



# Challenge kicks off with torch

A Quinter doctor showed off the torch he carried for the 2012 London Olympics as he gave a pep talk Monday to kick off the Thomas County Wellness Challenge, urging everyone to live healthy in the new year.

Dr. Doug Gruenbacher spoke to about 35 people Monday in the Student Union at Colby Community College to open the challenge, which starts Monday. The audience heard about his efforts at keeping himself and others healthy and fit.

"Expectations are huge," Gruenbacher said. "They (kids) don't think twice about being physically active."

He said his son Eli had insisted on running a 10-kilometer race — about six miles. Gruenbacher said he helped build a fitness center in Quinter, where he and his wife Shelly live with their four children. They both work at the clinic there as family practice physicians. Gruenbacher is originally from Andale.

In 2012, he said, the American Academy of Family Practice invited him to represent it in the Olympic Torch Relay at the Sum-

mer Olympics. He ran through the English town of Ascot, near London, with athletes and nonathletes of all ages. Runners in the relay pass the Olympic flame between gas burners within their torches, Gruenbacher said, so they got to keep their torches. His had 8,000 holes in it to represent each of the torchbearers that year.

"My kids always say, 'Oh, this one's you, Dad,'" he said with a smile.

The audience got to pass Gruenbacher's torch around as he showed pictures of him and his family in England and France.

He did not compete in the games, but is an avid runner who regularly runs in races here. This summer, he said, he ran 50 miles near Leadville, Colo., in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. He finished in about 11 hours, going 4 to 5 mph.

Blood will be drawn for lab tests for the challenge from 6 to 9 a.m. from today through Saturday, and again on Monday, when the event gets going. The blood work will be done in the front lobby of Citizens Medical Center.

# Mortgage fee battle coming

By Heather Alwin  
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Counties, banks and real-estate agents are set for a battle over changes to the state's mortgage registration fee during this year's legislative session, with banks and real estate people seeking to eliminate an "unfair" tax and counties trying to preserve their revenue.

The Thomas County commissioners passed a resolution Mon-

day supporting the tax and asking the governor and Legislature to retain the registration fee, established in 1925. The change could cost the county \$120,000 or more, they said.

The tax, .26 of 1 percent of the value of a mortgage, is charged in addition to mortgage and deed recording fees under state law, but the money goes directly into counties' pockets.

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# Some insurers records missing

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Record-keeping snags could complicate the start of insurance coverage this month as millions of people begin using policies they purchased under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Insurance companies are still trying to sort out cases of so-called health insurance orphans, customers for whom the government has a record that they enrolled, but the insurer does not. They are worried the process will grow more cumbersome as they deal with the flood of new customers who signed up in December as enrollment deadlines neared.

The government says the problem is real but under control. Officials say they are trying to resolve about 13,000 problem cases out of more than 1 million enrolled through the federal insurance market that serves 36 states. They contend the error rate for new signups is close to zero.

thusiastic about the pace of the fixes. The companies also are seeing cases in which the government has assigned the same identification number to more than one person, as well as so-called "ghost" files in which the insurer has an enrollment record but the government does not.

But orphaned files — when the insurer has no record of enrollment — are particularly concerning because the companies have no automated way to identify the presumed policyholder. They say they have to manually compare the lists of enrollees the government sends them with their own records because the government never built an automated system that would do the work much faster.

"It's an ongoing concern," said Robert Zirkelbach, a spokesman for the industry trade group America's Health Insurance Plans. "Health plans can't process enrollments they haven't received from the exchange."

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# After-school trip to China

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Sheila Frahm of Colby talked Wednesday afternoon at Colby Elementary School (above) about her visit to China, with second-grader Alexa Carmichael (left) and fourth grader Kaden Solaro among those listening. Kids in the school's after-school program heard of Frahm's trip through China on a river boat while third-grader Landen Clapper (right) looked for the country on the globe. Her daughter, Janice Frahm, (below, at right), showed the kids the kind of money they use in China.



# Three charged in robbery

By Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press

WICHITA (AP) — The husband of a woman robbed at a fast-food drive-through as she lay dying said Wednesday that it felt as though the thieves had "stuck a knife in and twisted it" when they took his unconscious wife's purse and wedding ring.

Kris Zimmerman learned about the robbery from police at the hospital. He said it amplified an already unspeakable tragedy in a case that has sparked widespread outrage in this Kansas community.

"It is a bad wound anyway," Zimmerman

said Wednesday in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "You are having to deal with the tragedy of losing your wife at such a young age, but then it was like they stuck a knife in and twisted it: 'Really, somebody robbed her when she was like that?'"

The three 19-year-old Wichita men charged with robbery in the case, Daquantrius S. Johnson; Quanique D. Thomas-Hameen; and Keith Byron Hickles, made their first court appearance Wednesday in Sedgwick County Court via video link from the jail. Their bonds were set at \$200,000 each.

Defense attorneys did not immediately return phone messages left at their offices. A

preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23 in the case.

Danielle Zimmerman was pulling into a Taco Bell on Dec. 29 when she suffered the brain aneurysm, causing her truck to hit a speaker in the drive-through lane. While unconscious in her car, someone took her purse with \$150 and her credit cards in it, a cellphone and wedding ring. The 43-year-old Wichita woman died at a

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Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 25. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.

**Friday:** A slight chance of rain and snow before noon, then a slight chance of rain between noon and 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 25. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 52. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 55.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 47. Breezy.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 23.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 54.

Wednesday: High, 34; Low 10  
Precip: Wednesday None  
Month: 0.06 inches  
Year: 0.06 inches  
Normal: 0.42 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 8:04 a.m. 5:40 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 75 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Mortgage fee battle coming

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The Kansas Bankers Association and Kansas Association of Realtors oppose the fee because it is only charged if the purchase involves a mortgage. It does not apply to cash purchases or to mortgages made by federally chartered banks.

While the law requires the bank to pay the fee to make a mortgage valid, banks can pass the charge on to the purchaser as a cost of the mortgage.

Brent Wiedeman, president of Farmer's and Merchant's Bank in Colby, said he supports the banker's association's "push to bring equality to Kansas."

The bank supports the county, he said, but the fee should be removed unless all purchasers are required to pay it.

"Abolishing the mortgage registration tax puts all lenders on an even playing field for fees charged," said Danielle Wasson, mortgage loan officer for Peoples State Bank. "The real-estate boom in Kansas the past few years has proved to

be quite lucrative for Kansas counties at the detriment of the parties of real estate transactions who deal with local community banks."

On a \$1 million land loan, the mortgage registration fee adds up to \$2,600, money a farmer would not have to pay if he purchased land with a loan from a federally chartered bank.

The Kansas Association of Counties opposes elimination of the fee because of the loss of revenue it would cause.

The association sent information on the issue to all Kansas counties earlier this month, asking them to pass resolutions in support of the tax. Commissioner Mike Baughn proposed the resolution for Thomas County.

The decreased revenue would hurt the county and increase the property taxes for all county residents, he said. Thomas County received \$90,609 from the fee in 2012 and \$120,720 in 2013.

"It's just another step in reduced state revenues to local governments," Baughn said of the proposal.

# Some insurers records missing

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Julie Bataille, communications director for the federal health care rollout, disputes the industry's view.

"We have fixed the issues that we knew were a problem, and we are now seeing nearly zero errors in the work moving forward," she said.

A federal "reconciliation" team, including technicians, deals directly with more than 300 insurers to resolve signup problems, she said, while the government's call center has caseworkers to help consumers directly.

Insurers use the term "orphan" for the problematic files because they are referring to customers who have yet to find a home with the carrier they selected. The files have cropped up since enrollment began last fall through HealthCare.gov. The site was down an estimated 60 percent of the time in October.

Since then, the front-end interaction between customers and the website has largely been fixed.

But insurers worry that the back-end problems will grow more acute as they process the wave of customers who signed up at the end of 2013. More than 2 million people had enrolled by the end of the year, either through HealthCare.gov or state-run websites.

Aetna spokeswoman Susan Millerick said orphaned files were "manageable over the short term." But she added that manually comparing enrollment files will not work over the long term and that the federal website needs a permanent fix to eliminate the possibility of orphaned files.

Bataille said the administration is working the issue with every tool at its disposal, from software fixes to picking up the phone and calling insurers.

