

Retiring teachers makes plans for the summer

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The Goodland School District has six teachers retiring at the end of the year, four in the elementary grades and the other two at the high school.

The retirees have all spent around 30 years in the field of education. Now they have other plans.

Information about four of the six retiring teachers follows. The remaining two will follow, as will information about new teachers joining the Goodland School District later.

The school board has hired six new teachers for next year. They have a total of nine positions to fill. Two have resigned and one died from a heart attack. They also will add a first grade teacher and an at risk teacher.

Virginia Palmgren, a fourth-grade teacher at Central Elementary School, has been teaching for 33



Palmgren



Burr



Hayden

years. Palmgren said she got a teaching degree from Fort Hays State University and taught her first year in Quinter. She has taught second, third and fourth grades.

She and her husband Kenneth have two sons.

Travis is married to Shelby and lives in Levant, and they have two children, Gus and Kelly.

Bryce has been studying orthopedic surgery in Texas, and will soon be moving back to Manhattan with his wife Jennifer to set up a practice. They have a daughter, Kendal, and

expects another child shortly. Palmgren is planning to go visit her newest grandchild after it arrives.

"I want to spend a lot of time with my grandkids and help my husband farm," she said.

Sandy Burr, a physical-education teacher at West and Central Elementary, started teaching 35 years ago.

Burr received her degree from Wichita State University. She spent her first three years teaching at Topeka High School while her husband, Judge Jack Burr, attended law school. After moving to Goodland, she taught for four years in the junior high.

Burr taught part-time after that at Edson, Kanorado and Central El-

ementary and full time at West.

Her husband is judge of the District Court here. They have two daughters. Christa lives in San Antonio with her husband, Mike Hamilton, and their two boys, Alec and Luke, and daughter Mai. Her other daughter, Kelli, is married to Matthew Williams.

Burr said she plans to travel a little bit with her husband when he goes out of town and spend time with their grandchildren.

J.D. Hooper, a math teacher at Goodland High School, said he has been teaching for 37 years with a three-year stint out in the business world. He taught for three years at Franklin and three years at Central of Burden before moving to Goodland in 1975. He said he has taught math, computers and physical education and also coached football at Goodland High School.

Hooper got his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at

Kearney and a master's at Fort Hays State University.

He has three sons.

Jerry is married to Donna and they and their two daughters, Alysa and Abbi, live in Norman, Okla.

Jason is a coach and teacher at Salina South High School.

John also lives in Norman, and works for Jerry.

"I don't have any plans," Hooper said, "but I'll be looking for another job. First I'm going to enjoy the summer."

Judy Hayden, a fifth-grade teacher at North Elementary, has been teaching for 28 years. She spent the first four years in Edson, starting in 1968, and then she and her husband, John Leo, moved to Hays for a short time.

Hayden said she was a roving elementary art teacher in Hays for a year. She had small children then, she said, and she made very little after paying for day care, so she

stayed home until they were school age.

After the couple returned to Goodland, she taught here for 23 years, teaching elementary art for nine years, fourth grade for nine, fifth grade for two and sixth grade for three.

Hayden received her teaching degrees from Fort Hays State University. She has been active over the years with the Goodland Arts Council and plans to continue.

She has three children. Dax is married to Michelle and they live in Reunion, Colo., and have two children, Brin and Maddie. Arin is married to Chris Thomas and lives in Broomfield, Colo., with their daughter, Olivia. Seth is married to Hilary and they live in Greenwood Village, Colo.

"The best thing is having no plans," she said. "I can go with my husband more."

New Colby College president ponders the future



Dr. Lynn Kreider

By John Van Nostrand

Colby Free Press

Colby Community College's new president, Dr. Lynn Kreider is on the move, already thinking about how to move the college into the future.

Kreider, hired by the college trustees in April, will start work July 1.

"I've already been talking to the staff on a regular basis," Kreider said Wednesday in cell phone interview.

Surrounded by boxes of his personal items, Kreider said he plans on attending the trustee's Monday, June 19 meeting at the Colby Community College administration building.

