# Colby doctor cleared, censured by health board hearing officer

medical-related incompetencies by a hearing officer, and will be publicly censured for his inappropriate

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard's attorney, Mike O'Neal of Hutchinson, said Monday presiding officer, Edward Gaschler, not only cleared Hildyard of any wrongdoing, but went back further into the original investigation since April 2002 when the doctor's privileges were revoked at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

In his findings, Gaschler called the case the "proverbial house of cards" and the hospital's remedy in terminating Hildyard's privileges seemed "at best" extreme.

Tuesday, Mark Stafford, general counsel for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, released information regarding the 19 allegations, find-

A Colby doctor was cleared of all ings and conclusions stemming from 1996 to 2003 involving Hildyard's practice.

> n the initial order, presiding officer Gaschler concluded "it has not been established by the preponderance of the respondent (Hildyard) violated the Healing Arts Act; and therefore, these counts are dismissed."

O'Neal said Hildyard's language and behavior issues were viewed as "minor admonitions."

Stafford said following the initial order by Gaschler, the next step will be review by the entire state board.

The board's next meeting is Feb. 10-11 but because of the agenda, of Healing Arts." Stafford did not know if Hildyard's portunity for the board to review the not want to comment on the case. ruling is in April.

Stafford said, and the board can accept Gaschler's ruling, modify it or Of the 19 allegations ruled upon send it back for additional procedures. Stafford said sending it back

Of the remaining three counts, clear and convincing evidence that Gascher said Hildyard violated provisions of the act. "For these violations," Gascher said, "the presiding officer publicly censures the respondent (Hildyard). The respondent is admonished that his behavior as outlined in these counts was unprofessional and dishonorable to the profession. Such behaviors are not acceptable behavior for a physician licensed by the Kansas Board

David Steed of Wichita, who case will be ruled on. The next op-served as the board's attorney did

"Part of my role is as the prosecu-

give out any information," he said.

Gaschler, Steed said, is with the Kansas State Department of Administration and is an attorney, but not a medical doctor.

'Sometimes the board has doctors preside over a case," Steed said. "Because I am not out to win at all costs or for that matter lose at all costs, the procedure is to present the evidence as best we could."

Under state law, the initial order is not effective until it becomes a final order and the initial order becomes a final order 30 days after service of the initial order if no party has filed a petition for review of that initial order and, in this case, if the state board of healing arts, has not provided written notice of its intention to exercise review.

## Helping injured people heal, get back to work

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News If you've been injured, wouldn't it be nice to have someone help you get ready to go back to work?

It would be even better to have help preventing potential injuries. And if you've been in the hospital, the same person can go check your home before you're released, to be sure it is a safe environment.

Larissa Coon, occupational therapist, has 11 years experience in helping avoid injuries and recover from those that happened. She has been at Goodland Regional Medical Center one month and is licensed in Kansas.

Part of her work experience was as a captain in the Army, and she has worked at hospitals in California and Colorado.

She gave a presentation to the hospital's board at its meeting last Monday, that was so compelling a board member asked about having her come to his business to help employees avoid carpel tunnel and other injuries common to the work environment.

Larry McCants, president of First National Bank and a board member, asked if she ever goes tor.

into other organizations to evaluate ergonomics and help them avoid injuries. Coon said that is exactly her job, though, so far in Goodland, she has been evaluating work situations at the hospital and doing presentations at

schools. The hospital will start advertising Coon's service, said Administrator Jay Jolly, starting with the Sherman County Health Fair from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Coon said she would have her own booth at the health fair and would test grip strength and talk

You can grip the steering wheel so hard you end up with carpal tunnel, she said.

about stress management.

Coon can go into a patient's home before he is released from the hospital and see if anything needs to be moved, said Mary Ann Elliott, a registered nurse, swing bed manager and risk manager. She will be instrumental in discharge management, Elliott said, making sure patients go home to a safe environment.

And she will help make sure people aren't sent back to work before they are ready, said Dale Schields, human resources direc-

# Visitors bureau adopts budget, names officers

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau came out ahead for 2005 and expects to have a \$115,020 budget for this year.

