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Colberg opens family practice

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Dr. Clint Colberg believes in knowing and serving his patients on a personal level, which is why he chose Holton Community Hospital as the location to open his first family practice.

Colberg began working at the clinic on Aug. 11 after completing the Smoky Hill Family Medicine Residency Program in Salina this summer.

A native of Lyons, Colberg attended Lyons High School and was planning on becoming a pilot in the Air Force after graduation, he said.

During his sophomore year of high school, however, he said he wasn't seeing the chalkboard as well as he used to and had to get glasses, ending his future aviation career.

His friend's father, who was the town's physician, encouraged him to look into the healthcare field. After volunteering at a hospital, Colberg said he knew he wanted to study medicine.



Dr. Clint Colberg

After graduating high school, Colberg received an undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and then received a doctor of medicine degree from the University of

Kansas School of Medicine in 2005.

In 2007, Colberg was named a recipient of the American Academy of Family Practice/Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education. Only 20 family medicine residents in the United States receive the \$2,000 award annually.

Colberg said choosing to focus on family practice was an easy decision.

"I like the idea of the cradle to grave philosophy and serving a full range of medicine from children to adults to geriatrics," he said. "I would be bored if I did just one thing."

Growing up in Lyons, with a population around 3,500, Colberg said he's excited about coming back to that size of community.

"Small towns are a great place to live and raise a family," he said. "Family practice allows me to have more freedom and lets me be a part of a community that is down to earth and cares about each other."

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Prime Man Triathlon

A total of 64 athletes of all ages and abilities swam, biked and ran in the Prime Man Triathlon held Saturday morning in Holton. In the photo above, Ron Strader (at right) was accompanied by his grandsons, Riley and Mason, during the biking portion of the triathlon. In the photo at left, Leslie Smith kept a steady pace as she ran the 1.5 miles. The event was sponsored by the LifeCare Fitness Center and the City of Holton Parks and Recreation Department. Results from the triathlon can be found on page 7 of this issue of The Holton Recorder.

Photos by Randal Horobik

Community garden thriving in its first year

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Holton resident Dan Mehringer has been busy in the garden this year, planting cucumbers, squash, peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and cantaloupe.

Mehringer's garden is not located at his home, however. He's one of a few people in Holton who have taken advantage of a plot of land at Countryside Park that was set aside earlier this year as a community garden, and he is proud of what his part of the garden has produced this year.

"I think it's great that people can have a garden down there," said Mehringer, one of 10 individuals or groups that has signed up to take care of a portion of the garden, which is in its first year at Countryside Park.

Holton Parks and Recreation Director Mike Reichle also is pleased

with how the garden has done in its first year.

"We've done really well with it," Reichle said. "Next year should be even better."

The community garden was proposed to the Holton City Commission last fall by Holton Mayor Janet Zwonitzer, who noted that many older citizens, upon moving from their homes to care facilities or apartments, miss the gardens they used to have at their homes. The community garden, she said in December, gives them an opportunity to continue gardening, whether they grow flowers or food.

It also serves as a creative outlet for apartment dwellers who do not have land of their own for gardening, and for \$10 a plot, city residents were invited to plant and maintain food and flowers of their own. Reichle said the garden started with 17 plots this

year, and apart from one couple who planted a plot but did not return to maintain it, individual and group gardeners have taken good care of their plots.

"They've done a great job," he said. "The Holton FFA has a garden down there that looks tremendous."

City water is available at the site, as is security lighting and a storage shed, Reichle said. The location at Countryside Park also is beneficial to gardening because it is not obstructed by trees, it was noted.

"It's all sunshine down there," Reichle said. "We got off to a late start this year because of the rain, and that set us back. But next year, I'm expecting it to get bigger and better."

For more information about the community garden, contact Reichle at 364-9000. See related photos on Page 12.

Plans put on hold for zoning a supply store near Hoyt

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Plans for a small farm supply store along U.S. Highway 75 north of Hoyt were put on hold Thursday by the Jackson County Planning Commission, noting the opposition of neighbors to the plans as well as the need to see more details on those plans.

An application for a change of zoning from B-1 to B-4 at the intersection of U.S. 75 and 134th Road as submitted by Lawrence Tuck of Hoyt was tabled during the planners' regular monthly meeting. Tuck and his wife, Pat, told planners that they would like to operate a farm supply store on property they own at that location, selling livestock feed, hardware and, if possible, "used implements" that area farmers may be willing to sell.

Neighbors of the affected property, however, expressed opposi-

tion to plans to change the zoning to B-4, due mainly to its location in a predominantly rural area. One neighbor, Keith Kelly, who operates a self-storage business across 134th Road from the Tuck property, added that he would like to see a site plan for the property before planners took action to change the zoning.

