

Library's 3-D printer shows ability

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People put the Pioneer Memorial Library's new printer to the test this month. It had never made a tree before.

But the 3-D printer passed with flying colors. Moving in a waffle-like pattern, the machine laid down hot plastic for the tree's base, which soon turned into a solid sheet. Then it made the trunk, slowly creating a hollow, honeycomb shape on top of the base, and the tree became a three-dimensional object.

Over an hour after the printing started, the trunk split into three large branches, then into over a dozen smaller ones. The printer works from the bottom up, so as the branches took shape, there were all exactly the same height from the base. When it finished making the short branches, however, the taller ones continued to rise.

The tree, made out of molten plastic filament, was completed in two hours and 45 minutes. Shawn Carney said he chosen the design for the tree while working on a computer program used to run the printer, and left it on the computer screen next to the printer.

His daughter Brittany started a smaller tree just after the first one was complete, part of a project for her high school social studies

class. Her goal: to print out two or three trees, two houses of different sizes and a church.

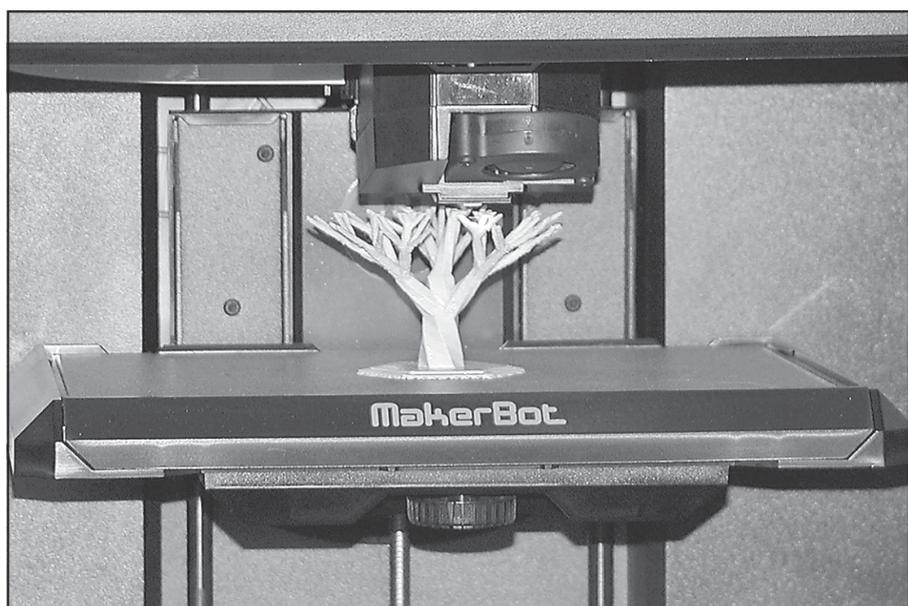
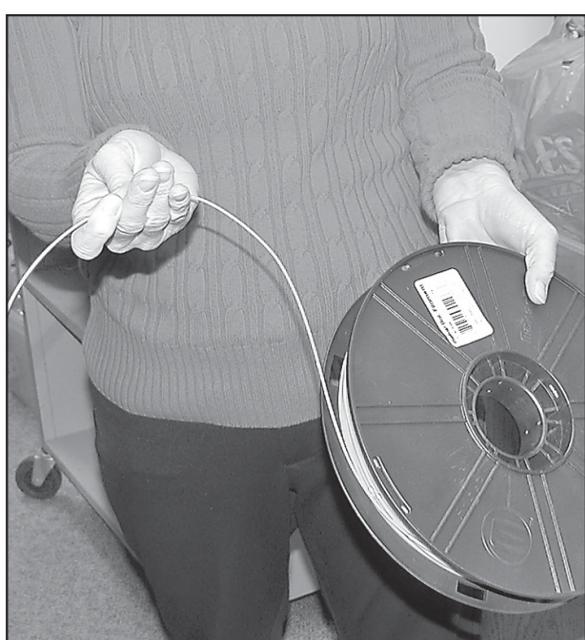
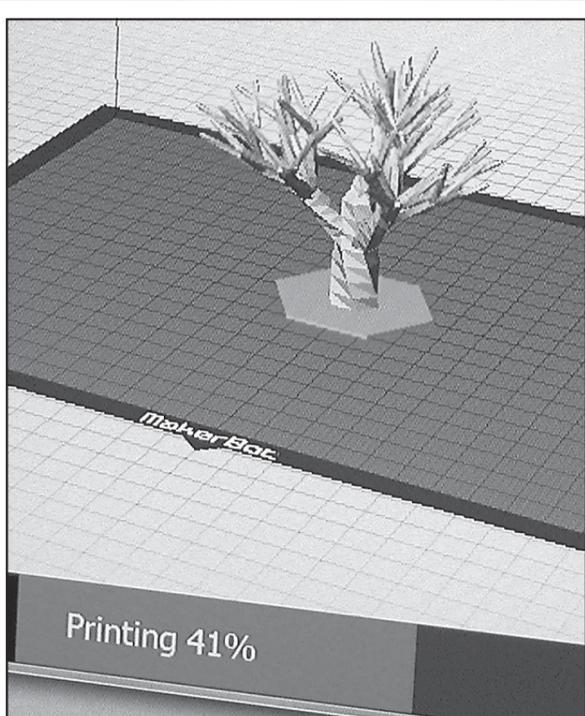
She and her father said her teacher doubted the printer would be able to make such detailed objects. This is the first time that a high school student has used the library's printer for a class project, he said.

The library bought the printer a couple of months ago, with a \$9,000 federal grant, said George Seamon, director of the Northwest Kansas Library System. The grant came from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and paid for 3-D printers in the Colby, Norton and Goodland libraries. Director Melany Wilks said the library got the printer so that patrons would have access to the latest technology.

Since it was installed, Wilks said, the printer has made about 20 objects, including Brittany's trees and buildings. To print, the machine is loaded with a roll of plastic filament, which looks like a roll of plastic you would use in a weed cutter, only larger. That filament is heated before the printing starts, then the printer feeds it into a small nozzle. It comes out in molten form, then quickly solidifies.

If they are skilled enough to work the computer program, people using the printer can de-

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Brittany Carney and her father Shawn looked at Brittany's new "tree," (top) the first to be made with the Pioneer Memorial Library's new 3-D printer. With the file containing the dimensions of the tree programmed into a computer, (center), the printer created the tree in real life using a string of plastic filament (above) which was melted down inside the printer to be cast into shape (left).

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Hospital to have new head

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The new leader coming to Citizens Medical Center isn't new to Colby; he went to college here about the time the man he will replace was joining the hospital's staff.

Greg Unruh will replace long-time Chief Executive Kevan Trenkle at Citizens Medical Center Inc. on Feb. 16, when Trenkle retires.

Unruh, with 25 years of experience in health-care management, now is the chief financial officer of the Community Healthcare System, which serves the region around Onaga, a town of about 800 in northeast Kansas.

"(I am) incredibly happy about that and pleased to be part of the Colby community," Unruh said.

The new executive said that he looks forward to the move to Colby. He and his wife have found a home, and plan to move in late January, after taking care of some chores in the middle of the month.