Among those who got lost in the paperwork confusion was cancer survivor Sharon Van Daele of Tucson, Ariz., who went back and forth between her insurer and the federal government for more than a week after her confirmation failed to arrive. Unable to get answers, she said it felt as if she had fallen into a

black hole.

She started the year worried she was uninsured even though the HealthCare.gov website told her on Dec. 22 that she had successfully enrolled.

"I made all the deadlines, and then I tried to make my payment, but they wouldn't take it," said Van Daele.

Her case was finally resolved after an official from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services contacted Van Daele directly, following an Associated Press inquiry to the agency's press office.

Van Daele is in remission following treatment for a type of blood cancer. Her previous coverage lapsed Dec. 31, and she started getting nervous when nothing for her new coverage arrived in the mail.

"My husband told me I shouldn't leave the house," she said.

Insurance industry consultant Bob Laszewski said he expects to hear more reports about orphaned files as patients begin to seek health care or start worrying about insurance cards that have not arrived.

# Three charged in robbery of dying woman

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local hospital the following day.

Danielle Zimmerman's purse was later recovered after some children found it while sledding, but the search continues for her wedding ring. The couple had been married for 21 years and had dated for four years before then. They have two sons, ages 13 and 18. The stolen wedding ring holds sentimental value for the family, Zimmerman said.

"Even though they lost their mother and I've lost my wife, but, you know, it seems like something is still missing," he said. "It seems that it would bring some closure to this tragic event once we can get that back, if we can get it back."

The family got some unexpected help Tuesday on the search for the missing ring from Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer. The mayor, speaking at a televised city council meeting, made a passionate plea to residents for help finding Danielle Zimmerman's stolen wedding ring. He implored the audience to call police with any information about the crime or the whereabouts of the ring.

"It's horrible. That is all you can say. It's horrible," Brewer said. "It's taking low to a whole new level."

The arrests of the three suspects on Friday and Monday followed a tip to the Wichita Crime Commission's Crime Stoppers tip line. The commission had offered a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to

the arrests of the persons involved in the robbery.

"This crime diminishes us as a community," said Gordon Bassham, executive director of the Wichita Crime Commission. "It diminishes our reputation in the eyes of other communities and it makes people feel bad about the kind of people that live among us."

Bassham said many people in the community are talking about how this is a heinous crime.

"We are not worthy of that bad reputation," he said. "Wichita is made up of good people, good law-abiding people. The fact the crime was solved so quickly through Crime Stoppers is proof of that."

# 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. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

## Legion offers biscuits and gravy breakfast

Come to the Colby American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth, from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday for a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, hash browns and scrambled eggs. Donations will go to pay for new doors at the Legion hall and other projects. For information, call Tracy Galli at 462-0450.

## Big Brothers offer soup, rolls at games

Support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at the fifth annual "Soups and Cinnamon Roll Supper" from 4 p.m. to 8:30 Friday at the Community Building. The menu includes soup and rolls for \$6 during the high school basketball games. Call Doug Finley at 462-3308 for questions.

## Knights free-throw contest to be Sunday

The Colby Knights of Columbus will hold its annual free throw contest Sunday at the Colby Elementary School gym. Doors will open at noon and the contest begins at 1 p.m. It is open to boys and girls age 10 to 14 as Jan. 1, and proof of age, such as a copy of a birth certificate, is required. Call Dewey Augustine, 443-1548, or Bob Luck, 462-0686, for questions. Winners advance to the district contest later this month in Atwood.

## Wellness Challenge to kick off next week

Blood will be drawn for lab tests the Thomas County Wellness Challenge from 6 to 9 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday in the front lobby at Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr. The Challenge itself begins Monday. For information, call the county Health Department at (785) 460-4596.

## Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

## Church offers class for women on divorce

A 10-week program of hope, healing and support for women dealing with divorce is being offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays 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.

## Coronation, auction to support rodeo queen

A coronation and fund-raising auction for Miss Rodeo Kansas, Katera Harter, will be Saturday, Jan. 18, at the American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with a pulled-pork dinner at 6:30 and the crowning and auction at 6:15 p.m., with a dance to follow. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Money will go to pay travel and other expenses for Harter. For information, call Harter at 443-9068.

## Commodities to be given out here Jan. 20

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include corn, carrots, green beans, peanut butter, potato flakes and cranberry and apple juice. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

## Fifth graders to sing during program Jan. 28

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present "On the Radio," at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the school auditorium. Everyone is invited. For information, call teacher Jennifer Otten at 460-5100.

## Conservation District plans annual meeting

The Thomas County Conservation District will hold its annual meeting at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Colby Community Building. The meal is free, sponsored by all Thomas County banks. Everyone is welcome. Make reservation by Friday, Jan. 31, by calling 462-7482 or stopping by the office at 915 E. Walnut in Colby. Kansas Bankers Association Awards will be given for the outstanding windbreak and soil conservation efforts. For questions, call Debbie Potter at 462-7482.

## Veterans Auxiliary moves meeting to church

The Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the First Christian Church, 385 W. Third St., rather than at the Legion hall. For information, call Lily Thieler at 462-3590.



## Saturday Evening January 11, 2014

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Killer Women		Local			
KBSL/CBS	NFL Football						Local			
KSNK/NBC	Figure Skating						Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Almost Human	Bones			Local		Animation Domination	Local		
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink
AMC	The Rock						The Rock			
ANIM	Too Cute!		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole	
BRAVO	Movie						Movie			
CMT	Major League		Swamp Pawn		OC Choppers		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNN	CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.				CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	G. Iglesias: Fluffy		Kevin Hart: Grown		Kevin Hart: Grown		C. Rock	
DISC	MythBusters		Dangerous Toys		Moonshiners		Dangerous Toys		Moonshiners	
DISN	Spy Kids 3: Game Over		Jessie		Lab Rats	Kickin' I	Gravity	ANT Farm	Shake It	Austin
EI	Wild Wild West				The Soup	Chelsea		Biggest Reality Scan		
ESPN	World Series		World Series				SportsCenter		NFL PrimeTime	
ESPN2	30 for 30	30 for 30			30 for 30		Shorts		SportsCenter	
FAM	The Incredibles						Superman Returns			
FOOD	Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		On the Rocks		Rachael v. Guy	
FX	Transformers						Wilfred	Wilfred	Louie	Louie
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	

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	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Tiger Eyes				Gone Missing				Tiger Eyes	
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy
NICK	Sam & Cat	Hathaways	Thunder	Awesome	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Helix		Helix		Pitch Black				Star Trek	
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Ground	Men-Work	Men-Work
TCM	It Happened				Arsenic and Old Lace				Lady Day	
TLC	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Sex Sent Me to the E		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER	
TNT	The Lincoln Lawyer				The Lincoln Lawyer					
TOON	Percy Jackson		King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Space Dan	Bleach	Naruto
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Kirstie	Kirstie	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Ocean's Thirteen			
VH1	Sister Act 2: Back		Single Ladies		Coming to America				Couples	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks

<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Place Beyond				Snow White				The Place	
MAX	Wrath of the Titans		Banshee		A Good Day to Die Hard		Banshee		Co-Ed	
SHOW	Lies	Lies	Twilight Saga-2		Another Day, Another Time		Llewyn			

# LOCAL TV Listings

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## Sunday Evening January 12, 2014

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor		Revenge		Betrayal		Local			
KBSL/CBS	60 Minutes		The Good Wife		The Mentalist		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Golden Globes						Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Mission: Imp. 3								Die Hard	
ANIM	Beaver	Beaver	Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Blood, Sweat & Heels		Housewives/Atl.		Happens	Fashion	Housewives/Atl.	
CMT	Beverly Hills Cop II			Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Rambo
CNN	Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.	
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham		Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity		Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos		National-Van Wilder			
DISC	Alaska: The Last Fro		Last Frontier		Dude, You're Screwed		Last Frontier		Dude, You're Screwed	
DISN	The Muppets				Austin	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Austin	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	Kardashian		Kardashian		Kardashian		EI After Party: 2014		The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL	
ESPN2	Australian Open									
FAM	The Incre	Dolphin Tale					Ravenswood		J. Osteen	J. Meyer
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Restaurant: Im.		Chopped	
FX	Transformers								Hall Pass	
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Hawaii	Hawaii	Island	Island	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		The Curse of		To Be Announced		Ax Men	
LIFE	Did You Hear		Did You Hear		The Ugly Truth		Did You Hear			
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Real World		Teen Wolf		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	See Dad	Instant	To Be Announced				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Pitch Black		Blade II				The Collector			
SPIKE	The Incredible Hulk				Conan the Barbarian				Elektra	
TBS	Anchorman				Anchorman				Men-Work	Men-Work
TCM	Anastasia				Gaslight					





Jason Michael Schroeder and Theresa Aldea Bray

## Couple plans May rite at Colby's Sacred Heart

Theresa Aldea Bray and Jason Michael Schroeder plan to wed at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

The bride, daughter of Alan and Gerriane Bray of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, graduated in 2013 from Colby Community College with an associate degree in veterinary technology. She works in Goodland.

