

Veterans fill hall Friday to request outreach medical clinic

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tances they have to travel. They said that the mileage paid by Veterans Affairs is not enough to cover the cost of gas today.

Once veteran said he was told by the Denver office that they could not help him.

Biro said he did not understand that because the Veteran Insurance Card is supposed to provide universal service, but admitted that sometimes the patient records don't transfer well.

"You can take your VIC (Veterans Insurance Card) and go to any VA hospital emergency room," he said.

"There is not a problem where we go," the Colby veteran said, "but

there is a problem with housing for my wife if we have to stay overnight."

Another question was about having a Disabled American Veteran van assigned to the area of northwest Kansas.

"I wrote to Congressman Moran's office about this," he said. "I got a reply from your office that you were going to contact the DAV, but I haven't heard anything since. I believe this room full of veterans shows that if we had a van, it would get used."

Moran said he would follow up with the group.

Referring to the mileage issue, Moran said it was sort of a political question and that he has authored a couple of amendments to increase

the rate from the current 11 cents a mile.

"The problem is money," he said. "It is not a matter of how much to increase it, but where does the money come from within the Veterans Affairs budget. There are more veterans using the services today, and taking care of their basic needs is a higher priority than raising the mileage rate."

Veteran Dale Allison's wife said she was not up to driving to Denver.

"I can barely make it driving in Colorado Springs or Hays," she said.

Pointing to a map of the area within 150 miles of Goodland, Biro said he would work with the Veterans to improve service.

"The map makes a very good

point," he said. "This is an area that has fallen through the cracks. I will be an advocate for rural veterans, and can assure you I will do that.

"I will work on getting a clinic

approved. It won't happen overnight. We will have to find the money.

"It is good to come out to meetings like this, because I like to put

the faces with the people, and to know what is happening.

"I hear you. You can be sure I am working in it."

Coach arrested after second fire

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whoever was doing these things. We are glad we were able to be on the scene at the right time. The investigation is not over, and we continue to look at all the events of the past two weeks."

Lambrecht said he was glad Smee had explained the situation before they hauled the coach away.

"I know living across the street I had been worried about these things taking place," Lambrecht said. "I was trying to guess — like everyone else — who might have been doing it, and was completely surprised when Smee said it was the coach himself. I wish the best for him, and hope he can get some help. It seems like he had to get this done and get caught before he had to face teaching or coaching this week."

Lambrecht said a woman who lives across the alley behind Diehl's home told him she had seen the coach on the roof before the fire started.

The fire Saturday was reported about 11 p.m.. It was the second arson fire reported at that address in a week. Smee said a 911 call came into the dispatch center at 11:10 p.m. that the roof of the house at 1108 Harrison was on fire.

"The neighbors reacted to the fire, and were getting the fire out as the Goodland fire department arrived," Smee said Monday.

Over the past two weeks, Diehl had claimed he was the target of harassment stemming from a party where he had called the Sherman County sheriff's office to report drugs being used. Charges in that incident are pending, said County Attorney Bonnie Selby.

Coach Diehl reported possible drug use at 1019 Harrison at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12.

Deputy Burton Pianalto, who investigated, reported that he contacted a high school student at the home. He described the offenses as possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. The deputy said he seized a pipe and 2 grams of marijuana valued at \$10. The offenders also were drinking.

On Monday, Aug. 16, Coach Diehl reported criminal damage to the windshield of his 1995 Ford pickup in the amount of \$350. Diehl told *The Goodland Star-News* on

Coach suspended

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When the board was back in open session, Short made a motion to suspend Diehl both as a teacher and coach effective immediately.

Selby said that Linda Van-Loenen, who was supposed to transfer to Grant Junior High this year, will stay at the high school and take over Diehl's classes.

Selby said that McLean had agreed to take over as head football coach for the Cowboys. McLean accepted the board's offer during the closed session. He teaches world geography and freshman physical education at the high school, and also is head coach for the Cowboys basketball team.

McLean said he was confident the team will have a good year. He held a meeting with the players later Sunday afternoon, followed by one with their parents.

J.D. Hooper, a high school math teacher and former head football coach, has agreed to return to coaching and work with the Cowboy's defense. Raymer will also help with some of the coaching duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the district office, 1312 Main Ave.

Tuesday the windshield had been smashed with a portable air bottle about 11:30 p.m., after he got home.

The first fire at Diehl's home was reported at 11:20 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22. Officer Brad Parker, who investigated the incident after the fire department was called, estimated damage at \$1,000. He said the fire had been set.

On Wednesday, Diehl reported at 2:15 a.m. that a tire on his pickup had been slashed.

Smee said the investigation continues, and he does not know at this time if all of the incidents were done by the same person.

"We are gathering evidence," Smee said, "but we do not know if all these were done by one person. If there are others involved, we would like to catch them and bring them all to justice."

"The Sherman County Sheriff's department and the city police are investigating the arson."

Diehl is to be advised of charges

against him in court this week.