This is not Unruh's first time living here, however. He was a student at Colby Community College from 1973 to 1975, and served as the student body president. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Friends University in Wichita and a master's at Fort Hays State University, both in organizational leadership. Since going to school here, though, Unruh said he has kept himself connected to Colby.



Greg Unruh



Kevan Trenkle

"I have known individuals in the Colby community for a lot of years," he said.

It was in the Kansas Hospital Association Newsletter that he learned for certain that Trenkle was getting ready to retire. Before that, Unruh had built a career in leadership at rural health-care facilities. He said he had leased a 30-bed nursing home when he was 20 years old.

"It's a rewarding opportunity that not many people have," he added.

He said his father and grandfather were ordained clergymen, and his job also gives him a opportunity to be involved in the lives of others.

"Health care has been my ministry," Unruh said.

And just because people live in a rural area, Unruh added, it's not any less important for them to have access to health care. He said he was born in Montezuma and raised in southwest Kansas. Since his parents were involved in the church, he moved around a lot.

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Offices, paper close for Jan. 1

Area businesses and government offices will shut their doors for the New Year's holiday, while the Colby Free Press takes a holiday.

Federal offices in Colby, including the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service, will be closed on New Year's Day. So will City Hall, the Thomas County Courthouse, the Colby Post Office, and the Pioneer Memorial Library. The doors at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, shut at noon today and the office will be closed the rest of the week. The K-State Northwest Research Extension Center is closed all week.

Area banks will be closed on New Year's Day, including Bank West, People's State Bank, Sun-

flower Bank, The Bank, Adams Bank and Trust, Western State Bank and Farmers and Merchants Bank. The Farmers and Merchants Dillon's location will close at 5:30 p.m. today.

The Walmart pharmacy will close at 6 p.m. today, and be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. Dillon's pharmacy closes at 7 tonight, although both stores will be open regular hours this week. Dollar General closes at 8 p.m. this evening and Palace Drug Store will be closed on Thursday.

Most restaurants will stay open normal hours this week, but Arby's and Subway will close at 8 p.m. this evening, and Taco John's will close at 5 p.m. J&B Meat Market will be closed Thursday, and Sonic will open at 9 a.m.

Tornado total lowest in years

WICHITA (AP) - Kansas officials say the state saw the lowest number of tornadoes this year in 25 years.

The Wichita Eagle (bit.ly/1HVyTt6) reports only 40 tornadoes were recorded so far in 2014. It's less than half of the state's 30-year average of 81.

This year's figure also is the fourth-lowest total since tornado statistics began being kept in 1950. It's also the third consecutive year of below-normal tornado

totals in Kansas.

But weather officials say the decline is a mixed blessing. While fewer tornadoes means fewer opportunities for deaths, injuries and property damage, they say it also increases the chances of complacency in residents' preparation for severe weather safety.



Weather



National Weather Service Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 16. Wind chill values as low as -25. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around -2. Wind chill values as low as -17. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 25. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 26.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 33.

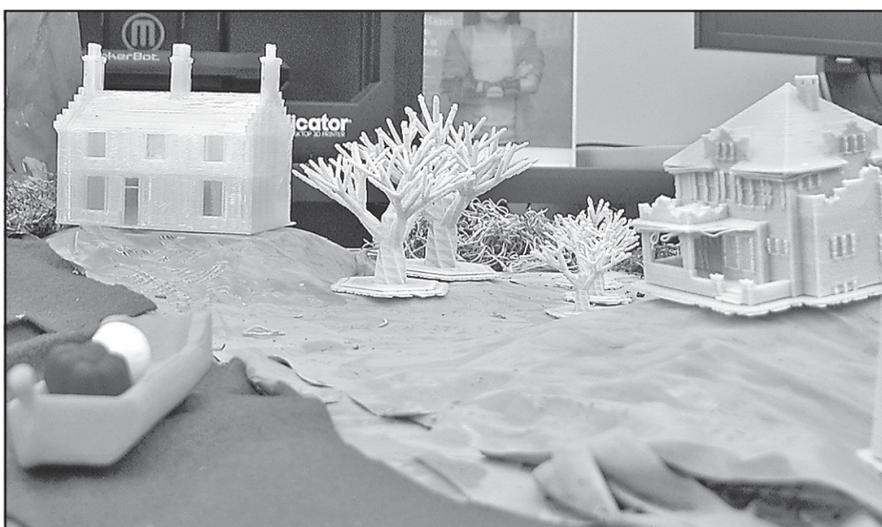
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 28.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.

Table with weather forecast details for Wednesday through Monday, including high/low temperatures, precipitation, and sunrise/sunset times.



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This model town was Brittany Carney's high school project, the first such project to be made using a new 3-D printer acquired by the Pioneer Memorial Library this fall.

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sign their own final product. Otherwise, it has a gallery of objects the machine is pre-programmed to make.

Library staff have a tray full of objects the printer has already made which, while they are not all as intricate as a tree, are still impressive.

"We're sort of on-the-job training," Wilks said. "We're learning as we go along."

Although the staff was trained to use the print-

er, she said, Brittany's project has taught them a lot about how it works. Designs taken off the Internet, for instance, are only compatible with the printer in certain formats.

The library installed the printer on Oct. 9, she said, but has only been using frequently for about a month, since several parts broke down early on.

Hospital to have new head

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and lived on a Navajo reservation in Arizona in his youth.

"I am very pleased with the selection of Greg Unruh to succeed me," Trenkle said in a statement.

Trenkle, meanwhile, said he is ready to move on after four years as chief executive officer at Citizens and 21 years at the hospital.

"It's just time to hand it up and let the younger folks take over," he said.

He noted that he started his career when Unruh was still going to college here, taking a job at the Department of Public Institutions in Lincoln, Neb., in 1974.

because his wife Pam is from Atwood and they wanted to be closer to her family.

During most of his time in Colby, Trenkle was the chief financial officer for Citizens, but he served as interim chief executive at least four times, the last time after Janice McCort, his predecessor, stepped down.

Survey to study groundwater levels

LAWRENCE (AP) - The Kansas Geological Survey and state agriculture officials are planning to start work early next month to determine how much water is being lost in western Kansas.

The Geological Survey will measure groundwater levels in wells in 15 western Kansas counties Friday through Tuesday.

Combined with wells measurements taken by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources, 1,415 wells in 48 western and central Kansas counties are expected to be measured.

Similar measurements taken in January 2013 showed ground-

water levels rose in south-central Kansas while levels in western Kansas continued to decline, although less sharply than in the previous year.

"In 2014, the growing season in March to May started off very dry with June being extremely wet and, in places, so were July and August," Brownie Wilson, KGS water-data manager, said in the news release.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available.

New Year's gala event will help HOPE

New Year's Eve benefit dinner, auction and dance will feature the Jimmy Dee Band at the City Limits Convention Center tonight.

Pool closed during holidays

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed through Friday, Jan. 2, for Christmas break.

No trash pickup on New Year's

Colby's sanitation department trucks will not be running New Year's Day. Thursday residential trash will be picked up Friday.

