

# Family clinic has new manager

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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The Goodland Regional Medical Center board met the new manager for the Goodland Family Health Center, the hospital's clinic, and discussed the annual audit at its regular meeting Monday.  
Ralph Biddle, from Philadelphia and originally from Tennessee, has taken over as the clinic manager.  
Scott Focke, interim management consultant for the clinic, will end his role at the end of this month, said Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly said, and former manager Vicky Transue will be leaving.

Biddle has extensive experience, Jolly said. Though coming from a city, he seems to enjoy the rural environment in Sherman County.  
"These flatlands can really grow on a guy," he said. "The other night I was standing outside watching the weather — 40 miles away."  
In the audit, the board reviewed the final numbers from 2002 and 2003, presented by Roger Johnson of the consulting firm Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson.  
The audit report showed capital lease obligations of \$344,229 at the end of 2003.  
Johnson said most of those would

be paid off with the municipal bonds that the hospital is selling to area banks.  
He said the hospital's property and equipment increase between the two years was mostly due to the purchase of a new computer system.  
Each year, the hospital reported over \$1.5 million in losses from operations but has been breaking even on a cash-flow basis.  
The hospital net cash provided (used) by operating activities on the cash flow statement of \$35,333 in 2003 and (\$29,260) in 2002.  
Over half of the loss from opera-

tions was non-cash depreciation, Johnson said.  
All indications on these statements, Johnson said, are that going to critical access was a positive move.  
In other business:  
• Jolly reported that St. Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver will allow Goodland doctors access to records of patients they transfer to Denver. Only doctors, not nurses, will be able to have this access, he said.  
• The board set the next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 28.

## Three injured on I-70 when truck blows tire

Three passengers were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center about 7:30 p.m. Sunday after a blowout sent a semi-trailer truck into an Indiana family's Suburban about two miles east of the east Goodland exit on I-70.  
Trooper Bryon Wilson of the Kansas Highway Patrol reported that a 1995 Whig tractor driven by Leszok Nikiel, 43, London, Ontario, was driving west on I-70 at 68 mph when he went to pass the 1997 GMC Suburban driven by Susan Eicher, 29, of Connersville, Ind.

The passenger-side front tire of the tractor blew, causing the truck to veer into the other lane and hit the Suburban. The Suburban spun out of control, rolling onto the passenger side across the

lanes of I-70. The tuck stopped on the north shoulder.  
Injured in the accident were Robert Eicher, 29; his son Marty, 9 months old; and daughter Elizabeth, 10. Other passengers in the suburban were sons Andrew, 5, and Matthew, 7, and daughter, Anna Marie, 9. All were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center for treatment.  
Monday morning, the hospital said all three had been released.  
The trooper said the truck driver was wearing a seatbelt, and three of the passengers in the suburban were wearing seatbelts. The driver, Susan Eicher, was not wearing a seatbelt, nor were at least three of the children.

# Sheriff, Senate top election races

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primary ballot, however.  
Despite some opposition from within the Kansas Republican Party, on June 4 party Chairman Dennis Jones said unaffiliated voters will be allowed to cast ballots in this party's primary in August as well.  
The parties had to made a decision after a recent ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which said that states cannot pass a law defining who may vote in a primary. The court's decision emphasized that it is up to the party to decide who came vote in its primary.  
Four men want to be the Republican candidate for Sherman County sheriff: Kevin Butts, Greg Kroskey, Art Lovington and Dee Albers.  
John McCool is running unopposed to be the Democratic candidate for sheriff. Sheriff Doug Whitson said in February that he would

not run after eight years in office.  
Butts has been the undersheriff for Sherman County for about four years. Kroskey has been with the Goodland Police Department since October 1998 and a corporal since January 2003.  
Lovington is a former sheriff's deputy who now works for Harvest America. Albers is a former undersheriff and McCool a former dispatcher.  
Iris Scheopner and Crystal Wright both are running to be the Republican candidate for county treasurer. Incumbent Shelby Miller, who served for 23 years, chose not to run again. Scheopner works in the treasurer's office and Wright in the county clerk's office.  
Four Republican incumbents will run unopposed for re-election: Carol Armstrong, for register of deeds; Bonnie Selby, county attorney; Janet Rumpel, county clerk; and Kevin Rasure for county commissioner for the 3rd District. Democrat Mitch Tiede is unopposed for re-election as commissioner for the 2nd district.  
Rumpel has served as county clerk for 25 years, Armstrong as

register of deeds for 10 and Selby has been the county attorney for more than four years.  
The contested races for Republican precinct committeewoman include Marlyn Mangus and Roberta Bretz for Ward 1; Cora House and Patty Thompson for Itasca Township; Charlene Mangus and Karen Hooker for Stateline Township; and Gennifer House, Barbara Eisenbart and Carol Topliff for Logan Township.  
The contested races for Republican precinct committeeman are for Itasca Township between Harlan House and Richard Breininger, and for Logan Township between Andrew House and John Topliff.  
Unopposed Republican candidates for committeeman and committeewoman include:  
• Jeff Mason for Ward 1.  
• Curtis Duncan and Garnet Haileigh for Ward 2.  
• Jeffrey Deeds and Roxanne Yonkey for Ward 3.  
• Ron and Judith Vignery for Ward 4.  
• William Gattshall and Lois Cossman for Grant Township.  
• Warren and Carol Sweat for

Iowa Township.  
• Ron and Marsha Schilling for Llanos Township.  
• Elmer and Joyce Purvis for McPherson Township.  
• W.J. Trachsel for Shermanville Township.  
• Danny Mangus for Stateline Township.  
• Allen and Doris Quenzer for Union Township.  
• Keith and Judith Coon for Voltaire Township.  
• Richard and Sharon Farris for Washington Township  
Michael Bretz is running unopposed for the Democratic candidate for precinct committeeman for Ward 1. There are no other Democratic candidates for committee seats.  
Republican incumbent Jan Lohr is running unopposed for trustee of Logan Township, as is Republican incumbent trustee Joyce Purvis for McPherson Township. The Republican incumbent treasurer of McPherson Township Marie Moore also is running unopposed.  
Democrat Kelly Livengood is running unopposed to be the trustee for Stateline Township.

## Three killed in I-70 wreck

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The Explorer came to rest about 20 yards from the roadway on its driver's side, trapping Christine Williams in the back seat.  
The Honda wound up in the median.  
The driver, Adams, was out of her car and appeared dazed. She was holding her head, leaning against the wrecked Honda.  
Passersby stopped to help and called emergency dispatch. The first fire rescue rig blew two tires about halfway to the scene from Goodland, and dispatchers had to call another truck.  
Firemen, state troopers, sheriff's deputies and emergency medical crews responded.  
As officers arrived at the scene, they first called for two ambulances. Five minutes later, they summoned

a third from Brewster.  
Crews worked feverishly to free Williams from the smashed Explorer, crawling under the wreck and leaning into the windows.  
Witnesses said the vehicle may have rolled as many as nine times. Highway Patrol accident specialists were taking measurements at the scene on Monday.  
Troopers directed traffic and kept the freeway moving.  
Adams was uninjured. Originally charged with driving under the influence, Sheriff Doug Whitson said, she was charged Sunday with three counts of second-degree murder, plus aggravated battery, transporting an open container (a bottle of vodka) and drunk driving.  
She was being held in the Sherman County Bastille on \$100,000 bond.

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