

Colby Community College has new president

By Patty Decker
Colby Free Editor
Colby Community College has a new president, Dr. Lynn Kreider of Louisiana, trustees Chairman Don Kready said, the entire board believed Kreider was the best choice. Kreider, one of two remaining finalists, will become the fourth president of the college July 1. He was chief executive officer of Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe until his resignation in November. The first three presidents were Dick Mosier, Jim Tangeman and Dr. Mikel Ary. Glenn "Skip" Sharp has been interim president since fall. Clayton Tatro of Garden City was

the other finalist, but based on Kreider's experience in fund raising and starting the college in Louisiana, trustees Chairman Don Kready said, the entire board believed Kreider was the best choice. Kready said the search committee narrowed the field to four candidates and Tatro and Kreider were the top two. "One of the four had already taken another job and the other could not attend the forum scheduled," Kready said. "We decided if that candidate could not find time to attend the forum, then he probably didn't have a great deal of interest in the posi-

tion." Kready said the board was unanimous. "We thought he had quite a lot of experience, which entered into our decision, but we did have two very good candidates," he added. The search started in November after Ary announced his resignation in October. The job drew 32 applications. The search committee included Colby Community College staff members Joe Mildrexler, Nick Wells, Matt Ellicott, Joyce Washburn, Dr. David Mruzek and Doug Johnson. "These people were responsible

for reviewing the application materials for each candidate," said trustee Cindy Black. "All were also asked to sign a confidentiality agreement." A screening committee went through the applications first, hoping to have all the candidates who met the criteria ready for review by the search committee by early January. Screening committee members included college faculty and staff, businessman and others selected by the college board: Bev Anderson, chair Kris Bishop, Eugene Robert, Nikol Nolan, Diane Williams, Jeanne Thyfault, Allen Russell, Jon

Olson, Mike McVay, David Jennings, Joyce Hansen, Phil Finley, Roger Hale and Sherri Edmundson. "They were responsible for narrowing down the applicants from 32 to between eight and 12 people," Black said. Using telephone interviews and video conferencing, the search committee identified four finalists. Campus visits included interviews by administration, faculty and staff, a public forum, a reception with the two finalists, and background checks. "I really think we tried really, really hard to involve the community

in every aspect of the college that we could and let them be a part of the selection process," Black said. "We tried to include groups across campus and across the communities." Kready commended the screening and search committees and Chief Financial Officer Dan Erbert for his help, too. "Dan had experience at other facilities in the replacement process," Kready said. "We are also grateful for the others who were diligent in spending hours and hours going through resumes, letters and more."

Where will the flock land next?



Flocks of flamingos have been landing in Goodland yards the last week or so. The flamingos are a fund-raising effort of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Friends and enemies can pay to have the flamingos to land in someone's yard. "Insurance" is available to prevent a landing, but the target has to buy the insurance first. Placing the flamingos in Tim Hoskens' yard at 1505 Center last week were Elizabeth Wellman (left), Wendy Wellman and Dennis Daise. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Six complete training for disasters

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News
Sherman County will be more prepared to handle emergencies with six people completing a Community Emergency Response Train-the-Trainer course in Haysville last month. The six were Judy McKee, the coordinator, Richard and Amy Breining, Lisa Malsom, Jason Showalter and Bill Fulcher. The Goodland Community Emergency Response Team is the first in northwest Kansas, working under the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Citizen

Corps and Neighborhood Watch of Sherman County. "CERT members are trained to assist first responders in large-scale emergency situations," McKee said. "Winter storms, tornadoes, fires, etc., are all examples of natural disasters. Their training runs from establishing emergency shelters to directing traffic." The team is planning in the next few months to meet with law enforcement and fire department officials, Red Cross and emergency medical workers to show how they can work as a back-up, she said. They have training in emergencies

and leadership. One of the things the team could do is opening emergency shelters, McKee said. McKee said she and the Breiningers are planning to train future members for the team. The training will teach people to lead their own neighbors during emergencies until responders arrive. Richard Breining, owner of Sunflower Computing, said in other parts of the state, the response team has helped with evacuations, traffic control and special-events staffing for concerts, parades and fairs. The team is not a replacement for

paid volunteer or professional responder, but a supplement, McKee said. The team will continue to train and exercise to improve community awareness and develop procedures to improve emergency preparedness levels in the county, she said. Volunteer training includes lessons in disaster preparedness, medical operations, fire suppression, disaster psychology, light search and rescue, traffic control and more, she said. Anyone interested in the work can call McKee at 890-5188 or visit the website www.citizencorps.gov/cert/.

Man wasn't wearing coat

An editorial about county road design in the Friday, April 21, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* said incorrectly that Curt Way, county public works director, wore a coat with a Penco Engineering logo to a meeting where the commissioners were discussing which firm to hire to design the county portion of the joint road project.

Way said Friday that he did not wear the jacket into the meeting. Photos from the meeting confirm this. He said he thought it would not be appropriate to wear a Penco jacket at the meeting. The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338.

Man accused of endangering his children

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press
A former Brewster man faces charges including child endangerment and battery against a law-enforcement officer after police stopped him allegedly driving drunk with two of his children in the car. Gary E. Rogers, 42, is accused of driving drunk with children in the car and kicking an officer who tried to arrest him. He has also been charged in Thomas County District Court with driving on a suspended license, transporting an open container and having illegal tags on the car. Detective Sgt. Gary Shull said a Colby Police officer stopped Rogers about 5:45 p.m. April 1 near Friendly Acre Mobile Home Court, for driving with an expired temporary tag and suspected he was

drunk. A second officer was called to assist, and Rogers allegedly kicked that officer. A sheriff's deputy was called and the children, 6 and 14, were taken to a relative's home. "Once Mr. Rogers was in the police car, he tried to kick out the back window," Shull said. A third altercation allegedly took place while officers and the jailer were trying to secure Rogers in a jail cell, Shull said. Rogers started striking one of the officers and kicked

the other a second time. Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn said Rogers' behavior was similar to an incident in February when he was arrested for drunk driving. Should Rogers be convicted of this latest drunk-driving charge, depending on a presentence investigation, he faces 90 days to a year in prison with a mandatory sentence of 48 hours. He could be put on work release or house arrest and fined up to \$2,500.

The penalty for the charges of endangering a child and battery of on officer is up to one year in prison.

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student of the week



Activities involved in at school: X-Pressos, football, National Honor Society, G-Club and golf.
My choice of movies, books, and games: I like to listen to country music, especially Cross Canadian Ragweed. I also like to play the guitar. I enjoy playing card games.

Name: John Mosbarger
Parents: Jim and Darla Mosbarger
Grade: Junior
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: John has a positive attitude in school. He works hard and is pleasant to be around.
Student Comment: I will always remember the good times on the football field. Also Junior English and the way Mrs. Hall challenges us.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Attend Kansas State University and study agribusiness.
And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: a happily married farmer.
Favorite Quote: Excellence can be attained if you: Care more than others think is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical and Expect more than others think is possible.

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corrections
A story about the community Easter egg hunt in the Tuesday, April 18, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* omitted the names of two people who helped, Karen Duell and Ed Carleton. This was due to incomplete information given to paper. The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual.

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