Baptist Church invites everyone to lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Kids Closet Open House coming Sunday

Kids Closet, a children's clothing and baby gear "store," will open its doors for a special open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Wesleyan Church.

Drive seeks coats, hats, gloves for kids

The coat drive sponsored by Citizens Medical Center, the Colby Rotary Club and the Colby Wesleyan Church has all the adult coats it can handle.

College offers classes for adult degree

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free General Educational Development (GED) prep classes beginning Monday.

Women's group selling variety of nuts

The Episcopal Church Women have fresh nuts available for the holidays: pecans, English and black walnuts, cashews and mixed nuts.

County seeks help on planning panel

The Thomas County commissioners need volunteers to serve on the city-county planning commission, which makes zoning and land-use decisions.

Scouts still looking for a few good girls

It's not too late to join the fun. Girls in kindergarten through high school can join Girl Scouting anytime throughout the year.

Elks Lodge to present banners to families

The Goodland Elks Lodge would like to recognize families with members serving in the military abroad.

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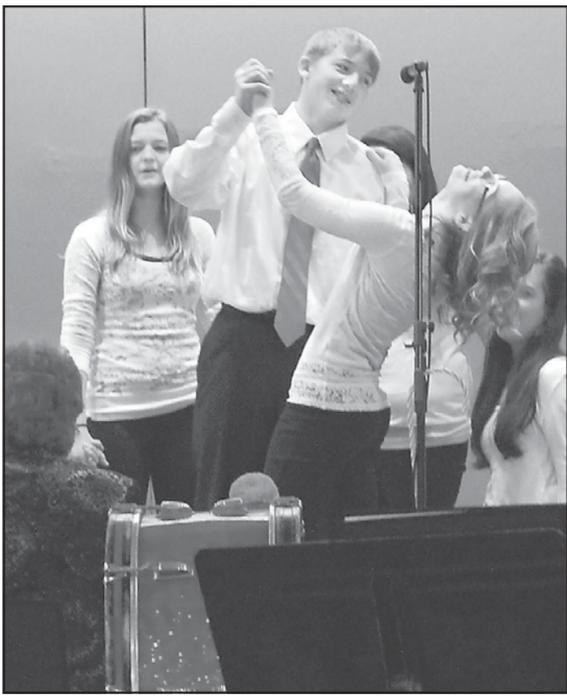
THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 2015

Table of TV listings for Thursday evening, January 1, 2015, showing channels, times, and program titles.

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 2015

Table of TV listings for Friday evening, January 2, 2015, showing channels, times, and program titles.

Taking a dip at concert



KAYLIE SCHABEN/ Golden Plains High School

Dawson Spesser dipped Kellee Snyder during the high school choir performance of "Slow Dancing in the Snow" during the Golden Plains Christmas concert Dec. 16 in Rexford. Other choir members included Tayler Lobato, Sierra Finlay, Carmen Sepulveda, Charlotte McCurdy, and Gabrielle Schiltz. The concert included middle school choir and middle-high school band performances and a guitar solo by Joseph Yanez.

Drinking escalates on holidays, but it's possible to break away

Ned Lush

• 12 Steps

On the last paper, I sobbed about past failures in my thinking. I sure did make some bad decisions when drinking – unbelievably bad decisions. Like driving at night with my lights off on the highway so “they” wouldn’t see me, or keeping the “stash” in the trunk and only having one drink in the car to deal with if I got caught.

What kind of a person would think that way? Don’t answer that – I can’t take it.

Of course, like any real alcoholic, my drinking escalated, especially around the holidays. I absolutely dreaded the holidays, since I knew there was an awfully good chance I would have some sort of major problem due to my drinking.

It’s not fun living with those uncertainties and fears. Why couldn’t the police just look the other way when I would come barreling down the street – the wrong way – too fast – and weaving? But that freight train was too entrenched in me to stop it or even slow it down. I was going to drink, and I was going to drive. The drinking had a hold on me and would not let go.

The “Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous,” referring to alcoholism, says, “It’s cunning, baffling and powerful.” It damn sure is – to the extreme. But I broke out!

Since the day I put the bottle down for the last time, I have known that I am extremely lucky that the Higher Power intervened, at my request, and removed the obsession of alcohol.

Would you do me a favor and read that last sentence again? I am aware that many people die of the disease of alcoholism every day, but there is a good chance that I went through it, broke out and may die of something besides alcoholism. I really think I have a good chance. Why so much optimism? Let me explain.

At my bottom – when I was despondent, depressed and suicidal – out of sheer desperation, I walked into an AA meeting

since I had absolutely nothing to lose.

I had no self-esteem. I was tired of living in the world that I created. I hated everyone and I had nowhere else to turn. I tried church and I like a good Sunday sermon, but it just wasn’t what I needed. There was not one person in this world that I felt comfortable sharing my problems with except maybe a professional counselor, and even he was suspect.

AA was nothing like I expected. They had a big coffee pot on and it was free. They had plenty of straight-back chairs and some comfy chairs. There were several men and women mingling before the meeting and each one had a pleasant smile on his face. I could not do that – smile. I was greeted and asked my first name but I felt no pressure of any kind.

The leader of the meeting opened with a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic, followed by the Serenity Prayer, “God grant me the serenity, to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

They had a short reading they called the preamble, a little more reading, a secretary’s report, a birthday chairman’s report (those celebrating their sobriety date) and then the leader asked if anyone had a topic for the evening’s discussion. As I recall, no one spoke up so the leader came up with one.

Often, the topic will be on one of the 12 steps of AA or one of the character defects we constantly work on, such as resentment and anger, or maybe even gratitude. Nobody lectured; nobody told someone else what he should do. Each person that spoke told his

story and how he was working the program of AA to get better. They passed the basket about halfway through the meeting, since AA is self supporting through our own contributions. There is no membership fee, everything in the meeting is held in the meeting and we rarely use our last names, only our first names. There is also free literature about the disease at the meeting hall.

I was amazed at my discovery. As the people told their story, one after the other, it was like they were telling my story. I guess there isn’t much difference from one drunk to the next.

But, and it was a big but, the others were obviously much more content with life than me. They smiled, they were relaxed and I could tell they attended regularly. What a concept – a meeting for drunks to help them improve their lives by stopping the drink. As hopeless as my life was when I walked in to that first AA meeting, I walked out with the slightest little bit of hope.

The Big Book says, “If you want what we have, and are willing to go to any length, then you are ready to take certain steps.”

Do you want it? Are you willing? Maybe you are ready. There is hope and you do not need to feel alone in this world.

Give AA a try. What do you have to lose?

You do not have to drink anymore. It has worked for me so far; in fact, it is one of the best things that has come into my life.

I will continue to attend AA for a little insurance against going back to the insanity of excessive drinking. I wish you well and best of luck in your search for serenity. I found it at AA.

“Ned Lush” is a pseudonym for a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. In keeping with that organization’s tradition, further identification is not provided. The author and the Colby Free Press hope these columns are helpful.

New calculator app assesses wheat stand

Imagine that a photo of your wheat, with just a few bits of additional information, can accurately predict future yield. A new app, called the Kansas Wheat Yield Calculator App, is allowing this to happen with ease from smart devices.