The bureau's board voted for officers for the year and adopted the budget at its meeting on Jan. 11. The officers are Dale Neill, former

owner of KOA Kampground, reelected chairman; Bill Stoick, manager of Super 8 Motel, secretary; Ryan Hageman, manager of Wendy's, at large member on the ex-

The bureau will likely have a balance over \$12,000 remaining from last year when the books are closed a lot of new brochures printed. out, Price said; the financial reports project over \$4,000 remaining from guest tax, over \$2,000 from carried over funds, \$1,000 from merchandise and about \$6,000 from reimbursements.

The bureau went \$2,972 over budnew computer from that account and moved \$5,000 to savings for a new van. Over \$2,000 was remaining ecutive board; and Donna Price, visi-from the \$41,279 budgeted for marinclude \$47,820 for marketing, \$1,000 for promotions.

tors bureau director, executive board. keting, and \$1,934 from printing.

That will probably be spent this year, Price said, since there will be

This year's budget includes estimated income from the guest tax of \$95,500, \$13,020 of carried over funds. \$6.500 reimbursements from the Northwest Kansas Travel Council for Price's meals, travel expenses and work for them. Last year the get in capitol outlay but bought a budget planned on \$4,000 in meal and travel reimbursements, she said, but over \$10,000 was collected.

Planned expenses for this year

\$31,500 for Price's wages, \$5,700 for capitol outlay, \$5,000 for rent and utilities, \$5,000 for travel and \$3,500 for phone.

The budget allows for \$2,500 each for printing; for membership dues to the Northwest Kansas Travel Council, the Travel Industry Association for Kansas and other organizations; for insurance; and for employment taxes.

Other expenses are \$1,600 for postage, \$1,500 for auto expenses, \$1,200 for office supplies, \$1,200 for education (conferences) and

## County approves 38 tax rebate projects Filing for the new property tax cause they had begun construction

rebate program will pay off for 38 Sherman County landowners after the commissioners approved their The county commissioners ap-

proved the Neighborhood Revitalization program at their last meeting of the year. There were 40 applications at that time. In January County Assessor Terry Ballard reviewed the applica-

the commissioners for approval or disapproval. Commissioners Kevin Rasure and Chuck Thomas reviewed the

before last year. Under guidelines the commis-

sioners established construction projects begun in 2005 were eligible to apply even though the project was under construction or had been completed. Any project this year that might

qualify will have to have an application filed before construction begins. Included in the 38 project are the

tions and then forwarded them to new diner from Blair-Naugthon that is being assembled on the site behind Taco John's; the new motel being built by Prairie Sky Capital where the old Apple Trail truck stop was; and the new building for Goodrecommended two be denied be- land Energy Center.

February

Feb. 9

Feb. 8 & 22

Feb. 2 & 23

Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

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Mon - Fri

Feb. 13

Feb. 8

Feb. 9 & 23

Feb. 2 & 16

March 15

Feb. 1 & 15

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### House passes bill for city, county road project sales tax cial sales tax provision, which was

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the bill and Rasure in front of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee chaired by Sen. Barbara Allen of Overland Park. Rasure said he told them the same

things he told the House committee, and the senators asked a few questions. He said they asked about the former sales tax on roads, and asked how the county had been able to attract the energy center.

Ostmeyer," Rasure said. "I appreciate what these two men have Sherman County to ask voters to done. They were trying to help get it through the Legislature as quickly

were doing and was helpful. We will have to wait on the Senate for a few days to see what they do. I guess the Senate was talking about doing some

"I want to thank Morrison and House passed it as a separate bill." The House Bill (2698) allows

approve a 1 percent sales tax to pay for street and road improvements. With legislature approval the county "Rep. Wilk understood what we can ask the voters to vote on the sales tax and once passed they can

No one spoke in opposition to the bill at either committee Rasure said. The bill repeals the previous spefor county road improvements on Road 64 and 65.

Once approved by the legislature and published in the Kansas Register the new provision will allow Sherman County to hold a special election within 45 days.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the election could be held as early as April if the new law is passed and files on Jan. 24. Of the 40 Ballard published in the next few weeks.

### Power plant permit hearing Wednesday written or oral testimony at the hear-tric plants being planned near

application and supporting documents the state reviewed for the permit are to be available at the city office here during normal business hours, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City Manager Wayne Hill said anyone wanting to look at the documents can ask and City Clerk Mary Volk will arrange a place for the person to read them.

