the Bavarian Classic in Munich, Germany.

The Monarchs' league plays eight games like teams here, Hatcher said, but plays them in the summer. Their league plays for fun, he said, but players can move up to play professionally.

Hatcher said he traveled all over Germany, visiting the Neuschwanstein Castle and really liked the town of Heidelberg. He said he also visited the Dachau concentration camp north of Munich and went up into the Alps.

Hatcher also played in the All-Star football game of the Heart of America Conference in April at Atchison. The team won 34-0 against a team from Nebraska.

# Table settings draw nearly 300

More than 200 votes were cast during the Carnegie Arts Center's TableScapes show in May, and Terri Anderson winning \$100 for the Sherman County Historical Society.

Nearly 300 people visited the center during the exhibit, which showcases home-design and elements of entertaining, said Director Tina Goodwin.

Seven individuals and groups set tables with a variety of themes, she said, including Jacque Cooper, Jill Deeds, Kin Huang, Rochelle Kling, Jeris McCombs and the Nu Phi Mu Sorority.

"This has been a very popular exhibit for us," Goodwin said. "Everyone loves to come in and see all the creative ideas and beautiful

items displayed on each table."

This is the second year the center has hosted the show. With help from sponsors, Western State Bank and Elliott's Inc., the Goodland Arts Council will donate \$100 to the historical society for Anderson's efforts.

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# A day out with Dad



Brian Reicks was taking his John Deere 44D for a spin Sunday afternoon and his son Landon, 2, was trying to help drive, but he could hardly see over the wheel. Reicks said he found the tractor in Kanorado and restored it. He takes it for a drive on the week-

ends and both Landon and his sister Talanie, 5, enjoy the ride and getting to steer. He hopes to have the tractor ready for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade on Saturday, Aug. 2.

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# Library gets new books and cassettes this month

The Goodland Public Library has the following new books, cassettes and compact discs as of June 1:

In adult fiction: "Persuader," by Lee Child; "Deep Black," by Stephen Coonts; "Wild Orchids," by Jude Deveraux; "The Sinister Pig," by Tony Hillerman; "A Cold Heart," by Jonathan Kellerman; "Season of Blessing," by Beverly LaHaye (LP).

"The Wandering Hill," by Larry McMurtry; "About Face," by Fern Michaels (LP); "Late for the Wedding," by Amanda Quick; "And the Shofar Blew," by Francine Rivers; "Naked Prey," by John Sandford; "Victory," edited by Stephen Coonts; and "The Visitor," by Lori Wick (LP).

In adult non-fiction: "Finding Your Roots On-line," by Nancy Hendrickson; "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul," "FDNY — Fire Department of New York;" "Fifty Great Make-it, Take-it Projects," by LaBritta Gilbert.

"Physicians' Desk Reference,

2003 edition;" "Home Emergency Guide;" "101 Smart Questions to Ask on Your Interview," by Ronald Fry; "A Patriot's Handbook," edited by Caroline Kennedy; "In the Company of Heroes," by Michael Durant; "In His Brother's Shadow — the Life of Thomas Custer," by Roy Bird; "Merv," by Merv Griffin (LP); and "Abraham Lincoln," by Thomas Keneally (LP).

In children's books: "The Berenstain Bears and the Papa's Day Surprise," by Stan and Jan Berenstain; "Artemis Fowl: the Eternity Code," by Eoin Colfer; "Friends of a Feather," by Bill Cosby; "Who Moved My Cheese? For Kids," by Spencer Johnson; "Patiently Alice," by Phyllis Naylor; "June B., First Grader:

Boss of Lunch," by Barbara Park; "Forgive the River, Forgive the Sky," by Gloria Whelan; "If I Ran the Rainforest," by Bonnie Worth; "About the Rainforest;" and "Finding Nemo."

In audio books: "Not Even for Love," by Sandra Brown (CD); "Persuader," by Lee Child (CD); "Deep Black," by Stephen Coonts (CD); "Wild Orchids," by Jude Deveraux (CD); "In the Company of Heroes," by Michael Durant (CD); "Between Sisters," by Kristin Hannah (AC); "The Sinister Pig,"

by Tony Hillerman (CD); "Blood Song," by Terry C. Johnston (AC); "War of the Mountain Man," by William W. Johnstone (AC); "A Cold Heart," by Jonathan Kellerman (CD); "Wandering Hill," by Larry McMurtry (CD); "Late for the Wedding," by Amanda Quick (CD); "Witness in Death," by J.D. Robb (AC); "Naked Prey," by John Sandford (CD); "Magic Tree House Collection #7," by Mary Pope Osborne (AC JF); "Wee Sing & Learn Opposites" (AC); and "Wee Sing & Learn My Body" (AC).

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