She is the granddaughter of Gerald and Darline Hutfles of Colby

and Doreen and the late John Bray of Calgary.

The groom is the son of John and Jeanne Schroeder of Colby. He graduated from North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit with a degree in carpentry and cabinetmaking. He farms with his father in Thomas County.

He is the grandson of Dan and Janet Schroeder of Colby and the late Ferdinand and Jeanne Schmitz of Aurora, Colo.

## Applications hit new high for concealed carry permits

The number of Kansans who applied for concealed carry handgun permits last year exceeded the previous one-year record by 50 percent, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced Monday.

More than 24,000 Kansans applied for concealed carry handgun permits in 2013.

"Record numbers of Kansans are exercising their Second Amendment rights and taking advantage of the Kansas concealed carry law," Schmidt said. "We're working hard to provide them top-quality customer service in the permitting process."

The 24,181 applications received by the Attorney General's Concealed Carry Licensing Unit

during the 2013 calendar year was more than had been received in any year since the program began in 2006. The previous record was 15,707 applications in 2012.

During December, the Attorney General's Office received 1,036 applications. There were 75,099 active permits as of Jan. 2. The applications are being processed in an average of 30 days.

The concealed carry licensing program was enacted by the Legislature in 2006 over the veto of then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. By law, the program is administered by Attorney General Schmidt's office.

Information about the program is available at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

## Library additions look at past events

Though it has been the holidays, we continue to add items to our collection for you.

"Living with Honor: A Memoir by a Medal of Honor Recipient," by Staff Sgt. Salvatore A. Giunta, is one good book.

Sgt. Giunta was stationed on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the Korengal Valley, nicknamed the Valley of Death. He joined the Army early and never expected any honor in serving.

On the day his heroic acts were performed he covered his squad commander and then began to thwart the Taliban from taking prisoners or killing his comrades. He was awarded the first Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War.

The next book is "Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution," by Nathaniel Philbrick. It helps the reader discover the people, events and drama that led up to the Bunker Hill battle. Philbrick shows how citizens responded to harsh treatment by British troops. You may learn something new about people who were part of this strategic and bloody battle.

Another book we have added is "Five Days At Memorial," by Sheri Fink, a journalist, physician and reporter. She helps the reader understand what patients, hospital staff and others at the Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans went through after Katrina hit. The hospital was in an area of flooding with rising waters, no power, extreme heat and limited help to care for patients.

The book outlines how difficult it was for staff having to make end-of-life and triage decisions prioritizing care and resources. Some were later convicted of crimes toward patients.

Fink shows what happens when medical treatment and limited resources are rationed; catastrophes such as Katrina demonstrate how woefully unprepared we are to cope with such devastation. Sometimes the best we can do is cope and strive for making it through each day when circumstances don't look like they will change soon.

Hopefully, Americans will understand that we cannot prepare for all circumstances but can learn from our past. I am hopeful that this book will open such discussions and stop the finger pointing.

Other nonfiction books we are adding are: "Learning to Listen: A Life Caring for Children," by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton; "But Now I



Melany Wilks

### Library Links

See," by Steven Holcomb; "Chasing Perfect," by Bob Hurley; and "Undaunted: The Real Story of America's Servicewomen in Today's Military," by Tanya Blank.

Have you seen the writing and music contests available for adults and youth?

Kansas Voices is holding its 25th annual contest for writers living in Kansas. The prizes are: adult division: \$275 best poem; \$275 best prose; youth division: \$100 best poem; \$100 best prose. Entries at [www.winfieldarts.com/kansas-voices.html](http://www.winfieldarts.com/kansas-voices.html) are due by Saturday, March 15.

There is also a music composition competition for Kansas residents through the Winfield Arts and Humanities Council. They are giving \$200 in prizes for two categories, formal and song-writing. Applications are due Saturday, April 5 - call (620) 221-2161 as I could not locate a form on their website yet.

Why do I tell you about these? Because this is how we grow, thrive, learn and enjoy life; we pursue goals or talents that enrich our lives and hopefully others' lives in the process. This is also how many writers and performing artists get started. We at the library are always encouraging others to dream and expand their horizons of their lives. Entering a contest like this does just that.

Remember we are having a technology instruction time between 2:30 and 4 p.m. Saturday to help you learn to download eBooks and audiobooks from our website. It will be for all those who have new tablets or phones from Christmas and need help.

Children's events start on Tuesday with a preschool story time for 3 to 5 year olds 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.

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.

See you in the library!

## Deaths

### Donald C. Spresser

Donald C. Spresser, 80, Selden, retired farmer and mail carrier, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita.

He was born June 10, 1933, in Sheridan County, the son of John Sr. and Katherine (Kamphaus) Spresser. He went to school in Green Valley and graduated from Leoville High School in 1951. He served in the Army from 1953 to 1955.

On Nov. 22, 1955, he married Bernadine Ritter in Leoville, where they made their home.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Leoville.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Norman Spresser and John Spresser Jr.; a sister, Elenor Spresser; a grandson, Brett Spresser; a great-granddaughter, Cassidy Frasier; and a foster daughter, Mary Weis.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; five sons, Carl (Debra) Spresser, Rexford; Leroy (Renee) Spresser, Selden; Dennis

(Shawn) Spresser, Dresden; Daniel (Annette) Spresser, Gem; and Alan (Tonya) Spresser, Hoxie; two daughters, Delores (Daniel) Juenemann, Selden; and Donna (Jim) Kindler, Alma, Neb.; three brothers, Harry (Nadine) Spresser, Hoxie; Joe (Rosalie) Spresser, Littleton, Colo.; and Melvin (Arleen) Spresser, Norton; two sisters, Ramona Overlease, Norton; and Carol Jean Bieker, Hoxie; 34 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at the church in Leoville, with Father Mark Berland officiating and burial in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

Visitation was to be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the church with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the cemetery, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin Kan., 67749.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.paulsfh.com](http://www.paulsfh.com).

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Dec. 21

11:10 a.m. - Assisted subject with stalled vehicle. Ran out of fuel; gave ride from Oasis to vehicle at eastbound I-70 on-ramp, mile 53.

2:01 p.m. - Accident: caller struck pole in parking lot at Walmart.

3:10 p.m. - Caller reported stolen purse. No report, purse was located.

4:54 p.m. - Child in need of care, protective custody; caller advised of out-of-control juvenile.

Report filed. 10:35 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew.

### Dec. 22

1:01 a.m. - Alarm at Famous Footwear. Everything secured.

2:49 a.m. - Alarm: management contacted.

9:59 a.m. - Caller reported juvenile missing. Located; returned to parent. No report.

10:12 a.m. - Helped sheriff's office on traffic stop.

10:32 p.m. - Walkthrough at Wal-Mart.

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## Luella "Lou" Kersenbrock

Luella "Lou" Kersenbrock 74 was born on August 9, 1939 to William Henry Miller and Lillian Irene Miller-Monster. Lou passed away early Tuesday morning, January 7, 2014, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.



Prior to Lou's graduation from high school, she would spend several summers living with her Aunt Genevieve and Uncle Harlan whose she worked at Frederick's Pharmacy part-time. Lou graduated from Decatur County Community High School in 1957 and moved back to Colby, KS to live permanently. She rented a room from Beulah Price where she became part of the Third Street 'gang'. Lou continued working for Frederick's Pharmacy full-time in downtown Colby and later obtained a job at Farm Bureau Insurance. In 1957 she met her husband Bill Kersenbrock. They were married on April 3, 1960, at the First Christian Church in Colby, KS. In this union, two children were born. Bradley Scott was born January 30, 1961 and Lesley Debra was born August 28, 1963.

Lou took a break from work to raise her children until they attended school. She went back to work for Farm Bureau in 1967, then began her work at Colby Community College as the faculty secretary. She worked for CCC and attended many classes until she retired in 1999 after 37 years of service.

In the mid-eighties, Lou began the reign of her many hobbies. She began cross stitching and would take it to many gatherings where she would quietly listen and work on her latest project. This talent evolved from cross stitching into scrapbooking, painting, ceramics, photography and to her all-time passion, stamping. Many people were lucky recipients of her talents whether it was pictures, crocheted towels, pottery, but mostly her beautiful cards. She also enjoyed working out in her fitness beds.

Lou's passion did not stop with her hobbies. Her biggest love, besides her husband, was attending all of her children and grandchildren's practices and events. She loved taking pictures of her grandchildren whether it was photo shoots during the holidays, sporting events or activities. She created beautiful scrapbooks of each grandchild, which they love. The memories that Lou has created will last a lifetime.

Lou not only had several talents but she had many friends. She loved traveling with Bill and her friends Jim and Judie Withers, going to lunch with her lunch bunch girls, Saturday lunch at Twisters with the Shooters group, attending Super Bowl parties and going to home games.

Lou was predeceased in death by her parents and two sisters Irene Dye and Peggy North. She is survived by her loving husband, Bill of Colby; her son, Brad of Colby; daughter and son-in-law Lesley and Jeff Waggoner of Colby; three grandchildren Brittany Kersenbrock of Overland Park, Texas; Wagner of Colby and Brock Waggoner of Colby. She is also survived by three sisters Winifred Stoney of Oberlin, Pat Gustaf of Geneseo, Fern Minder of Oberlin, two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Colby United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014 at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Memorials to benefit the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope and Hospice Services, Inc. in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, KS 67701. Condolences to [kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com](http://kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com)

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## Other Viewpoints

### Highway fatalities still can be lowered

The death toll on Kansas' highways dropped to an all-time low in 2013, which is great news for almost everyone but the 344 people who died in traffic accidents on the state's highways last year.

That might sound somewhat cold, but a report that fewer people are dying in highway collisions also should serve as a reminder that operating a motor vehicle remains a dangerous practice, regardless of how comfortable we have become with assuming the associated risks.

Fewer is better, but continued declines in the annual fatality statistics would be even better. Making that happen should be the goal of everyone who drives or rides in a vehicle.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, highway traffic fatalities dropped significantly in 2013, to 344 from 405 in 2012, and were 41 fewer than the previous all-time low, the 385 traffic deaths recorded in 2008. The high mark for highway fatalities in Kansas, 780, was established in 1969, when seat belts still were considered an inconvenience, airbags were a thing of the future and what passed for a child's seat in a vehicle was a dangerous contraption.

To be sure, vehicles, highways and child safety restraints are safer now, but there's no reason to become satisfied with 344 traffic fatalities annually. And responsibility for significant improvement from the new all-time low rests with the motorists who travel the state's highways.

Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King says the state is dedicated to engineering even safer highways for the future. Automobile designers and engineers also are doing their part — some vehicles today are equipped with technology that can detect danger and apply the brakes before the driver can react. Some drivers, however, aren't doing their part.

KDOT's report on 2013 fatalities didn't indicate how many fatal collisions involved drunken drivers or drivers who were texting or otherwise using a hand-held cellphone.

That's not to assume alcohol or phone use was a factor in a majority of the fatal accidents, but certainly some of them involved those hazards and otherwise inattentive drivers.

When someone decides to slip behind a steering wheel, there is nothing in world more important at that time than operating the vehicle in a safe manner. If we all remember that, and push distractions aside, highway fatalities will continue to decline.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press*

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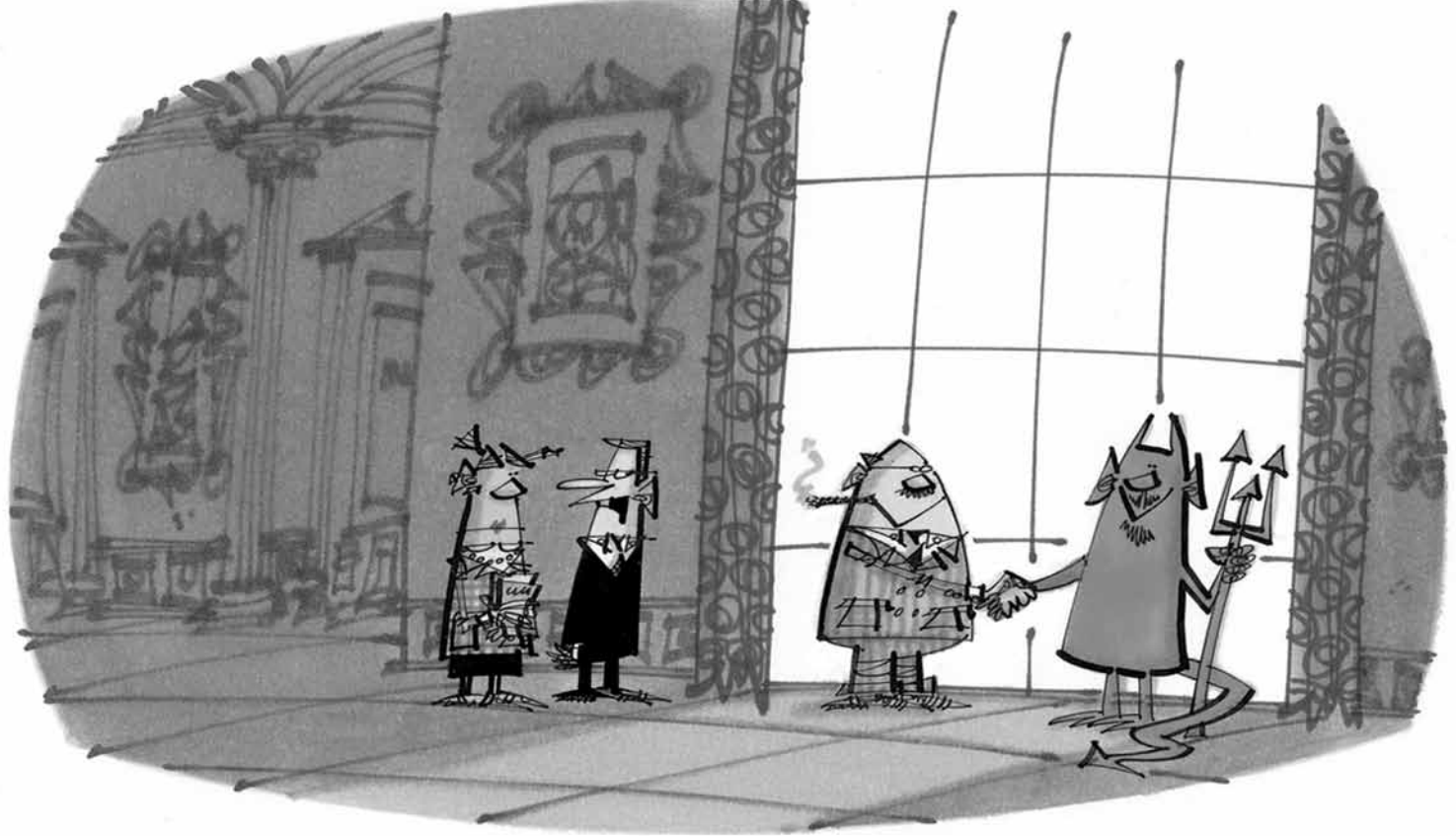
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"Y'KNOW, WHEN I HEARD U.S. CORPORATIONS WERE LEADING THE WORLD IN DEALMAKING, I INITIALLY THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING."

## Courthouse bonds passed by three

This is the second in the series about the history of the Thomas County Court House. The research for this series was done by Opal Linville at Colby's Prairie Museum of Art and History.



