

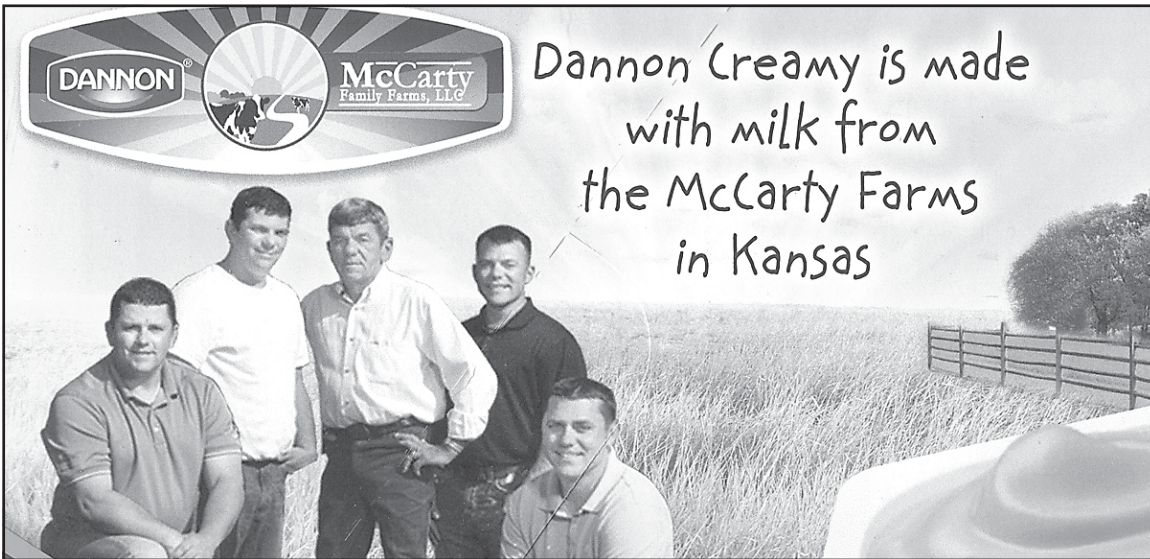


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Part of the McCarty's  
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down (above) during  
the dust storm last  
week near Rexford.  
Dannon's packaging  
(right) points out that  
the milk in its Dannon  
Creamy yogurt comes  
from Kansas, showing  
a photo of McCarty  
family members and  
including a quote (be-  
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## Dairy needs more homes

By Sam Dieter

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Perhaps 100 people could find jobs in Rexford and other parts of the area over the next several years as the McCarty Family Dairy continues its growth.

New housing will likely be needed in some of these areas as McCarty Family Farms expands its operation, officials say. At the Thomas County commission meeting on Jan. 13, Chairman Paul Steele presented an information printout from the family-owned farming operation, which said that

the family could double the size of its operation over the next three years to supply condensed milk to Dannon Yogurt, their main customer.

"The point of that (printout) is to indicate that there's opportunity for growth if there's housing available," said Ken McCarty, who runs the farms with his brothers.

McCarty said that the business does not need any help coming up with more housing, but has no definite plans for new projects in the future. The farm was started in Rexford, but has grown to include operations in Bird City and Scott City.

McCarty said that, in theory, the farms would need another 7,000 head of dairy cattle to maximize production for the condensing facility. Right now, the farm has about 12,300 cows at its three locations. For over a year, McCarty has been sending condensed skim milk prepared at the facility to Dannon at its Fort Worth plant.

Christy Preston, executive director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, said the groundbreaking for a group of five duplexes in Rexford has been delayed until spring. McCarty did not put any money into that project, which was approved last year, but the family donated the land where the duplexes are to be built. The Kansas Housing Resources Corp and Northwest Kansas Housing and Development Commission supplied grants and loans for the \$1,669,203 project.

In recent years, according to the printout, the farm has spent \$667,800, each year on

bank payments, rent to landlords, housing stipends and payments for insurance, taxes, maintenance and utilities, to help their employees get and keep a place to live, and has invested \$1,143,000 in housing.