The app was produced by graduate researchers at Kansas State University and is available now in its basic form. Ray Asebedo, graduate student in the Department of Agronomy, and Trevor Rife, graduate student in the Department of Plant Pathology, developed the app with support from the Kansas Wheat Alliance.

Asebedo said although the app is available now for wheat growers to download, plans are in place to enhance its capabilities. The main goal of the app is to help growers year-round make agronomic and economic decisions. The app is free and available to anyone with iPhone and Android devices.

“We’ve designed it with the purpose that you can use it throughout the growing season,” Asebedo said. “In early fall, you can use it to assess your fall tillering. You can decide if enough tillers developed to meet your yield goals or if you need to make some strategic changes.”

“In the springtime and through heading, you can assess how your crop is developing and how that yield is changing under the different environmental conditions you might incur throughout the growing season,” he added.

How it works

When a grower opens the downloaded app, he or she must enter the field name, number of acres and county, Rife said. For each field, the grower can enter various samples. Each sample requires information on the feekes stage, row width and number of tillers per foot.

Then the growers can take a picture to add to that sample. Many samples can be taken throughout the field, he said, and equations built into the app produce estimations of yield for that specific field based on the entered samples. The app works with all wheat varieties.

“You can take multiple samples

in a single field and also have multiple fields,” Rife said. “You can store each of those samples and get complete field averages across different fields at different locations.”

The app was designed to be easy for growers to use, Asebedo said, as many of them have a lot of acres to cover. The idea is to assess more fields quickly and accurately.

“You don’t want to have an instruction manual to run it,” he said. “We’re trying to make it have as few screens as possible. As we continue updating this app, we’re changing the interface to make it even more intuitive.”

During the winter, growers can consider using the app to determine their top-dress nitrogen plans. If a lot of fall tillers are out there, odds are the grower has enough nitrogen in the soil, Asebedo said.

“You’ll have some wheat fields that have adequately tillered for 40 to 50 bushel (per acre) wheat,” he said. “They could have four to five tillers per plant, so the nitrogen management plan is working fine. (The growers) don’t necessarily need to top dress a lot to help spur spring tillers.”

“But, what we saw last year were a number of wheat fields did not tiller adequately in the fall due to being overly dry,” he continued. “I had many people wanting me to take a look at their fields and help them decide what to do in the spring. A lot of people like to top dress late February or early March, so usually it takes a little higher nitrogen application to help spur some additional spring tillers to make up for that gap and meet your end yield.”

Asebedo estimates an updated version of the app will be available in the spring of 2015. Growers interested in downloading the app now can search for “Kansas Wheat Yield Calculator” in their app store.

Corrections

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Preventive care covered by most policies

People don’t tend to plan for illness or injury, but the unexpected does happen. Health insurance, like any other type of insurance, covers you for the unexpected. But it also can help improve your health if you use the many free preventive care benefits offered by your health insurance policy, said Roberta Riportella, Kansas Health Foundation professor of community health at Kansas State University.

The preventive services must be covered at no direct cost to you beyond your health insurance premium – the fixed monthly cost you pay for your health insurance policy. Preventive services include annual well-person exams, cancer screenings and many immunizations, as examples.

Preventive services make up one of the “10 essential health benefits” covered by health insurance policies since the Affordable Care Act was implemented, Riportella said. These health benefits are covered by policies in the Health Insurance Marketplace, in addition to most other policies.

“Although referred to as benefits, they are actually items and services within 10 categories,” she said. “They include preventive services, outpatient care, trips to the emergency room, hospitalization, care before and after your

baby is born, mental health and substance use disorder services, prescription drugs, services and devices to help you recover if you are injured or have a disability or chronic condition, lab tests, and pediatric services for children ages 0 to 19, including dental and vision care.”

Families might have other specific needs, and some policies provide additional coverage, Riportella said. Policies might also exclude specific procedures and services, such as vision and dental care for adults, which should be clearly spelled out in the policy. It’s important to pay attention to the benefit packages offered in the policies you are considering.

Provider networks

When selecting a health insurance plan that fits your needs and budget, make sure to look at the provider networks, Riportella said. To manage costs, insurers negotiate prices and contract with doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, labs and other health care providers for services. These contracted providers will be considered “in the network” for your policy.

“This arrangement seems to work well for all involved,” Riportella said. “It works well to make sure that costs are managed for both the insurance company and you as an insured person. It

also works well for the providers, because it channels patients their way.”

Some policies require that you see only network providers, she said, or the policies might require you to pay more or all of your medical fees if you visit a non-network provider.

“To keep your costs as low as possible, it is always best to see network providers,” Riportella said. “Check the policies you’re considering to see if your current provider is in the network, as well as the pharmacies and labs you normally use.”

In most cases, she said, providers will be in the network for the full plan year, but at times providers leave their contracts with insurance companies. This is why each time you make an appointment, ask the office staff to make sure that provider is still in the network.

If you want to see a specialist, some plans instruct you to visit a primary care provider before the specialist, Riportella said.

“In those plans, the primary care provider gives you a formal referral to a specialist if you need specialty care,” she said. “If you want the freedom to go directly to a specialist on your own, you will want a policy that does not require you to go through the primary

care provider first. Pay attention to these differences in plans if this is important to you.”

If you are a frequent traveler, some plans allow you to use non-network providers in a medical emergency, but what qualifies as an emergency in the legal terms of the health insurance contract might not be what you consider an emergency, she said. Travelers might consider policies with national networks or expect to pay more if caught out of town when illness or injury strikes.

More information

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services offer a “From Coverage to Care” (marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/downloads/c2c-roadmap.pdf) consumer roadmap for obtaining and using health insurance. More information is available through K-State Research and Extension fact sheets (www.ksre.ksu.edu/issuesinhealthreform/p.aspx?tabid=21). The Kansas Health Institute also has numerous resources on its website (www.khi.org/).

If obtaining insurance through the marketplace, log on to www.healthcare.gov. To learn more about how to enroll in the marketplace or KanCare, call the marketplace, available 24/7, at (800) 318-2596.

Legal, family dynamics part of farm succession

Dennis Metz admits it. He resisted some of the changes his sons wanted to make on the family’s dairy and crop farm near Wellington.

In the late 1990s, Metz was growing crops and milking cows two times a day. His sons, Dan and Jay, came home from college and wanted to try milking three times a day – and to grow cotton. Thinking about how much time and money had been spent on his sons’ education and about how he’d watched others struggle as one generation took over the business from another, Dennis relented. Dan and Jay have taken over day-to-day operations of the farm with their dad’s blessing and support.

The day sons or daughters announce they’d

like to take over the family farm or ranch can be a proud one, but can also be fraught with communication challenges, legal pitfalls and differing expectations.

To help Kansas farmers and ranchers with the succession process, K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services are teaming up with other agencies to offer “Planning for Farm and Ranch Succession” www.ksre.ksu.edu/kams conferences around the state.

In western Kansas the meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays.

The conferences are part of a larger effort

to develop a comprehensive succession education and service program, said Forrest Buhler, attorney with Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services. A succession planning website is being developed which will include educational materials available to the public.