Planners appeared favorable to Kelly's request for a site plan, taking into consideration concerns about highway access, traffic, structures on the property and any possible action that could be taken with the property should the Tucks decide to sell it. They asked the Tucks to return with a more detailed site plan to the next planning commission meeting, which is set for 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Jackson County Senior Citizens Center.

"I would like to see a write-up of what you intend to do... so we can get a grasp on what we're working with," planner Don Schuyler told the Tucks. "I would like to see something concrete before we make a decision."

The Tucks agreed with the suggestion, and Pat Tuck said they wished to address the neighbors' concerns as well as those of the planning commission. She also reminded those present that "no fuel, gas or anything flammable" would be sold at the store.

Lawrence Tuck also said that while plans for the store involved the sale of some used farm implements, the Tucks had no intention of starting a full implement dealership

but rather wanted to give implement owners a place to put their tractors if they want to sell them. He also noted that part of the plans was "not imperative" to the business.

"We're not going to be a nationalized chain," he added.

Opposition to the plans ranged from one neighbor stating that he "didn't move out there to have a store next to me," and another saying that such businesses would be more suitably located in or near a town, such as Hoyt or Mayetta. But Kelly's list of questions about the Tucks' plans covered several areas of concern, including traffic flow, property inspection, business feasibility and uses allowed under B-4 zoning.

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Pride of Hoyt Days set for Saturday

HOYT — Classic cars and tractors, frontier families, Old West gunslingers and more will return to Hoyt City Park on Saturday for the 22nd annual Pride of Hoyt Days celebration.

Event coordinator Nancy Bailey said this year's show will feature something for everyone, including the return of Randy Hittle's "living mountain man display" and a garden tractor pull in addition to activities and programs associated with Pride of Hoyt Days. The event also features the parade with Fritz and Barbara Dillner as grand marshals, the Kansas River Gang Old West Gunfighters, a fun run, car show, tractor show and chicken dinner.

The annual event began nearly a quarter-century ago as a fund-raising effort for the city park's community building, which houses the event's breakfast and chicken din-

ner, as well as several other activities throughout the year. It continues to raise funds for beautification and maintenance projects at the park and elsewhere in the city, including the park's restrooms and gazebo and the old Hoyt City Jail.

The day's events begin with breakfast, served from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the community building. Hittle's "mountain man display" will be featured in the park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may include a frontier campsite with several related activities.

The event's mud volleyball tournament is set to begin at 8:30 a.m., and anyone wishing to register a team for the tournament is invited to contact Kim Clements at 986-6100. Also starting at 8:30 a.m. is the event's fun run for participants in sixth grade and older, with a fun run for kids in kindergarten through

fifth grade starting at 9:30 a.m.; call Mike Tanking at 986-6128 to register or for more information.

The Pride of Hoyt Car Show begins at 9 a.m., and several varieties of classic vehicles are anticipated for the show; call Dennis Hadley at 986-6100 for more information or to register. Also, the event's vintage tractor show begins at 9 a.m., and Ed Stauffer may be contacted at 966-2445 for registration or other information.

Other activities beginning at 9 a.m. include a craft show and flea market in the park's shelter house; contact Carol Eakin at (785) 771-2141 to register or for more information. Games and rides for kids also will begin at that time, and food and other vendors will open for business.

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What Year Was It?

Bruce Tomlinson

was sworn in as

Jackson County

Sheriff.

1958	1983
1998	2003

To find out what year this local news occurred, turn to Page 3 of this edition.

Commissioners discuss Banner Lake improvements

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The expansion of activities at Banner Creek Reservoir was in the forefront of discussions during a recent Jackson County commission meeting.

During last week's meeting, the commissioners met with Larry Holliday, Banner Creek Reservoir manager.

Holliday reported that lights and electricity outlets have been added to shelter house one at the reservoir. New lights for the boats ramps at the lake are also in the process of installation.

Commissioner Lois Pelton told Holliday that Anderson Knight Architects of Manhattan will give the county an estimate for an engineering fee to design a bath/shower house at the tent camping area.

Pelton said that this fee will be compared to a pre-fabricated concrete structure from Houston, Texas.

After discussing the reservoir with

Holliday at the Jackson County Courthouse, the commissioners traveled to the south side of Banner Creek Reservoir to determine where to put additional campsites.

During this time, the commissioners agreed to have the new electrical pedestals, that the county recently purchased, installed next to the row of trees south of the shelter house.

The commissioners agreed to purchase a heavier electrical line in order to support recreational vehicles on the south side of the lake in the future.

In other business, the Jackson County Commissioners:

- Learned from Randy Pool, road and bridge administrator, that N.R. Hamm Quarry will finance dust control on K Road according to the zoning regulation and that dust control is scheduled to be applied this week. The commissioners requested that Pool work on getting it applied in June next year.

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