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Welcome to Party for the Pottys









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Topping off a major fund-raising campaign, a crowd took to the dance floor in the Cooper Barn Sept. 28 (top left) for the "Party for the Potties," put on by the Prairie Museum of Art and History to raise money for new restrooms in the barn. Colby High School had a special homecoming week when Principal Jeff Wallingford (top right) spoke in September at the dedication of an iron eagle

statue in front of the school, on the same day the district celebrated paying off the bond for the building. On a sadder note, police and firemen responded (above) to the house where Teri Morris, an emergency medical technician, was stabbed to death on Feb. 9. Pickin' on the Plains drew another big crowd to Colby in July, where this player (center) joined in the pre-festival jam session. Earlier in the summer, firemen worked on a blaze June 1 at Colby Trailer Village, (lower left) which burned one trailer to

# condemned

north-south runway. five years," Linda Taylor, one vices for \$19,655 to help buy of the landowners, said after the property. meeting."We've been negotiating with them and working with

# the ground and gutted the one next to it, although no one was Airport land

The Colby City Council moved are trying to negotiate the terms of forward on plans to condemn land and an agreement to sell their land around the airport at its meeting on Dec. 17.

Following several discussions meyer said the city has been tryat meetings this fall, the council approved an ordinance to condemn land belonging to Louis approved an airport master plan and Linda Taylor and Gary and Yvonne Baumfalk, owners of the ing the north-south runway 1,200 last two parcels out of 13 the city is trying to get for runway expansion and to create a new "safety zone" around the ends of the main feet long and 100 feet wide.

"This has been going on for firm Midwest Right of Way Ser-

to the city.

Airport Manager Mark Ost-

ing to get about 200 acres from

the 13 landowners since the city

in 2005. The plan calls for mov-

feet to the north, extending it by

1,000 feet and widening it by 25

feet. That would make it 6,100

The council hired the Nebraska



Marian Ballard

Colby Free Press

mballard@nwkansas.com Possible the most persistent story in the

news here in Thomas County this year has been the discussion and planning on **building** a new jail and law enforcement center. County commissioners have heard from

both the public and outside engineers and jail experts as they seek to decide the specifics of what is generally agreed to be a badly needed and overdue project.

Questions raised have ranged from whether

to remodel or replace the current Law Enforce- carry of handguns in public buildings led to ment Center to building an entire new county the need for decisions from cities, counties and complex encompassing jail, law enforcement, other agencies about how and where to allow courts and all county offices. Stay tuned for more developments in 2014.

February with the murder of Teri Morris on years, in accordance with the Colby Public Saturday, Feb. 9, in Colby. Billy Shank of Garden City, Morris' ex-boyfriend, was arrested in events. Phillips County with the couple's 8-month-old trial on charges on first-degree murder, aggravated arson and aggravated burglary.

Changes in Kansas law allowing concealed See "2013," Page 2

weapons. Due to the use of the Colby Community Building for school activities, the city A story that shocked the community came in council decided to make it exempt for four Schools policy forbidding weapons at sporting

The schools are becoming more involved child Addy in his vehicle. He is being held for in **public safety issues** as well. In November, they held a drill with the help of local law

# Crashes stem from icy roads

was taken to Citizens Medical Mingo and Oakley icy and dangerous Wednesday morning, send-

The first, and apparently the most serious, wreck was reported about 10:52 Wednesday morning when Kansas Highway Patrol dispatchers received a report of a red pickup pulling a trailer on its top in the ditch between mile posts 65

A trooper on the way to the could not say where. wreck passed other cars which had slid off the freeway without called to hlep to the accident, and

in the ditch, in the median, scat- Transportation crews come out to tered everywhere."

At least one other vehicle had to See "ICY," Page 2

A 77-year-old Lindsborg man be towed. Sheriff's officers joined several troopers helping people Center after a New Year's Day either get out of the ditch or get a snow turned Interstate 70 between tow truck on the way. A Thomas County ambulance from Colby was sent to bring the driver, idening car after car into the median tified as Ronald E. Johnson, back to the hospital.

The patrol said Johnson had been wearing a seat belt. His truck, a 2001 Chevrolet S-10, was towed from the scene, at Mile 66.3, about 3.4 miles southeast of Mingo. Staff at Citizen's Medical Center said Johnson was transferred to another facility, but

The Colby Fire Department was other drivers stopped to help many "I passed about six cars al- of those who lost control. Troopready," he told dispatch. "They're ers asked to have Department of

## Hospital bars kids

es, Citizens Medical Center is ing the restrictions will stay in barring children from the hospital if they are not sick.

under 12 if they do not need medical care. Tricia Carney, advanced practice registered nurse, the infection prevention manager at the hospital, pointed out that kids will not be allowed to accompany relatives to the hospital for tests or lab procedures, either.

"Parents have a hard time accepting that they can't bring their kids with them," Carney said, "but it really is about the safety of the child."

The hospital can make exceptions on a case-by-case basis for children visiting a terminally ill patient, she said. Siblings of newborns who are showing no signs of illness can visit the for the whole visit.

Hospital officials announced a larger hospital.

Citing an increase in flu cas- the restrictions today, say-

place until further notice. If you have the flu or flu-like The hospital has banned kids symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, head ache or body aches, you stay at home. Carney said people should seek medical attention if they have "emergent" conditions that indicate the flu is getting worse. These include fever over 103 degrees, respiratory problems, discoloring of the skin and de-

hydration. Flu cases often spike this time of year, and flu season can last from November to June, Carney said. The hospital saw one positive case of the flu last month, and treated 15 flu-like cases that were not positively identified. She said she expects a lot more cases over the next month, and has heard reports of hospital during the birth, but some especially serious cases must stay in the mother's room such as a woman in St. Francis who needed to be transferred to

them." She said she and her husband

## **Area/State**

## Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 31. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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

high near 30

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 6.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 18.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 5.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 33.

