

Coach ready for busy sports seasons



By Greg Stover

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Coaching three sports in high school isn't unheard of in Kansas, especially in Class 4A and smaller schools. What's rare is being successful in all three.

That is what Jon McLean did last year, leading both the Cowboys football and basketball teams to post-season play, and sending two golfers to the state tournament.

Now the coach says he's not only ready to do it all again, but determined to improve on last year's results in all three sports.

Two years ago, McLean coached the basketball team and assisted in football and golf. He did not expect his responsibilities to grow as quick as they did last August.

McLean knew he would be back on the basketball court and knew he would take over for J.D. Hooper coaching the boys golf team. Taking over the football program just five days before the first game came as a complete surprise, but he rose to the challenge.

McLean had just started his second season as an assistant for Coach Tony Diehl when he was called in to a special meeting by the Goodland School Board. Told that Diehl had been suspended, McLean was asked to take over as head coach of the football team.

The Cowboys responded to the change by winning their first five games, finishing the regular season 8-1 and 6-0 in the Northwest Kansas League. They swept District 15, winning all three games, then went on to win their first two playoff games before losing to Rose Hill High in the state semi-finals.

At least three Cowboys from the Class of 2005 continue playing

Coach Jon McLean made a point to his players during the Cowboys' first practice held Monday.

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football this season in college. Brock Lohr will play for the Gorillas of Pittsburg State University, although he may redshirt the 2005 season. Derrick Raymer and David Livengood are with the Bronco-busters of Garden City Community College.

This past basketball season, McLean said, was the best the Cowboys had in his six years as their coach. After going 14-8 in 2002-2003, Goodland fell to 8-13 the next season. Rising to another challenge, he helped the team turn things around in 2004-2005, finishing the season 15-6, including a perfect 7-0 in the Northwest Kansas League.

Although none of the team's four seniors will play college basketball this season, McLean does have one player from the Class of 2004 who is expected to move up to his school's varsity team this coming season. Lance Tedford, a sophomore at Midland Lutheran College in Olathe, is expected to be a key member of the Warriors' team in November.

McLean graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in health and physical education and a minor in social studies. He played three seasons as a running back on the Swedes football team and four as a point guard on their basketball team. McLean earned a master's degree in sports administration from Wichita State University in 2000.

The coach, who teaches physical education and world geography, came to Goodland in June 1999 with his wife Lynette, a first-grade teacher at Central Elementary. Lynette will be the high school's cheerleader sponsor this year. The McLeans have three children, Cade, 5; Maggie, 4; and Josie, 10 months.

"I enjoy both sports and working with kids," McLean said, "and this is a great opportunity to do both at the same time."

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September Consultant Schedule

