



Free Press Viewpoint

Governor is still what he always was

The Democrats are attacking Gov. Sam Brownback like he was the Creature From the Black Lagoon lately, acting like either they didn't know he was a conservative all these years, or there's something wrong with being against big government.



Weather forecast table showing 'DRIZZLE' for every day from Thursday to Monday, 2012 to 2034.

'Good old days' had high-tech devices

Remember when turning the steering wheel on the family car was somewhat of a challenge? Many times it would take both hands.



Tom Dreiling • Man of the Plains

Snippets "Did you see the debate where Romney and Perry were acting like grade school kids? And they want to lead our country? Never..."

But then came a big breakthrough: (drum roll) the "steering knob!" To make turning the steering wheel easier, someone invented a device you attached to the steering wheel.

that sits atop a bookcase in my front room. It measures 11 inches long, 4 inches wide and 3 inches high.

"Have you ever wondered how long it's going to take Obama to find a job after the 2012 election? Maybe that's what he is doing being away from Washington so often..."

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Thanks to fire crew and neighbors

To the Editor, Rex and I would like to extend our sincere thank-yous to all that were involved in containing and eventually extinguishing the fire on our property west of Colby. We are so appreciative that the damage was so much less than it could have been, and we know this is the result of many people helping. We now live in Janesville, Wis., where we still tell everyone there was a sense of comfort in living in a small town like Colby, because there is such a sense of community and of people being there to help when they are needed. We would like to name everyone that helped at the scene, but I would be very regretful if I omitted a name, so I will just say thanks to all. You can be proud that the sense of neighborhood extends through the community and county out in western Kansas. Rex and Deb Kolste, Janesville, Wis.



Free Press Letter Drop

• Our readers sound off

a multitude of physical and psychological symptoms. Pharmacists use their knowledge and skill to address very complex needs.

As new medications become available, the pharmacists help us understand the benefits and burdens of these medications. Pharmacists also assist in exploring delivery options.

Comfort, compassion and quality characterize our local pharmacists. We see it with our work in hospice care and in the pharmacists' daily assistance to our communities. Hospice Services is grateful to pharmacists for being vital partners in our efforts. Sandy Kuhlman, Executive Director Hospice Services, Inc.

Thanks, pharmacist

To the Editor, Pharmacists play a significant role in hospice care and often do not receive the recognition they deserve. Hospice Services board, staff, volunteers and the patients and families we serve extend our heartfelt appreciation. We invite the community to join us in acknowledging National Pharmacists' Month in October. Hospice professionals have one purpose: to provide comfort and support at the end of life. Patients served by hospice often experience

Pastoral care vital

To the Editor, Oct. 23 through 29 is National Pastoral Care Week. Hospice Services extends our appreciation to the pastors who fulfill a vital role.

The historical roots of the hospice movement are embedded in spiritual service. In Europe, care for the dying sprang from religious faith. In the U.S., volunteers and professionals

continued to hold their work as a sacred trust. The vision of Hospice Services is a world where those facing serious illness, death, and grief will experience the best humankind can offer. Pastors bring expertise regarding spirituality and the impact of religion upon individuals, families and communities. Spiritual care in hospice supports the exercise of each person's unique spirituality, with the hope that meaning and love may be found in the presence of suffering and death. Hospice care is just one of the various ways our local ministers improve and care for our community. Thank you for caring! Sandy Kuhlman, Executive Director Hospice Services, Inc.

Let's try skating

To the Editor: I think a good use for the old swimming pool would be to make it into an ice rink. I don't believe there are any in the area so it would be a draw from surrounding communities. It shouldn't cost any more than the new swimming pool and would have about the same seasonal length.

The bathhouse could be made into a lounge with a game room for people wanting to warm up. It could have a large window overlooking the rink so people could watch the skaters.

We could hire instructors to teach all levels of skating. This would make jobs and increase revenue as well as enjoyment for many people. Ramona J. Lyon, Colby

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley

