



Sheriff says budget to run short

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County Sheriff Rod Taylor told county commissioners last Monday he expected his department's 2014 budget to run short because of changes made by the commissioners last year.

The sheriff said his main complaint was the lack of overtime wages available to the department this year. He said he discovered while reviewing the budget that other line items had been cut from previous years.

Although the department relies on the budget line item to pay deputies for overtime work, he said, the budget passed by the commissioners includes no money at all for overtime.

The commissioners discussed this problem in September when discrepancies were first discovered between the approved 2014 budget and the numbers commissioners agreed to when during a work session.

County Clerk Shelly Harms told the commissioners she recently noticed another discrepancy when she paid the county's share of the city-operated dispatch center. In previous years, the county split the cost evenly between the sheriff's department and emergency medical services, she said, and that's what the commissioners had agreed on at their budget work session.

But the sheriff's budget was reduced without explanation, shorting the communications contract line item by more than \$10,000.

This means there is yet another unexplained discrepancy between the budget the commissioners agreed to in their work session and the budget they ultimately approved.

Commissioner Mike Baughn said his figures from the work session show money allocated for overtime pay. But sometime between their working session and the budget approval, during which time only Commissioner Paul Steele and the county's accountants had access to the budget, overtime spending authority disappeared from the budget and reduced numbers appeared in some lines, including the communications contract.

"What I'm concerned with now is overtime pay for the people I work with," said Taylor. "I thought it would be better to address it now than on down the road ... because we do pay attention to our budget over there."

Harms reminded the commissioners that Undersheriff Marc Finley had come to them before to raise concerns about the department's budget numbers.

Although the commissioners have amended budgets before, Steele said the commissioners are bound by the published budget.

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State cuts school funds

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Superintendent Terrel Harrison explained the decline in state money for education to the Colby School Board on Monday, detailing cuts of \$231 million last year and a decline in per-pupil spending of nearly \$600 a year, from \$4,400 to \$3,838 a year.

Terrel Harrison handed out a "fact sheet" about state funding for schools during her monthly report. The sheet came from the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, adding that it was designed to help superintendents combat misinformation about how much money is going to schools. She suggested the board members use the information from the report, which quoted a variety of sources, when they talk about the money situation for Colby schools.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the sheet said, Kansas ranked 28th in the nation in state money per pupil in 2011, when it was once near the top. The state saw the fourth-largest cuts in funding per pupil, at 16.5 percent, from 2008 to this year. A graph on the print-out showed per-pupil spending dropping from \$4,400 in 2009 to \$3,838 last year.

School budgets have gone up statewide, she said, but those increases have not gone straight to classroom instruction. From 2009 to 2013, district budget increases have largely gone to the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, which she said was underfunded, or to bond and interest funds. School district general

funds have gone down by \$200 million since 2009, and the districts have offset this shortfall by raising their Local Option Budgets, collected with a property-tax levy in each district, by \$100 million in the same time period, raising local property taxes from 47.9 to 51.7 mils on average.

"From 2009 to 2013, we're going backwards," Harrison said. "It's just so sad to see that happen."

Data from the Kansas Department of Education shows that from 2002 to 2013, money spent on teachers has gone up by 9.8 percent, funding for student support for areas such as counselors has gone up by 6.3 percent and money for instructional support such as libraries and aides has gone up by 24.2 percent. But in the same time, funding for general administration like superintendents has gone down by 18.9 percent, for school administration like principals by 2.9 percent and for other staff like janitors, bus drivers and cooks by 7.8 percent.

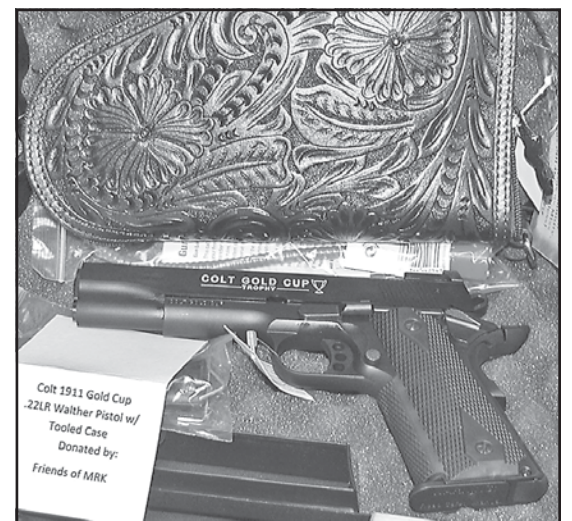
Spending cuts might make it hard to keep teachers, Harrison said, adding that the last chart on the printout "really got me." Numbers gathered by the Kansas Legislative Research Department

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Brewster raises rates for bulk water

Effective Feb. 1, it'll cost quite a bit more to fill up tanks and trucks in the City of Brewster.

The charge for bulk water for construction and oil-field use from city fire hydrants will increase



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Katera Harter got to hang out with hundreds of her biggest fans at the Colby American Legion Hall on Saturday night (top) while helping with an auction to raise money for her travel expenses. Queens and princesses from around the state introduced themselves before the auction (left), including Ariel Severson (speaking), 2013 Thomas County Rodeo Queen, and Peyton Welsh, this year's Thomas County Rodeo Princess. This pistol above was one of the items up for auction. Sarah Rahjes, queen of Kansas's Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg (below left), and her friend Heather McClain looked over some items to be auctioned.

Rodeo queen crowned

The newest Kansas rodeo queen had her coronation Saturday night at the Colby American Legion Hall.

Katera Harter of Colby won the honor of being Miss Rodeo Kansas last August in Dodge City and was crowned here on Satur-

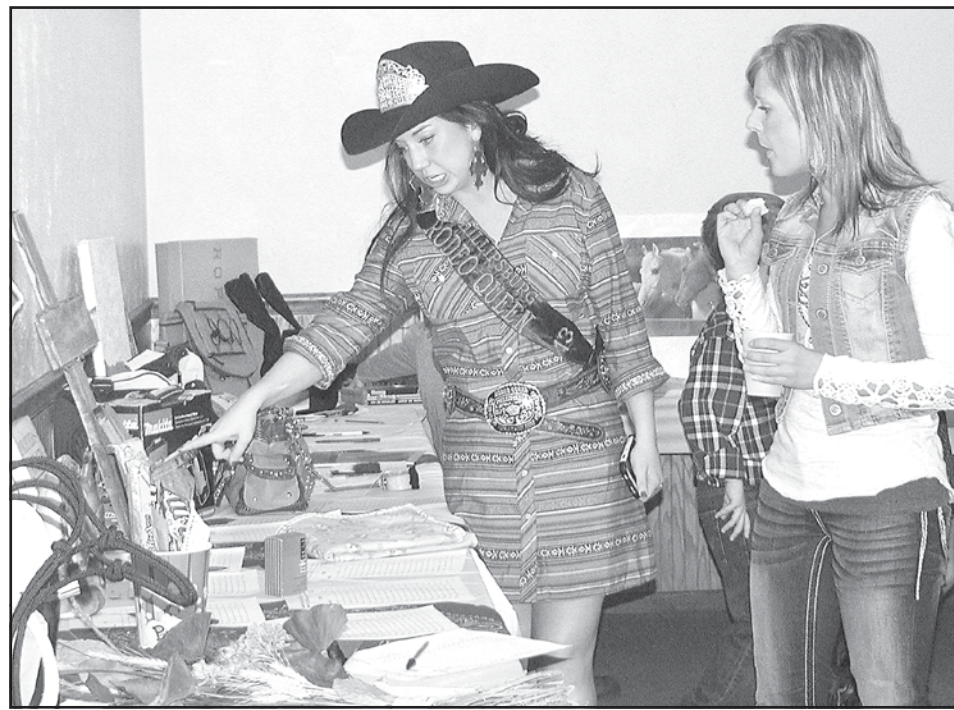
day. She is the daughter of Lowell and Sue Harter of Brule, Neb., formerly of Colby.

Harter said about 325 people attended the coronation, which included a dinner and auction benefit to pay for her traveling expenses. About a dozen queens and princesses from rodeos across the state joined in, helping her auction off everything from guns and artwork to wooden trains. The proceeds will go to help pay for her traveling expenses this year. Monday, Harter said she did not know how much the auction had made.

She said Miss Rodeo Kansas spends much of her reign traveling to rodeos across the state and the nation, adding that the highest honor she could shoot for in the future would be to win the Miss Rodeo America contest in December in Las Vegas.

In the coming year, Harter will have to balance her role as queen with studying at business at Colby Community College and working at ZEZ Commodities.

She worked her way up to the state crown, first competing in 2006 to become Thomas County Rodeo Queen in 2010, then being named Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas in 2011.



from \$1.50 per thousand gallons to \$7 per thousand gallons. Water purchased from the city's water dock, however, will increase from \$1.50 per thousand gallons to \$3 per thousand gallons.

City officials increased the rates after lengthy discussions at Tuesday's council meeting, ultimately deciding the rates needed to increase to offset water costs and the cost of installing a new coin

machine at the water dock.

In Colby, bulk water rates are \$1.50 per thousand gallons for water from hydrants and 25 cents per hundred gallons from the city's water dock.

Other rates for Brewster water service will remain the same, the council decided.



Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Clear, with a low around 14. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 21.

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

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 46.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 58.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. 5:52 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 74 percent
 Wednesday 7:59 a.m. 5:53 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 65 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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He suggested the sheriff's department use money from its regular salary line to pay overtime.

Harms noted that the combined total of overtime and regular pay could exceed the \$317,681 the commissioners budgeted for regular pay.

Last year, the sheriff's department paid \$6,021 in overtime.

Baughn recommended that Taylor project his 2014 salaries by using his January figures multiplied by 12. Then, he can estimate whether he will have any money available in the regular salary line item to pay overtime. Taylor agreed to figure an estimate once January salaries are paid.

He said he is trying to operate correctly, not trying to cause trouble.

"If I was a citizen," he said, "it would look like I and the others don't know how to keep a budget."

In other business, the commissioners

Received a report from Christy Preston, executive director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, that McCarty Dairy plans to double its operations over the next three years. Preston said this presents finding enough housing will be a challenge, so she is exploring options.

Received a monthly ambulance service report from emergency medical services director Joe Hickert. He noted that the county's response times are slightly over the state's five-minute maximum because the ambulance garage is not staffed at night.

Approved a tax abatement of \$1,402 to Farm Credit Leasing Services for a 2006 Freightliner that is assessed by the state.