Monday: High, 50; Low 20 Tuesday: High, 61; Low 22 Wednesday: High, 26; Low 10 Precip: Monday Tuesday None Wednesday Trace December: 0.03 inches January: None 2013: 14.47 inches 20.86 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset 8:04 a.m. 5:33 p.m. Moon: waxing, 8 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

treat the treacherous pavement.

The Thomas County sheriff's

office reported working two

noninjury accidents that morn-

Dark Shadow

Shamoles

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# Smiles, tears mark 2013

From "2013," Page 1

enforcement on how to deal with a school shooter. Other safety measures are under

Fire fighters and police officers have also had extra training this year, including a class on explosives last spring, led by the state fire marshal's office.

An **after-school program** begun at Colby Grade School in the spring has been widely accepted and wildly popular with students.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has been busy, with a major new exhibit, "The Way We Worked," early in the year, and upgrades to the Cooper Barn occupying months ending with a fund raiser – the Party for the Potties – at the end of September.

Thomas County and Colby saw a number of retirements and new hires in public positions, including Randy Jones' retirement as Colby's police chief after 37 years with the department and Ron Alexander's appointment to replace him.

Concern over the state of the Ogallala Aquifer, boosted by a drought that's lasted several years, led to the development of the state's first Local Enhanced Management Area for irrigators in southwest Sheridan and southeast Thomas counties. Though the **drought** continued this year,

it was less severe. In fact, winter storms shut down schools and Interstate 70 several times and a hard rain flooded the area around Villa High pond.



Colby police and members of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation surveyed the scene where Teri Morris was fatally stabbed and the house burned in February.

a major district-wide renovation project at County Economic Development Alliance, Colby Middle School, replacing the roof and heating and air-conditioning units. to 100 new employees in the next few years. The renovations are expected to save up to \$52,000 a year in energy costs.

**Housing shortages** in Rexford and Colby got a helping hand. The old St. Thomas Hospital was added to the National Register of Historic Places, allowing tax credits to be used to help with reconstruction costs as a developer turns the old building into senior housing. On the east side of the county, Northwest Kansas Housing of Hill City received a Rural Development grant to build five duplexes in Rexford. According to Looking ahead, the school board began Christi Rocca Preston, director of Thomas practice of Dr. Larry Washburn.

McCarty Dairy in Rexford hopes to add up

More signs of growth could be seen in Colby as Citizens Medical Center added new surgical equipment, the Family Center for Health Care was expanded and three new doctors and an optometrist moved to town. Sarah and Kelley Gabel, a family practitioner and a general surgeon, are working out of the Family Center.

Dr. John Herscher is also new in town, at the new office of Colby Medical Services on Range Avenue.

Optometrist Dr. Sam Funk has joined the

## Winona woman injured Monday A Winona woman was hurt right side, then she overcorrect- nergardt, got off the side of the this," he said, "because it

on K-25 south of Colby, rolling highway again. down an embankment on the left side of the road.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Brooke L. Hinnergardt, 42, was driving south on K-25 out of Colby just after her vehicle swerve to the east 4 p.m. She was about five miles south of town, she told the patrol, when she reached over in her car to grab a water bottle.

she was driving drifted off the the west side. Cain passed Hin- need to do something about then released.

Eric Cain of Monument told officers he was driving home with his son E.J. and witnessed part of the crash. Cain said was behind Hinnergardt, and saw side of the road just before his car dipped below a ridge. Coming up over the ridge, he said, he found her car flipped upside The 2003 Chevrolet Venture down, on the slope that drops off

when her car went off the side ed twice, veering towards the road and drove back through the of the road Monday afternoon east ditch and back across the ditch to the wreck. He said his a member of the Logan County ambulance crew, was off duty, but came on the scene soon afterward.

He said he thought the outdated design of the road was partly to blame for the accident. K-25 has no shoulders and the sides drop away steeply toward the barrow ditches.

"This highway, man, they

doesn't need to be this high." The Kansas Department of

mother-in-law, Lily Haverfield, Transportation has been rebuilding parts of K-25 and other secondary highways with lower slopes and better shoulders.

Two ambulances and a half a dozen fire and law enforcement vehicles soon converged on the wreck, and officials directed traffic around the crash. Hinnergardt, who was wearing her seatbelt, was taken to Citizens Medical Center for treatment,

# Health care overhaul tops AP for year

**David Crary** 

AP National Writer

Crashes stem from icy Interstate

ing along the interstate. A second injury. A sheriff's deputy was to

NEW YORK - The glitchplagued rollout of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul was the top news story of 2013, followed by the Boston Marathon bombing and the dra-

over three miles to the southwest

close to the north Oakley exit.

ambulance was sent for a roll- take the report.

that situation did not involve an Interstate.

of the first, near mile 70, and corded seven to 10 "service ren-

Later, however, troopers said slide-offs or car trouble along the

Vatican, according to The Associated Press' annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The saga of "Obamacare" – as the Affordable Care Act is widely known – received 45 firstplace votes out of the 144 ballots cast for the top 10 stories. The marathon bombing received matic papal changeover at the 29 first-place votes and the pa-

Dispatchers said the patrol re-

dered" calls that day, involving

pal transition 21.

Other strong contenders were the bitter partisan conflict in Congress and the leaks about National Security Agency surveillance by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden.