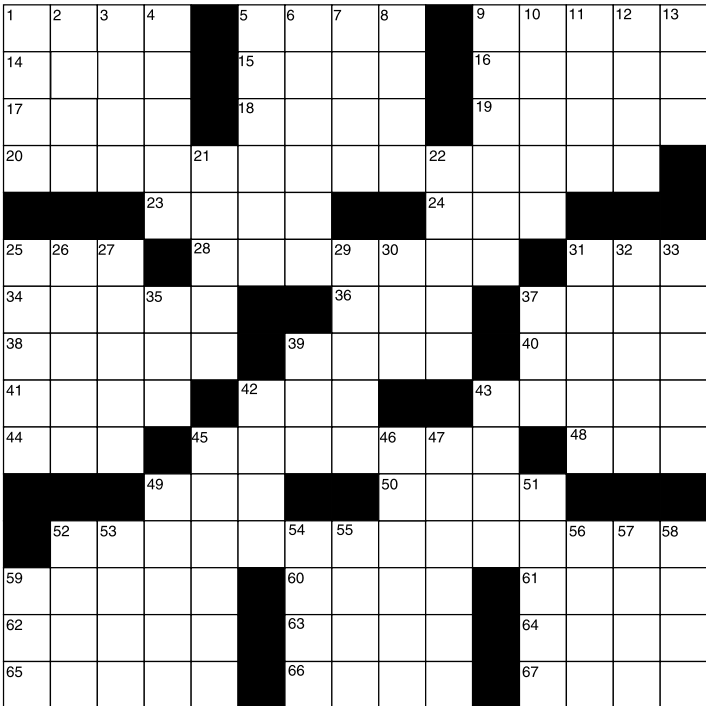
The Cowboy football team had an 8-3 record last year under Coach Diehl. The team won the district title and lost to Wellington in the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Diehl had been selected to be one of the coaches at the 31st annual Kansas Shrine Bowl at the end of July, but canceled about a week before the game.

Diehl said he did not want to spend the time away from his family, and that he had a doctor's recommendation that he not coach the Shrine Bowl. Diehl said for the past 18 months he has had costochondritis, which he described as an inflammation of the tissue between the ribs which causes swelling of the chest wall, resulting in spasms of pain.

Diehl said his doctor told him overwork aggravates the condition. The coach said he has been taking medication for the pain.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Rigs
- Hebrew month
- Raise on poles
- American state
- A written proposal or reminder
- Base of statue
- Machete
- Fabrics
- Vertical position
- Poker selection
- Inside, prefix
- Command right
- Doctors' group
- S. American capital
- Informed about the latest trends
- Russian country house
- Leg (slang)
- Rabbit
- Killer whales
- Chits
- Wading bird
- Poet
- Light brown
- Proclamation; demand
- The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Tranquilized
- Chinese religion
- Coolidge
- Area units
- "Beyond _____," song of optimism
- Bye! (Italian)
- Slithered
- Mining term
- Most evil
- This (Spanish)
- Give birth
- Ligneous plants
- Brazilian currency
- Burden

CLUES DOWN

- Windy city team
- At the peak
- Island
- Young pig
- ___ Blake, actress
- Someone who owes money
- Handmaiden
- Mounted
- Positions
- Wigwam
- The content of cognition
- Inadequate in quantity
- Expression of disappointment
- South American Indians
- Old Irish alphabets
- Sun-dried brick
- Murdered in his bathtub
- Capital of Ghana
- Capital of Guam
- Two-wheeled horse-drawn
- An established custom
- Heath
- Basil sauce
- Suffered
- Concealed
- Small amount
- Let it be known
- German river
- Usually with wooden soles
- South Pacific island
- In a way, decays
- Terminate
- Greek prophethess
- Norse god of thunder
- Give a job to
- Exploiter
- Different
- Larval crabs
- Towards the mouth
- Spanish baby
- Hundredweight

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SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

July 31, 2004

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date \$4,889,794.27

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$61,417.34
AUTO MOTOR SPECIAL	\$21,409.74
BOND & INTEREST	\$156,053.59
COUNTY HEALTH	\$53,308.02
DIRECT ELECTION	\$30,589.32
TRASH HAULING	\$81,310.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$373,943.23
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$100,056.91
GENERAL FUND	\$724,641.15
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$25,515.07
LANDFILL	\$75,000.00
LOGAN CO FIRE #1	\$22.33
LANDFILL EXCAVATION FUND	\$200,000.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$35,252.73
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$22,177.14
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	\$20,800.20
OVER & UNDER	-\$68.42
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	\$599.35
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$8,347.28
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$680,967.38
SALES TAX	\$15,713.89
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$193,455.81
SHERMAN CO SPILL CONTROL	\$304.70
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$9,723.72
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$711,349.62
SPEC ALCOHOL PROGRAM	\$2,199.85
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	\$759.47
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$169,221.74
TORT LIABILITY	\$1,256.09
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$5,876.39
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$312.00
GAME LICENSES	\$277.00
MTR VEH REPORT FUND	\$60.00
COUNTY ATTORNEY DRUG SEIZURE	\$2,276.07
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$2,368.80
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$7,745.16
SPECIAL PRAIRIE DOG	\$14,165.20
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$67,592.80
GOOD SAM CTR-HEALTH CARE	\$4,651.80
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$235.36
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$15,946.38
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$29,724.53
AUTO MTR STATE/GENERAL	-\$190.65
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$106,246.65
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$29,596.16
CURRENT TAX	\$206,798.34
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$42,392.77
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$2,222.71
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$164,547.63
RENTAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	\$536.43
MICRO LOANS	\$8,170.78
FEDERAL DRUG SEIZURE	\$2.90
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$34.92
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$3,302.02
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$84,709.75
SUSPENSE FUND	\$32,751.29
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$55,814.75

TOWNSHIPS

GRANT/GENERAL	\$0.74
LLANOS/GENERAL	\$261.09
MCPHERSON/GENERAL	\$1,127.78
SHERMANVILLE GENERAL	\$90.87
SHERMANVILLE PRAIRIE DOG	-\$0.39
STATELINE/GENERAL	\$346.65
WASHINGTON/GENERAL	\$751.94

PROJECT FUND-HOSPITAL BOND	\$215,898.78
COST OF ISSUANCE ACCT-HOS	\$7,820.68

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$4,889,794.27

STATE OF KANSAS
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Louis M. Schoppner
County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August, 2004



Janet K. Rumpel
County Clerk - Notary Public