

County gets health officer

By Tom Betz
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Sherman County has a new health officer as of Monday.

Dr. David Younger was appointed as health officer and consultant to the health department at a county commission meeting Friday morning.

His was the only letter received by Dorendo Harrel, head of the health department. Dr. Younger was to be sworn in on Monday to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. Robert McCullough, who has been the health officer since 1997.

The position pays \$200 per month, and the doctor receives a \$250 fee when the health department holds a family clinic.

The commissioners accepted a resignation from Kevin Sanderson from the county rural fire board. They said they are looking for anyone interested in serving on this board.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure was appointed as the county representative on the Industrial Park Committee, which is working with Sherman County Economic Development to advertise and promote the industrial park west of K-27. As a first step, the board of the Goodland Development Corp. was reactivated, and Rasure will serve on that board.

The commissioners received a letter from the Northwest Planning and Development of Hill City, saying the contract for the new bridge east of Kanorado has been completed. The county had received a grant of \$85,000 to help pay for the project.

A second letter said there are some deficiencies on closing out the microloan program, for which the county received \$100,000 in grant money. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the letter says the county has 30 days to complete the details to close out the project.

Northwest Kansas Planning and Development helped administer the loan project and was to receive \$10,000 for its services. Commissioner Rasure said he would see what needs to be done to complete the paperwork.

The county handed out seven micro loans through the project in cooperation with the Sherman County Economic Development office and the microloan review committee. As the money is paid back, it will go into a fund to make

loans to other businesses. The microloan review committee will be reviewing the requirements with an eye to streamline the application process.

Crystal Wright, county computer manager, asked the commissioners how computer purchases are to be done. She said most of the departments contact her when they are planning to purchase a computer, software or upgrades to the equipment. However, she said, that is not always the case. If a departments want to do it on their own, she suggested, the cost should come out of their budget.

Tiede said he felt there was a need for better communication, and said he would talk to Terry Ballard, the county assessor, who appears to be the one who is not contacting Wright about computer issues.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel handed out a sales tax report showing that for September the county received an apparent record \$75,763 in sales tax. It is \$28,192 higher than the same month last year, and \$35,115 higher than two years ago.

Rumpel said hopefully the next three months will be as good, and the county will receive well over \$500,000 in sales tax this year, which would be more than \$50,000 higher than the total for the past two years, \$443,150 in 2002 and \$437,760 in 2003.

In paying the end-of-month bills, the commissioners decided the special signs for helping with the ditch cleaning should be paid out of the solid waste fund. The total bills for the second half of October were \$115,736.

Tiede said he and his father Wilbur are helping Doug Irvin tear down the old motel at the New Trail truck stop, and that they had received permission to dig a pit to bury the debris on the property.

A closed-door session on a personnel matter was held for 5 minutes. When the commissioners returned to open meeting, no action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

The commissioners will not meet today because of the election, but will meet Friday morning to canvass the votes. The next regular commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. next Tuesday in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway.

State board sets date

By Patty Decker
Colby Free Press

The state Board of Healing Arts has set aside two weeks in April to hear charges against a Colby doctor embroiled in a long-running dispute with the town's hospital board.

The hearing will determine whether Dr. Victor Hildyard has violated the board's rules or state law in his practice. The April 11 date was set during a prehearing telephone conference.

Hildyard, a family practitioner at Colby Medical and Surgical Center for more than 30 years, is alleged to have committed 12 violations between 1996 and 2003.

Taking part in the telephone meeting Oct. 22 were Dr. Hildyard's attorney, Michael O'Neal from Hutchinson; Stacy L. Cook and Diane L. Beliquist, representing the state board; and Ed J. Gaschler, presiding judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings. It lasted less than an hour.

In addition to setting the hearing date, both sides will begin work on developing their cases using witnesses, dispositions and other evidence.

In cases where there is no dispute of the facts, developing a case does not require so much time, said Mark Stafford, general counsel for the board, but in this situation there are many complex issues.

Following last week's conference, Hildyard's attorney will be allowed to make written requests for information, question particular pieces of evidence alleging misconduct, inappropriate behavior and incompetence, learn what the state knows and learn what parties are involved. Once O'Neal has the information he needs, he said, he will then prepare and plan a defense based on discovery and witnesses.

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Making way for the new



Wilbur Tiede of Tiede Construction used an excavator Saturday afternoon to load debris into a truck after starting demolition of the old Apple Trail Motel just south of I-70 on K-27. The

property, including the New Trail truck stop, has been abandoned for several years. It was purchased this year by a group led by Doug Irvin of Goodland. Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Hospital has a name

By Patty Decker
Colby Free Press

Colby's new medical facility has a name: St. Thomas Community Hospital, more than 60 people attending an Area Citizens for Healthcare meeting last month in Colby learned.

Dave Voss, administrator of Colby Medical and Surgical Center, said work was in progress at the new hospital, in the old St. Thomas Hospital building on South Range Avenue.

The citizens' group decided not to disband, but to continue holding meetings to keep people informed. Members voted to donate their treasury to the defense fund for Dr. Victor Hildyard, the force behind the new hospital.

Voss said that 90 percent of the necessary demolition on all four floors in the south end of the old hospital is done, but workers are at a standstill.

"The architect is working through the plans and the construction firm hired to handle demolition and rebuilding was called away to Wyoming temporarily," Voss said. "The construction workers will be returning soon and the architect will soon have completed plans for the upgrades."

Voss said that prior to announcing that, he had been in touch with the Sisters of St. Joseph, who gave their approval to use that name again.

He also said that during a celebration involving the Sisters of St. Agnes in Colby this year, several of

the nuns toured the old facility and they blessed the old hospital.

Voss said Dr. Hildyard and his attorney are confident charges against him by the state Board of Healing Arts will be resolved "in a positive way."

He said he hoped those present understood that this is not just a "Dr. LaDonna Regier, Dr. Hildyard, Colby Medical and Surgical Center" fight, but rather a fight for everyone's ability to choose where and who they want to take care of them.

Voss thanked the group for their "overwhelming support" during Dr. Hildyard and Dr. Regier's 30th anniversary in Colby.

"It was a low spot for both of them, and the outpouring of cards, letters and visitors brought their spirits back up," he said.

Jennifer Woofter, a officer of the health care group, said she hopes that the new hospital will get the support it deserves since its philosophical foundation is based on offering patients a choice in doctors, a choice in facility and choice in their quality of care.

Voss said that the new facility is not Dr. Hildyard's hospital, but rather will be owned by a group of investors, along with members of the medical community.

"This will truly be a community hospital," he said.

The 60 people attending unanimously rejected a motion to dissolve the group, which came from it's president, John Kern.

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