Last year, the top story was website became a symbol of the massacre of 26 children and dysfunction, providing Republistaff at an elementary school cans and late-night comics with in Newtown, Conn. That result ammunition, and worrying the came after a rare decision by president's Democratic allies. the AP to re-conduct the voting: the initial round of balloting had a wave of cancellation notices ended Dec. 13, a day before the from insurers undercut Obama's Newtown shooting, with the oft-repeated promise that people

2012 election at the top. The first AP top-stories poll was conducted in 1936, when editors chose the abdication of Britain's King Edward VIII.

Here is 2013's top story. HEALTH CARE OVER-HAUL: The White House had hoped the Oct. 1 launch of open enrollment would be a showcase for the upside of Obama's much-

debated overhaul. Instead, the

The site gradually improved, but who liked their existing coverage could keep it.

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

## Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday (note the time change) at the Colby American Legion Hall. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

#### Fostering classes set for January

Foster parenting classes by TFI Family Services will begin Monday in Colby. with the time and location to be determined by interested families' schedules. Call Vicki Beiser at (785) 443-0650 or (800) 279-9914.

### Church offers class for women on divorce

A 10-week program of hope, healing and support for women experiencing divorce will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings from next week through March 10 at the Colby United Methodist Church. Women of all faiths are welcome. Call Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 to enroll or for information.

## Auxiliary moves meetings to church

The Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will hold its January and February meetings at the First Christian Church, 385 W. Third St., rather than at the post. The meetings will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. For information, call Lily Thieler at 462-3590.

### Art Club offers movie on Rockwell

The High Plains Art Club will serve free hot chocolate and popcorn with a movie about the life of illustrator Norman Rockwell at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday in the upstairs meeting room at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Call Marj Brown at 462-3515 for information.

#### Wellness Challenge to kick off with speaker

Dr. Doug Gruenbacher, a Quinter physician, will speak at the kickoff for the Thomas County Wellness Challenge at 7 p.m. Monday in the multipurpose room at the Colby Community College Student Union. Blood will be drawn for lab tests from 6 to 9 a.m. next Thursday to Saturday, Jan. 11, and Monday, Jan. 13, in the front lobby of Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr. The Challenge itself begins Monday, Jan. 13 For information call the county Health Department at (785) 460-4596.

#### Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds, is taking applications. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 460-6067 by Tuesday.

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Sister Wives

Golden Plains School

Selden Elementary students enjoy eating yogurt for a daily snack. The yogurt is provided by McCarty Family Farms located west of Rexford. They have donated a ton of vogurt to various schools where

"The kids are loving the yogurt, 14 out of my 16 students choose it daily." said Lori Miller, second grade teacher. "The yogurt promotes healthy food choices for the kids. The Golden Plains Elementary is very thankful for the Mc-Carty Dairy and everything they do for our school."



First graders at Golden Plains Elementary enjoyed a daily yogurt snack provided by McCarty Family Farms.

## Library starts year with 'happy' books

Happy New Year to everyone! The library is now open regular

Our first event is our monthly Booked For Lunch at noon Wednesday. Ryan Hale, an instructor of Colby Community College, will discuss the books, "Happier" and "Being Happy" by Tai Ben-Shahar. We thought that would be a great way to start the

On Saturday, Jan. 11, we are having a technology instruction time from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to help citizens learn to download eBooks and audio-books from the library website. It will be for all those users who have gotten new tablets or phones from Christmas and need help, now.

Children's events start on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with a preschool Story Time (3 to 5 years old) at 10:15 a.m. and Family Night for families with different ages at 7 p.m. Story Time for Toddlers (18 months to 3 years) begins Wednesday, Jan. 15. We received a few boxes of

books at the end of December so I can now tell you about some of them. The first is a publication I have been waiting for, "Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin," by Jill Lepore.

This is a National Book Award



#### Melany Wilks

Library Links

author weaves information known about Benjamin Franklin together with letters and other information about and from his sister. The appendices alone are worth gold to a history buff. It indicates the methods and sources used, the genealogy of both Benjamin and Jane Franklin, a calendar of letters, editorial notes from the hand of Jared Sparks, information on Jane's library and maps of Jane's Boston. I am looking forward to read-

ing this with our Pioneer Memorial Book Club. We meet on the first Monday of the month, which means our first in 2014 is at 7 p.m. nocent Blood," by James Rollins Monday in the upstairs meeting and Rebecca Cantrell, book two of room. Come and join us.

The next book is "Mrs. Poe," by Lynn Cullen. This book allows the reader to understand the lifestyle of those around 1845 in New York City. It is a fictional work with ties to history. In this piece, Frances Sargent Osgood, poet and children's author, meets Edgar Allen Finalist about the little-known Poe. Life is swirling around his this introduction, it sounds almost sister of Benjamin Franklin. The successful poem, "The Raven." like a science fiction book, but it brary.

Poe is aware of her literary work is classified as fiction. The order and instantly begins an acquaintance with Osgood. Osgood and Poe's wife Virginia meet. The three develop relationships that Army Sergeant Jordan and Father are complicated and may become Rhun Korza saving a boy's life life threatening. You will enjoy the intrigue.

The next item we added is "Gold Finch," by Donna Tartt. This book will bring the reader into the world of art and the life of a young boy who grows up in New York City. Tartt sets the stage by bringing readers right into the life of Theo Decker, who has just lost his mother and felt the abandonment of his father. He finds a painting that reminds him of his mother; it helps him to careen through life trying to make sense of the pain in life and discover the essence of his very being. It will keep you spellbound.

The next item added is "Inthe Order of the Sanguines series. Book one is "Blood Gospel."