More information, including online registration, is available at www.ksre.ksu.edu/kams or by calling (800) 432-8222. The cost is \$60 per person for the first family member to register, and \$40 per person for other family members.

As for Dennis Metz and his wife, Marilyn, they’re enjoying activities with their grandchildren, including following one grandson’ budding bluegrass music career.



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Free Press Viewpoint

After 100 years, war on drugs a bust

After a century of war, we're losing, but apparently no one has the good sense to declare victory, call in the troops and end the collateral damage, let alone the very real loss of lives and civil order.

Where, you ask? Not in the Mideast or Asia, but right here at home. It's the War on Drugs, begun in 1914 with the Harrison Act, a federal law which began the nationwide prohibition of so-called dangerous drugs, taking opium, cocaine and others out of pharmacies and turning them over to the hands of murderous criminal gangs.

America has learned to cut its losses in foreign entanglements, exiting even Vietnam with fewer losses and more face. We've brought home combat troops from Afghanistan and Iraq, but can't end the war on our streets.

The cost? Billions of dollars in enforcement, damage, social costs, court, jail and prison costs. Thousands of lives, an estimated 40,000 to 77,000 in Mexico alone since the U.S. more or less eliminated methamphetamine cooking in this country and, in effect, turned the trade over to cutthroat cartels.

Of the 17,000 or more gun homicides in the U.S. each year, no one seems to know how many are tied to the drug trade, but it appears to be the majority. For sure, the yearly total would be more than all the U.S. troops lost in the War on Terror. The dead include not just gangsters, but innocent civilians and law enforcement officers trying to end the drug trade.

Half of all federal prisoners are serving time for drugs, along with an estimated 16 percent of all state prisoners. One author says there are more African-American men in federal prison today on drug charges than in college. Another estimate puts the total cost of this war at \$40 billion a year, \$15 billion for the federal government and \$25 billion for states.

Who benefits? Mostly the drug gangs, who'd be out of business if we were to end prohibition. Then there's the drug bureaucracy, which spends that \$40 billion. They say it's for a good cause, but is it? Ask some of the thousands who have died. Ask their mothers or wives or children.

Has this war, fought at such great cost in dollars and lives, helped reduce drug use or addiction? Apparently not. A century ago, drug use was confined to an estimated one-half of 1 percent of the population. Today, the figure is 1.5 percent, about 4.6 million, including marijuana users. "Hard" drug users may be about the same, half of 1 percent.

That's not much of a bargain, especially if you're dead. What to do?

First, admit that government has tried and failed. It can't stop drug use or drug trafficking. Return to the old ways, where drugs were to be regulated for purity, but legal to buy.

That alone would end most of the street violence, the killings in Mexico, the deaths from gang fighting in cities and along the border. Nothing stops smuggling quite as effectively as making the product legal. It worked with alcohol, and states reaped the tax bounty.

Reduce state and federal spending, cut the deficit, spend some of the money on better treatment efforts for drug addicts, from heroin users to marijuana smokers to alcoholics. Focus on helping people, not putting them in jail.

In short, end the war and focus on the real problem, addiction.

— Steve Haynes

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THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY HAS A MESSAGE:



Pie supper an entertainment of the past

Somebody asked me last week what we could possibly do for entertainment during the Dirty Thirties when there was no such thing as television, facebook or little card-size telephones, and dust clouds came rolling by every other day.

After listening to me drone on for about 10 minutes, he was aware of several new things to do.

Even when I was a young dog, our small family could hardly keep up with all the goings on. There were always the church and school activities, and with dozens of nearby neighbors, as well as friends in our small town, it was difficult to find time to attend all the get-togethers.

I couldn't possibly describe all the fun things we could do in this short treatise, but I'll try to acquaint you with an activity that just doesn't exist in this day and age.

Alright, here we go with another hand showing. Let's see the hands of all of you who have ever attended a bona fide pie supper? Anybody? Surely there is someone out there somewhere. Well, in case you missed all the fun, here's how it worked:

You get on the phone and call about 15 or 20 of your neighbors. That's about all you can cram into the old abandoned neighborhood school house where these kind of functions were usually held. You give them a date, like



Kay Melia

Gardener Remembers

a week from Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Coffee will be furnished but bring your own cup, and bring the kids if you want.

On the appointed date, people begin to show up, even some you didn't call. All are carrying a beautifully wrapped, absolutely gorgeous package, and in every one of them is two pies. Upon entering the building, the ladies place their packages on a long table up front and all the guys watch carefully to see which lady brought which package, because it is well known in the neighborhood which ladies bake the best pies.

An auctioneer has volunteered his services and the fun begins. The bidding begins on the elaborately wrapped pies, and the high bidder gets to eat his purchase with the lady who brought it and whose name is inside. The buyer gets to take the second pie home with him. The kids eat pie with either Mom or Dad or both.

You never saw so much fun! The men would spend as much as they could, based on whose

package was prettiest, and limits placed on their bidding by Mom. Proceeds in the early days would go to the lady who brought the pie, but during the war years, all the money would go to the war effort. After eating, some of the kids might sing or recite to complete the evening.

Even more exciting was the Box Supper, which was organized in much the same way as the pie supper, except the lady would bring the whole meal, and prices were higher. Many times, the women would get together with a friend and work out a deal whereby they would bring each other's dinner package to the event, just to confuse the men when they walked into the building.

Would a pie supper or box supper work today? Could you coax the ladies in your neighborhood to bake a couple of pies and take them somewhere for an auction and then eat with a neighbor? I think not. No way. Forgetaboutit. Hahahaha! (And please. Someone bring a coconut cream!)

Kay Melia of Goodland has a long history of writing and broadcasting. Most recently, he wrote a gardening column for several newspapers. Now he returns to share some memories. You can contact him at vkmelia@yahoo.com.

Higher education changes in 2014

The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2544 that allows Kansas to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement administered by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. In simple terms, online courses or programs that meet their minimal standards will automatically be recognized in Kansas.

On one hand, it gives an easy and automatic stamp of approval for out-of-state programs while new genuine programs proposed by Kansas schools have to go through far more scrutiny. On the other hand, out-of-state programs have been approved at Kansas Board of Regents meetings by the shovelful anyway under the assumption that if they were approved elsewhere, Kansas had to accept them too. (If that really was the case, the agreement would never have been needed.)

This action opens the floodgate to online operations, with the exception of teacher-training programs that must still meet Kansas Department of Education Standards.

A gang-rape story published in *Rolling Stone* magazine sparked nationwide concern and occupied the agendas of state higher education councils across the nation and administrations at every university in Kansas.

Although the magazine later found reason to question some details of its original story, it drew attention to assault on campuses and forced concern for changing the climate on campuses. An equally important issue was whether this was just the jurisdiction of law enforcement, or if university in-house procedures and penalties provided fairness and due process.

In the 2013-2014 school year, over 886,000 foreign students studied at U.S. colleges and universities, according to the annual *Open Doors* report from the Institute of International Education. One-third hold a Chinese passport and Chinese students accounted for 60 percent of the eight percent growth in foreign students.