Approved accounts payable of \$97,676 and monthly payroll expenses of \$279,086.

Entered two closed-door sessions for 15 minutes each, discussing non-elected personnel in the road and bridge department and emergency medical services.

Decided to have the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency install a riser pipe rather

than a flush-mount pipe on its monitoring wells near the landfill.

Signed a public officials bond valued at \$74,772, issued by the Kansas County Association Multi-Line Pool.

Approved inventories for the treasurer, clerk and noxious weed departments, as well as the commissioner's room.

Signed a contract whereby the county agrees to treat noxious weeds on state highway rights of way for \$25 per hour per operator, \$40 per hour per spray truck and \$35 per hour for all-terrain vehicles.

Signed a contract renting the fairgrounds race track to Thomas County Speedway, LLC for races this summer.

Approved a contract for Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas to continue providing services to disabled persons in Thomas County.

Renewed a beer sales license for J-J Oil Co.

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indicated that state tax dollars for schools went down by \$231 million last year, and will keep dropping to a total decrease of \$938 million by 2018.

In other business, the board heard reports from the three principals, none of whom was at the meeting:

Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter reported that the school is finishing up diagnostic testing for math and reading. The Parent-Teacher Organization sponsored "Muffins with Mom" the same time and night as the board meeting in the grade school cafeteria.

Middle School Principal Robb Ross reported that students are finishing AIMSweb and Star Testing for the end of the fall semester. The school's education programs seem to

have been effective, he said, because students' scores have gone up in recent tests, especially for reading and math.

Over spring break, he said, two students left school and two enrolled. Twenty-four seventh grade and 26 eighth grade boys started the spring basketball season. The school leadership team is helping organize food being given to students.

High School Principal Jeff Wallingford was at a conference in Wichita the night of the board meeting. In his written report, he said that students have undergone mid-year enrichment and remediation assessment for reading and math. He and Athletic Director Larry Gabel reported that the basketball team was to play in Scott City on Friday, and the annual Orange and Black Tournament will run from Thursday to Friday this week.

The wrestling team will compete in Scott City the same day, and Tate Carney, Tanner Reed, Tanner Elias, Travis Finley, Alex Young, Brett Schroeder, Brady Holzmeister, Matthew Pieper, Andrew Taylor, Jay Ziegemeier, Austin Hart and Ethan Jay competed at the Salina South Tournament. The team came in second later on.

Andrea Barton, Bridget Bickner, Abby Friesen, Michael Schiferl and Connor Schwanke auditioned for the State Honor Band, and Barton and Schwanke later made the band. There was to be a Great Western Activities Conference scholars' bowl meeting in Goodland on Monday.

Curriculum Director Diana Wieland reported that partial response from a yearly site visit by state officials to the district's after school program was seen

by the advisory committee for that program. It compared the program to others in the state, and in some cases, those programs require kids to go to the program all the time or not at all, as opposed to Colby's program, which lets kids pick and choose what days they attend. The next evaluation will be on Jan. 21, she said.

As for Colby's program, the Colby Police Department have been visiting the school to teach kids about using their seat belts.

The staff has been reviewing the Universal Design for Learning to make sure students with different learning styles have an equal chance.

Also, the school will continue to teach hand writing, which is a required skill on the state assessment test. Students have to write a letter in cursive.

Home inspectors deregulated as state law expires

WICHITA (AP) — A Kansas law that regulated home inspectors in the state has expired, raising concerns from two Wichita-area home inspectors who helped write the law.

"There's always somebody who is trying to make a quick buck and lacks a moral compass," said Kerry Parham, president of the Kansas Association of Real Estate Inspectors and a home inspector for 36 years. "We kept the bad guys out of the business and had a set of standards for guys to follow."

Parham and Jeff Barnes, a Mulvane-based home inspector for 25 years, helped write the Kansas Home Inspectors Professional Competence and Financial Responsibility Act. The measure, which took effect

in July 2009, required home inspectors in the state to abide by certain practices and standards, including having at least 80 hours of formal training as a home inspector. They also were required to carry certain types of liability insurance and annually complete a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education.

The five-member Kansas Home Inspection Registration Board was appointed by the governor and oversaw registrations and compliance with the law. Until the law passed, home inspectors in Kansas were not regulated, *The Wichita Eagle* reported (bit.ly/1mk2Wjh).

The law had a provision, though, that allowed it to expire five years after taking effect. That fifth year was 2013.

The inspectors group drafted a bill last spring that would have cut the sunset provision from the law. That bill passed the Legislature, but was vetoed by Gov. Sam Brownback in April. Brownback said he saw scant evidence "of large numbers of Kansas citizens being economically harmed by home inspectors."

"We're back into the wild, wild West of home inspection," Barnes said.

Brownback also said he thought the home inspectors board lacked the resources and expertise to regulate home inspectors, and that the Kansas Attorney General's Office was better equipped to investigate complaints from homeowners about unscrupulous home inspectors.

Ed Robinson, an attorney who

practices in real estate litigation, served on the board between 2009 and 2011. He thinks the organization boosted home inspectors' credibility and gave some

assurance to home buyers and sellers that the person inspecting their home had "some level of competence."

Meetings to stream under bill

TOPEKA (AP) — Audio and video of Kansas legislative committee sessions would be streamed live over the Internet under a bill introduced in the House.

Republican State Rep. Stephanie Clayton, of Overland Park, said citizens need to have better access to their legislators and that her bill was a "baby step" in that process. She said the bill would help citizens stay current on matters that affect their lives and ensure legislators are

paying attention, reports the *Lawrence Journal-World* (bit.ly/1mkYIYA).

The bill, which has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee, also would require video broadcasts of House and Senate sessions. Audio of the sessions already is streamed on the Internet, but Clayton said video is needed because just hearing is confusing.

Clayton said all committee rooms in the Statehouse are wired for audio and video.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

First Baptist offering free lunch Saturday

Come to the First Baptist Church, Webster, Grant, for food and fellowship from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the monthly Joyful Blessings Dinner. Call Radonda Buford at 462-2804 for information.

Cemetery decorations need to be moved

All Christmas and other nonpermanent grave decorations at Beulah Cemetery need to be picked up by Saturday, Feb. 1, to allow for routine maintenance. Call caretaker Deb Henry at 462-3188 with any questions.

Fifth graders to sing during program Jan. 28

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present a free musical production, "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.

Church to offer parenting classes

Colby Wesleyan Church will offer Parenting with Love and Logic classes at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings beginning Feb. 9 at the church's ministry center. Free child care is available, and a free hot breakfast will be served beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Pastor Gene Rothfuss at 462-8391 for questions.

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.

Colby woman's art on display this month

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is displaying the works of Colby artist Erma Jean (Depe) Griggs Hamill through mid-February. Contact Chris Griffin at 460-4590 for information.

Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their families, is taking applications. Services, including education, nutrition, health, disability services and family support, are free to families that qualify. Children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Head Start at 460-6067 by Tuesday, May 20.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening January 21, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	S.H.I.E.L.D.		Goldbergs	Trophy	Killer Women		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Dads	Brooklyn	New Girl	Mindy	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Bad Ink	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Mission: Imp. 3						Mission: Imp. 3			
ANIM	Swamplands USA		Yellowstone: Battle				Swamplands USA	Yellowstone: Battle		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset		100 Days of Summer		Happens	Shahs of Sunset	Atlanta	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Legally Blonde 2					Party Down South	Hazzard	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Kroll	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Tosh.0
DISC	Klondike		Klondike				Klondike			
DISN	Jessie	I Didn't	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Dog	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	EI News	RichKids	Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		Australian Open							
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Ravenswood		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Ravenswood	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chopped	
FX	Thor		Justified		Justified		Justified			
HGTV	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Beat	Beat	Property	Property
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Kim of Queens		Crazy Hearts		Dance Moms	
MTV	Teen Mom	Teen Mom 2			Teen Mom 2		Are You the One?		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Opposite Worlds		Face Off		Opposite Worlds	
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bar Rescue	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan		Cougar	Conan
TCM	The Goodbye Girl				Elmer Gantry				Good Erth	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		Escaping the Prophet		My 600-Lb. Life		Escaping the Prophet	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		The Mentalist		The Mentalist	
TOON	Uncle Gra	Adventure	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Gem Hunt		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes	Kirstie	The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Couples Therapy		Mob Wives		Bad Boys			
WGN	Tears of the Sun						How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
Premium Channels										
HBO	True Detective	Girls	Looking		REAL Sports Gumbel		True Detective		Boxing	
MAX	Dark Knight				Banshee		Co-Ed Confidential 4		Scary Mv	
SHOW	Silver Linings				Lies	Episodes	Shameless		As Cool as I Am	

Wednesday Evening January 22, 2014

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Super Fun	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Crazy	Mom	Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Revolution		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago PD		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Wahlburgers		Mayne	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	The Rock							Die Hard		
ANIM	Beaver	Beaver	Treehouse		Treehouse Masters		Beaver	Beaver	Treehouse	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Top Chef		Top Chef		Happens	Top Chef	Top Chef	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		The Dukes of Hazzard		Party Down South		The Dukes of Hazzard	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Broad Cit	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Work.
DISC	Klondike		Klondike					Klondike		
DISN	Liv-Mad.	Lemonade Mouth				ANT Farm	Dog	Jessie	Wizards	Deck
EI	RichKids of Beverly	Kardashian			The Soup		RichKids	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	College Basketball				Australian Open					
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	John Tucker Must Die				The 700 Club	Daddy	Daddy	
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Twil: Eclipse				Amer. Horror		Amer. Horror		Amer. Horror	
HGTV	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Appalachian Outlaws		American Pickers	
LIFE	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap	
MTV	Are You the One?		The Real World		The Real World: Ex-plosion		Party Down South		Real Wrld	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Opposite Worlds		Ghost Hunters		Opposite Worlds	
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-Work	Big Bang	Conan		Men-Work	Conan
TCM	Bright Eyes		Paddy O'Day				Pack Up Your Troubles			

Emergency measures can reduce blowing soil from wind erosion

Kansas is no stranger to howling winds, but blowing soil has caused serious problems in north-west Kansas this winter, threatening crops and causing at least one horrific accident.

DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist, said the problem this year with blowing soil stems largely from high winds coupled with a lack of residue cover on some fields. November through April is the peak time for soil erosion by wind.