In this book, protagonist Erin Granger retraces the paths of an old order founded on the blood of Christ and tasked with protecting the world from the beasts haunting its shadows and waiting to break free into the sunlight. With

seeks to save the world, but there are enemies that hunger to destroy the world. It is also about Erin, that must be protected at all cost. A captivating read.

Other items we are adding are: 'George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution," by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger; "A Time to Kill," by John Grisham; "Forty Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World," by Howard G. Buffett; "Taste of Home Slow Cooker: 429 Hot and Hearty Classics," by Taste of Home; and "Organize and Create Discipline: An A-to-Z Guide to an Organized Existence," by Justin Klosky.

We have also added some new DVDs: "Smurf 2;" "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters;" "The Lone Ranger;" "Elysium;" "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones;" and "Prisoners."

Come in from the cold during January; enjoy our comfy chairs. Remember our normal winter hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Hoping your new year has begun with joy. See you in the li-

## Dorothy (Ruby) VanPelt

Dorothy Ruby VanPelt, 81, grandson, Tyler Wozniak. Oberlin, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center there.

She was born Feb. 26, 2013, in Danbury, Neb., the daughter of William and Eunice (Yarnell) Ruby, and grew up in Danbury and McCook, Neb.

On Sept. 26, 1948, she married Ross VanPelt in Danbury. They lived there and in Oberlin.

She was a waitress, house cleaner and motel maid, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; four brothers, Don, Raymond, Warren and Dean Ruby; two sisters, Clara Oberlin Kan., 67749. Keen and Aileen Boyd; and a

Survivors include a son, Jim VanPelt, Hugo, Colo.; three daughters, Billie (Harold) Rubinfeld, Lancaster, Calif., and Marla (Gary) Wozniak and Barbara Tally, all of Oberlin; two brothers, William Ruby, Hastings, Neb., and Robert Ruby, Grand Island, Neb.; a sister, Catherine (Lefty) Lewis, Council Bluffs, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and a greatgrandchild.

Services will be held later at the Oberlin Cemetery. No visitation.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn,

## Bertilla Marie Wilson

Bertilla Marie Wilson, 91, Colather home in rural Colby. by, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013,

There will be no services.

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

Members of the Brewster Prai- the Brewster Senior Center for rie Gem 4-H club held a monthly meeting Dec. 9 at Hunter Hall in

called the meeting to order. Hunter House led the flag salute and song leaders Weston Schmidt and Jack Clymer led the club in singing "We Wish You a Merry Christ-

guests answered roll call with announcements. what time they planned to wake their parents on Christmas morn-

Officers reports were given. Committee Chair Brett Roulier reported the club had decorated

Christmas. For the program, Werth shared

"The Christmas Story," Roulier Acting President Layton Werth shared "When the First Snowflakes Fall," Emeline Hutton recited the poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" and Justin Schmidt read "In Bethle-

Werth led recreation with a Eighteen members and two stealing Santa activity and read

Acting Vice President Justin Schmidt read the January program and led the 4-H pledge.

All families provided finger foods for refreshments.

## Farm Credit seeking scholarship applicants Farm Credit of Western Kansas plication or go to www.fcwk.com.

Doctors answer questions

Thank You

Thanks to: Max and Renell Bell, Paul and Jenny

Niblock, Lana Johnson, Rebel Jay, Rill and Deann

Shields and Resure Lumber for helping me update

the breezeway at Colley Community College.

Without your help this project wouldn't have

been possible. Also, thank you to everyone who

belped me rates part of the \$250,000.00 that was

needed for the CCC Endowment match. It's not only

about the money but the knowledge that people care

about the college and the value X adds to Colby, KS.

Thank You Again, Audrey Hiner

plans to choose one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship, renewable for up-to four years of post-secondary education.

area high school seniors who are and facilities, and for financing the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit members.

high school counselor or Cathy owned co-operative, it is part of Hawk at the Farm Credit office in the Farm Credit System. Colby, (785) 462-6714, for an ap-

Applications are due before Saturday, Feb. 15. Farm Credit, with offices in

Colby, makes loans on farm, The scholarship is available to ranch or agribusiness real estate farm operations, agribusinesses, livestock and equipment, and pro-Applicants should contact their vides crop insurance. A member-

## Vote on corrected ballot for county committee The U.S. Farm Service Agency er's names and addresses in error. experience for the farmer when also may be eligible.

says farmers and ranchers should apcoming county committee elec-

Committee members sign off they serve on the committee. They use a corrected ballot to vote in on farm programs and handle re- become the voice for all the other visions and approvals to Conser- area farmers."

officials say, and should have re- "It's a way for farmers to see and operators do not need to live ceived new ballots marked "cor- how the office is run and some in a given to vote on a position. rected" in the mail. The back of of the procedures that we have to Those who are not of legal voting the previous ballots included vot- follow," one said. "It's a learning age, but perform duties on a farm,

vation Reserve Program contracts. Farmers or ranchers who par-Voters were instructed to de- Serving on the committee is a ticipate in agency programs may their alternates will take office stroy ballots mailed on Nov. 4, learning experience, officials say. be eligible to vote. Landowners Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Ballots are due at the county office by Friday, Jan. 17. They will be counted the next week. Newly elected committee members and

## **Markets**

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op

\$6.33

\$4.17

\$7.09

\$12.15

Wheat (bushel) Corn (bushel) Milo (hundredweight) Soybeans (bushel)

### This is a live call-in program fea- common illnesses. turing a new medical topic each Tuesday night through April.

the topic for that program.

Some of this season's topics include women's health, pain man-viewers can call (800) 337-4788.