John Richard Schrock

Education Frontlines

Foreign students not only paid out-of-state tuition, thus subsidizing regular students, but also made up the majority of our engineering and physics graduates. Loss of these students would be the equivalent of losing the total community college, private college and public university enrollment of four states the size of Kansas.

In October, an academic fraud scandal was exposed at the University of North Carolina. For 18 years, student athletes were able to take fake classes that helped them remain in school and eligible to play sports. According to the former federal prosecutor who investigated the case, these "courses" ran from 1993 to 2011 and had no class attendance or faculty involved in their delivery or testing. Throughout this time, UNC remained fully accredited.

Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa is retiring from the U.S. Senate, having served since 1985. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Harkin fought tirelessly against scam online "universities" that preyed upon military returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, sometimes basing over 90 percent of their total operating budget on the new "GI Bill" — an action that violates federal regulations.

Harkin often stood alone without support from Republicans with blind belief in free-market-is-always-good and fellow Democrats who blindly accept the claims of online education. Predatory online "schools" are glad to see him retire but there is no one in the wings

likely to assume his watchdog duties.

The U.S. Department of Education released President Obama's College Rating Plan for evaluating higher education institutions based on retention and graduation rates and subsequent rates of employment. The plan will: 1) tie financial aid to college performance, starting with publishing new college ratings before the 2015 school year; 2) coerce states to fund public colleges based on performance; and 3) hold students and colleges receiving student aid responsible for making progress toward a degree. The overall effect will be to inflate grades and deflate the value of public university degrees.

Historically black colleges and other schools that take higher-risk students, as well as universities that attempt to maintain academic standards, will either have to join in the lowering of standards or suffer a decline in federal support.

John Richard Schrock, a professor of biology and department chair at a leading teacher's college, lives in Emporia. He emphasizes that his opinions are strictly his own.

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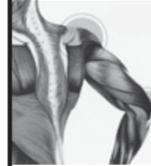


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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Have safe time, a great new year

Dear Readers: It's New Year's Eve, 2014, and we are about to say hello to a new year. I love the sound of "2015"! If you are going out and about, please be safe, and have a wonderful time. If you're staying home, snug as a big, warm hug, hope you have someone special to celebrate with.

Please know that as we travel through the next year, I'll be here to help you, share your ideas and hints, and just be a friend.

If you are awake for the countdown, watch it on TV, and you can pretty much pick if you want to celebrate on Tahiti time, Texas time or Timbuktu, Mali, time. OK, folks, figure out which location celebrates first! - My best wishes, Heloise

TACO CASSEROLE

Dear Heloise: Looking at your recipe for Heloise's Taco Casserole, there was ground beef to be added. Was the ground beef to be cooked before, or would cooking it in the oven make it safe to eat? - Cynthia Holloway in Texas

Glad you asked, because the answer is yes, the ground beef needs to be cooked first. This taco casserole is a good way to "repurpose" leftover ground beef from tacos. For other readers, here are the directions: Grease a big casserole dish with nonstick spray, then spread salsa (canned, jarred or left over from takeout) on the bottom. Sprinkle broken-up tortilla chips or taco shells over it, then layer the leftover ground meat. Next, beans, cheese and more salsa, and a layer of chips on top. Bake until hot, about 30 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Take it out of the oven, let sit for five minutes, then top with sour cream, guacamole, olives, lettuce and tomatoes. For this recipe and more, order my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet. Please send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Use packaged taco-seasoning mix to flavor cooked beef if you have no taco leftovers but still want to make this casserole. - Heloise

CHICKEN SKIN

Dear Heloise: I buy whole chickens, cut them up and freeze them. When I cook the chicken, I remove the skin. Using a paper towel to grab the skin and then pull it off is the easiest method. -- Jamie D. in Connecticut

HARD-BOILED EGGS

Dear Heloise: When a recipe calls for chopped hard-boiled eggs, I poach them in my egg poacher. I don't have to peel them, and I can judge when the yolks are hard. This has made my life simpler. - Patricia White, Marfa, Texas

Patricia, it's brilliant! Also, this is perfect for egg salad. A big hug for a new hint! - Heloise

WHISK HOLDER

Dear Heloise: My whisk got caught on everything it came in contact with. I used my zippered beer-bottle holder, and the whisk fits like a glove. - Debbie W. in Florida

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 8 6 4
- ♥ K 5 4
- ♦ K 9 3
- ♣ J 4 3 2

EAST

- ♠ A Q 10 9 5
- ♥ 10 9 3
- ♦ 7 4
- ♣ A 9 7

SOUTH

- ♠ J 3
- ♥ A J 7 6 2
- ♦ A Q J 10
- ♣ K 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♣	4♥

Opening lead — two of spades.

A Necessary Assumption

To be a successful declarer, one must make assumptions during the play.

Often these assumptions are based more on hope than expectation, since there is not much point in playing a hand on the basis that the cards are divided in such a way that you cannot make the contract.

Here is an example of this principle at work. Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads a spade. East wins with the ace and returns the nine, your jack losing to the king. Back comes a spade, which you ruff, and the question is how to play the hand.

Ordinarily, you would lead a heart to the king and finesse the jack on the way back, but this would be the wrong play to make in this case. Here it is right to lead a heart to the king, but it is wrong to finesse the jack. Instead, you should go up with the ace.

As the cards lie, this anti-percentage play succeeds beautifully when the ace catches the queen and East later shows up with the ace of clubs. But how, you might well ask, can you possibly be expected to know that playing for the queen to drop is better than taking the finesse?

The answer is that you have no chance for the contract unless East has the ace of clubs, and, once you make this assumption, you cannot also play East for the queen of hearts.

While it is conceivable that East would have passed in third seat holding five spades headed by the A-Q and the ace of clubs, it is inconceivable that East would have passed had he also held the queen of hearts. You therefore have no choice but to assume that West has the queen, and on that basis you reject the finesse and hope the queen is doubleton.

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7	9	5	2	4	3	6	8	1
1	2	8	5	9	6	3	7	4
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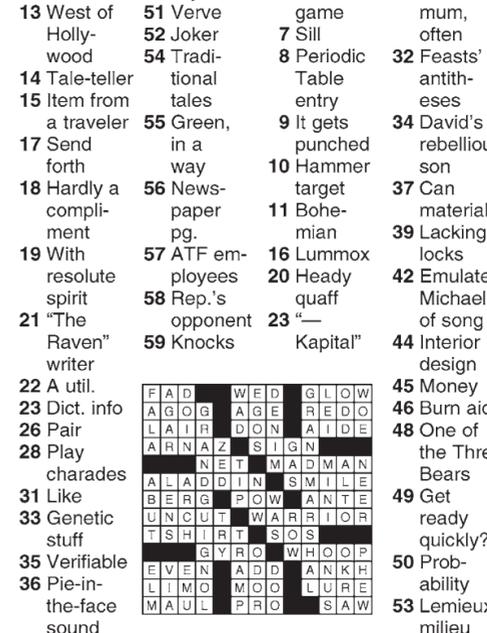
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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Basinger and Novak | 1 Military cap |
| 5 Piercing tool | 2 Press |
| 8 Sicilian volcano | 3 Fail to hit |
| 12 Great Lake | 4 Arrangement-board stick |
| 13 West of Hollywood | 5 Hobbyist, perhaps |
| 14 Tale-teller | 6 Kids' card game |
| 15 Item from a traveler | 7 Sill |
| 17 Send forth | 8 Periodic table entry |
| 18 Hardly a compliment | 9 It gets punched |
| 19 With resolute spirit | 10 Hammer target |
| 21 "The Raven" writer | 11 Bohemian |
| 22 A util. | 12 Lummoxy |
| 23 Dict. info | 13 Heady quaff |
| 26 Pair | 14 "— Kapital" |
| 28 Play charades | 15 Money |
| 31 Like | 16 Burn aid |
| 33 Genetic stuff | 17 One of the Three Bears |
| 35 Verifiable | 18 Get ready quickly? |
| 36 Pie-in-the-face sound | 19 Probability |
| | 20 Lemieux milieu |