Mapping out the strategy of a new job is nothing new to Kreider.

Kreider was chairman of executive operations at Louisiana Delta Community College in Monroe, La., before he resigned in November. Before that, he was dean of professional and technology studies from 1997-2001 at Jackson State Community College in Jackson, Tenn. He held administrative positions at Delaware Technical and Community College in Dover from 1989-1997.

Kreider replaces Dr. Mikel Ary, who resigned in October. Glenn "Skip" Sharp has served as interim president since Ary left.

"Every college president, once they get to that position, is always

looking for that new home," Kreider said.

His added that his definition of home is more philosophical than literal. In the philosophical definition, he thinks it as taking the college to the next level.

"We have to do things to move the college forward," he said. "It may not be pleasing to everybody, but hopefully it works and is what is best for the college."

Kreider has not wavered from his April presentation about what he would do if he were named as president. He said then he appreciates how the college gets its name out to the public. He wants to use the college's strengths as tools for publicity and student recruitment

"Even the results of the sports teams have been exciting," he said.

Colby's baseball team was one game away from qualifying for the national tournament and the softball team also went far in the post season. The woman's basketball team played in the national tournament in March for the first time.

Away from the playing fields, Kreider said, the college needs to become a leader in its own backyard.

"We need to create even more of a relationship between the community and the college," he said. "We need to think beyond Colby. I know it's been done before."

The college already has relationships with other schools in Kansas,

he said. It signed an agreement with Kansas State University's Salina campus. Students can acquire a degree in technical management in Colby, then transfer to K-State. Colby's prized veterinary technician students also are attracted by K-State.

Kreider knows not every issue on his desk will be positive. He said he is aware of the wellness center facility proposal that would significantly change the size and use of the college's swimming pool. The current pool is popular with the public, but public use could be affected by the proposed changes.

"We need to determine what we need," he said.



What mysteries lie beneath?

Workers for a McPherson company fed cable into the storm drain at 12th and Main before the big rain Wednesday to see if the source of a strange smell that plagued the area could be found. The crew used the remote camera to help find manholes on North Caldwell and find root problems in some other trouble spots. Rich Simon, city public works manager, said they did not find anything on Main that would explain the smell, but they do know where it isn't coming from.

Photo by Tom Betz
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Youth loses control, rolls truck on K-27

An 18-year-old Goodland youth lost control of his 2006 Dodge pickup he was driving early Saturday on K-27 north of town, but escaped with only minor injuries when it rolled despite the fact he was not wearing a seat belt.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Daniel Shields, son of Dave and Betty Jean Shields, was headed north about a mile north of

Goodland when he lost control of the truck.

Trooper Bryan Wilson said the pickup went into the west ditch and overturned about 1:10 a.m. While Shields had some injuries, the report said, he declined to go to the hospital. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Stage Stop towed the vehicle.

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Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Keith Cook and Dottie Cook to Brent Cook and Debra G. Cook SE/4 Sec. 35, T6S R38W.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Gerald W. Cummings and Mary E. Cummings Lots 3 and 4, Block 26, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Allan W. Langness and Patricia G. Langness to Chad Michael DeJong and Lisa Kathleen DeJong Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 41, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Kevin Butts, Sheriff of Sherman County, Kansas to Secretary of Vet-

erans Affairs N60' of Lot 20, Block 3, Eastridge Addition No. 1 to the City of Goodland.

Patrick M. Townsend and Sara Townsend to James M. Kreiger NW/4 Sec. 31, T9S R40W.

U.S. Bank, N.A. to Daniel K. Brack and Nicole L. Rogers Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 4, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Ann Louise Burr and Tara Renee Avelar, co-trustees of the Myron Gay Miller Revocable Trust, to Ricky R. Rogers, trustee of Ricky R. Rogers Revocable Trust, and Linda R. Rogers, trustee of Linda R. Rogers Revocable Trust, NW/4 Sec. 23, T8S R37W.

corrections

The obituary for Henry L. Elling in the Friday, June 2, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* incorrectly identified Sierra Elling as son. She is a daughter. The error was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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