Keeping more crop residue on the surface or having living vegetation year-round through the use of cover crops are best practices to keep soil in place, Presley said. For now, however, farmers can take some emergency measures to try to reduce wind erosion and blowing soil:

- Mulching. If wind erosion has already started, it can be reduced by mulching with manure or other anchored plant materials such as straw or hay. To be effective, at least 1 1/2 to 2 tons of straw or grass per acre or 3 to 4 tons of corn or sorghum stover are needed to control erosion, and the straw or hay must be anchored. Residue can be spread by hand, spreader or other mechanical equipment.

- A stubble puncher or disk set straight may be used to anchor residue and prevent it from being blown away. Wet manure application should be 15 to 20 tons per acre and not incorporated into the soil. Care should be taken to not add wheel paths parallel to the wind direction as the mulch is applied. These can contribute to wind erosion.

Tips for effective emergency tillage

For effective emergency tillage to control wind erosion, DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist, offered recommendations:

- Watch the weather forecast for periods of high winds, particularly when soils are dry.
- Assess residue and plant cover prior before the wind comes, and take preventive action with emergency tillage. It is much easier to prevent the problem from starting than to stop erosion after it begins. If you wait, the soil only gets drier, and some moisture is needed to form clods.
- Use the combination of tractor speed, tillage depth, and chisel point size that will produce the

roughest surface with the most resistant clods. If wind erosion is anticipated, do some test tillage to see what tillage tool, depth and speed will provide adequate clods and surface roughness.

- Always start at the upwind location when the field is blowing. A sufficient area upwind of the eroding spot should be tilled, in addition to the area presently blowing.
- Till in a direction perpendicular to the prevailing wind. For row crops, it may be necessary to compromise direction and follow the row pattern. Maintain as much anchored stubble in the field as possible.

Generally, mulches are practical only for small areas, so mulching is most effective when applied before the soil starts to move. Farmers should scout fields to identify areas that might be susceptible to wind (low vegetation cover and a high proportion of erodible-sized clods less than the thickness of a dime) if they plan to use mulch or manure.

- Emergency Tillage. Emergency tillage is a last-resort method that can be effective if done promptly and with the right equipment. The goal is to make the soil surface rougher by producing resistant clods and surface ridges. A rough surface reduces wind speed. The larger clods and ridges resist movement and provide traps to catch the moving soil particles.

Chisels with single or only a few tool ranks are frequently used to roughen the soil surface. The combination of chisel point size, speed and depth that produces the

roughest surface with the most resistant clods should be used.

Research has shown that a narrow chisel (2 inches wide) on 24- to 54-inch spacing, operated 3 to 6 inches deep will usually bring enough resistant clods to the surface to control erosion on fine-textured (clay-based) soils. A medium shovel (4 inches wide) can be effective for medium-textured soils (loamy soils).

Spacings should typically be narrower where there is no cover and wider in areas of partial cover. If erosion conditions recur or persist, a second, deeper chiseling should split the first spacing. Tillage passes should be made perpendicular to the prevailing wind.

If emergency tillage is to be used in growing crops that are covered by insurance, farmers should check with their agent regarding emergency tillage rules, Presley said.

“The degree of success of emergency tillage depends greatly on climatic, soil and cover condition,” she said. “It is often not necessary to till the entire field, but rather, it is effective to perform emergency tillage passes across 50 percent of the field by tilling a pass, leaving a pass, and repeating. Narrow chisel spacing, 20 to 24 inches, is best for this method.”

If half the area has been tilled and erosion persists, the omitted strips can be emergency-tilled in a second operation, she added. If needed, a second pass should be deeper than the first.

Wide chisel spacings are used in the full-field coverage method, Presley said. The space between chisel grooves can be chiseled

later should erosion persist.

All tillage operations should be perpendicular or across the direction of the prevailing or eroding wind. For most of Kansas, this means that an east-west direction of tillage is likely best, she said.

The best wind erosion control is created when hard clods cover a most the surface.

“Research shows that lower travel speeds of 2 to 3 mph generally produce the largest and most resistant clods,” she said. “However, speeds of 5 to 7 mph produce the greatest roughness. Because clod resistance is usually reduced at higher speeds, the effect may not be as long-lasting as at lower speeds. As a result, higher speeds are recommended where erosion is already in progress, while lower speeds might be a better choice in anticipation of erosion.”

Depth usually affects clod stability more than travel speed, but optimum depth depends a lot on soil conditions, such as moisture level, and compaction. Deeper tillage passes can produce more resistant clods than shallow passes.

If the problem is severe and wheat has already been destroyed or the ground is bare, chisels 4 to 6 inches wide on a 24- to 30-inch spacing will generally provide enough clods to control erosion, Presley said. Operating depth should be 4 to 6 inches in that case.

More information is available in the K-State Research and Extension publication MF2206, Emergency Wind Erosion Control, at: www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF2206.pdf.

Deaths

Leonard S. Breeden

Leonard S. Breeden, 51, Colby, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, as the result of a motor vehicle accident near Rexford.

Graveside inurnment and committal service will be at 10:30

a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, at the Quinter Cemetery.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schmittfuneral.com.

Colby Rotary Club

Michael Schiferl was recognized as the January Student of the Month when the Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College.

He told the group he plans to attend Kansas State University following his graduation from Colby High School.

Cindy Cersovsky introduced Andrew Broeckelman, a 2013 graduate of K-State with a degree in ag engineering, for the program.

Broeckelman is currently a member of The Traveling Team, founded in 1999, a group that travels the country to visit college and university campuses every two years. Their mission, he said, is to educate and equip college students to become “world Christians.”

Broeckelman said he is responsible for raising money for his own expenses and will travel 9 to 10 months out of the year. He hopes to travel to India some day and use his degree while spreading the Gospel.

Thirty-six members and guests Andrew Broeckelman, Cathy Broeckelman, John and Becky Schiferl and Michael Schiferl came for lunch. Thank you notes were read from Genesis-Thomas County, the Thomas County Historical Society and Dr. LaDonna Regier. Marc Alwin won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets at noon Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union.

—Relda Galli

Governor appoints two to state boards

Charles Peckham of Atwood and Bette James of Hoxie are among those recently reappointed to state committees and boards by Gov. Sam Brownback.

Peckham was reappointed to a two-year term on the Solid Waste Grants Advisory Committee. This committee awards grants to cities, counties and other agencies which can pay for up to 75 percent of the costs for any projects relating to development or operation of recycling, source reduction, waste minimization and solid waste management public education programs

He earned a bachelor's degree from Washburn University, a master's from Ohio State University and a law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law and

is a partner at Brown, Creighton and Peckham in Atwood. His wife is the former Connie Peterson, daughter of the late Clarence and Bessie Peterson.

James was reappointed to a four-year term on the Northwest Kansas Library System, which provides cooperative support to libraries in a sparsely populated region. The 10 counties, Decatur, Cheyenne, Gove, Logan, Norton, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego and Wallace, have a total population of 37,610. The system serves 21 public libraries, 33 school libraries, two academic libraries and three special libraries.

She earned bachelor's and master's degree from Fort Hays State University and is a copy editor for Imaging Notes and LbX Journal.

Foundation offers trees

You can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January.

By becoming a part of the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation, members will receive two Sargent crabapple trees, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

“These beautiful trees will give your home in Kansas lovely flowers...” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the foundation. “These trees are perfect for large

and small spaces...”

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and “The Tree Book,” about tree planting and care.

Send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31, or go to arborday.org/january.

Wind erosion on sandy soils

Loose sandy soils require a special tillage approach to effectively control wind erosion, said DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist.

“Clods cannot be formed at the surface that will be sufficiently resistant to erosion on sandy soils,” she said. “Erosion resistance is achieved through building ridges and furrows in the soil.”

“A 14-inch moldboard lister spaced 40 to 50 inches apart,

or an 8-inch lister on 20- to 24-inch spacing, is needed to create sufficient surface roughness.

“The first listing pass should be shallow, not more than about 4 to 5 inches deep. Then, when additional treatment is needed, the depth should become progressively deeper. Alternatively, for the second treatment, the original ridge may be split.”

Adding manure to the ridged surface may also help in these situations, she added.

Conservation programs offered in state

Eric B. Banks, state conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, says three national initiatives are being offered in Kansas through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program: on-farm energy, organic, and seasonal high tunnel.

While the service accepts applications for the program throughout the year, two sign-up periods have been set, with cutoff deadlines of Friday, Feb. 21, and Friday, April 18, for these initiatives.

“We encourage our producers to take advantage of the opportunities being made available to them,” Banks said.

On-Farm Energy Initiative: Farmers work

with a conservation service-approved technical service provider to develop agricultural energy management plans or farm energy audits. The service may also help implement recommended measures identified in the energy audit through conservation practice standards.

Organic Initiative: The service will help farmers with installation of conservation practices related to organic production. Producers currently certified as organic, transitioning to organic or National Organic Program exempt will have access to a broad set of practices to help them with resource issues while fulfilling requirements in an Organic System Plan.

Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative: The conservation service helps farmers implement

high tunnels that extend growing seasons for high-value crops. High tunnel benefits include better plant and soil quality and fewer nutrients and pesticides in the environment.

The environment program offers financial and technical assistance to eligible participants for structural and management practices on eligible land. Practices must be implemented to service standards and specifications. Socially disadvantaged, limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate.

For information, contact the county Department of Agriculture Service Center at Country Club and Walnut, 462-7671, or go to www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Bridge Club

Winners in bridge at Meadow Lake Country Club on Tuesday were first, Ken Ptacek; second, Larry Barrett; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Bob Renner; and fifth, Elaine Ptacek.

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Museum features architecture

The High Plains Museum in Goodland will celebrate Sherman County architecture through an exhibit opening next week.

“Creating Spaces, Making Places,” features historic photos of structures and an indoor playground of blocks and shapes designed to teach visitors how the architectural look of Goodland was created.

The exhibit kicks off from 3 to

6 p.m. on Kansas Day, Wed., Jan. 29. Participants are encouraged to celebrate Kansas with scavenger hunts, flag construction and Kansas icon building in the Imagination Playground. Kids 5 to 12 can attend this free family event.

Corrections

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Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.09
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Ronald Dean "Joe" Carmen

Ronald Dean "Joe" Carmen died January 16, 2014 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby, Kansas. "Joe" as he was called by his friends and family, was born to Bertha (Carpenter) and Paige Carmen on August 24, 1938 on a farm 7 miles NW of Colby, KS.