Yesterday's answer 12-31



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Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Thomas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 14CV44, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Colby in said County, on January 22, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., of said day the following described real estate located in the County of Thomas, State of Kansas, to wit:

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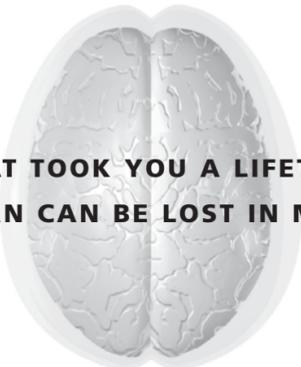
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and will be accepted as follows: Less than \$25,000 Entire amount due at conclusion of sale; \$25,000 - \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office by close of the business day; More than \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office within five (5) working days. The contact person regarding inquiries about the above-property is Kent A. Colwell, Rural Housing Service, (785) 628-3081. This real property is levied on pursuant to the Order of Default Judgement and Judgement of Foreclosure and Final Judgement entered by the Court on November 4, 2014, Doc. 14, and the Order of Sale entered on December 5, 2014, Doc. 17, and will be sold without appraisal, subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments, and with a three (3) month right of redemption, to satisfy the Order of Sale. United States Marshal's Office, Topeka, Kansas, this 9th day of December, 2014. CRAIG BEAM Acting United States Marshal District of Kansas /s/ Craig Beam (Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, December 17, 24, 31, 2014 and January 7, 2015)

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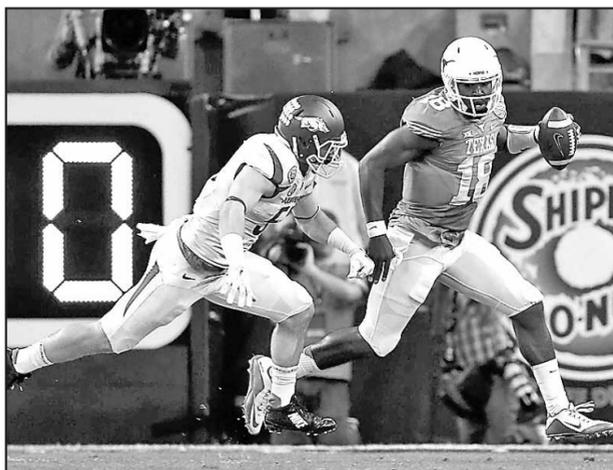
Coach's punch starts rough night for Big 12

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Texas A&M student assistant coach Michael Richardson was sent home early from the Aggies' appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl after hitting West Virginia players in the first half of Texas A&M's 45-37 win on Monday at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Cameras showed Richardson striking West Virginia players who ventured out of bounds during the first half on two separate occasions. He used his elbow to strike Mountaineers cornerback Daryl Worley in the back of the head and shoved running back Andrew Buie in another incident.

Sumlin was made aware of Richardson's actions at halftime and told Richardson to remain in the locker room for the second half of the game, according to school officials. After the game, Sumlin said Richardson was sent home and he'll decide on further action when the Aggies return to College Station, Texas.

"I was made aware of the situation at halftime, he did not return to the field and he has already been



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Texas Longhorns quarterback Tyrone Swoopes was on the run Monday night as Arkansas dominated the Texas Bowl, 31-7.

sent home," Sumlin said. "That's nothing we condone, there's nothing about that whole situation

that's a part of who we are and what we believe in. As I said, he has already been sent home, and

League gets bowled over three times

we'll deal with that when we get back."

A class of 2012 signee out of DeSoto (Texas) High, Richardson played linebacker as a true freshman for Texas A&M before suffering a career-ending neck injury in a Nov. 17, 2012, win over Sam Houston State.

He had surgery shortly thereafter and has served as a student assistant coach for the Aggies since his playing days concluded two years ago. Painful punches to egos awaited a pair of Big 12 perennial powerhouses Monday night

Clemson 40, Oklahoma 6

The No. 17-ranked Tigers clinched their fourth consecutive 10-win season (10-3) with a Russell Athletic Bowl trouncing of Oklahoma in Orlando, Fla.

Clemson went 65 yards for a

touchdown on its first play, led 17-0 after one quarter and 27-0 by halftime.

The Sooners (8-5) didn't score until midway through the fourth quarter with Clemson leading 40-0. Oklahoma dropped three of its final four games, including two by 30-plus points. Baylor blasted OU, 48-14, on Nov. 8.

Arkansas 31, Texas 7

The Longhorns' second losing season (6-7) in 17 years ended with an inept 60 yards of total offense against old rival Arkansas at Monday night's Texas Bowl.

Arkansas (7-6 record) dominated while improving to just 22-56 all-time against the one-time Southwest Conference foe Longhorns. Arkansas needed late-season upset wins over LSU and Mississippi just to get enough wins

this season for bowl eligibility.

Texas actually had -18 total yards during a listless third quarter.

The Longhorns only defeated one team with a winning record (West Virginia) in coach Charlie Strong's first season with the Longhorns.

Chance for redemption

The Big 12 still has three chances to regain its winning ways this week with TCU playing Mississippi on Wednesday, Baylor meeting Michigan State on Thursday and Kansas State tangling with UCLA Friday evening. Oklahoma State plays Washington Friday.

The bowl season continues through Jan. 4 with New Year's Day semifinal winners meeting to decide a national champion on Monday, Jan. 12.

Historic wins, heartbreak started sports year

Picker puts faith in Bears

Posting a decent 14-7 bowl picking clip so far, *Free Press* scribbler R.B. Headley is ready to show some faith in the suddenly duntrodden Big 12.

"I'm changing my Cotton Bowl pick and taking the Baylor Bears to beat Michigan State," R.B. announced. "I like Baylor's speed advantage and think they'll have something to prove against a Spartan defense that hasn't been so tough this season."

The Big 12 took three big losses Monday night with Oklahoma and Texas being routed.

More details about how all bowl pickers are faring will appear in an upcoming edition.

Stomp suspends Lion star

NEW YORK (AP) — The Detroit Lions and Ndamukong Suh have been informed that the defensive tackle will be suspended for Sunday's wild-card playoff game against the Dallas Cowboys.

