

Wide Turn



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One of two trucks carrying a section of a wind turbine tower had a tough time maneuvering a turn at Franklin Avenue and Veterans Memorial Drive Wednesday afternoon. Although it was unsure why the truck initialing turned onto Eighth Street and Franklin Avenue, it appeared the driver may have made a mistake when navigating through town. The other truck hauling a section of the tower was parked on the side of Kansas Highway 25 on the north edge of Colby waiting for the rest of the convoy to continue on.

Sherman County economic group discusses property clean up

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Getting rid of unsightly houses and improving downtown businesses are the objectives of two projects approved by the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday.

A housing grant program would provide \$1,500 from council funds to help buy or demolish unsightly houses, and the front facade project would help Main Street businesses with similar grants.

A third project would establish a “work force” office in Goodland to help people looking for jobs and businesses needing workers. The nearest state job office is in Colby.

Director Tiffani McMinn said the housing grants would be an incentive to property owners.

“I think this would be an incentive to help remove unsightly houses,” McMinn said. “We would offer a \$1,500 grant to help purchase or demolish a house. We would do two of these.”

The front facade project would offer a similar grant to two businesses looking to improve their look, McMinn said.

“These would be to help those businesses who can’t qualify for anything from the state,” McMinn said, “and are making a living in our town.”

President Don Newell said the

council will have to develop criteria for those applying for the grants.

“We will set up the criteria,” McMinn said. “These have to be specific and there has to be a deadline to have the project completed.”

The council talked about how the applications would be judged. Member Harlan House said they should select the best two of those who apply.

Council member Nancy Cole asked if the housing program was to help people buy older houses or to help pay to have them demolished.

Newell said it could be either. It would encourage people to fix them up or tear them down so there would be an empty lot that might encourage someone to build.

The council approved the two projects and appointed a committee to develop the criteria and review applications.

McMinn suggested a third project, to create a “work force” center in the council office to help businesses and the people looking for jobs.

“We can help businesses post information about jobs that are available,” McMinn said, “and have a computer to help people look at the Colby Job Service office website.”

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this service to our people so they don’t have to go to Colby.”

McMinn said setting up the office would cost about \$3,000, but she has been offered some computer equipment.

The council agreed to pay for the three projects out of the project development budget for a total of \$9,000. McMinn said there is \$30,000 in the fund.

The council established a committee to draft the criteria for the housing and front facade projects, including council members Newell, Gary Slough and Chuck Wilkens, and from outside Charlene Cole and Schyler Goodwin.

The development council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the basement at Western State Bank.

Paranoid about online dating?

Dear Dr. Brothers: I’ve been dating via the Internet for the past several months, after the breakup of a very long-term relationship. Although I believe this is theoretically a good way to meet people, I am so paranoid about everyone I talk to that I usually am unable to actually meet them until they have given up asking me out. Is there something wrong with me, or is this normal? — S.V.

Dear S.V.: Internet dating is still a relatively new phenomenon — few of us have been doing it for more than a decade, at most. So that means people over a certain age will have experienced most of their dating life as a very different type of experience — one in which they met people by chance, or were introduced by friends, or dated a co-worker or fellow student. Putting yourself out there into cyberspace with a photo and profile is a very different kettle of fish, and there’s plenty of reason for caution — in fact, that’s the only reasonable way to approach computer dating.

That said, there is a self-defeating length to which you can go to feel safe. And if you are paralyzed by anxiety and fear each time you try to make a connection, it’s surely not good for you emotionally, or for your potential love life. I suggest you try only sites that are extremely well rated for screening and security, and perhaps sponsored by or aimed at a niche segment of people you can



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trust — perhaps a religious or career-oriented group. Follow all the rules for dating safely on the Internet, and just see if you can make it to one date. After that it will be easier — or, who knows, perhaps the first guy you meet will be “the one”! Remember, this is supposed to be fun.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am very depressed. I took a new job about three months ago. It is in a field I love and is the kind of place where I could see moving up in my career. But my new boss, who hired two of us around the same time, is definitely favoring the other girl because she is so attractive, and I am plain. This has happened to me my whole life. How do I cope with this problem and not end up being a miserable failure? — K.L.

Dear K.L.: It seems that you are caught in an unfortunate pattern. Perhaps earlier in life your feeling “plain” led to some unhappiness with your social life. You probably were always aware of the prettier girls, and all the successes they had because of their looks that you didn’t. And it is a

sad fact of life that more-attractive people do tend to find that things come more easily to them, instead of having to work for their gains, as others have to. But if you were honest about it, you’d think back to high school or college and realize that there were also plenty of not-so-pretty people who were extremely popular or successful. So it’s not a great idea to start every experience with a chip on your shoulder against everyone more attractive than yourself — and a built-in excuse for failure.

Assuming that the other new hire’s success is being achieved, then, because of a combination of her job performance and her looks — not her looks alone, but allowing for them as a factor — what exactly can you do to change your lifelong experience? The obvious answer is to do some things to make yourself feel more confident. And if this means going for a physical makeover, start there. At the same time, you probably need to work on being more outgoing, friendly and cheerful, and less envious. Good luck.

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SATURDAY												APRIL 28	
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas Saturday		Good Morning America (N) (CC)		Good Morning Kansas Saturday		That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Replacements	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	Today (N) (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Babar (EI) (CC)	Dragon (EI)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie-Tales	Jane-Dragon	Jacob Two Two	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	Saturday Early Show (N) (CC)				News				Horse-land (EI)	Horse-land (EI)	Paid Program	Paid Program	
K15CG (2) (2)	Business	Market-Market	Mister Rogers	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Signing Time!	Dragon-flyTV	Real Moms	For Your Home	Bake Decorate	Victory Garden	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter Special (Live) (CC)		2007 NFL Draft New York. (Live) (CC)		
USA (37)	Fun Fitness	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: Breakdown *** (1997, Suspense) Kurt Russell, J.T. Walsh.				Movie: Frequency *** (2000, Fantasy) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel. (CC)				
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Movie: Powder **½ (1995) An albino outcast possesses amazing mental powers.			Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Movie: Dangerous Minds ** (1995, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer. (CC)					
WGN (39)	Enterprise	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	HomeTeam New York 2 (CC)		
TNT (40)	Movie: My Fellow Americans ** (1996, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. (Premiere) (CC)				Movie: Grumpy Old Men **½ (1993, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. (CC)				Movie: Grumpier Old Men **½ (1995, Comedy) Jack Lemmon. (CC)				
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Real Estate	Paid Program	Mega Builders		Oil, Sweat and Rigs (CC)	Futureweapons The Protectors		MythBusters Birds in a truck. (CC)			
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote Bloodlines (CC)		Murder, She Wrote A Killing in Cork		Biography Jodie Foster Jodie Foster. (CC)				Sell This House!	Big Spender	Find & Design	Find & Design	
HIST (48)	Heavy Metal Tiger Attack! (CC)		Mail Call (CC)		Wild West Tech Gadgets (CC)		American Eats Soda Soda pop.		UFO Files Out of This World (CC)		Ancient Discoveries		
NICK (55)	Lazy-Town	OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParents	Tigre: Rivera	Avatar: The Last Airbender (CC)		Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	
DISN (56)	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey Mouse	Mickey Mouse	Johnny-Sprites	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Lilo & Stitch	Replacements	
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie The Wild Boy				Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang ** (1975, Comedy) Bill Bixby. (CC)				Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again ** (1979, Comedy) Tim Conway.				Movie: Red-Headed Stranger ** (1986)

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Count-down	NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Aaron's 312. From Talladega, Ala. (Live)						Paid Program	ABC News	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	Auto Racing: CORR		NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Basketball's Great Shooters		PGA Golf: EDS Byron Nelson Championship -- Third Round. Irving, Texas. (Live) (CC)						Paid Program	CBS News	
K15CG 2 (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Home-time	Woodwright	Cultivating Life	Scrap-book	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Real Simple	Farmers' TV	Rare Visions	
ESPN 28	(11:00) 2007 NFL Draft New York. (Live) (CC)												
USA 37	(10:00) Movie:	Movie: The Saint ★★ (1997) A master of disguise finds romance and danger in England. Val Kilmer.						Movie: Unbreakable (2000) A train-crash survivor discovers an extraordinary talent.			Movie: Kiss the Girls ★★ (1997)		
TBS 38	(10:05) Movie:	Movie: First Knight ★★½ (1995) The evil Malagant threatens the peace of Camelot. Sean Connery. (CC)						Movie: Jurassic Park III ★★½ (2001, Adventure) (PA) Sam Neill. (CC)			Movie: Shanghai Knights ★★★ (2003)		
WGN 39	NASCAR Angels	Cosby Show	Soul Train Brick: Sister Sledge. (CC)		Movie: Operation Condor ★★½ (1991, Action) Jackie Chan. (CC)			America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		American Idol Rewind CBS 3 to 2			
TNT 40	Movie: Down to Earth ★½ (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock.		NBA Pregame		NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Training monkeys. (CC)		Oil, Sweat and Rigs Phoenix		Rogue Nature Bears Bear attacks.		Rogue Nature Chimps (CC)		Rogue Nature Squid Squid.		Rogue Nature Hippo; Croc		
A&E 47	Driving Force	Driving Force	King of Cars	King of Cars	Movie: Monster's Ball ★★★ (2001, Drama) A prison guard strikes up a romance with an inmate's widow.				Sell This House!		Sell This House!	Sell This House!	
HIST 48	Ancient Discoveries: Robots		Mega Movers Fragile Giants (CC)		Mega Movers 900 Ton Building (CC)		Mega Movers B-25 Bomber (CC)		Dogfights: The Greatest Air Battles Four famous air battles. (CC)				
NICK 55	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddParents	Avatar-Last Air	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	OddParents	
DISN 56	Movie: Kronk's New Groove (2005, Comedy) (CC)		Kim Possible		Ameri-can Drgn	Ameri-can Drgn	Emperor New	Emperor New	Replacements	Replacements	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	
FAM 58	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Movie: Girls Just Want to Have Fun ★★ (1985, Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker.				Movie: Troop Beverly Hills ★★ (1989, Comedy) Shelley Long. (CC)			Movie: Sleepover ★★ (2004) (CC)			
HALL 60	(11:00) Movie: Red-Headed Stranger ★★ (1986, Western)			Movie: The Outsider ★★½ (2002) A wounded gunslinger and a widow have a forbidden romance.					Movie: Wyatt Earp ★★½ (1994) Portrait traces him from boy to lawman.				