On November 24, 1957, Joe was married to Alice Peterson near Limon, Colorado, Joe & Alice were blessed with three children: Daniel Paige, Julie Diane, and Rhonda Jo. Joe and Alice were later divorced. On February 14, 1975 Joe married Gwen Rawlings.

As a young man Joe worked for farmers and was a body man at various body shops. In 1970 he went to work for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company and worked there until his retirement. Joe also had his own trenching company for many years.

Joe had many interests including race-car driving, gold mining, wine making, hunting and fishing. He had a great zest for life and enjoyed friends and family.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and step-father John Koggie Sr.; his wife Gwen; brothers Melvin Carmen; Darrel Carmen and brother-in-law Raymond Menuey.

Joe is survived by his children: Daniel Carmen and grandson Dain of Colby, KS., Julie (Mark) Wiley of Longmont, CO., Rhonda Carmen of Newton, KS., step-son William Rawlings and granddaughter Ashley Franz of Burlington, CO; two brothers: John (Rose) Koggie Jr. of Goodland, KS, and James Koggie of Gem, KS; three sisters: Imogene Menuey of Omaha, NE, Carolyn Anderson of Bussey, Iowa and Coleen (Don) Rall of Rexford, KS and many relatives & friends.

There will be no visitation as cremation has been chosen. No services are planned. The family will greet friends & family from 1pm-3pm, Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel- Colby, KS.

A Memorial Fund has been established to benefit the Citizens Medical Center in Colby, KS. Donations in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel- 746 S. Country Club Dr. Colby, KS.

Condolences: kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com



Other Viewpoints

Rules for pages left mostly open

Kansas state legislators were right to shy away from micromanaging the dress and conduct of interns before they arrived last week for orientation in preparation for assignments working in the Statehouse during the 2014 session.

"We don't want it to be an onerous environment," said Rep. Peggy Mast, an Emporia Republican and House speaker pro tem, in an interview with the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. "We wanted it to be a professional environment."

That's exactly what it should be. But a legislative intern rule book shouldn't have to spell out precisely the acceptable quantity of cologne, hair coloring, number of earrings, length of facial hair and the tightness of pants.

That interns are expected to demonstrate the highest level of conduct because they represent House or Senate members at all times, whether at work or play, shouldn't have to be explicit in the handbook. And with volunteer interns, the Legislature needs to be careful about demanding that "inappropriate" photographs and language be deleted from personal social media sites.

These are all examples of conduct that could be discussed in an orientation session for those uncertain of the boundaries. But we must remember that these are volunteer interns and that as college-age aspiring professionals, this is a learning experience. They will learn they won't be taken seriously if they don't dress and act the part of a professional.

And, besides, we're not so sure that all legislators themselves always would follow such a strict code of professional conduct. They've been known to tweet or otherwise utter something inappropriate at times.

Instead, the handbook simply will advise interns to dress professionally. It has the obvious no-nos – flip-flops and tennis shoes – and says tattoos should be covered, if possible. Men are advised to wear a suit or a collared dress shirt and tie, dress slacks and dress shoes. Women are to wear "suits or business dresses or a shirt, dress pants and dressy top."

'Nuf said.
The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press



Rude behavior costs advocates

"You are all a bunch of Ayatollahs!" shouted the citizen during open forum – and he stormed out of the board room.

It was 1999. Many folks on both the evolution and creationist sides were speaking to a state Board of Education open forum. In this case, it was a pro-evolution hothead.

If the board had taken a vote at that emotionally charged moment, we might very well have lost 10-to-0. I was a member of the Science Standards Committee that had submitted new standards that included the concept of evolution. We were facing an attempt to pull the evolution wording. And the 10-member board was split with five on each side.

Many citizens testified with dignity and civility on both sides. But two months later we had a university science professor step up to the open forum podium. He followed a citizen who spoke on the creationist side. The professor began by saying "Well, I guess I am the crap detector here." And the tone of his three-minute speech descended even lower.

I intercepted our "ally" in the hallway outside the board room and asked him what he thought he was doing, because he certainly was not helping our cause.

Ultimately, we lost. A sixth member joined the anti-evolution side and passed the Kansas Science Standards with evolution minimized. That sixth vote came, not because that retired superintendent from Haven converted to an anti-evolution stand, but because he believed that too much of the scientists' testimony revealed an arrogant attitude that promoted teachers ramming the theory down students'



John Richard Schrock

• In the Public Good

throats. This was a classic case of "WHAT you say is not as important as HOW you say it." We lost that first evolution battle of 1999-2000 not because the creationists had better arguments, but because our side was perceived as arrogant and uncivil.

We learned another lesson in that year of debate. When the science committee was presenting the standards to the board, one of our representatives said, "I don't think you have the best interest of Kansas students in mind." This was addressed to board member Scott Hill, who brought the exchange to an immediate halt with, "What did you say?"

You never question the intentions of an opponent. We had just committed another major sin in debate. By the next board meeting, there was a new plaque on the wall asserting that the best interests of Kansas children come first in every board decision. For the next decade, this plaque stood as a reminder of the arrogance of at least one advocate on the science side of that debate.

The evolution concepts lost in 2000 were

fully restored after the next board election. Then in 2005, there was another round of pro- and anti-evolution debate as the science standards were updated.

Some members of the press reported the debate with integrity. Unfortunately, others sought to generate confrontation. Both the 2000 and 2005 episodes painted Kansans as hayseeds in the press nationwide despite Kansas biology teachers having the highest rate of evolution belief of any state surveyed.

There were sensitive science professors who represented their discipline with enthusiasm and respect. But there were others who were arrogant. During board breaks, when an opposing board member had a serious question about entropy (science) or irreducible complexity (non-science), some scientists folded their arms and waited out the question just so they could tell the board member how stupid he or she was. It was a bad way to treat a board member – or a student in a classroom.

Last year, the board adopted nearly content-free national standards rather than return to revising state science standards. I personally believe it was adopted, not because of its substance (it lacks little), but to avoid a return to uncivil debates and the resulting press exposure.

That is another price we pay for not having remained ladies and gentlemen.

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

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Farm Bill section threatens cattlemen

In an unprecedented display of political polarization and congressional gridlock, Congress was unable to pass a 2012 Farm Bill, which later became known as the 2013 Farm Bill, and now will be dubbed the 2014 Farm Bill.

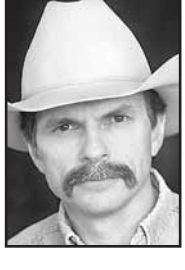
One section contained only in the House of Representatives' version of the Farm Bill, Section 12102, would prevent the U.S. Department of Agriculture from writing rules to implement and enforce key provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. Those provisions prohibit meat packers from engaging in unfair and deceptive practices when purchasing livestock from independent livestock producers.

If Congress includes House Section 12102 in the 2014 Farm Bill, livestock producers will be left without any meaningful protections against unfair and anticompetitive practices such as retaliation, deception and discrimination by the highly concentrated meatpackers.

The meatpackers do not want to be banned from such unfair and anticompetitive practices because they rely on those very practices to vertically integrate the livestock industry, which entails the replacement of marketplace competition with meat-packer-control over the livestock supply chain.

Meat packers have already vertically integrated the poultry industry and have nearly completed the vertical integration of the hog industry, which means independent producers in those industries now have few, if any, alternative marketing options other than to enter a production contract with one of the few remaining big packers.

The Farm Bill Conference Committee is expected to meet this month to decide the fate



Other Opinions

• Bill Bullard R-CALF USA

of Section 12102, which would deny producers the marketplace protections first passed by Congress in 1921.

Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) serves on the conference committee, and his vote is viewed as critical for the future of the livestock industry. In fact, it could well be the deciding vote.

If Sen. Hoeven votes to reject Section 12102, then livestock producers and their competitive markets will receive the protections Congress intended them to have against the abusive practices of the highly concentrated meat packers.

If, on the other hand, Sen. Hoeven votes to include the section in the bill, then the meat packers will proceed in earnest to vertically integrate the cattle industry by substituting their corporate control for the forces of competition.

Given that the U.S. cattle industry is the last of the livestock sectors to be taken down by the packers, the upcoming vote may well be the last opportunity that Congress has to decide the future of independent producers in the U.S. cattle industry.

We hope Sen. Hoeven will encourage Congress to choose to continue supporting a cattle industry that consists of widely dispersed, independent title producers who sell into a com-

petitive marketplace rather than the centrally controlled model of today's hog industry. To do so, he must fight to remove Section 12102 in the House version before it deprives independent producers from protections against abusive marketing practices.

If you support a vibrant and competitive livestock industry that provides profit opportunities for North Dakota ranchers, please contact Sen. Hoeven at his Washington office at (202) 224-2551 and urge him to reject Section 12102.

Bill Bullard joined R-CALF USA as the organization's first chief executive officer at national headquarters in Billings, Mont., on April 9, 2001.

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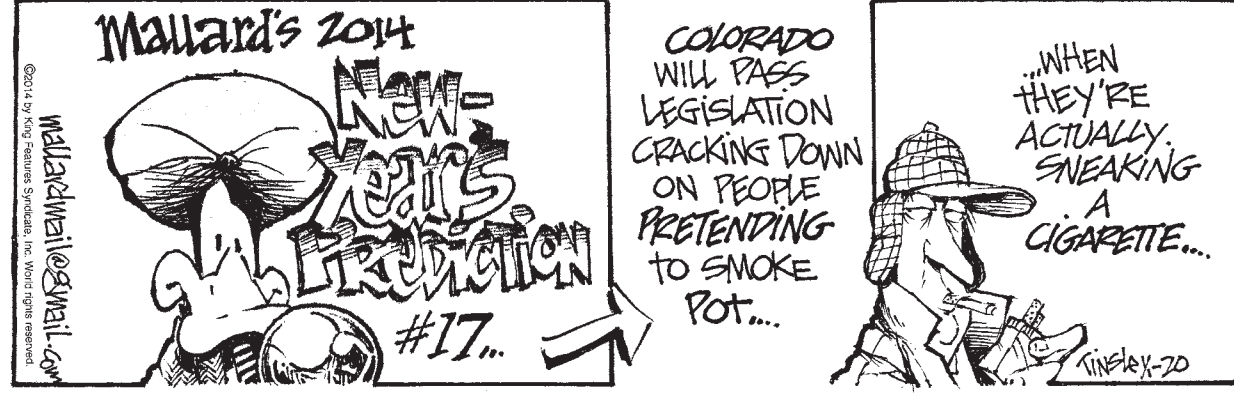
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Mallard Fillmore