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## Free Press Viewpoint

## Courthouse stands as 'grand old lady'

The engineers' report on the condition of the historic Thomas County Courthouse should be enough to bury any plans to replace the grand old lady at the east end of Third Street.

While noting some areas that need work, the engineers said the 106-year-old courthouse is basically sound, fit (with adequate maintenance) to last "another century."

Replacing the courthouse never caught on with the public, but some county commissioners feared the old building might not be worth keeping up. Cracks in basement walls gave rise to the idea that the building was settling unevenly and not sound.

Not true, the engineers said. The cracks that are present are no threat to the building or its foundations.

So it seems the best thing the commissioners could do at this point is shelve the courthouse plan and come up with a plan to best utilize the county's existing buildings, then unite the people behind a push to build a new, vastly better jail and Law Enforcement Center.

The present jail-office building is an embarrassment. Poorly built and poorly planned, it was barely adequate when it opened, already obsolete and had enough issues that you have to wonder if the county got its money's worth back then.

Today, city and county law enforcement staffs barely have room to breathe, let alone work. Even the sheriff does not have his own private office. Desks are crammed everywhere.

The cells can't hold nearly enough prisoners, the yard is insecure, the mechanical systems are crowded into a narrow pipe chase and the plumbing is substandard. The jail basically is a lawsuit – or an escape – waiting to happen.

Whether the best plan would be to include new courtrooms and offices in the building is anyone's guess. Maybe the consultants could say. Same with reuse of the existing jail building one proposal was to move the road department into it, but a better one might be to bulldoze it.

Looking at its buildings, the county might find it should just level the jail or perhaps sell the old nursing home on Range Avenue that now serves as the county office complex for commercial development. Anything is possible.

But one thing is sure. Seldom has a community loved a courthouse more than this one has. People talk about its design with pride. Few buildings remain from the era when it was built. When this newspaper searched for an icon to represent Colby, it chose the courthouse.

So whatever plan the county comes up with needs to include some money to start renovating the courthouse and restoring it to its former grandeur. Anything else might draw opposition and divide the county, endangering the plan to replace the jail. And everyone should be behind that.

Tear down the courthouse, indeed! Let's get it ready for the next century. – Steve Haynes

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# Names a puzzle on Christmas card list

We send out a lot of Christmas cards, and so we get a lot back. Sometimes we get cards back from people we're not sure we even

I always scan the return address on cards to make sure that my friends haven't moved. If I spot someone whose card went to Colorado living in Arizona, I make the change in my address book. If they've moved to Wisconsin, like one couple we know, I make the change and shake my head.

I can understand moving for warmer, not wetter, weather. It's probably as cold in Colorado as it is in Wisconsin, but it's a lot dryer, and as they told me when I moved out to Colorado's San Luis Valley 30 years ago – "It gets to 40 below, but it's a dry cold."

Ah well, maybe these friends are tired of the dry cold. At least I knew who I was getting the card from, even if their address was different.

This year, however, we received several cards from friends with odd address labels on

The most confusing was from Mary Fehr. It took us a few minutes to realize that was Steve's favorite cousin. Mary Lou and her husband Ken from Denver. Mary Lou, like every other Mary of our generation, goes by two some for the receiver.



## Cynthia Haynes

Open Season

names because there were so many of them.

In my high school class we had Mary Frances, Mary Louise and Mary Alice. Today these girls would probably go by the middle name, but then there's no need, since not so many people name their daughters Mary anymore. And if they do they'd probably spell it Merry

But back to the Christmas cards.

The other thing that struck me when looking at the address labels is most of us are really cheap. We use the ones we get in the mail from St. Jude's Hospital, our insurance company, Pheasants Forever and the college alumni association. These usually have one name on them, so that the return address has only one person on it, not the couple. That's enough to get the card home, but can be a little worri-

Me: "Gee, we just got a card from Sam Smith. I hope June is OK. Maybe she died or they divorced or....'

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Steve: "Just open up the card and look at the signature, for goodness sakes, and stop worrying over an address label that they probably got for free from their bank."

Me: "Oh good, it's signed by both of them and their three dogs."

Since I also use those little labels, our friends also must check the cards to make sure all is well in the Haynes household. So we also include a letter each year.

I know, I know. Those letters have a bad rep. But, if you don't want to know what we were doing last year – good and bad – toss it. I don't care. I'll never know. And, if you really, really don't want to get one next year, just move and don't send me a card with one of those free, if slightly confusing, return address labels.

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner and chief financial officer of Nor'West Newspapers, writes this column weekly. Her pets include cats, toads and a praying mantis. Contact her at c.haynes @ nwkansas.com

## Postage rate increase decision flawed

The Postal Regulatory Commission handed **Other** everyone who uses the mail a lump of coal on Christmas Eve, approving of the U.S. Postal Service's proposal to raise postage rates by more than triple today's inflation rate.

The new rates will likely go into effect Sunday, Jan. 26, if the service elects to accept the commission's decision.

The commission did disagree, however, with the Postal Service's justification for a proposed "exigency" rate increase that it lost more than 53 billion pieces of mail because of the Great Recession. Rather, the commission continues to blame Internet diversion as the principal reason for Postal Service losses. The commission only credits the recession with less than half the service's financial loss – but granted the increase anyway - noting service still needs the money.

National Newspaper Association President Robert M. Williams Jr., publisher of the Blackshear (Ga.) Times, said the association respectfully disagrees with the Postal Service's request as well as the commission's decision. He insists a lack of action by Congress on postal reform is at the root of the problem.

We are whistling in the dark," said Williams. "We cannot avoid the fact the Postal Service is operating in a new world. We all are. The longer the Postal Service and lawmakers avoid reducing core costs for the delivery network, the more pain will be inflicted upon all

# **Opinions**

## Tonda Rush

National Newspaper Assoc.

who use the mail. Fewer and fewer customers will be paying more and more. This approved postage increase solves nothing." The Postal Rate Commission said it ex-

pects the service to wean itself of the "extra" increase over time. Although service said it expects the effects of the recession to go on for an unforeseeable period, the commission declined to allow the additional \$1.8 billion it expects the service to reap to go on forever. The ruling requires service to provide a plan by May for eliminating the extraordinary increase over a two-year time period.

Unless the service can achieve serious rediminishing services, Williams said, he is not optimistic this can happen.

"This latest action by the commission only makes the Postal Service's survival challenge tougher and scarier. This decision opens the door to perpetual steep postage increases for American businesses, including ours, which

strives to fill a deep desire by readers to receive a hard copy newspaper, even if they also read online. Max Heath, long-time chair of the associa-

tion's postal committee, said he also is disappointed the exigency rate increase is granted. Heath notes that although service certainly has been hurt by the recession, as have its customers, raising postage rates now is ill-advised.

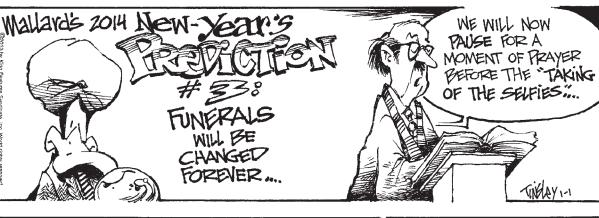
"We calculated increases up to 7 percent for some of our critical newspaper mail categories," he said, "To the extent that service suffered from the recession, so did our business. It is too bad the law doesn't allow for an "exigent decrease" in postage so we, who must respond to market realities, could be made whole as well."

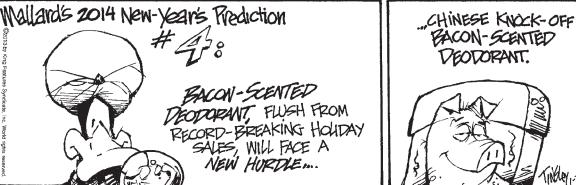
Williams said the association will renew its efforts to seek prudent postal reform legislation during the annual Newspapers Leadership Summit March 13, when publishers visit their representatives on Capitol Hill.

Tonda Rush is chief executive officer of the ductions in operating costs without critically National Newspaper Association, a 2,200 member organization of community newspapers. Founded in 1885, it represents newspapers in every state, especially weeklies and small daily newspapers providing local news and information to their towns. For more about the association, go to www.the associationweb.org.

## Mallard **Fillmore**

Bruce Tinsley





## Volunteers join bureau

to serve on the organization's agricultural advisory committees, including Cory Kistler of Thomas County, who will serve on the wheat committee.

Members on the eight state advisory committees surface commodity-specific issues, discuss solutions and make recommendations to the state board.

"Having a solid group of committed members serve on our ag advisory committees means we have a strong grassroots organi-

More than 75 Kansas Farm Bu-zation," said Steve Baccus, an reau members have volunteered Ottawa County farmer and president of Kansas Farm Bureau, said. "Each committee represents an ag commodity that is important to our state, and our committee members represent the entire state...."

Other committee members from this area include: Beef Committee, Cash Schilling, Sherman County; Dairy, Sam Flora, Gove; Feed grains, Steven Heskett, Sheridan: and Forage, Jim Barrett, Decatur; Oil seeds, Kurt Maurath, Logan.

Members serve one-vear appointments through Sept. 30.

## High school students' art to be shown at museum exhibit in Logan next month The Dane G. Hansen Memo- and scratch board, printmaking, or even mood. Some pieces may burg, Hill City, Ellis, and Plain-

Sunday, March 9.

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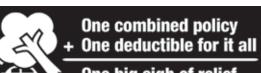
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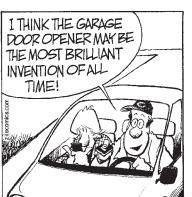


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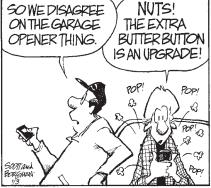












## Terry Kovel

 Antiques and Collecting

## Vintage table nothing special

Q: I have a dining-room set including a French Provincial table with three leaves, a china cabinet with glass doors, six chairs and an armchair. All the chairs have been recovered. A tag on one of the chairs says "B.F. Huntley Co." The set was purchased at an estate sale in the 1970s. When were these pieces made and what might their value be? I'm going to sell them before we remodel.

A: B.F. Huntley, an employee of the Oakland Furniture Co., established his own furniture company in Winston-Salem, N.C., 1906. Later he acquired the Oakland Furniture Co. and two other furniture companies. In 1961 B.F. Huntley Furniture Co. merged with the Thomasville Chair Co. and became Thomasville Furniture Industries. Your vintage furniture is worth what comparable new sets sell for today. Q: I have a very old glass plate that my

great-grandmother gave me when I was 10 years old, 73 years ago. It's decorated with cigar bands on the back with a man's picture in the center. The back of the dish is covered with a felt-like material glued over the bands and center picture. Can you tell me how old it is and if it has any value? A: Cigar bands, the decorative strips of paper

wrapped around cigars, were first made in the 1830s to identify brand names. Cigar bands made from the late 1800s until about 1920 are the most colorful and decorative.

"Cigar band art," which is sometimes referred to as a form of folk art, was a popular homemade craft in the early 1900s. The bands were used to decorate dishes, coasters, bracelets and other items. Your dish was decorated by gluing the large picture, face down, to the bottom of the dish, then gluing cigar bands face down so they completely covered the rest of the dish's exterior. The bands were then covered with felt so that when the dish is turned upright, the bands can be seen but the back is protected by the felt.

Old cigar band dishes are not hard to find. They sell for \$10 to hundreds of dollars, depending on age, condition and the talent of the maker.

It was my mother's, and I'm wondering what the value would be. There are no markings to show who made it. It has a cracked handle. A: You might be able to repair the handle, but DUEERXY, YRY

the value is lower with the crack even if it's repaired. In perfect condition, the vase could sell for \$300 to \$400.

Tip: Cranberry juice will stain stone, so be careful if you have marble-top tables. Other liquids will stain, but cranberry juice stains are especially bad.

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## **Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH WEST ♠J9862 ♠ 10.962 SOUTH The bidding West North Opening lead — six of spades

## The First Step Tells the Tale

It's impossible to play bridge well if you react to situations mechanically. As a case in point, consider this deal played in the 1958 world championship match between Argentina and the United States.

B. Jay Becker and Sidney Silodor were East and West, respectively, and Silodor led the six of spades against three notrump. The Argentine declarer followed low from dummy, whereupon Becker played the ten of spades instead of the

South took the ten with the queen and led a club to the king, won by Becker with the ace. Becker then returned the king of spades to dummy's ace, establishing three spade tricks for Silodor. When declarer later led a heart from dummy, Becker rose with the ace and returned a spade, and three notrump went down one. The same contract was reached at the other ta-

ble, and West also led the six of spades. But here the Argentine East won the spade with the king and returned the ten to dummy's ace. East also took the club ace at trick three and

returned a spade, won by South with the queen. West's remaining spades thus became established, but since he had no entry to cash them, the U.S. declarer made the contract. Under the circumstances, the spade ten was

clearly the better play at trick one, and Becker rose to the occasion by resisting the natural urge to take his king. Dummy's 11 points and East's 12 points left South with at most 17 points for his opening one-notrump bid (the Argentines were playing 16-18 notrumps). West therefore could not have more than one

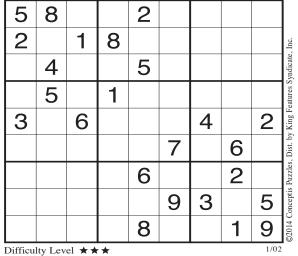
point in his hand, and, in fact, given that Becker could see the other three jacks in dummy and his own hand, it could only be the jack of spades. Furthermore, assuming West was leading fourthbest, the only three spades he could have higher than the six were the unseen eight, nine and jack. It followed that the ten-of-spades play at trick one was far more likely to defeat the contract than the play of the king. (c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc.

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



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#### Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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## Cryptoquip

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State of Kansas, Thomas County Sheriff's Office

2000 Ford Expedition

VIN #1FMPU18L6YLB61935 \$1,115.00 US Currency, M/L Defendant.

Case No. 13-CV-65

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4109 of the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act K.S.A. 60-4101 et seg.

TO: Marco Antonio Alcazar-Castell. 304 East Fayle, Baytown, TX, 77520; to all other unknown persons who may claim an interest in the following property:

Notice is hereby given that property, described above, has been seized for forfeiture and is pending forfeiture to the State of Kansas pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (KSASFA), K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq. If you have not previously received a Notice of Seizure for Forfeiture, this constitutes notice pursuant to the Act. The defendant's property was seized on or about October 31, 2013 in Thomas County, Kansas. A Notice of Pending Forfeiture is sufficient to begin this civil action and to seek out possible claimants to seized property.

The conduct giving rise to forfeiture and/or the violation of law alleged is: Possession of a Narcotic Drug with Intent to Distribute. Plaintiff will further allege that a presumption of forfeitability exists pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4112(k).

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff's Attorney has chosen to initially proceed with this matter administratively and is making

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File a verified legal claim with the District

Court of Thomas County, Kansas, the Plaintiff's Attorney and the contact person for the seizing agency, clearly identifying the property you seek to This claim must be in affidavit claim. form and include all information required by K.S.A. 60-4111. This claim shall be mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested. The addresses for the Court and seizing agency are as follows: Seizing Agency Contact: Thomas County Sheriff's Office, 225 N. Court, Colby, KS 67701. Thomas County District Court. 300 N. Court Street, P.O. Box 805, Colby, KS 67701; OF

Do nothing. The law further provides for provisional return of property under certain circumstances including the posting of a surety bond or court hearing on whether probable cause existed when the property was seized. You may wish to consult with an attorney before deciding what is best for you. However, if no claim is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, any interest you may have in the property described above will be forfeited. Again, all claims shall comply with the strict requirements for claims set forth in K.S.A. 60-4111.

Dated this 30 day of December, 2013. s/Kevin N. Berens

Kevin N. Berens, #19304 Plaintiff's Attorney Thomas County Attorney 300 N. Court Ave Colby, KS 67701

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an individual to provide services to children who meet eligibility for the Migrant Education Program. Applications are available at www. nkesc.org or call 785-672-3125. For position related questions contact Tim Thornton at 785-672-3125 extension 125. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. NKESC is an EOE.

The West Region Department for Children & Families (DCF), Colby Service Center is now recruiting a Special Investigator I. This is a full-time benefit eligible position ansas with hourly wage of \$15.75. Primary functions of this position are to meet service needs of children in families

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The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center

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# Free Press

# Coyotes fight off Bulldogs

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains boys basketball team continues to show improvements as the season pro-

They showed their abilities against Weskan on Dec. 20 as they hustled and worked together as a

The Bulldogs started strong and held a 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Weskan pulled ahead at the beginning of the second but baskets by Tristan Schwarz and Shane Ryburn narrowed the spread to one. A steal and layup by Grant Spresser put the Bulldogs back in

The Coyotes added a couple of shots to hold an 18-15 lead at the

Wessel, Spresser, and Ryburn for a 45-30 win.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School Golden Plains 6'2" sophomore Kade Wessel established a strong post position on this play against the Weskan Coyotes recently.

kept Golden Plains within seven through three quarters.

to finish strong but the Coyotes Schwarz's five and Koi Wessel's The Coyotes pulled ahead in pushed through for 16 points in two. the third quarter. Shots from Kade the fourth to the Bulldogs' eight

Ryburn put in nine points for the Bulldogs along with Spress-The Bulldogs were determined er's eight, Kade Wessel's six,

The Bulldogs continue their season in St. Francis Friday.

## Area teams march to titles March meant a lot of champion- second on the 4A state mats in Most Valuable Player, and Amy

**April highlights** 

qualifies seven athletes for nation-

son that we've ever had," coach

tian girls win their third consecu-

Association state basketball title.

April 5: The Heartland Chris-

tive Kansas Christian Athletic this contest.

Alexi Regier is named tournament featured on Friday.

Eagles are home

als in its season debut.

ames Ortiz said.

ship for area teams and athletes February. as the Free Press review of 2013 sports moves on.

Dates represent when these College outdoor track and team tational team title, led by several events were reported in the Free

March 18: Colby's Macen Shull wins the WaKeeney Powerlifting is the best start to the outdoor seachampionship in his 148-pound division. Shull lifts a total of 805 pounds. Colby High senior Beau Brown also finishes first in three categories of his division, lifting 955 pounds.

March 13: The Golden Plains High girls win a substate championship and go on to claim a 1A consolation title with their two state tournament triumphs.

The Bulldogs' 77-67 final win over Wilson features 26 points from Jordan Christensen and senior Angela Ritter's 15.

"I'm sooooo proud to be a Bulldog!" Ritter remarked in Judy Rogers' game story.

Yet the month's No. 1 highlight was a Colby High wrestling squad earning all-academic first team from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

All 14 wrestlers have to post 3.5 grade averages for this honor. Not bad for an Eagles team that placed

for pair on Friday Colby High's home varsity

Building tips off 2014 prep sports More will be featured in Fri-

basketball doubleheader against

Ulysses at the Colby Community

day's edition. A glance at other upcoming area sporting events:

**Friday** 

Girls/boys basketball: Ulysses at Colby, 6:30/8 p.m.

College wrestling: Western Wyoming at Colby, 7 p.m.

Girls/boys basketball: Golden Plains at St. Francis, TBA

Monday

Junior high basketball: Golden Plains vs. Western Plains at Bazine, 4 p.m. Tuesday

Girls/boys basketball: Colby at Goodland, 6:30/8 p.m.

a big-play party.

Men's college basketball: Trini- Colby at Lamar, 6 p.m.

season Friday evening. dad State at Colby, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Women's college basketball:

Senior Cameron Brown and the

Colby High basketball teams

play their first home games this

**Hugoton Hermes** 

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multi-event champion individuals.

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Other 2013 highlights will be

However, drama on April 25

April 2: The Colby Community and field girls win a Norton Invi-

"Since I've been at Colby, this highlights the month as Kaiya

Barton.

April 8: The Colby High track

Knights rule Fiesta

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — No. 15 Central Florida pulled Central Florida was supposed to off one of the biggest upsets of be a patsy for Big 12 Conference the bowl season by outlasting champion Baylor in its first BCS No. 6 Baylor 52-42 on Wednesbowl. The Knights wanted no part day night. A 17-point underdog. of it, turning the Fiesta Bowl into Central Florida (12-1) didn't back down from the big, bad Bears.

# Golden Plains girls sweep Weskan

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Lady Bull-

dogs demonstrated their teamwork and unity as they overpowered the Weskan Lady Coyotes for two wins on Dec. 20.

The junior varsity started the night of basketball action with a three-quarter contest.

In the second quarter, they continued to work together and held the Lady Coyotes as they extended their lead to 14-1. The they knew they had to continue girls passed well and continued to their Bulldog power play. They dominate the Lady Coyotes finally allowing them a basket with just the first quarter. three minutes left to play for the 26-3 win.

Freshman Gabrielle Schiltz put a 16-7 halftime lead. The girls got the tip from Mor- in eight points for the Bulldogs gan Ritter and drove to an 8-1 followed by Rachael Ritter with throughout the second as many of

Ritter-two, Carmen Sepulveda two and Ana Bermudez two.

As the varsity girls hit the floor, jumped to a 12-1 lead at the end of

Sophomore Kami Miller got hot in the second, leading the girls to

The Bulldogs kept up the pace two.

six, Maddy Walz five, Morgan the younger girls gained varsity experience for the 50-12 win to redeem their losses during Castle Rock and give them a 3-2 record going into the break.

> Miller posted up 14 points for the Bulldogs against Weskan along with 12 apiece from Hailee Spresser and Jordan Christensen.

The Golden Plains girls will

## Can Big 12 rebound against mighty Tide? Big 12 champion Baylor's for a perfect 6-0 New Year's Day ma enters tonight's Sugar Bowl writer Ralph Russo? R.B.: Close

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against mighty Alabama. The pick but no redemption for league. Tide

## Schiltz scored six, Walz added four and MiKayla Lobato tallied

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