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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Kake News	Movie: Pearl Harbor ★★ (2001, War) (PA) Friends join a war effort after the Japanese attack Hawaii. Ben Affleck. (CC)				News (CC)		American Idol Rewind (N) (CC)		Ent. Tonight		
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order Murder Book (CC)		News		Saturday Night Live Peyton Manning: Carrie Underwood.		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Kansas Shopper	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace Blood Out (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (CC)		Paid Program Without a Trace Lone Star (CC)		
K15CG (2)	Ameri- ca's Hrtl	Sun- flower	Sam- pling KS	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show		Red Green	Summer Wine	Austin City Limits (CC)		Soundstage KT Tunstall (CC)		
ESPN (28)	2007 NFL Draft New York. (Live) (CC)		NBA Basketball: First Round Game 4 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: First Round Game 4 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)						
USA (37)	(5:00) Movie: Kiss the Girls ★★ (1997) Morgan Freeman.			Movie: The Bourne Identity (2002) An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit. (CC)					House Acceptance (CC)		Movie: The Saint ★★ (1997) (CC)		
TBS (38)	(5:00) Movie: Shanghai Knights		MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies. Coors Field. (Live) (CC)						Movie: Sleepy Hollow ★★★ (1999, Horror) (PA) Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci. (CC)				
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Chicago White Sox. U.S. Cellular Field. (Live) (CC)					WGN News at Nine (CC)			Sex and the City		24 Day 2: 2:00 - 3:00AM (CC)		
TNT (40)	NBA Basketball: First Round		Movie: The School of Rock ★★★ (2003, Comedy) An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher. Jack Black.				Movie: A Knight's Tale ★★½ (2001) A peasant poses as a knight for a shot at jousting glory. Heath Ledger.						
DSC (42)	MythBusters Paper Crossbow (CC)		Mount St. Helens: Forecast		Deadliest Catch A Tragic Beginning		Deadliest Catch A fishing boat sinks.		Deadliest Catch Pain and Paybacks		Mount St. Helens: Forecast		
A&E (47)	Sell This House!		Sell This House!		Flip This House Project in Atlanta.		Flip This House A run-down duplex. (N)		The First 48 (CC)		American Justice: Sister Against Sister		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Sewers (CC)		Sherman's March Civil War Gen. Sherman. (CC)				The States (N) (Part 2 of 10) (CC)		Wild West Tech Sex and drugs. (CC)		Sherman's March (CC)		
NICK (55)	OddPar- ents	Spon- geBob	Ned's School	Naked Brothers	Drake & Josh	Mr. Meaty	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
DISN (56)	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Kim Possible	Ameri- can Drgn	Movie: Kronk's New (2005, Comedy) (CC)			Replace- ments	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Hannah Montana	Replace- ments	
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: Sleepover (2004)		Movie: Uptown Girls (2003) A carefree woman becomes a nanny to an uptight girl.				Movie: Lovewrecked (2006, Adventure) Amanda Bynes, Chris Carmack. (CC)				Movie: Better Off Dead ★★ (1985)		
HALL (60)	(4:00) Movie: Wyatt Earp ★★½ (1994) Portrait traces him from boy to lawman.				Movie: The Outlaw Josey Wales ★★★ (1976) A Confederate soldier vows to avenge his family's murder. Clint Eastwood.						Movie: Invitation to a Gunfighter (1964)		