**Marj Brown**

### • Marj's Snippets

Vern Dimmitt, a former member of the Colby City Council, superintendent of the Beulah Cemetery and owner of the General Merchandise Store in the early days of Colby, wrote the history of the Thomas County Courthouse before his death in 1977. Much of the material used in my version of the court house history and the newspaper articles from which I received my information came from Dimmitt's early courthouse history. His wife was Jessie Dimmitt.

Thomas County citizens used the wooden frame, two-story house built in 1886 as their court house for 20 years. Finally, in 1906 they began to talk about possibly building a new court house. An election was set for Nov. 21, 1905, to vote on the county issuing \$50,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a new Thomas County Courthouse.

No one denied the need for a new building; however, some citizens feared that a series of hard years and crop failures might cause future problems in paying for the construction.

In a Nov. 30, 1905, article in *The Colby Tribune* it was reported that the issue passed, but the vote was very close. There were 380 votes for and 377 against; it passed by only three votes.

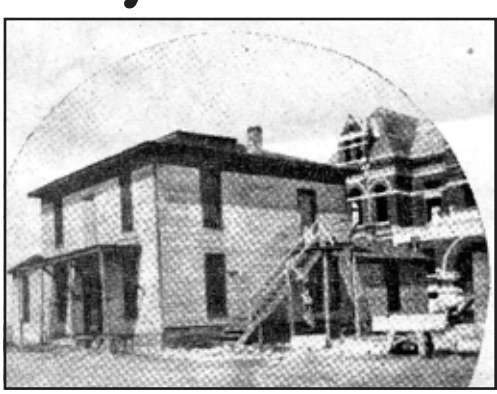
The Nov. 30, 1905, newspaper reported that the commissioners recounted the votes and

found the count to be accurate. The *Tribune* went on to report that the board would no doubt proceed at once to issue the bonds.

(I had to snicker a little when I read the remainder of that report. I guess that even in those days people squabbled a little about politics.) The reporter wrote, "It will take considerable time, however, to do all that is necessary before making plans and specifications. The board, though not of our political belief, are good, honest men and while they have a big responsibility placed upon them we believe they are capable of handling the project in a business-like, economical manner."

A Spring 1997 issue of the Thomas County Historical Society's *Prairie Winds*, Vol. 24 No. 1, said, "As February, 1906, began, county commissioners James Earnest, John Stover and C.N. Hardin voted (Hardin voted no) to retain J.C. Holland of Topeka as the architect for \$1,624 of the future Thomas County courthouse after considering the plans submitted by five architects. They also prepared the bids for letting for construction of the courthouse.

"The contracts were awarded on May 3,



The original Thomas County Courthouse was moved west to allow work on the new courthouse, located on the same site.

1906, to L. Crosby and Son of Kansas City, Mo., to do the general contracting for the building proper for \$41,705."

The article also said F.A. Louis of Colby was hired to do the plumbing and electrical wiring for the building at a cost of \$3,638 and the steelwork was contracted to Hardmetal Co. of St. Louis for \$1,350.

Sheriff Sam Pratt's bid to relocate the courthouse used at that time was accepted. The original courthouse had to be moved west to clear the site chosen for the excavation and construction of the brick building.

The history of the courthouse will continue in my next Snippet. Please look for it.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby for 62 years and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here. She says it's one of her favorite things to do.

## Defense act dangerous, unacceptable

### Other Opinions

#### • Harold Pease Liberty Under Fire

Congress just passed the gigantic \$625 billion dollar sweeping National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 with a vote in the House 350 to 69 and in the Senate 84 to 15.

Establishment media coverage seemed to center on what did not make it into the act such as a crackdown on sexual assault in the military and provisions making it easier to close Guantanamo, rather than upon what did. Most maintained the image that the annual act merely funded the military for another year, as has been the case formerly. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Left in place was the controversial 2012 provision authorizing the military, under presidential authority, to arrest, kidnap and detain without trial, and hold indefinitely, American citizens thought to "represent an enduring security threat to the United States."

Simply stated it defied habeas corpus (your constitutional right not to disappear at the hand of government), the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 (preventing the military from having a law enforcement function in the United States), and essentially gutted large portions of the Bill of Rights. It is the single most dangerous law passed by Congress in U.S. history.

Only socialists and Tea Party advocates seemed to understand that a non-specific definition of terrorism, such as that noted above, can easily be turned into a revolving definition of terrorism and used to wipe out either an opposing party or philosophy.

Imagine being arrested, kidnapped and secretly shipped to Guantanamo Bay for defending the Constitution. Such is possible under the 2012 version left unchanged. Republican President Richard Nixon used the Internal

Revenue Service to persecute his political enemies in the 1970s, as has Democratic President Barack Obama in the last five years.

Neither political party is exempt from fault on this version. Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham and John McCain pushed it through the Senate and Democrat Obama promised to veto it, then signed it. Sadly only 2012 presidential candidates Ron Paul and Rick Santorum opposed it.

Unfortunately the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 is still unconstitutional, still unacceptable, and even more dangerous than its predecessor. Newly added is Section 1071(a) which authorizes the Secretary of Defense to "establish ... the 'Conflict Records Research Center'" to compile a "digital research database ... to facilitate research and analysis of records captured from countries, organizations and individuals, now or once hostile to the United States."

This effectively expands the surveillance of the Bush 43 Authorization for the Use of Military Force defining, as never ending, the War on Terrorism and his resultant Patriot Act, requiring citizens to report certain activities of other citizens.

Factor in several expensive National Security

Agency facilities especially those of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Bluffdale, Utah, the latter of which is designed to accommodate a yottabyte of information. Factor in also the known collection by NSA of every email, telephone conversation, social media post, and text, of every U.S. citizen for the last eight years and it is easy to see why the federal government now wants a Conflict Records Research Center.

Only 15 senators understood the danger to the Constitution and freedom by voting against. The others do not understand the Constitution and its checks and balances enough to merit your vote regardless of which political party they represent.

Perhaps Tea Party Sen. Ted Cruz said it best when he told his constituents: "Today I voted against the National Defense Authorization Act. I am deeply concerned that Congress still has not prohibited President Obama's ability to indefinitely detain U.S. citizens arrested on American soil without trial or due process."

"The Constitution does not allow President Obama, or any President, to apprehend an American citizen, arrested on U.S. soil, and detain these citizens indefinitely without a trial."

We agree and that is why the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014 is still dangerous, still unconstitutional and still unacceptable in a free country.

Dr. Harold Pease has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers. He has taught history and political science for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, go to [www.LibertyUnderFire.org](http://www.LibertyUnderFire.org).