Suh's punishment comes a day after he stepped on the leg of Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Suh "unnecessarily stepped on [the] opponent's unprotected leg as he lay on the ground unable to protect himself," according to a statement released by the NFL.

Suh is appealing the suspension, and his appeal will be heard by Ted Cottrell.

Lions center Dominic Raiola, who himself returned from a one-game suspension Monday, defended Suh's actions.

"He was getting pushed back, you know," Raiola said. "There's no way at that point in the game that he did something like that on purpose."

Lions safety James Ihedigbo said missing Suh will create a large void on defense.

"I don't know if you can put it into words," Ihedigbo said. "He's a dominant force in our defense. He's kind of the key centerpiece. We have faith in guys that can step up and fill that void and do the best job they can to get this win and help us out."

"It's unfortunate, whatever way you want to slice it. You're losing one of your best defensive players and one of the best D-linemen in the league, it's unfortunate."

If Suh's appeal is denied, Detroit would be without both of its first-round defensive tackle selections.

Coach Jim Caldwell said Monday it would take "a miracle" for defensive tackle Nick Fairley to play against the Cowboys.

Fairley has not played or practiced since injuring his knee against Atlanta in Week 8.

What a great first five months of 2014 as each one brought several moments for Colby-area sports fans to remember.

The best of 2014 begins today with January though May with no June swoon anticipated for Friday's rundown into December.

January

Denver Bronco fans would soon celebrate an AFC title game win over big bad New England. But those weren't the only fantastic moments.

Colby High's Cameron Brown scoring 29 points at Goodland on Jan. 6, and the Eagle girls saying "hello, new year" with an 11-0 start against Ulysses on Jan. 3.

The Eagle girls would later knock off 5A Liberal while reaching their Orange and Black Classic tittle game on Jan. 25.

However, January's No. 1 moment:

Jan. 18 turned titanic when the Triplains-Brewster girls knocked off Golden Plains, 41-38, for a Western Kansas Liberty League tournament title in Colby.

Junior Alicia Barrie's three-pointer finally put the Titans ahead to stay over a rival they knew all too well.

"We finally got them," Barrie said about avenging a 33-30 loss to Golden Plains earlier that season. "We read (in the *Free Press*) that they (Golden Plains) was happy to break our winning streak. Now we can start a new one."

February

Would the Wichita State Shockers ever lose a men's basketball game? Not until deep into March as the Shockers' win streak went far past 30 during an amazing season.

Meanwhile, big moments also increased throughout the county:

Feb. 6: All 13 players help the Colby JV boys beat Goodland by 13, 48-35, for their Colby Tournament basketball championship.

Feb. 11: The Eagle varsity boys also respond with several shot blocks during a 64-59 win at Norton.

Feb. 15: Colby Community College's wrestlers qualify 10 wrestlers for the national championship meet including Eagle alum Konnor Kriss.

"We've had eight, nine, but never 10," coach David Nordhues said.

But the best moment:

Feb. 22: Freshman Tate Carney's regional title win over Goodland's Tate Withington helps lead five Eagles into the 4A state wrestling tournament.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press ADRIANE SIMS

There was plenty to dance about on March 31 as the Harlem Globetrotters' "Fans Rule" tour stop kept a full house at Colby Community Building entertained. Kids joined Globetrotters on the court numerous times, whether it was time for more basketball theatrics or just to show their best dance moves (left). Of course, sports isn't all about good times throughout the year. There were other emotions shared like after Colby High senior Andrew Taylor (below) fell just short in his second consecutive 4A state wrestling championship match. Coach Matt Sims was ther to give this top Eagle wrestler a hug after Taylor's final state tournament match on March 1. The Eagles still took home a top five 4A team finish with three earning medals.

Most importantly, the 106-pounder moved closer to:

"An Oreo milkshake." Carney said about how we could celebrate after the state finals.

March

Madness continued on the wrestling weeks before those Shockers, Kansas Jayhawks and K-State suffered tough early exits from March Madness.

March 1: Sure enough, Carney reaches the title match but falls short in his first quest. He still joins senior Andrew Taylor as state finalists while sophomore Austin Hart takes home a consolation championship with his 40th win of the season.

March 1: While the Eagles took fifth in 4A, those Colby College Trojans finished an even more impressive No. 4 nationally. All-Americans Calvin Ochs and Jared Johnson were finalists while Kriss captured sixth place in his class.

Hoops then regained center stage, especially when the Golden Plains High rallied past Bucklin, 52-49, to reach their first state championship game since 1974.

March's most magical moment arrived one week earlier:

March 8: Colby Community College's indoor track and field men earn historic No. 2 national finish in New York City.

The Trojans' 11 All-American and victories in three events were impressive enough. Yet the real story was some Trojans had to stay home because there simply wasn't enough room in the team van.

"The reality is we're a junior college. We simply couldn't afford 20 plane tickets to New York City," coach James Ortiz said about accommodating all the Trojan qualifiers.

Ortiz made some tough choices, but his lineup delivered an awesome 71 points to tie Coffeyville College for that No. 2 finish.

Trojan athletes then took turns holding the championship plaque on that long van ride home.

April awesomeness

This month began one miraculous Kansas City Royals season which would end in World Series Game 7 — something a few of us are still barely believing.

April also brought warm moments for many area athletes and teams.

April 11: Colby High's track and field girls win the Norton Invitational, just their first step en route to another Great West Activities Conference championship season.

April 15: Tax day only meant Victoria would pay for a 12-0 win over Colby High's varsity baseball team.

The Eagle boys showed super resiliency, recovering to win game two 6-5 over a team that won a state Legion baseball championship that previous summer.

April 22: Those same Colby baseball boys pound out 22 hits during a huge 16-5 win over Goodland.

Yet the finest moment featured another Eagle diamond team.

April 7: Colby High's softball team rallies past Holcomb, 7-6.

Trailing 6-1, the Eagles unleash an amazing comeback that begins their eight-game, season-opening win streak.

The Eagles also turned an early 5-0 deficit into a 17-5 win over Ulysses during this awesome 8-0 start.

"When you can do that and grind out a couple of wins, that's a sign of a pretty good team," coach Jeff Krzycki said.

The Colby High girls would eventually play for a 4A substate championship.

May

Deadline's approaching for today, but just enough time to point out a few of many great achievements capping the 2013-14 school sports year.

May 12: This was one amazing day. While Colby High's girls track and field girls were winning



Colby Community College

Fabian Hayles finished a national champion Colby Community College 3200-relay that also set a new school record at New York City in March.



their home invitational, senior Michael Schiferl earned a trip into the 4A boys' state tennis tournament.

Schiferl would earn two big state wins and nearly take home a medal.

Colby High qualified several athletes to the state meet with ju-

niors Brielle McKee and Hannah Strange both winning medals.

However, the finest moment had to be Triplains' Shayna Rogge winning a 1A state triple jump championship.

Watch for all those June through December moments in Friday's *Free Press*.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Triplains-Brewster wanted a substate title as Titans Kelly Lamb (right) and Shayna Rogge also tried to steal this basket. Yet Golden Plains with senior Hailee Spresser held on for the win.