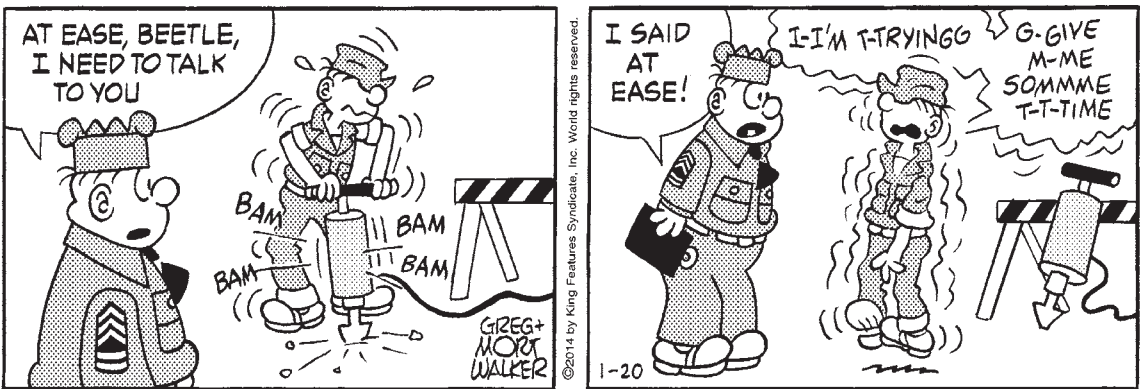
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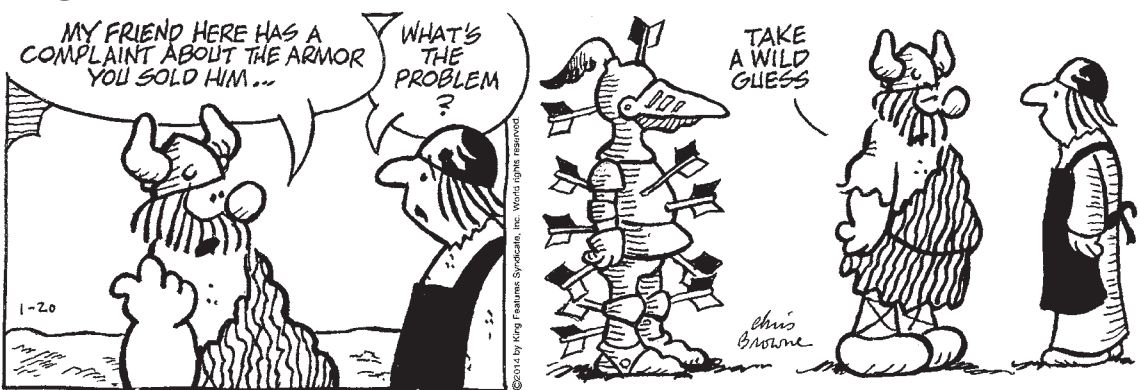
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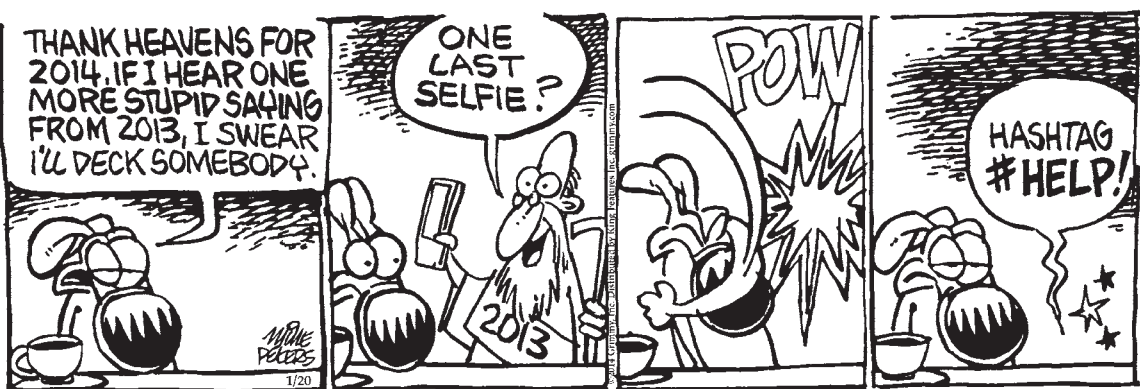
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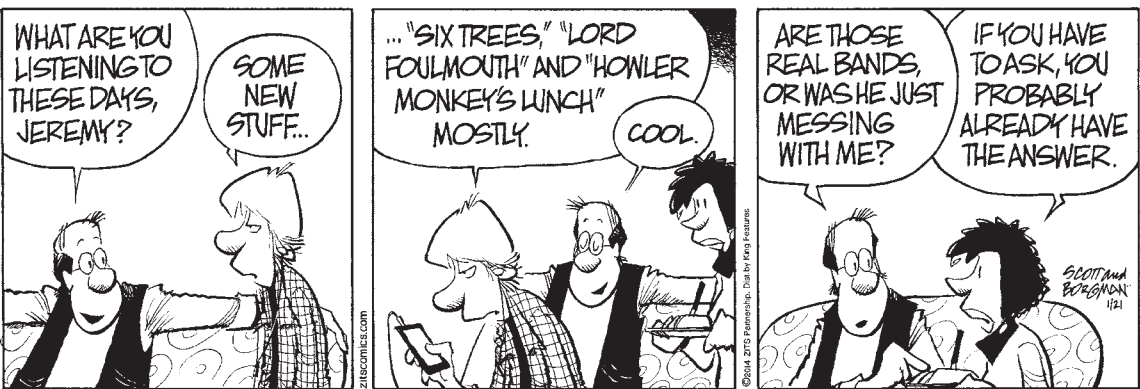
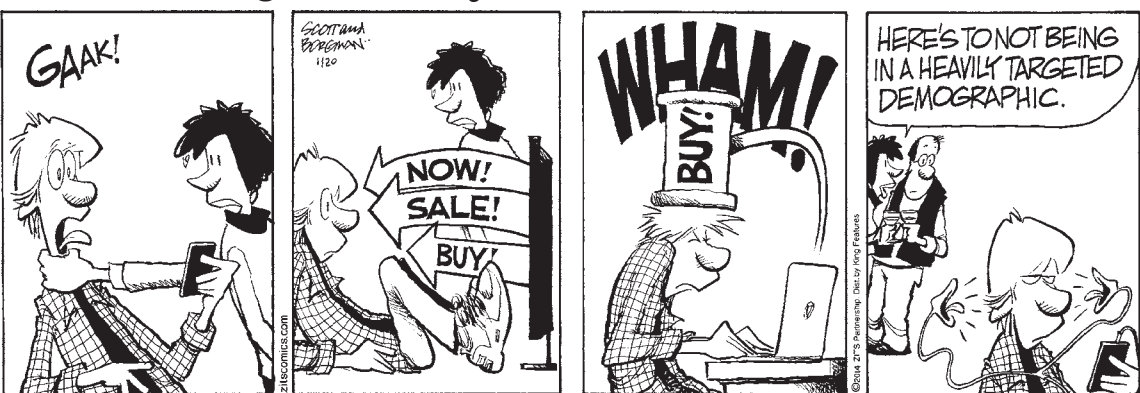
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• **Antiques and Collecting**

Fortune tellers sell for big bucks

Fortune tellers have been popular for centuries. In the United States, many 20th-century amusement parks had fortune teller machines that enticed customers. Put a coin (or, in later years, a dollar bill) in the slot, and the life-size figure in the glass-fronted booth nodded and moved mouth, hands and even eyes while giving you a card telling your future.

The most famous fortune teller machine is the 100-year-old Zoltar, the exotic figure featured in the movie "Big." He turned a boy into a grown-up Tom Hanks.

But many machines featured female gypsy fortune tellers dressed in appropriate clothes. The most famous of these is Esmeralda, a machine that has been made by several manufacturers, many of them unknown, since the early 1900s. An Esmeralda even sits on Main Street in Disneyland. She moves, hands out a fortune card and then winks.

The rarest fortune-telling machine known today was discovered in a restaurant in Virginia City, Mont., about 7 years ago. It's about 100 years old and spoke to you in a 100-year-old voice if you inserted a coin. The machine is said to be worth more than \$2 million.

Vintage fortune teller machines sell for thousands of dollars. New ones are being made today and can cost \$9,000 or more.

Q: My father served in the British army in World War I. I have his camera and case in excellent condition. Please tell me what the camera is worth and any other information you might have.

A: The value of an old camera depends on the maker. You can find information by searching online or by going to your local library. If you don't know the model number of your camera, look at photos of vintage cameras by that maker and try to find one like it. If you check values online, remember that the asking price may be higher than what the camera eventually sells for.

Tip: Do not wrap or store scrapbooks in anything made of PVC rigid or flexible plastic.
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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q 10 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q J 6
♣ Q 10 8 2
WEST
♦ A
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ K J 6
EAST
♦ 8 7 5 3
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ —
♣ 9 5 4 3
SOUTH
♦ K J 9 6 4
♥ K 4
♦ K 10 8 4
♣ A 7

The bidding:
South 1♦ Pass
West 3♦ Pass
North 2♦ Pass
East 3♦ Pass
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Famous Hand
One of the most authoritative bridge books ever written, "Morehead on Bidding," contains this classic deal, which demonstrates the benefits that can accrue from keeping your ears open during the bidding.

If you look only at West's hand, you might wonder whether he had taken leave of his senses when he doubled four spades. But West knew exactly what he was doing, and was extremely well-rewarded for his perspicacity.

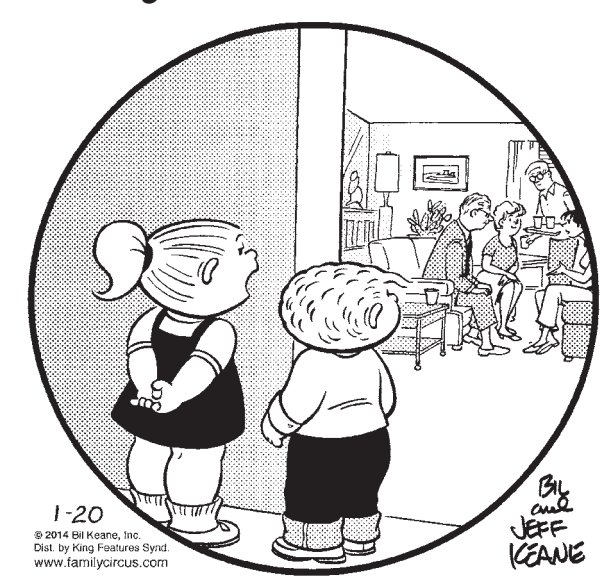
West had listened carefully to the bidding and was able to project how the play was likely to go. He realized from North's two-diamond response to the opening spade bid and South's raise in diamonds that East had either one diamond or none.