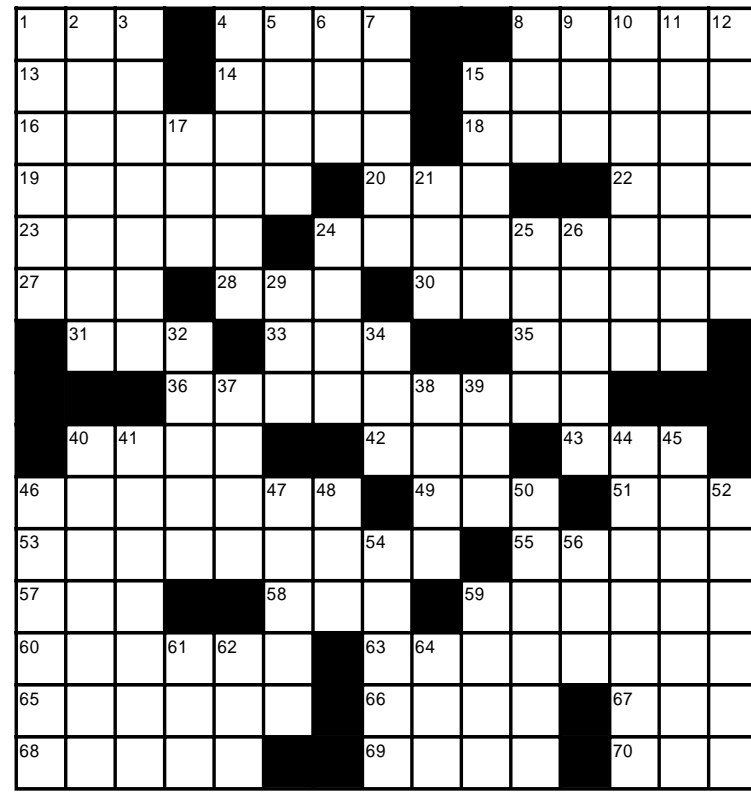
Allergist	Jeffrey Rumblyrt, M.D.	September 8
Audiologist	Sherri M. Beck, M.A., CCC-A	September 9, 16 & 30
Cardiologist	Barry Smith, M.D.	September 14 & 28
Cardiologist	Vijay Sabbarao, M.D.	September 8
Dermatologist	Charles Ruggles, M.D.	September 1 & 15
Dietitian	Sarah Linton, RD, LD	Monday thru Friday
Ear, Nose and Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	September 9, 16 & 30
Endocrinologist	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	September 9, 22 & 23
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	September 19
Gynecology	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	September 14 & 28
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	September 9, 23 & 28
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	September 21
Oncology/Hematology	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	September 27
Ophthalmologist	Kent Bashford, M.D.	September 1 & 15
Ophthalmologist	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	September 21
Ophthalmologist	David Pfoff, M.D.	September 6, 12, 20 & 26
Orthopedist	John Gargaro, M.D.	September 6
Orthopedist	Tim Birney, M.D.	September 12
Orthopedist	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	September 12
Orthopedist	James Holmes, M.D.	September 26
Orthopedist	Edward Parks, M.D.	September 19
Pediatrician	Raymond Ketting, M.D.	September 27
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	September 9 & 23
Podiatrist	Erik Ouderkerk, D.P.M.	September 14
Pulmonologist	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	September 19
Pulmonologist	Val Linquist, M.D.	September 22
Radiologists	Professional Radiology Services	Week Days
Rheumatologist	Karl Chambers, M.D.	September 15
Speech Therapy	Lisa Paxton	By appointment only
Substance Abuse Dir	Fred Waters, CADC III	Mondays
Urologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	September 13
Urologist	Wallace Michael Curry, M.D.	September 27

Crossword Puzzle

P Soup

ACROSS

- Gradually slower, in mus.
- "__ she blows!"
- Possessed, biblically
- __ tree (trapped)
- Add to the staff
- Wipe out
- Quit for the day
- Gain again, as one's trust
- All-inclusive
- One of the Gabors
- The Tigers, on scoreboards
- Jockey's handful
- "The Wild Bunch" director Sam
- HBO competitor
- White-gloves affair
- Moistens anew
- Pompous sort
- Hexa- halved
- Java vessels
- Energy-restoring drinks
- WWI-era plane
- Soft touch
- Mini-albums, for short
- Like gridlocked traffic
- Get firm
- CD store section
- It's really a gopher
- What "there is nothin' like"
- Duffer's miracle
- "Ben-__"
- Copyist
- Like the animals in a petting zoo
- Wait for a kiss
- Win the heart of
- List ender
- Hotel amenity
- Clean up, Pied Piper-style



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| 69. Poor, as excuses go | 15. Buccaneer Sir Francis | 45. Licorice-flavored liqueur |
| 70. Shucker's unit | 17. They're related | 46. Dug, in a way |
| | 21. Tape player | 47. Old anesthetic |
| | 24. The "P" of PRNDL | 48. Joanne of "Abie's Irish Rose" |
| DOWN | 25. "The jig __!" | 50. Fishing gear |
| 1. Publisher Murdoch | 26. Like the Vikings | 52. Eye, slangily |
| 2. "The Girl From __" | 29. Abbr. related to 66-Across | 54. Adrien of cosmetics |
| 3. Military science course | 32. Gunpowder igniter | 56. Dr. __ of 51-Across |
| 4. Parched feeling | 34. Baby-sitter's handful | 59. Three-card monte, e.g. |
| 5. Sexologist Shere | 37. Twiddling one's thumbs | 61. "__ Little Teapot" |
| 6. Paul's "Exodus" role | 38. Sunup direction | 62. Auction grouping |
| 7. Oscar winner Zellweger | 39. Beehive State | 64. Hagen of stage and screen |
| 8. Start of a bray | 40. Icy treat | |
| 9. Pub offering | 41. Tempo setter at Indy | |
| 10. Blank look | 44. Flat land | |
| 11. DiMaggio's 56 and others | | |
| 12. Dimes, to dollars | | |

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