### Mallard Fillmore

#### • Bruce Tinsley









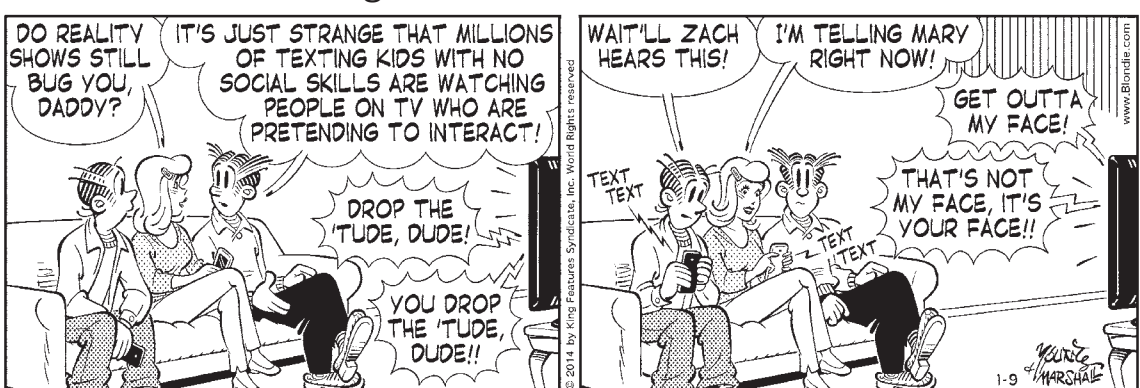
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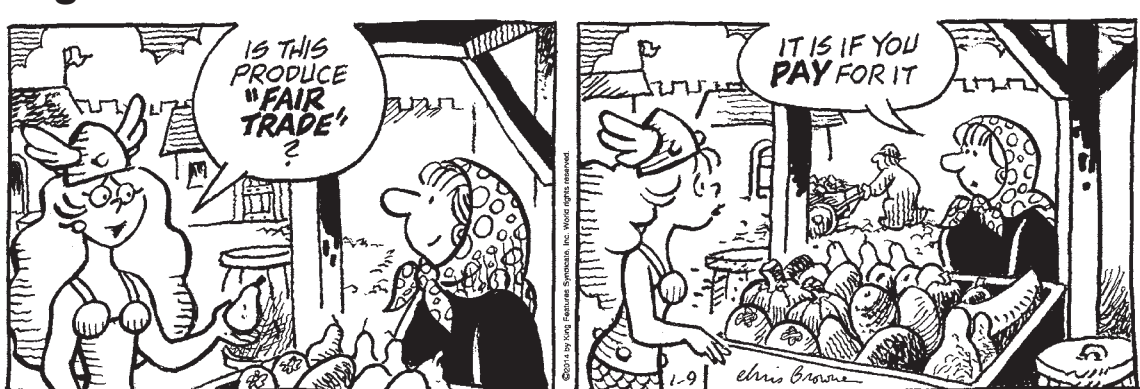
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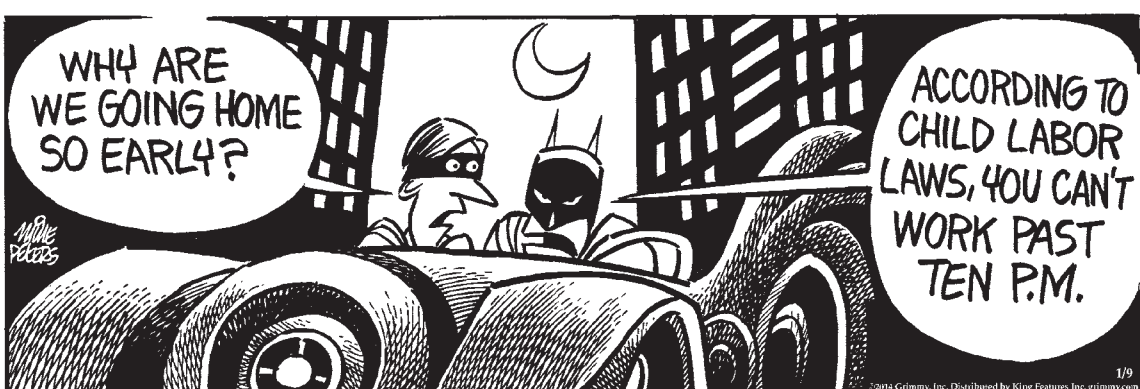
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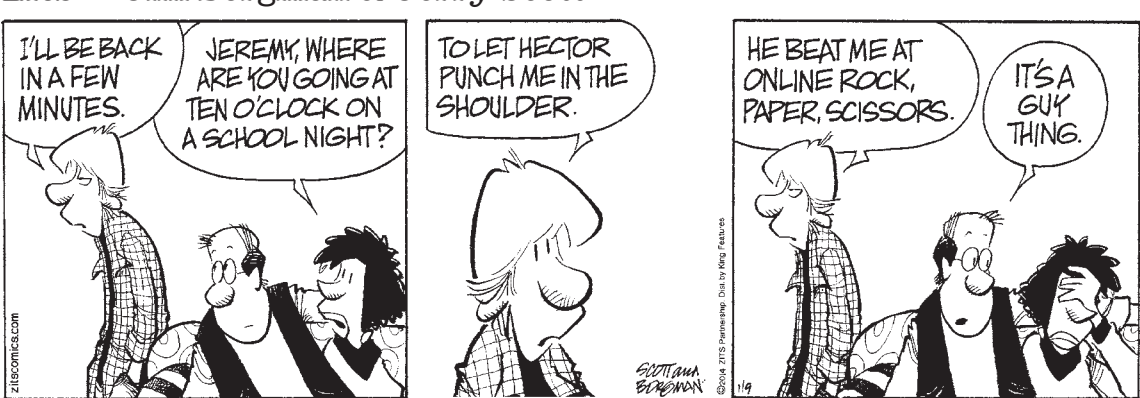
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**Terry Kovel**  
• Antiques and Collecting

**Art glass vase made in Sweden**

**Q:** Years ago, I was given a very heavy glass vase. It's 6 inches high by 4 1/2 inches wide and is made of black cased glass within clear glass. The etched mark on the bottom is "Kosta 1556/046." I'm wondering what the vase is worth.

**A:** The Kosta glassworks factory in Sweden dates back to 1742. Its name is a combination of the last names of the two founders, Koskull and Stael. Kosta manufactured only window glass, glass for light fixtures and drinking glasses until the late 1890s, when it hired its own designers and started making art glass.

Glass artist Vicke Lindstrand (1904-1983), who had previously worked at Orrefors, was Kosta's artistic director from 1950 to 1973. During Lindstrand's tenure, model numbers starting with a "1" were "production vases" made in large quantities. The number 1556 on your vase probably is the model number.

Kosta merged with Boda and Afors in 1976 and became Kosta Boda, so it's likely your vase was made before 1976. In 1989 Kosta Boda merged with Orrefors and was renamed Orrefors Kosta Boda. In 2005, the company was sold to the New Wave Group, which closed the Orrefors factory and today uses only the Kosta Boda label. While your vase may not be rare or extremely valuable, it still is a good piece of Swedish art glass.

**Q:** I have two child-size glass root beer mugs from the 1960s, 3 inches high. One is stamped "A&W Root Beer." The other has a red printed design that says "Dog n Suds" and pictures a dog holding a tray. I remember my dad getting me a kid-size root beer in them. Do you think they're worth something?

**A:** The first A&W drive-in restaurant opened in Sacramento, Calif., in 1923. The name is based on the initials of the owners, Roy Allen and Frank Wright. The first Dog n Suds opened in Champaign, Ill., in 1953. Most advertising glasses from restaurants and fast-food chains don't sell for much because they were issued in large quantities and are easy to find. If a mug's design is unusual and the mug was issued in limited quantity, it might be of interest to collectors. Common glasses like yours sell for as low as \$1 to \$5.

**Q:** We are looking for information about an item hanging on a wall in a restaurant in Doon, Iowa. It's a semicircular piece of wood about 48 inches long. The ends are 24 inches apart. It's marked "Louden's Patent, Oct. 30, 1895." What is it and what was it used for?

**A:** It's a singletree, also often called a "whiffletree" or "whippetree." It was used to hitch the traces of a horse's harness to a plow or other implement. William Louden (1841-1931) held several patents for improvements to farm equipment. He invented a hay carrier in 1867 and founded Louden Manufacturing Works in Fairfield, Iowa, a year later to manufacture hay carriers and other farm equipment. From 1906 to 1939, the company, by then named Louden Machinery Co., also designed barns. Louden Machinery Co. was sold in 1956 and its farm equipment was not made after 1965. Singletrees don't show up for sale often. When they do, they usually sell for under \$50.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 8  
♥ Q 10 9 6  
♦ Q 9  
♣ A Q 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 5 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ A K J 8 2  
♣ 10 7 4

**EAST**  
♠ 9 7 6 3  
♥ 8 2  
♦ 10 4 3  
♣ K 9 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 4  
♥ A K J 4 3  
♦ 7 6 5  
♣ J 5

The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1♥  
2♣ 3♥ 4♥  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

**A Deducible Deduction**  
The ability to deduce how the unseen cards are divided plays an enormous role in the outcome of many deals. Declarer can occasionally perform seemingly miraculous feats by visualizing the makeup of a particular defender's hand and in that way land a contract that might otherwise fail.

Consider this case where South is in four hearts and West cashes the K-A of diamonds and shifts to a trump. How should declarer proceed?  
If he adopts the most obvious line of play, he draws trumps and attempts both a spade finesse and a club finesse. Unfortunately, both lose, and South goes down one. But if he is well-versed in the art of inference and deduction, South makes the contract. Not only that, but he should feel supremely confident of the outcome as soon as dummy comes into view.