So, acting on this reasonable deduction, West doubled and led the nine of diamonds, a suit-preference signal telling East what to return if he ruffed the first trick. West's fondest hopes were realized when East ruffed and returned the queen of hearts.

South and West both ducked, but West won the next heart with the ace and this time returned his lowest diamond, the deuce, asking for a club return at trick five. East ruffed and dutifully led a club. South did as well as he could when he rose with the ace and returned a trump, but he was fighting a hopelessly lost cause.

West took the ace of trumps and led a third round of diamonds. East ruffed again, returned a club to West's king — the seventh trick for the defense — and West had 1,100 points in the bank to show for his well-judged double.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"If you want to be an uncle when you grow up, you gotta marry an aunt."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

3	1	5	4	6	8
	9			4	
5	6				2
1			7		5
		9	5	8	
6			1		2
8	3				6
		6			
9	5	3	2	8	1

Difficulty Level ★ 1/20

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.

9	8	5	2	1	3	4	6	7
4	3	7	9	6	8	5	2	1
1	6	2	7	4	5	9	8	3
6	9	4	5	2	7	1	3	8
2	5	3	8	9	1	7	4	6
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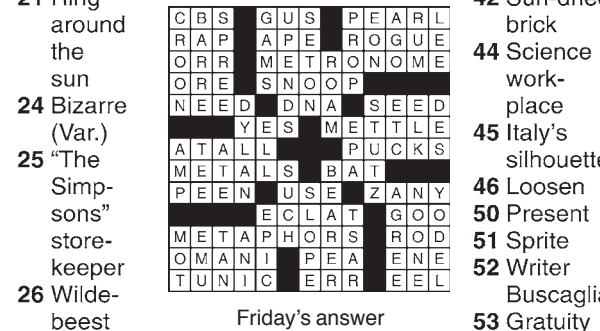
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE CO-STAR OF "LOVE STORY" IS HAVING AN EMOTIONAL OUTBURST, HE MIGHT BE CRYIN' O'NEAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| 9 Broadcast overseer (Abbr.) | 35 Waikiki's island | DOWN | 20 Sandwich cookie |
| 12 Jane Lynch's "Glee" role | 36 Boredom | 1 Fire residue | 21 Concern |
| 13 Hercules' many-headed foe | 38 Moment | 2 Pair | 22 Tournament format |
| 14 Web address | 40 Mongrel | 3 Lair | 4 — away from (avoiding) |
| 15 Newly-weds' vacation | 41 Village People hit | 4 — away from (avoiding) | 23 Magna Carta site |
| 17 Ultra-modernist | 43 Claim | 5 Kettle-drum (Var.) | 27 Boom times |
| 18 Pinch | 45 Jostled | 47 Sheepish remark? | 29 Hoodlum |
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| 21 Ring around the sun | 49 Wallet alternative | 54 Peculiar | 7 Got up uncere-moniously |
| 24 Bizarre (Var.) | 54 Peculiar | 55 Home | 8 Fireplace shelf |
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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Matilda B. Heinze, Deceased

Case No. 14-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on January 8, 2014, a Petition was filed in this Court by Gregory L. Heinze, an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the Last Will and Testament of Matilda B. Heinze, deceased, dated January 4, 1984, requesting Informal Administration and to Admit the Will to Probate. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before February 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in this Court, in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Gregory L. Heinze, Petitioner

LAW OFFICE OF JOHN D. GATZ
By Lindsey D. Moore, #23135
Attorney at Law
505 N. Franklin Ave., Suite A
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Public Notice

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

	BEGINNING TREASURY CASH		RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS		ENDING TREASURY CASH	
GENERAL	\$1,123,598.84	\$566,271.56	\$566,271.56	\$566,271.56	\$566,271.56	\$566,271.56	\$1,103,192.15	\$2,619,499.15
LIGHT	\$2,551,850.11	\$1,445,215.91	\$1,445,215.91	\$1,445,215.91	\$1,445,215.91	\$1,445,215.91	\$1,679,953.34	\$1,700,246.44
ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVE FOR DEPR	\$1,679,953.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,679,953.34	\$1,700,246.44
WATER	\$1,692,761.74	\$294,250.83	\$294,250.83	\$294,250.83	\$294,250.83	\$294,250.83	\$1,700,246.44	\$1,700,246.44
WATER UTILITY RESERVE FOR DEPR	\$701,404.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$701,404.57	\$459,764.02
SEWAGE DISPOSAL	\$386,551.48	\$276,657.71	\$276,657.71	\$276,657.71	\$276,657.71	\$276,657.71	\$159,711.54	\$121,511.95
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$100,915.72	\$180,307.77	\$180,307.77	\$180,307.77	\$180,307.77	\$180,307.77	\$10,000.00	\$2,544.31
LIBRARY	\$184.86	\$12,359.45	\$12,359.45	\$12,359.45	\$12,359.45	\$12,359.45	\$6,000.00	\$1,534.05
RECREATION	\$119.14	\$7,414.91	\$7,414.91	\$7,414.91	\$7,414.91	\$7,414.91	\$1,502.36	\$13,516.93
NOXIOUS WEED	\$14,776.24	\$243.05	\$243.05	\$243.05	\$243.05	\$243.05	\$1,070,051.25	\$70,503.01
BOND & INTEREST	\$892,114.92	\$248,439.34	\$248,439.34	\$248,439.34	\$248,439.34	\$248,439.34	\$33,000.00	\$38,072.73
TOURISM & CONVENTION	\$336.32	\$70,736.41	\$70,736.41	\$70,736.41	\$70,736.41	\$70,736.41	\$219,468.80	\$243,140.68
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$318,787.65	\$143,821.83	\$143,821.83	\$143,821.83	\$143,821.83	\$143,821.83	\$19,262.99	\$1,836,744.06
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$1,854,977.01	\$1,030.04	\$1,030.04	\$1,030.04	\$1,030.04	\$1,030.04	\$3,601.82	\$60,582.58
SPECIAL FIRE & POLICE	\$62,280.86	\$1,903.54	\$1,903.54	\$1,903.54	\$1,903.54	\$1,903.54	\$0.00	\$10,939.07
SPECIAL LIABILITY	\$9,986.14	\$952.93	\$952.93	\$952.93	\$952.93	\$952.93	\$7,292.77	\$50,202.88
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$49,906.52	\$7,589.13	\$7,589.13	\$7,589.13	\$7,589.13	\$7,589.13	\$0.00	\$580,987.50
SPECIAL STREETS	\$543,383.16	\$37,604.34	\$37,604.34	\$37,604.34	\$37,604.34	\$37,604.34	\$67,802.06	(\$41,645.32)
WATER TREATMENT (ACE)	(\$229,313.13)	\$255,469.87	\$255,469.87	\$255,469.87	\$255,469.87	\$255,469.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
EMBARC CDBG FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$408,682.65	\$1,173,626.59
FINANCED PROJECTS	\$1,280,014.66	\$302,294.58	\$302,294.58	\$302,294.58	\$302,294.58	\$302,294.58	\$24,546.00	\$462,497.10
BOSELMAN TIF DISTRICT	\$464,017.21	\$23,025.89	\$23,025.89	\$23,025.89	\$23,025.89	\$23,025.89	\$0.00	\$374,784.10
RISK MANAGEMENT	\$374,317.64	\$466.46	\$466.46	\$466.46	\$466.46	\$466.46	\$0.00	\$7,008.96
PAYROLL	\$6,450.30	\$558.66	\$558.66	\$558.66	\$558.66	\$558.66	\$0.00	\$353,188.02
METER DEPOSITS	\$347,666.03	\$5,521.99	\$5,521.99	\$5,521.99	\$5,521.99	\$5,521.99	\$0.00	\$3,338,840.10
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$3,191,781.95	\$147,058.15	\$147,058.15	\$147,058.15	\$147,058.15	\$147,058.15	\$600.00	\$1,658,221.35
MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$1,585,715.62	\$73,105.73	\$73,105.73	\$73,105.73	\$73,105.73	\$73,105.73	\$0.00	\$1.54
FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS	\$1.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.54
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$2,050,568.31	\$3,862.87	\$3,862.87	\$3,862.87	\$3,862.87	\$3,862.87	\$9,426.00	\$2,045,005.18
E-911 FUNDS	\$153,288.18	\$14,151.37	\$14,151.37	\$14,151.37	\$14,151.37	\$14,151.37	\$19,466.32	\$147,973.23
TOTALS	\$21,208,396.93	\$4,120,314.32	\$4,120,314.32	\$4,120,314.32	\$4,120,314.32	\$4,120,314.32	\$20,813,840.27	\$20,813,840.27

AVAILABLE CASH	OTHER CASH
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Cash Drawer
\$20,813,840.27	Petty Cash Fund
	\$300.00
	\$4,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	TOTAL OTHER CASH
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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS/LEASE PURCHASE:	
3.65% 2004 Street Improvement Bonds due serially each year thru 06-01-14	\$65,000.00
3.53% 2005 Street & Airport Improvement Bonds due serially each year thru 12-01-16	\$540,000.00
0.00% 2009 Fire Station Construction Bonds due serially each year thru 5-01-19	\$216,000.00
3.12% 2010 Fire Station, Ball Field Lights & Sewell Avenue Bonds due serially each year thru 12-01-19	\$1,755,000.00
2.35% 2010 Aquatic Center Bonds due serially each year thru 12-01-20	\$3,665,000.00
3.58% 2011 Willow Tax Increment Financing Bonds due serially each year thru 12-01-25	\$920,000.00
4.75% 2013 Copper First Addition Bonds due serially each year thru 12-01-33	\$90,000.00
4.56% 2007 Master Equipment Lease/Purchase due monthly thru 7-30-17	\$111,579.31
2.70% 2012 Farmers & Merchants Bank Lease/Purchase due monthly thru 4-01-27	\$1,620,140.12
TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS/LEASE PURCHASE	\$8,982,719.43

STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN:	
2.77% 2006 Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan due semi-annually thru 9-01-27	\$6,249,623.42

INDUSTRIAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS:	
7.86% Industrial Revenue Bonds due serially each year thru 6/25/21 (K. Young, Inc. dba Truck Town) K.S.A. 12-1744C	\$805,784.28
7.75% Industrial Revenue Bonds - principal due at maturity 12-01-17 (Petro Lube) interest due serially, commencing 12/01/08 K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq.	\$1,600,000.00
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS	\$2,405,784.28

/s/ Jolene A. Olsen
I, Jolene A. Olsen do hereby certify that the above statement is correct
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Eagles close to Top 10 of Champions meet

Freshman Tate Carney improved to 19-2 and captured a consolation championship which led the Colby High wrestlers at last weekend's 51st annual Newton Tournament Of Champions.