The family doubled the number of employees working in the operation in 2012, when they started supplying condensed milk to Dannon and added a location in Scott City. The dairy has 107 employees at the three locations, according to the printout, compared to 52 before. The opening of the Scott City location added 25 workers, and the number of workers rose to 51 in Rexford and 31 in Bird City. Each of those locations originally had 26 people. Those workers own or rent a total of 65 houses in those cities, the family says. The farms help most of the workers through a housing stipend or by renting homes for them.

According to the printout, workers have a total of 118 children living with them, including 37 in Rexford. The influx of children has been credited with strengthening the Golden Plains schools, which had been losing enrollment before the dairy opened.

Ken McCarty and his brothers Mike, Clay and David McCarty, took over running the farm from their father Tom, making them the fifth generation of McCarty's to run the business. Having farmed in Pennsylvania since 1914, the family moved its operation to Rexford in 1999 so as to have more room. They set up the farm in Bird City in 2008 on the invitation of the community foundation there.

## Tuition up as state funds drop

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Students at Colby Community College will pay five dollars more for every credit hour of classes they take next year, to make up for a drop in state money going to the college.

The Colby Community College Trustees approved a tuition increase of five dollars per credit hour and a two dollar increase in technology fees starting in the 2014-2015 academic year. That brings tuition up to \$107 a year for each credit hour for an in-state student. The technology fee has gone up to \$12 for every credit hour with the increase, which is billed to all students. The college also charges a \$28 activity fee for all students.

"I'm not saying I want to, I'm saying we need to," President Stephen Vacik said.

He suggested the increase be-

cause state funding for the college is likely going down 1.5 percent next year, and it does not seem as if the college will be able to get another source of money to offset that within a year.

Public Information Director Debbie Schwanke said later the college is looking at a loss of about \$31,000 in state money next year, and that students are taking about 30,000 total credit hours next year. She said the last increase was in 2012, when tuition went up three dollars for in-state students, four dollars for students from Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, five dollars for other U.S. students and six dollars for international students.

The school will still be one of the cheaper community colleges to attend after the increase, Vacik said, adding that he is worried about competition from other community colleges that might

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## Co-op merger on hold for now

Frontier Ag Inc. of Goodland and Oakley and the Mid Kansas Cooperative Association of Moundridge recently suspended merger discussions after several months of trying to reach agreement.

Representatives from both member-owned cooperatives confirmed in a press release that their directors have not been able to agree on all of the terms required before the companies could develop a merger document.

Brad Cowan, president of Frontier Ag, said the companies' primary disagreements were over board representation and equity payout.

His company, he said, was looking for 50-50 representation on the board but discussions moved away from an even split as time

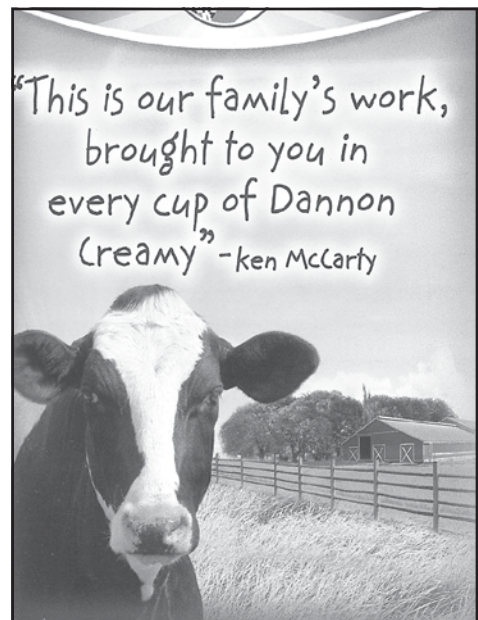
went on. The two companies also have different points of view on equity payouts to members and retirement of equity.

The cooperatives announced plans to pursue merger possibilities last September, but Cowan said, his company decided it was in the best interests of its members to end the discussions.

The companies have left open the possibility of resuming discussions but no further talks are planned at this time.

"Our balance sheet's in good shape," Cowan said, adding that these merger discussions were unique since neither company is in financial trouble.

Frontier lists 29 locations in northwest Kansas, while Mid Kansas operates in 11 counties in the central part of the state.



## First responders deal with stress overload

By Heather Alwin

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A simple thank you means a lot to first responders, says Colby Assistant Fire Chief Sean Hankin, and after particularly violent or disturbing incidents, it means even more.

Receiving a thank-you "just makes you feel better about the whole situation," Hankin said.

Emergency medical personnel, firefighters and law enforcement officers responded to a series of accidents last week that killed three people and injured at least seven more. And it isn't easy to mentally process that kind of trauma.

When firemen arrived, after driving through a blinding dust storm, and dodging cars and trucks stacked up on either side of the wrecks, they found vehicles burning, they couldn't see and they were overwhelmed by the number of injuries.

Area first responders say they rely on each other to work through the stresses of their jobs, and agencies like High Plains Mental Health make their personnel available to help.

Friday morning in the firehouse kitchen, Colby's

firemen drank coffee together and talked about what they had seen in this crash and others. Talking about the scene with others who have been there, said Hankin, is one of the best ways to "put everything in order."

Hankin said there are programs and training available to address work-related stress, but he doesn't think anyone in his department has gone through them. Fortunately, he said, they don't encounter such horrific scenes very often - maybe once or twice a year on average.

And when they do, the first-responder "brotherhood" does a "real good job of watching out for one another," he said.

It may sound silly, Hankin said, but the emergency services team really does operate like a big family. Before Colby's fire department even left the scene of Thursday's accidents near Rexford, Hankin said, they talked to the Rexford firemen to make sure they were OK.

Fire Chief Bob McLemore followed up with the Rexford team on Friday, too.

One of the most difficult things first responders deal with, said Hankin, is not knowing what ultimately happens to the people they help.

"You do your job and get them on their way," he said.



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Joe Hickert, director of Thomas County Emergency Medical Services, assessed child victims from a May vehicle accident on Interstate 70. Candy Bryant (center) helped another accident victim onto a stretcher while EMT Leisha Carpenter talks to additional victims. Bryant, a paramedic, is the instructor coordinator for the department. Carpenter, the department's Brewster EMT, has been a volunteer for 26 years.

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Weather

First responders feel stress overload

Briefly

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But after the few minutes it takes to get each person stabilized and transported to other care, emergency workers rarely hear whether the patients were all right.

workers than among military personnel in combat. "While most (emergency medical services) providers never have been or will be on the front lines of a war," said the article, "every single provider has the potential to be exposed to unexpected and unexplainable terrible accidents and events."

training and time commitments of volunteers, adding that but many fire fighters stick with it for years. Although his department currently has eight open volunteer slots, one of the volunteers who recently left served 27 years.

Thank-yous, which are less frequent now than soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, are especially important for these volunteers, the chief said, since they put in so many hours and make such a commitment to serve people.

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

Open house celebrates library's 50th Sunday

Celebrate 50 years in the same location with the Pioneer Memorial Library. Cookies and drinks will be served from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday commemorating the event. For information call the library at 460-4470.

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

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

Soup supper will help family with expense

A soup-supper benefit for Brennan Ostmeier's medical expenses will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the Community Building by the Colby Grade School faculty. Make a donation and enjoy chili and chicken-noodle soup, with cookies for dessert. For information, call Alex Williams at (620) 952-1090.

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.

Tuition up as state reduces funds

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have cheaper tuition, but not universities.

"We'll still be near the top," he said, "we won't be the top."

In September Bankrate Inc., a company that publishes information about the financial industry, ranked the college 10th in the country largely based on the affordability of going to school here. The group estimated an in-state student's average yearly tuition at \$2,944, after student fees. The company ranked over 900 community colleges across the country, using information from the National Center for Education Statistics, based on in-state tuition and fees, among other categories.

College charges \$140 per hour for in-state and \$150 for out-of-state students, with lab fees varying for different courses. Hutchinson Community College charges \$71 for in-state and \$102 for out-of-state students, and an \$18 student fee per credit hour for all students. Dodge City Community College charges \$40 per credit hour for students from inside Ford County, along with a \$40 fee per credit hour. Students from elsewhere in Kansas and bordering states pay \$40 per credit hour with a \$50 fee, and others pay \$50 per hour with a \$55 fee per credit hour.

In other business, the trustees:
• Approved a new academic calendar for the coming year. Vacik pointed out the only thing different about the calendar is

that students and staff now get the whole week before Thanksgiving off.

• Spent a total of one hour in closed session, first in three 15-minute sessions to discuss non-elected personnel. They went into another 15-minute session at the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations. No action was taken after either of these sessions.

• Approved the consent agenda, which included full-time contracts for Danell Hemel as the financial and veteran's aid coordinator, and Patricia Mead as the administrative assistant. The agenda also included another 24 part-time contracts for 15 people in all. The resignations of computer technician Michael Yergey and student accounts

manager Yesenia Talavera were also approved.

• Approved a payment of claims resolution totaling \$1,123,718.

• Heard a report from Vacik about Living Center North. An unoccupied two-story building is part of the living center, and the college is talking with contractors about remodeling it.

• Heard an update of Nichol's report to the board concerning his cost-benefit analysis of each college program. Nichols said he does not have an update on spring enrollment with which to update his analysis, saying that the college nonetheless needs to keep enrollment up and find outside sources of funding, since state money is going down.

Bids accepted for projects on U.S. 24 and K-25

In bids this fall and winter, the state let contracts for seven highway projects in and around Thomas County, including resurfacing U.S. 24 from Colby to the Nine-Mile Junction with U.S. 83 and K-25 from the county line north to Atwood this summer.

Another large project planned by the state Department of Transportation will be to seal Interstate 70 and U.S. 24 from the Levant interchange east to Colby.

Both repaving contracts went to the Venture Corp. of Great Bend in October bidding, \$3.1 million for 8.5 miles of U.S. 24 and \$3.18 million for 16.6 miles of K-25. Crews will mill off 3 inches of old pavement on U.S. 24 and replace it with 4 1/2 inches of new asphalt. On K-25, the contractor will

remove 3 inches and put back 3 1/2. West of town, in December bidding, Heft and Sons of Greensburg won contracts for \$862,139 to seal 8.4 miles of I-70 and \$263,081 to seal 8.3 miles of U.S. 24.

Venture won a contract to resurface 20.1 miles of I-70 in Logan and Gove counties, from the Thomas-Logan county line to one mile east of the K-23 interchange in Grainfield. Crews will apply an ultra thin bonded asphalt surface. The firm will stockpile patching material for the state for \$31,000.

In Logan County, Dustrol Inc. of Towanda won a contract to resurface 14 miles of K-24 from the Wichita County line north for \$1.25 million. Crews will heat the top 2 inches of the pavement in an in-place re-

cycling job, then roll the surface and seal it with liquid asphalt.

All the work is classified as major maintenance, designed to preserve and extend the life of existing roads. Roads will be open during the work, but motorists can expect delays on two-lane highways as flag cars lead traffic through the work zone.

Travis Scott, district construction engineer for the department in Norton, said it's too early to tell when the work might begin, but none of the jobs is expected to start before summer. He said most contractors haven't settled their schedules for the year yet.

FDA to revise, simplify nutrition facts label

By Mary Clare Jalonick Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those nutrition labels on the back of food packages may soon become easier to read.

The Food and Drug Administration says knowledge about nutrition has evolved over the last 20 years, and the labels need to reflect that.

As the agency considers revisions, nutritionists and other

health experts have their own wish list of desired changes.

The number of calories should be more prominent, they say, and the amount of added sugar and percentage of whole wheat in the food should be included. They also want more clarity on how serving sizes are defined.

"There's a feeling that nutrition labels haven't been as effective as they should be," says Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "When you look at the la-

bel, there are roughly two dozen numbers of substances that people aren't intuitively familiar with."

For example, he says, most of the nutrients are listed in grams, the metric system's basic unit of mass. Jacobson says people don't really understand what a gram is.

Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, says 20 years ago "there was a big focus on fat, and fat unfertilized." Since then, health

providers have focused more on calories and warned people away from saturated and trans fats more than all fats. Trans fats were separated out on the label in 2006.

The nutrition facts label "is now 20 years old, the food environment has changed and our dietary guidance has changed," says Taylor, who was at the agency in the early 1990s when the FDA first introduced the label at the behest of Congress.

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Saturday Evening January 25, 2014

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# Library to celebrate 50th year; building constructed in 1964

Please come participate with us when we celebrate our 50 years in the present location and building. It will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cookies and iced tea will be served.

Let me tell you about a few books we have added this week. The first is "Rasputin's Shadow," by Raymond Khoury. This is No. 4 of the *Sean Reilly and Tess Chaykin* series.

The prologue places Maxim Nikolaev in the mines of the Ural Mountains in 1916 Russia. He and his working companions are accosted; Maxim knows he's fighting for his life!

Chapter one brings us to the present. Leo Sokolov is reflecting on the power of the Kremlin and its ability to remove all opposition to its ideology and policies. The author builds the characters quickly, preparing the reader for a thriller mystery.

Another thriller is "Pirate Alley," by Stephen Coonts. This is No. 5 in the *Grafton and Carmellini* series; it reads like the six o'clock news.

Jake Grafton is working with the CIA, assigned to negotiate with terrorists that have high-



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jack a cruise ship near the Horn of Africa. Somali pirates are demanding \$200 million for the return of the captive ship. Tommy Carmellini is working with the CIA and Navy Seals to thwart the terrorists' plot to kill the prisoners once they received the money. It is high drama and a thrilling story.

The next item is "The Bride Wore Size 12," by Meg Cabot. This is No. 5 of the *Heather Wells Mystery* series. Protagonist Heather Wells is busy planning her wedding to private investigator Cooper Cartwright. A student turns up dead in a dorm room where she works as assistant resident hall director. This throws her plans into neutral, but she must multi-task and solve the mystery before her most important day. This is a fun book with mystery and love written together.

A book we received a few

months ago, but I failed to tell you about is the historical romance by Phillippa Gregory, "The White Princess." This book is filled with intrigue and conspiracy as the crown of England changes hands.

The new king, Henry Tudor, is desperately trying to solidify his claim and the people's heart for his rule. Elizabeth, daughter of the late King Richard, is expected to marry Henry to save her life as well as those who served her father. Her mother, Elizabeth R., dowager queen, writes this very clearly to her daughter. However, a young man appears in England laying claim to the throne.

Elizabeth must decide who to throw her power and loyalty behind. What is the truth? As always, Gregory has written a brilliant work helping to put the reader back in the 1500s when the houses of York, Lancaster and Tudor war for control of the land.

Let me tell you about the audio-CD books that we have added to our collection this week: "Hunted," by Karen Robards; "The Death Trade," by Jack Higgins; "Hazardous Duty," by W.E.B. Griffin; "Standup Guy," by Stuart Woods; "The New Countess," by

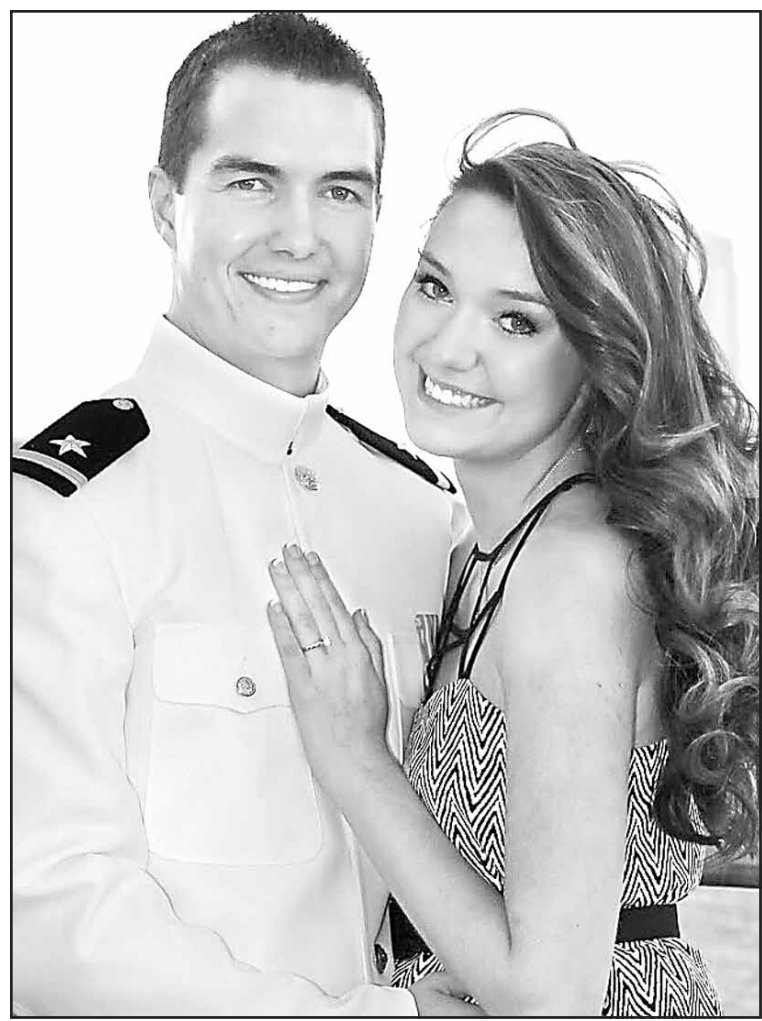
Fay Weldon; and "Innocence," by Dean Koontz.

Movies we added this week are: "Getaway," "2Guns," "Don Jon," "Fast & Furious 6," "Runner Runner," "When Calls The Heart," "Despicable Me 2," "You're Next," "Love's Everlasting Courage," "The Butler" and "Harvesting the High Plains," by PBS with our own Jay Kriss as director.

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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 to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Hope to see you at our open house between 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday See you in the library!



Kevin Vincent Lang and Angel Michelle Moss

## March wedding to be in Virginia

Kevin Vincent Lang of Colby and Angel Michelle Moss of Lynchburg, Va., plan to marry Saturday, March 8, in Lynchburg.

The groom is the son of Ken and Beverly Lang of Colby. He graduated from Colby High School in 2008 and from Liberty University in 2012, and is now an ensign in

the U.S. Navy.

The bride is the daughter of Wade and Joy Moss of Lynchburg. She will graduate from Liberty this year with a degree in psychology.

The couple plans to live in California, where the groom is stationed.

## Fort Hays keeps high online rankings

Fort Hays State University is the best in Kansas and one of the best in the nation for the quality of its online education programs, according to a new survey by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Online courses and degrees offered by Fort Hays State through its Virtual College are less expensive than every one of the universities that were ranked as high or higher in the survey.

*U.S. News*, which produces one of the most popular general rankings of colleges and universities, released its third annual national rankings of online education. As in the previous two years, Fort Hays was among the leaders out of the thousands of public and private universities in the U.S.

The news magazine evaluated online higher education in six categories: bachelor's programs generally and master's programs in business, education, engineering, nursing and computer information technology. Fort Hays offers online bachelor's courses and master's courses in business, education and nursing.

Based on the statistical data provided by *U.S. News* for Fort Hays, all four programs rated high. For online bachelor's degrees, the university ranked 16th; in education, 20th; for business, 64th; and for nursing, 71st.

Fort Hays was the top university in Kansas for each category except online nursing, where the University of Kansas was ranked 24th.

Criteria used by *U.S. News* included student engagement, faculty credentials and training,

peer reputation, student services and technology and admissions selectivity.

"Fort Hays State was a pioneer in incorporating modern technology into our curriculum and using it to make higher education available at a distance, so we expect to excel in surveys like this one," said university President Edward H. Hammond. "I'm sure that if the 'popularity contest' criterion, peer reputation, was removed from the equation, we would be ranked even higher. We are not as well known nationally as many larger universities, but in the quantifiable criteria of faculty excellence and services to students, we take a back seat to no one."

## Cold weather impacts cardiovascular disease

With frigid cold hitting Kansas, the American Heart Association says it is important to know the cold can affect the heart, especially if you have cardiovascular disease.

Children, the elderly and those with heart disease are at special risk. People with coronary heart disease often suffer angina pectoris (chest pain or discomfort)

when they're in cold weather. Some studies suggest that harsh winter weather may increase a person's risk of heart attack due to overexertion.

**Lifesaving tips:**

- People who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, like lifting a heavy shovel full of snow. Even walking through heavy, wet snow or snow

drifts can strain a person's heart.

- Winter sports enthusiasts who don't take certain precautions can suffer accidental hypothermia. It occurs when your body can't produce enough energy to keep the internal body temperature warm enough.

It can kill you. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia.

Symptoms include lack of coordination, mental confusion, slowed reactions, shivering and sleepiness. Seek help and call 9-1-1 immediately.

- To keep warm, wear layers of clothing. This traps air between layers, forming a protective insulation. Also, wear a hat or head

scarf. Heat can be lost through your head. Keep your hands and feet warm.

- Don't drink alcoholic beverages before going outdoors or when outside. Alcohol gives an initial feeling of warmth, because blood vessels in the skin expand. Heat is then drawn away from the body's vital organs.

- Learn CPR. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. Hands-only CPR makes it easier than ever to save a life. If an adult suddenly collapses, call 911 and begin pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest until help arrives.

## Municipal laws weird

By Josh Bergeron

*The Selma Times-Journal* SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Selma residents may be unaware they are breaking the law, but then again, they may not have to worry about being caught.

Selma Municipal Judge Prince Chestnut said several antiquated laws remain in Selma's Municipal Code. For example, any man or woman guilty of adultery or fornication is guilty of an offense against the city, according to city documents.

Chief of Police William Riley said he doesn't actively enforce outdated ordinances, such as adultery being illegal. Instead, Riley said it's more important to focus on more pressing issues.

"There are just too many ordinances on the books; no officer knows every statute that is on the books," Riley said. "Yes, there are certain ordinances on the books that are no longer actively enforced. We just have to take them case by case as they come up."

Other little-known laws make it illegal to be drunk at a polling booth or spread false rumors about disease.

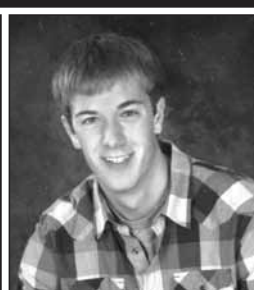
"It shall be unlawful for any person, falsely and maliciously or without reasonable cause to believe in its truth to originate, circulate or give currency to any statement, that any contagious or infection disease exists or prevails in the city," the municipal code reads.

Chestnut said no person has ever been prosecuted for an odd ordinance during his tenure as municipal judge. However, if the ordinance is still listed in the municipal code, then prosecution could be possible.

"The way I see it, is that if they are on the books and someone brings it up, the law has to be enforced," he said. "Some of those laws could be unconstitutional, but it wouldn't be up to the city court to determine that; it would have to be appealed at a higher level."

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### Michael Schiferl

Parents: John & Becky Schiferl

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Michael, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for January 2014.

Michael's school and community activities include Senior Class President; Cosmic Crayon (President); Student Council Band Rep; Young Humanitarians; Band; Basketball; Cross Country; Tennis (State Qualifier); National Honor Society-Genesis, Red Cross Blood Drives, Recycling, Concession Stands; Mountain States Children's Home Landscape Project; Youth Group Activities; Tutor; Thomas County Leadership Group Project; Church Band Set Up/Tear Down; Senior Progress Center Landscape Project; Celebrity Dinner Waiter; School Play Activities; Homecoming Parade Coordinator; Teacher Appreciation Supper; Church Lawn Weekly Maintenance; Monthly Nursing Home Visitations.

Michael's special honors include National Honor Society, Kansas High School State Honor Band Alternate; Eagle Talon Newspaper Staff and Managing Editor; Leadership Thomas County; State Solo and Ensemble Qualifier; Kansas State House of Representatives Page.

Michael plans to attend Kansas State University and pursue a degree in Graphic Design/Architecture or Optometry.

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## Other Viewpoints

### Corporate chiefs: still more tax cuts

Even after the state's historic \$1.1 billion income-tax break, a new Kansas Chamber of Commerce poll of corporate chiefs found strong demand for more tax cuts.

If that priority prevails at the Statehouse, then supporters of public schools, universities, social services and other budget areas hoping for restored funding could be out of luck.

You would expect more evidence of gratitude by now for the 2012 tax cuts, which ended state income taxes for nearly 200,000 companies as of last year and lowered personal income-tax rates on what Gov. Sam Brownback vowed would be a "glide path to zero." The governor and Legislature intended the reform as a fast-acting way to help businesses and to bolster economic and population growth.

And after all, as Wichita certified public accountant Gary Allerheiligen noted at a recent small-business forum in Kansas City, Kan., "Many small businesses in Kansas can now say, 'I am no longer a Kansas taxpayer.'"

But in the poll of 300 executives and owners of mostly small businesses, conducted in November and December, 57 percent said they paid too much in state and local taxes (up from 50 percent for 2012 and 55 percent for 2011 and 2010) and 64 percent said they thought it would help the economy to lower taxes. Asked for the top two issues affecting profitability, 40 percent said lower business taxes — 10 percent over last year.

Maybe executives have just been too busy running their businesses to notice the state tax cuts yet, or too distracted with anger over their higher federal tax bill.