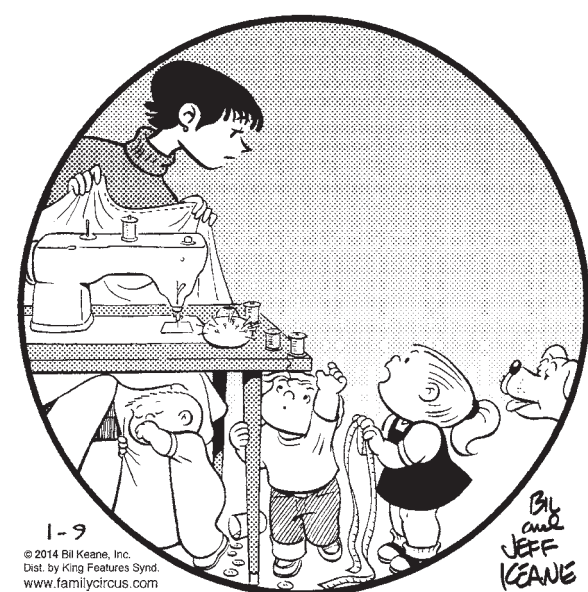
After drawing trumps, declarer's correct play is to lead a low club from dummy! First, let's examine the effect of this play as the cards lie. If East rises with the king, South no longer needs to risk a spade finesse because he can eventually discard the Q-4 of spades on dummy's A-Q of clubs. If instead West plays low on the club lead from dummy, South's jack wins, and he later loses only a spade trick.

The suggested approach is entirely reasonable, because after West shows up with the A-K of diamonds, he cannot also have both black kings or he would have opened the bidding as dealer.

Hence the low club lead from dummy is sure to succeed. If West turns up with the king of clubs, East then becomes certain to have the king of spades. So, regardless of where the king of clubs is located, four hearts is certain to succeed with proper play.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Maybe you would rather we all go watch a little TV. Okay, Mommy?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

			5	8				
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7	2					1	9	
1	2				5		7	
			2	3				
			8	1				

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/09

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

**Cryptoquip**

D Q M O S B J G B J Q Z - J H Z  
Z S E V H E I S E ' D L D L G N B H Z Q O D  
G E S R E S G R V L N , J Q D D B G K S

M G I S Q D B J S K E Q I E G Z Z S E  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COMPUTER PROGRAMMER HAD A BAD COUGH, SO HIS WORK BUDDIES WERE WARNING HIM TO STOP HACKING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals I

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Slender  
5 Chest protector?  
8 Second-hand anything  
12 Dry river bed  
13 Live  
14 Church section  
15 Shakespearer's river  
16 Profit  
17 War god  
18 Slander  
20 Sentence component  
22 Brains of the operation  
26 Less  
29 Symbol of intrigue  
30 Neither partner  
31 Grad  
32 Quill, for one  
33 Latvia's capital  
34 Mid-afternoon hour  
35 Cookie container

**DOWN**  
1 Emulated  
2 Stromboli outflow  
3 "American —"  
4 Least  
5 Wedding announcement  
6 Anger  
7 Read — the lines  
8 Relieve of weapons  
9 Italian island  
10 First lady  
11 — Moines  
19 Petrol  
21 Sphere  
23 Dance like Miley  
24 Yuletide drinks  
25 "Phooey!"  
26 Cripple  
27 Pelvic bones  
28 Pest  
32 Garnish  
33 Speaker's platform  
35 Lustrous black  
36 Catcher's place?  
38 Kind of mill  
39 Plant disease  
42 Emanation  
43 Sacred wading bird  
44 For fear that  
45 Exemplar of patience  
46 Web address  
48 Time of your life?

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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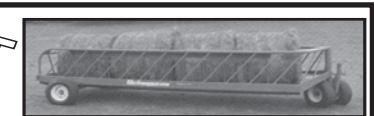
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# More than 300 compete in Colby Club tourney

By R.B. Headley  
Colby Free Press  
rbheadley@nwkansas.com

Even as snow fell on Saturday, downtown Colby became a busy place with an estimated 1,200 wrestlers, coaches and fans attending the Colby Open club wrestling tournament.

Nearly 30 Kansas and Colorado teams were represented at the Colby Community Building.

Goodland, Oberlin, Norton, Oakley and Hoxie all brought more than 20 wrestlers to the tourney.

Yet no team entered more wrestlers than the Colby Kids Wrestling Club's 67 participants.

Secretary Brandi Wark confirmed the club is having a banner year as more than 75 wrestlers have joined coach James Carney's Colby squad.

Colby wrestlers captured eight champions on Saturday and many more top places.

The team's top 10 point scorers were Bryant Wiedeman (26 points), Kayden Davis (25), Tyler Voss (24), Mason Wright (18), Tucker Wark (17 1/2), Brady Wiedeman (16), Rojelija Loya (16), Hagan Booi (16), Kurt Schroeder (16) and Talon Wark (15).

Colby Club leaders were also appreciate of how many local businesses helped sponsor the Colby Open.

It begins a busy winter for the team, as Colby travels to Atwood for another tournament on Saturday.

The team will also compete at Norton, Oakley and Ellis during these next few weekends. Watch for results in the *Free Press* throughout this season.

A recap of many top placers in the Colby Open on Saturday:

**Age six and under**  
37-pound champion: **Jason Norris, Colby.** 2. Ryker Wildeman, Colby; 3. Brody Schmitt, Colby; 4. Garrett Beckley, Colby. Norris pinned Schmitt in :26, won 19-14 over Wildeman and pinned Beckley in :42.  
40-pound champion: **Kayden Davis, Colby.** 2. Kasey Rohrbough, Scott City. 4. Legend Finley, Colby. Davis pinned Kasey Rohrbough in 1:26 for the title.  
43-pound champion: Trenton Frank, Scott City. 2. Cauy Bossman, Oakley; 3. Tate McGreer, Colby.  
46-pound champion: Layne Juenemann, Hoxie. 2. Braxton Withington, Norton; 3. Brady Wiedeman, Colby.  
49-pound champion: Waylon Ricker, Scott City. 2. Carter Krier, Oakley.  
52-pound champion: Barrett Schlosser, Goodland. 2. Ryan Sramek, Atwood; 3. Talon Wark, Colby.  
55-pound champion: Alexander Hamel, Hill City. 2. Cameron Atkins, Hill City; 3. Max Kersenbrock, Colby.  
58 to 61-pound champion: Hunter Howel, Stockton. 2. Eli Hutton, Colby.  
64 to 73-pound champion: Javin Farr, Lakin. 2. Cameron Lilly, Colby  
80-pound champion: Rhett Ihrig, Goodland. 2. Cade Dinkel, Hill City.

**Age eight and under**  
55-pound champion: Kaleb Atkins, Hill City; 2. Ivan Kaus, Hoxie; 3. Dawsen DeGood, Colby.  
58-pound champion: Octavio Gonzalez, Goodland. 2. Logan McCarty, St. Francis.  
61-pound champion: Dayton Bell, Hoxie. 2. Tucker Wark, Colby.

**Age 10 and under**  
55-pound champion: Kaleb Atkins, Hill City; 2. Ivan Kaus, Hoxie; 3. Dawsen DeGood, Colby.  
58-pound champion: Octavio Gonzalez, Goodland. 2. Logan McCarty, St. Francis.  
61-pound champion: Dayton Bell, Hoxie. 2. Tucker Wark, Colby.

**Age 12 and under**  
64 to 73-pound champion: Javin Farr, Lakin. 2. Cameron Lilly, Colby  
80-pound champion: Rhett Ihrig, Goodland. 2. Cade Dinkel, Hill City.

**Age 14 and under**  
55-pound champion: Kaleb Atkins, Hill City; 2. Ivan Kaus, Hoxie; 3. Dawsen DeGood, Colby.  
58-pound champion: Octavio Gonzalez, Goodland. 2. Logan McCarty, St. Francis.  
61-pound champion: Dayton Bell, Hoxie. 2. Tucker Wark, Colby.

**Age 16 and under**  
55-pound champion: Kaleb Atkins, Hill City; 2. Ivan Kaus, Hoxie; 3. Dawsen DeGood, Colby.  
58-pound champion: Octavio Gonzalez, Goodland. 2. Logan McCarty, St. Francis.  
61-pound champion: Dayton Bell, Hoxie. 2. Tucker Wark, Colby.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Non-stop action covered the Colby Community Building mats as 322 wrestlers competed in Saturday's Colby Open. Hoxie, at left, entered more than 30 but no team could match the Colby Kids Wrestling Club's 67 participants.