The 106-pound Carney joined Colby's big four — senior Andrew Taylor (182), junior Jay Ziegelmeier (195), sophomore Austin Hart (220) and freshman Ethan Jay (285) — in earning five places for the Eagles overall.

Colby's 63.5 total points was only three from reaching the top 10 of this enormous 27-team, two-day tournament.

Carney crushed his first two foes by a 26-1 total score and reached the semifinals before losing to 22-1 Logan Treaster from

Newton. Yet he recovered to conquer his final two matches, including a terrific 7-4 victory over 22-4 Landon Scott of Mill Valley.

Hart's fourth-place finish featured four more victories for a team-leading total of 25 (25-5 record) this season. He knew drama with a 9-8 ultimate tie-breaker victory over Wichita Northwest's Jordan Bell (20-5) and a 3-1 overtime decision against Newton's Noah Ornales (19-5).

Ziegelmeier improved to 22-7 as he scored two pins and two wins in his tough 195-pound class.

Jay (18-7) secured his place by taking a final tie-breaker 2-1 decision over Garden City's Aaron Lozano (21-11 record).

Taylor (24-5) scored two pins to start his tourney and won a 9-8 quarterfinal. He was pulled from his final two matches. No other details were available.

Top 10 scores and results for all Colby wrestlers who won matches during last weekend's 51st Newton Tournament Of Champions featuring 27 teams.

Top 10 teams: 1. Grand Island (Neb.) 122.5, 2. Garden City 114.5, 3. Manhattan 105, 4. Arkansas City 103, 5. Shawnee Mill Valley 88.5, 6. Newton 88, 7. Maize 78, 8. Holton 75, 9. Gardner-Edgerton 67, 10. Blue Valley Southwest 66, **11. Colby 63.5.**

106: Tate Carney placed third. He won 16-1 over Z. Grantham, Maize; won 10-0 over T. Haun,

Fedonia; lost 4-1 to L. Treaster, Newton; won 3-2 over T. Smith, Derby; and won 7-4 over L. Scott, Mill Valley.

126: Travis Finley did not place. He pinned D. Gruver, Hutchinson, in 1:01; lost 21-6 to S. Deshazer, Wichita Heights; pinned D. Brown, Wichita Northwest, in 3:36; and lost 10-2 to T. Irwin, Salina South.

132: Alex Young did not place. He lost 6-4 to S. Brock, Wichita Northwest; pinned T. Tappendick, Salina South, in 2:07; won 8-0 over D. Asebedo, Dodge City; and lost 3-2 to C. Moses, Maize.

138: Brett Schroeder did not place. Schroeder lost 17-1 to A. Rojas, Grand Island; won 7-5 over M. Detwiler, Emporia; won 5-4

over J. Sponsel, Bishop Carroll; and was pinned by N. Augustin, Andover Central, in :42.

145: Brady Holzmeister did not place. He lost 11-6 to E. Johns, Newton; pinned G. Beraza, Arkansas City, in 1:46; and lost 4-1 to I. Kamps, Maize South.

182: Andrew Taylor placed sixth. He pinned A. Love, Wichita Heights, in 5:00; pinned C. Nance, Maize, in 1:10; won 9-8 over A. Turner, Wichita Northwest; lost 15-2 to A. Clothier, Lawrence; lost by forfeit to T. Schriener, Grand Island; lost by forfeit to T. Marquez, Bishop Carroll.

195: Jay Ziegelmeier placed sixth. He won 6-5 over Zerek Rodriguez, Dodge City; pinned J. Dole, Norton, in 5:35; was pinned

by S. Pesek, Gardner Edgerton, in 5:09; pinned A. Renteria, Manhattan, in 1:45; won 10-3 over A. McBee, Blue Valley; lost 2-0 to J. Gramke, Mill Valley; and lost 4-2 to C. Dugan, Bishop Carroll.

220: Austin Hart placed fourth. He pinned J. Harshberger, Dodge City, in 4:23; won 9-8 over J. Bell, Wichita Northwest; lost 8-2 to N. Nolting, Bishop Carroll; won 3-1 over N. Ornales, Newton; and lost 5-2 to M. Pink, Arkansas City.

285: Ethan Jay placed seventh. He pinned J. Harris, Bishop Carroll, in 2:27; lost 10-3 to A. Jones, Lawrence; won 4-0 over B. Tate, Dodge City; lost 6-4 to M. Kissinger, Derby; and won 2-1 over A. Lozano, Garden City.

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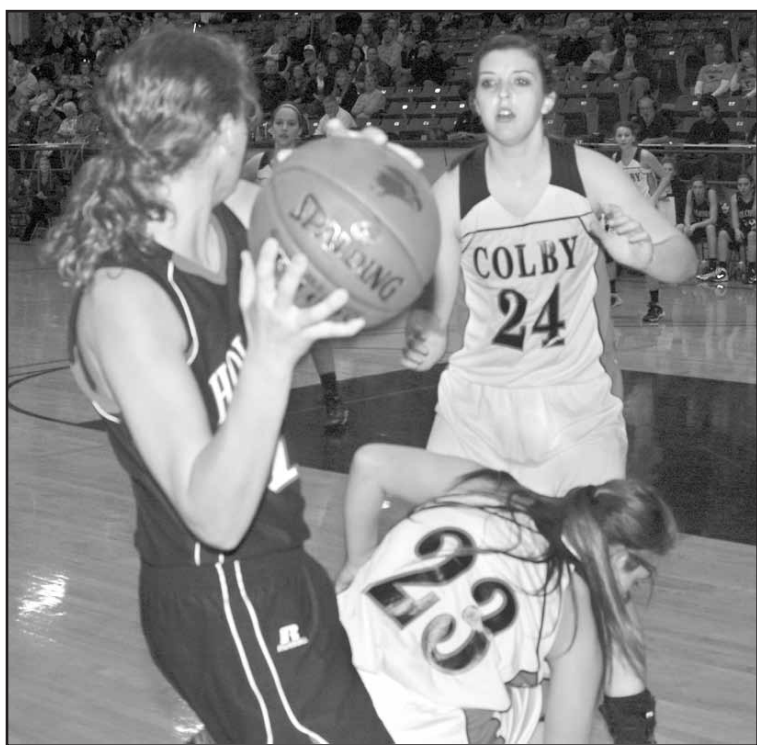
Trojans stumble in Garden

It was a rough romp through Garden City as the Broncbusters held Colby Community College to its lowest point total this season, 84-48, Saturday evening.

The Trojan men (9-10) slipped to 0-3 in Jayhawk Conference play while Garden City Community College is now 15-4 overall (1-2 conference).

Jeremiah Ingram's 10 points and Branden Williams' eight paced the Trojans. No other details were obtained.

The Colby women (2-17) also dropped a conference contest at Garden City, 70-49, on Saturday. Both teams take another road trip into Dodge City on Wednesday.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High senior Abby Friesen (24) and junior Shailla Giebler (23) kept the pressure on this opponent during recent varsity basketball action. The Eagles only allowed 19 points on Friday.

Colby girls beat Beavers

Reigning state champs rule boys' hoops contest

Sweet 16 sounded rather good for Scott City Friday night, because the Beaver girls didn't even shoot 14 percent during a 44-19 defeat to visiting Colby.

Senior Haileigh Shull returned from an ankle injury for Colby and amazingly hit as many baskets (six) as Scott City's entire team.

The Beavers' six-for-43 shooting effort featured only six second-half points.

Shull's "double double" 13 points/10 rebounds joined sophomore Brenly Terrell (12 points) and junior Hannah Strange (8 points/9 rebounds) in leading a balanced Colby attack.

Junior Shailla Giebler added five points, including a tie-breaking trifecta that snapped the early 4-4 deadlock.

The Eagles (4-5 record) were never caught again while breaking a brief two-game losing streak. Their lead reached 25-13 by intermission, then Shull delivered Colby's first six points after the break for a 31-15 advantage.

Coach Ryan Becker's team regained some momentum entering the annual Orange & Black Classic this week. Colby's girls open against Burlington, Colo., Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

All Eagle leaders from this victory:

Colby (44) — Haileigh Shull 13 points, Brenly Terrell 12, Hannah Strange 8, Shailla Giebler 5, Lara Stephens 4, Hailey Schindler 2. Three-point goal: Giebler. Rebound leaders: Shull 10, Strange

9, Stephens 5. Assists: Terrell 3. Steals: Brielle McKee 3, Terrell 2, Giebler 2.

Boys
Scott City 64, Colby 35

Senior Marc Bremenkamp's strong 14-point effort highlighted the Colby boys' varsity contest Friday evening.

Bremenkamp scored the opening basket and classmate Cameron Brown later gave Colby a 4-2 lead.

Ashton Russ' offensive put-back kept the margin at 7-6 before three-time defending 4A champion Scott City started pulling away.

Other Eagle points came from senior Luke Cox (eight), Brown (five), Russ (two), Donte Whitefield (two) and Connor Schwanke (one).



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Triplains-Brewster sophomore Coleton Rogge (25) challenge Logan's Josh Van Laeys (21) for this high pass during their Western Kansas Liberty League consolation game on Saturday.

Titan girls win league tourney

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Feeling faster than ever on the Colby Community Center "big floor" didn't stop Triplains-Brewster junior Alicia Barrie from savoring a special moment Saturday night.

Because after old friend Kynndra Rush's jumper put Golden Plains ahead 38-37, Barrie decided it was her time to step up in the Western Kansas Liberty League championship game.

"Coach (Kent Gfeller) said if we got open, take the shot," Barrie explained about the final minute of this classic battle between familiar foes. "I'd made many three-pointers in practice, I just needed confidence in a game. I got the shot and took it."

The rest was fabulous basketball history as Barrie buried her three-pointer for a 40-38 lead.

Dangerous Golden Plains still had a chance to answer — but the Bulldogs' final shot was short.

The top-seeded Titans (9-1 record) added a free throw and were soon celebrating their 41-38 victory.

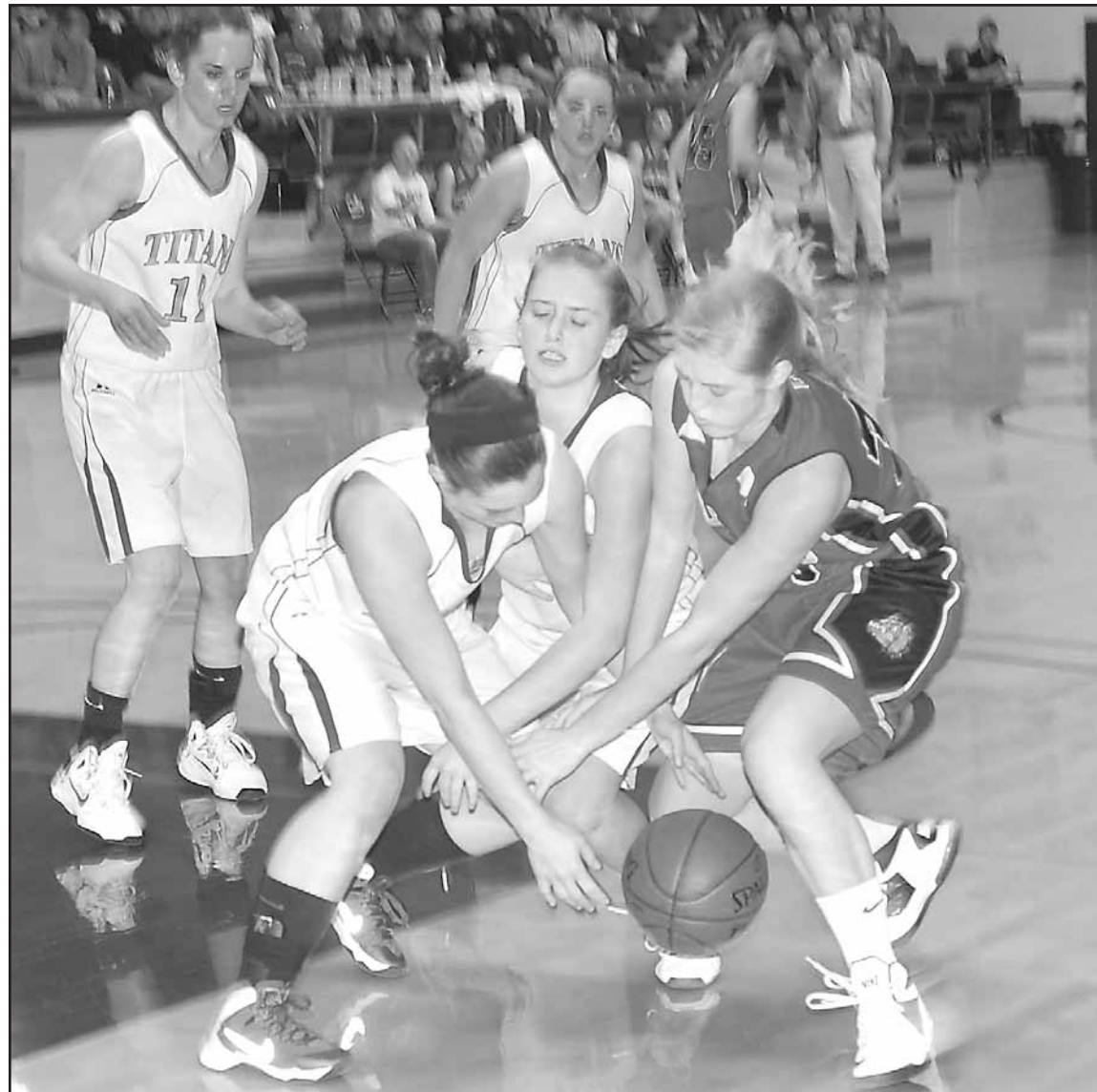
"I love my teammates, and this one means a lot," Barrie said. "They (Golden Plains) are a tough team. We finally got them. We read somewhere that they were happy to break our winning streak (Golden Plains beat the Titans 33-30 a week earlier). Now we can start another one."

Junior Shayna Rogge's 21 points topped the Titans in a game where both teams exchanged the lead faster than Peyton Manning touchdown passes.

Triplains-Brewster took a quick 9-4 lead to support Barrie's remark that "she felt faster" on the Colby Community Building floor.

However, Golden Plains (7-3 record) suddenly shot in front. Few first-half plays were more memorable than senior Hailey Spresser's leaping save along the baseline.

Spresser batted the basket



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Action got tight when the Triplains-Brewster Titans and Golden Plains Bulldogs competed for a Western Kansas Liberty League tournament championship in Colby Saturday night. The Titans' Alicia Barrie (center) got sandwiched here between Golden Plains' Kynndra Rush (right) and a teammate, but recovered to hit one huge late go-ahead shot.

Late Logan rally tops Titans in OT

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Ouch! A chance for redemption can't arrive quickly enough for the Triplains-Brewster boys after their 42-37 loss to Logan Saturday afternoon.

The Titans (5-5 record) appeared ready to win this Western Kansas Liberty League tournament fifth-place game in Colby.

With senior Seth Smith delivering many of his game-high 18 points, Triplains-Brewster went on an 11-0 run to lead 34-28 deep into the final quarter.

However, Logan rallied and avenged a two-point loss at Brewster earlier this season. The most pivotal play was Chad Becker being fouled while attempting a late three-pointer.

Becker hit all three free throws which caught the Titans at 36-36. A potential game-winning T.P.-B shot fell short and overtime followed.

Logan outscored the Titans, 6-1, during that final four-minute period.

The unofficial Titan scoring summary: Smith 18, Coleton Rogge 9, Ryan Gfeller 6, J.B. Felzien 4, Nathan Jorgensen 2.

Triplains-Brewster also lost a tough 48-38 semifinal to Northern Valley Friday afternoon. No Titan reached double digits as Rogge's nine points paced the attack.

Other Titans hitting shots were Felzien (eight points), Gfeller (seven), Jorgensen (five), Smith (four) and Layton Werth (two).

The Triplains-Brewster boys return to action in Brewster Friday evening against Cheylin.

Crusaders win three

Heartland Christian delivered a super 3-0 Saturday of boys and girls basketball on the Crusaders' home floor in Colby.

The Crusader boys began a day-night doubleheader by downing Colby High's C team, 56-27.

"Our defense did a good job of forcing turnovers," coach Ruben Schneider commented.

The night contest featured Brennan Ziegelmeier netting a team-high 19 points as Heartland Christian topped Flint Hills, 52-43.

Meanwhile, the Crusader girls also took on Flint Hills and scored a 40-31 victory. It was an excellent start to 2014 after Heartland Christian dropped its previous home game against Healy last month.

"Our girls came out ready to play and showed a new intensity," coach Marilee Gundlach said. "Kirsten Bandy did an excellent job of leading the team. Quinlee Niblock and Allie Mollendor did a great job of working the offense. Amy Myers and Savannah Sullivant looked for the open shots and put points on the board."

ball back over her shoulder to teammate MiKayla Lobato, who quickly scored for a 10-9 Bulldog advantage.

The Titans barely blinked, scoring 11 of 13 points to take their largest lead all game of 20-12. Junior center Dara Roulier powered inside for two baskets.

Yet the Bulldogs quickly recovered thanks to senior sharpshooter Jordan Christensen. She swished a three-pointer just before intermission, then connected again to

forge a 24-24 tie moments into the second half.

Neither team led by more than three points again. Senior Brittany Plummer's two free throws put the Titans ahead 37-24, but two Spresser charity shots and that Rush jumper set up those final dramatic moments.

Unofficial scoring summaries:

Golden Plains (38) — Jordan Christensen 13, Hailey Spresser 12, Kynndra Rush 4, MiKayla Lobato 4, Madison Walz 2, Rachael

Ritter 2, Kami Miller 1.

Triplains-Brewster (41) — Shayna Rogge 21, Dara Roulier 7, Brittany Plummer 6, Alicia Barrie 5, C.J. Lewellan 2.

With league tournament play completed, both teams can resume their promising seasons Friday evening at home.

Triplains-Brewster welcomes Cheylin for a girls-boys doubleheader, while Palco visits Rexford to take on both Bulldog varsity teams.

Golden Plains boys win two at tourney

The Golden Plains boys gained momentum with two Western Kansas Liberty League tournament wins in Colby on Friday and Saturday.

Friday's game at Colby High featured a tight 32-30 Bulldogs victory over Wheatland-Grinnell.

Sophomore Kade Wessel scored all six of his points in the pivotal second half while Grant Spresser and Tristan Schwarz each tallied a team-high seven.

Senior Shayne Ryburn added

five points and sophomore Koi Wessel finished with four.

Schwarz's 17 points then powered the Bulldogs past Western Plains, 40-33, for seventh place among all league tourney teams.

The 6'2" Wessel twins made an impact again as Kade (seven) and Koi (four) teamed for 11 points.

Ryburn's six points helped seal the second consecutive Bulldogs win.

Golden Plains improved to 4-6 on the season.

Bulldogs dominate semifinal

Northern Valley's quest for consecutive upsets fell short against the Golden Plains girls, 46-34, in Western Kansas Liberty League semifinal action Friday at Colby.

The No. 7-seed Huskies (4-5 record) had knocked off No. 2 Weskan, 48-41, to get their possible championship game shot.

Yet they could not outshoot Bulldog senior Jordan Christensen, who scored 13 points while leading a balanced Golden Plains attack.

Another five Bulldogs netted five points or more led by MiKayla Lobato's eight, seven from Kynndra Rush and Kami Miller's six.

Senior Hailey Spresser sent another five points through the nets as did teammate Rachael Ritter. It was more than enough to send Golden Plains into Saturday's league championship game against No. 1-seed Triplains-Brewster. The Titans won a semifinal over Wheatland-Grinnell.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Heartland Christian senior Kristin Bandy (14) found an open teammate with this pass during a Crusader victory Saturday afternoon in Colby over visiting Flint Hills

'Super' matchup is set

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