Morris said people can present

ing. How long the hearing lasts will Holcomb where it is estimated the attendance sheet, and the hearing depend on how many people want plants could produce 230 pounds officer may call on those who want to speak. He said the hearing officer per year. will determine how long the hear- Morris said the federal regulais going to be Rick Brunetti, the district administrator from Salina.

for the state in the air quality division for 29 years. He said the recent concern being raised about mercury ticipating in a program to test new the size of power plant to be built near Goodland. The mercury pollution is a potential problem he said for the three new Sunflower Elec-

A copy of the proposed permit, inglasts. He said the hearing officer tions on mercury emission have not been finalized, but expects the smaller sized plants like the one Morris said he has been working near Goodland would meet the present draft of emission limits.

He said Sunflower Electric is parpollution would probably not affect mercury emission reducing equip-

To gain admission to the hearing press the button inside the main doors of the city building.

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### February Consultant Schedule **ALLERGIST\*\*** Feb. 9

**AUDIOLOGIST** CARDIOLOGIST CARDIOLOGIST DERMATOLOGIST **DIETITIAN** EARS, NOSE, THROAT **ENDOCRINOLOGIST** GASTROENTEROLOGIST GENERAL SURGEON GENERAL SURGEON **GYNECOLOGY NEUROLOGIST** OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY **OPHTHALMOLOGIST** OPHTHALMOLOGIST OPHTHALMOLOGIST ORTHOPEDIST **ORTHOPEDIST ORTHOPEDIST** ORTHOPEDIST

ORTHOPEDIST **PSYCHIATRIST PODIATRIST PULMONOLOGIST RADIOLOGISTS** RHEUMATOLOGIST SPEECH THERAPY

**UROLOGIST** 

UROLOGIST

SUSTANCE ABUSE DIR

Jeffrey Rumbyrt, M.D. Sherri M. Beck, Au. D. Barry Smith, M.D. Vijay Subbarao, M. D. Charles Ruggles, M.D. Sarah Linton, RD, LD Alfred N. Carr, M.D. Gerald Poticha, M.D. Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D. David. D. Beck, M.D. Jeffrey Cross, M.D. Laura Rokosz, M.D. Steven J. Gulevich, M.D. David Forschner, M.D. Martin Rubinowitz, M.D. Kent Bashford, M.D. Brian Joondeph, M.D. David Pfoff, M.D. John Gargaro, M.D. Tim Birney, M.D. Armond Hatzidakis, M.D. James Holmes, M.D. Edward Parks, M.D. John C. Faul, M.D. Erik Ouderkirk, D.P.M. Ken Weisiger, M.D.

Professional Radiology Services WEEK DAYS Karl Chambers, MD Lisa Paxton Fred Waters, CADC, III

By Appt. Only Mondays Darrell D. Werth, M.D. Feb. 21 Wallace Micheal Curry, M.D. March 14

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## Kansas' earliest 'CSI' story Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt 'Betrayed by a Fingerprint' — A definite Must Read



by a fingerprint N.T. Betz

a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals.

Four bandits, gunplay, two murders, a car chase, and a shoot out with po-

lice — and that is just the first chapter! This book is filled with everything Hollywood dreams of for blockbuster movies — good vs. bad, drama, murder and a thrilling cross-country chase. The author, N.T. Betz, expertly tells the story of the Fleagle Gang, through his own words, and through the words of the reporters, posse members, police and others who experienced this crime spree. Betz included the influences the Fleagles had on culture (i.e. Evil-Eye Fleegle and the Beagle Boys). In addition to the fascinating look into the actions of four criminals and the courts of the late 1920's, this story marks several landmarks in forensics and law enforcement techniques including the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict a criminal and the first transportation of a suspect by airplane. A must read for history and true crime buffs alike!

Ranked in top 20 true crime, burglary and robbery on Barnes & Noble Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of The Goodland Star-News, has spent a lifetime in journalism

and on the Great Plains. "The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint precursor to today's CSI shows — found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time

The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the Big Timbers Museum in Lamar, Colo., the Holly Li-

brary, Holly, Colo.; the Lane County Museum in Dighton, Kan., the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley, Kan., the Finney County Museum and Hastings in Garden City, Kan., the High Plains Museum in Goodland, Kan., the Keystone Gallery north of Scott City, the El Quartelejo Museum in Scott City, and the Colorado Prison Museum in Canon City, Colo. It is available on-line from the publisher Authorhouse.com, Linda Knott's web bookstore knottjustbooks @spreadtheword.com, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other major book stores. Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang.