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Northwest Kansas Technical College President Ken Clouse and Director of Instructional Services Brenda Chatfield (above) served food to prospective students at an open house Wednesday at the student union. College admissions representative Staci Finley (left in left photo) gave information to Michael Ward (center right) and his parents, Allen and Susan Ward of Norton.  
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# Brewster water quality improves with water well back in service

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Colby Free Press

Brewster residents have safe drinking water and more water, now that one of three wells has been put back in service.

"We are advising people that the nitrates in Brewster's city water well No. 4 are now at 5.0 milligram per liter," said City Superintendent Mike Schultz. "Well No. 2 has also maintained safe levels."

In February, Schultz notified Brewster residents they should not give city water to infants 6 months or younger or use the water to make infant formula. Nitrates can deplete oxygen in infants, causing blue baby syndrome.

Nitrates in drinking water can come from natural causes, industrial or agricultural sources, including septic systems and agricultural run off, state officials say. Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year, and Schultz, said in March that well No. 4 would remain out of service until the nitrate level dropped.

The wells are below the maximum contaminant level of 10.0 milligrams per liter of water, the limit allowed for use by the federal Safe Drinking Water act of 1974, he said.

Brewster's water is tested for nitrates four times a year under state law.

"Once again, we want to explain that nitrates turn into nitrites in the body and these inorganic chemicals can be weather related, seasonal and naturally occurring," Schultz said.

Humans often unknowingly consume nitrate from food rather than from water, he said.

Vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, beets and carrots contain sig-

nificant amounts of nitrate.

Drinking water normally contributes only a small percentage of the total nitrate intake, officials say.

Schultz said Brewster's under-

ground water source runs from southwest to northeast. He said while well No. 4 is just south of the football field in the northeast part of town, it is not likely fertilizers used

on the grass are the problem.

Well No. 2 is at the corner of Nebraska Avenue and First Street and No. 3 is about 50 feet away.

## Welcome! Alex F. DeCarvalho, MD Orthopaedic Surgeon

Dr. Alex F. DeCarvalho has joined Hays Orthopaedic Clinic's orthopaedic and sports medicine practice.

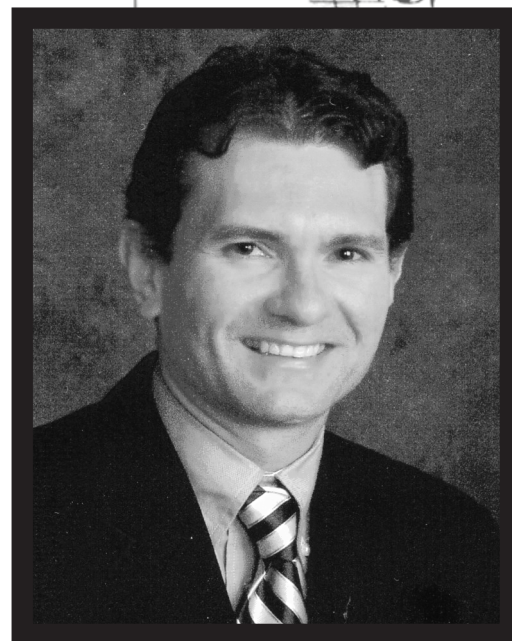
Dr. DeCarvalho recently completed sports medicine fellowship training at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as a team physician for Cleveland area professional sports teams including the Cavaliers, Browns and Indians.

In addition to his sports medicine fellowship, he completed a hand surgery fellowship at the University of New Mexico which included microvascular surgery – surgery using a microscope and very small instruments to repair arteries, nerves and tendons.

Originally from Brazil, Dr. DeCarvalho attended medical school at the Federal University of Medicine in Sergipe, Brazil before completing orthopaedic residency at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

He has conducted research in orthopaedics in Brazil and the United States, and has published extensively in medical and orthopaedic journals.

Dr. DeCarvalho is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, contact Hays Orthopaedic Clinic, 785-628-8221, or ask your primary care physician for a referral.



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## Colby seeking Colorado man

Colby police are asking people to look out for a man wanted for questioning in the murder of a 23-year-old Las Animas, Colo., woman.

Henry Isom, 31, of Las Animas, is wanted by the police in the Colorado town, said Gary Shull, Colby police detective, but it's possible that he may have been in Colby or could be coming there since he has a relative living in Colby.



Isom

"Isom could be driving a gold Kawasaki motorcycle with Colorado plates 058-HLT," Las Animas police said, describing the fugitive as a black, Hispanic male, 5-6, 152 pounds, with very short buzz-cut hair.

The body of Chasity Ann Stine, a mother of three, was discovered April 2, an official with the Las Animas police said. Isom is an ex-boyfriend and the father of her children.

"Stine was last seen on Saturday, March 30, getting ready for a date," a family member told police. "When we tried to call her, she didn't answer."

Family and friends looked for her for days. Her body was discovered wrapped in a quilt in a field in Bent County, Colo.

A restraining order against Isom was granted two weeks prior to Stine's disappearance.

Shull encourages anyone with information to call the Colby Police at 462-4460 or the Las Animas Police, (719) 456-1363.

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