67-pound champion: Gabbie Vontz, Oberlin. 2. Jayden Ashford, Atwood.  
70-pound champion: Isaiah Shinette, Goodland. 2. Eli Jones, Norton.  
73-pound champion: Kyan Ensign, Goodland. 2. Mikyah Cain, Oakley.  
76-pound champion: **Bryant Wiedeman, Colby.** 2. Wyatt Ricker, Scott City. Wiedeman pinned Ricker in :20 for the title.  
80-pound champion: **Mason Kersenbrock, Colby.** 2. Chase Longrear, Goodland; 3. Corey Coulter, Colby. Kersenbrock won 8-5 over Longrear and pinned Coulter in :36.

88-pound champion: Brett Poe, Hill City. 2. Colton Stover, Norton.  
110 to 125-pound champion: Corbin Puga, Norton. 2. Connor Schoenberger, Norton; 3. Mason Givens, Colby.  
Heavyweight champion: Connor Dinkel, Hill City; 2. Gavin Schippers, Hoxie.

**Age 10 and under**  
58 to 61-pound champion: D.J. Knox, Goodland. 2. Mason Galvan, Norton.  
64-pound champion: Andrew Bretz, Hoxie. 2. Ryan Shaw, Hoxie.  
67-pound champion: 1. Drew Bell, Hoxie; 2. Jonathan Phillips,

Oakley.  
70-pound champion: Jace Woodrow, Lakin. 2. Alex Eskew, Oberlin.  
73-pound champion: **Tyler Voss, Colby.** 2. Markeis Spiller, Stockton. Voss pinned Spiller for the title (time not obtained).  
76-pound champion: Landon Riffel, Hill City. 2. Ashton Dowell, Hoxie.  
79-pound champion: Zach Volden, Leoti. 2. Chase Russell, Phillipsburg.  
82-pound champion: Leighton Heim, Scott City. 2. Hunter Davis, Meade County; 3. Rojelija Loya, Colby.  
85 to 90-pound champion: Cade Mitchek, Goodland. 2. Iden Baalman, Hoxie.  
95-pound champion: Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis. 2. Mason Murray, Goodland; 4. Zachary Griffin, Colby.  
100-pound champion: Brandon Baker, Hoxie. 2. Ashton Bearley, Atwood.  
110-pound champion: Gavon Uehlin, Oberlin. 2. Gavin Sproul, Norton.  
120-pound champion: **Hagan Booi, Colby.** 2. Cyrus Green, Atwood. Booi pinned Lance Miller, Scott City; pinned Jackson Harris, Lakin; pinned Cody Presley, Hill City, in :26; and won 1-0 over Green.  
130-pound champion: Ayden Nickelson, Hill City. 2. Brock Buresh, Phillipsburg; 3. Ian Rosales, Colby.  
170-pound champion: Ryan Hays, Phillipsburg. 2. Sam Jimenez, Oberlin; 3. Declan Ryan, Colby.

**Age 12 and under**  
64 to 76-pound champion: Aaron Lenker, Phillipsburg. 2. Rathe Aschenbrenner, Colby.  
80-pound champion: **Kurt**

Schroeder, Colby. 2. Avery Stafford, Ottawa; 3. Braden Schritter, Colby. Schroeder pinned Schritter in :38; pinned Aidan Stephenson, Oakley, in :02; and pinned Landon Platter, Lakin, in :39.  
84-pound champion: Justus McDaniel, Scott City. 2. Jonathan Ortiz, Lakin.  
88-pound champion: Theron Tucker, Scott City. 2. Aidan Baalman, Hoxie.  
92-pound champion: Isaac Wagner, Brighton, Colo. 2. Mason Wright, Colby; 3. Cade Lanning, Colby.  
96-pound champion: Gabe Peter, Oberlin. 2. Parker Jones, Hoxie.  
100-pound champion: **Brady Blackhart, Colby.** 2. Kayden Christiansen, Lakin. Blackhart pinned Jacob Tubbs, Hill City, in :50; and pinned Michael Ray, Tribune.  
105 to 110-pound champion: Jayce Hamel, Hill City. 2. Dawson Holub, Goodland.  
115 to 120-pound champion: David Waterman, Oberlin. 2. Coltone Amlong, Norton; 3. Blaise Vrbas, Colby.  
125 to 140-pound champion: Rowdy Farr, Oberlin. 2. Alex Auken, Norton.  
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**Age 14 and under**  
95 to 105-pound champion: Josh Lenker, Phillipsburg. 2. Kel Grafel, Oberlin.  
120 to 125-pound champion: Jake McClelland, Phillipsburg. 2. Hayden Wiltfong, Norton.  
135 to 140-pound champion: Dawson Ensign, Goodland. 2. Maverick Green, Atwood.  
150 to 155-pound champion: 1. Trenton Chisham, Norton. 2. Robert Stephens, Oakley.

## Indians fight past Bulldogs

By Judy Rogers  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School boys started the new year with a game in St. Francis Friday night.

They had practiced hard over break and were ready to hit the floor and see what they had gained.

The first quarter started out a little slow as the Bulldogs put in five points, all from senior Grant Spresser, to the Indians' seven. They picked up the pace in the second with multiple baskets made by several players to score 13 to the Indians' 19.

Trailing 26-18 to start the second half, the boys knew they were still within striking distance but just couldn't get their shots to fall only making six points while the Indians added 11 to their side of the scoreboard.

The Bulldogs didn't give up as they worked hard and distributed the ball to add another 14 points in the fourth.

The Indians never let up and held on for the 55-38 win.

"Our shots wouldn't fall," se-



JULIE ZIEGELMEIER/Golden Plains Grade School

Golden Plains senior Grant Spresser tried to take away this rebound during Friday's varsity game at St. Francis. Also pictured for the Bulldogs is senior Shane Ryburn (13).

nior Shane Ryburn said.

"Coach Doll told us we need to pass up those good shots for the better shots," Spresser added. "But we are doing a great job as a team on defense."

Spresser led the Bulldogs with 11 points along with Shane Ryburn's 10.

Koi Wessel added another eight points followed by Kade Wessel's six and Tristan Schwarz's one point.

The Bulldogs will travel to Winona to play the Triplains/Brewster Titans Friday evening before entering next week's Western Kansas Liberty League tourney.

## Jayhawks outshoot Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Thanks to a productive offense, Oklahoma had been able to somewhat overlook its defensive lapses as the Sooners raced to an 11-1 start this season.

But those problems now are starting to manifest themselves as losses. No. 18 Kansas shot 55 percent from the field in a 90-83 win over Oklahoma on Wednesday night.

The Sooners (12-3, 1-1 Big 12 Conference) have lost two of their last three games, surrendering 102 points to Louisiana Tech and 90 to Kansas.

Freshman Wayne Selden Jr. went 5 of 10 from 3-point range

and scored a career-high 24 points for Kansas (10-4, 1-0), which won its conference opener for the 23rd straight year, a streak that began with the 1991-92 season under former coach Roy Williams.

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## Colby loss

The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost a 114-97 shootout at Lamar (Colo.) College Tuesday evening.

No stats were available, but watch for more details Friday.

## Hoops league needs coaches

The search continues for Colby Recreation Youth Basketball League coaches.

Colby rec director Dane Olofson stated this morning that coaches are still needed for first-second grade boys, third-fourth grade girls and fifth-sixth grade boys.

"The league will go on as normal," Olofson remarked in an E-mail. "We may look at push-

ing it (the season) back a week in order to get everyone some practice time. If anyone can think of anyone who would like to coach, please let me know."

The Colby Recreation Department's phone numbers are 460-4440 and 460-4435. An E-mail address would be colbyrecreation@gmail.com.

In other Colby Recreation Department news, Early Bird Fitness

can help many achieve those New Year's resolutions.

With a mixture of sprint, endurance and circuit training, the class is great for weight loss and muscle toning.

Classes take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m. New participants can experience their first week at no charge. For more information, call 460-4400.

## Eagles dual Goodland tonight

It's round number three between the Colby High and Goodland

Cowboy wrestlers tonight as these teams dual again in Goodland at

6 p.m. The teams have split their first two meetings this season.

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