Maybe the Topeka action on income and sales taxes the past two legislative sessions heightened business owners' awareness of their tax burden — and the troubling reality that the governor and lawmakers, fighting to cover spending obligations, dropped the statewide sales tax only to 6.15 percent last year rather than the scheduled rate of 5.7 percent.

Or maybe the benefits of the income-tax cuts for business are being blunted by local property-tax hikes that have occurred — not coincidentally — across much of Kansas in response to state funding cuts to local governments. In the poll, questions about "possible revenue sources for the state" found the greatest opposition to increasing property taxes (91 percent), followed by income taxes (87 percent) and the statewide sales tax (75 percent, up from 64 percent opposition in 2012).

Whatever is behind the surge in interest in tax cuts, chamber President Mike O'Neal sees it as a signal to keep pushing for lower taxes while ensuring the recent cuts aren't rolled back.

"We aren't done. We're on a track to continue to reduce," O'Neal said in a conference call with reporters. "Not only should we play defense and make sure that's not undone, we need to keep plowing ahead."

And what the Kansas Chamber wants from the Legislature, it tends to get.

*The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*

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"Security is tight for the winter games!..."

### Gathering rocks a slow process

We loaded and unloaded more than a ton of rock that day, all by hand, nothing more mechanical than a few pieces of pipe used for rollers. And we had a pretty good time, too.

It all starts with Cynthia, because she wanted the rocks, big ones, limestone fence posts she fancied as decorations for the front yard. She wants to string wire between them and grow grapes. That's what she wanted for our 40th anniversary, and that's been more than two years now.

And if you think I'm getting a little behind in my duties, you might be right. Especially since the girls bought her the grape vines a couple of summers past. And we planted them between the proposed locations of the posts that fall.

And that same summer, we were with friends down by Wilson Lake and Cynthia spotted some places that sold real, antique limestone fence posts.

Those grapes need something to grow on.

But we had been busy, until last fall, we agreed to get with the plan. She called the fence-post places, and I started recruiting help to go get them. I called Jim, who has a flatbed trailer heavy enough to haul that much rock. He allowed as how, if it was for Cynthia, he'd do it. (And I didn't even ask if that meant he wouldn't do it for me....)

The first time we were going to go, something came up. We made another date for a



**Steve Haynes**

• Along the Sappa

month or so later.

On the appointed day, Jim ran into Jim, who asked what was up. Jim asked if he could come with us, and so he did. And that's how the three of us wound up driving half way across the state to post rock country.

It was a beautiful fall day. We stopped in Russell for burgers, then drove on up to Wilson Lake, where the couple with the stone posts live in a quaint old stone house. She runs a bed and breakfast, he runs the quarry and harvests old stone posts when farmers want to get rid of them.

As a sort of sideline, he's a mason and he just moved an old stone house, piece by numbered piece, to the Kansas City area.

The price was right for the posts, but all he had at the house were 700-pound slabs fresh from the pit. He took us up there and showed us some more, but we decided the "harvested" antiques he had at another site sounded better. He said they were a couple hundred pounds lighter, too

And that sounded pretty good.

Now, don't get the idea that these were little rocks. They're 6 to 8 inches square, and close to six foot long, weighing up to 500 pounds. It's all three guys can do to lift one, but even then, lifting one is not a good idea.

We paid attention to Jon who makes his living working with stone, and he never, ever tried to pick one up. He'd scoot them, roll them, rock them, walk them, lever them, about anything but actually lift one. No wasted motion, no unneeded back strain. He just worked smart.

Working with him, we got four posts and two smaller end braces onto the trailer, paid the bill and started home. By the time we got to Oberlin, it was getting dark. We called Evan to meet us and help unload, but with a roller and moving the trailer as we dropped each one, we put them right where they need to be.

Now, of course, we've got to plant them. But that's another story. I'm looking for a guy with a skid-steer loader to lift them and a power auger to dig the holes.

I guess if we have to, we'll plant them the way the farmers did in the old days. By hand.

But I'd rather not.

*Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers. When he has the time, he'd rather be reading a good book or casting a fly.*

### Budget still critical in election year

It amazes me how much money is spent on political campaigns. The election for governor will be this coming November, and the cash the candidates have on hand so far to spend is big dollars.

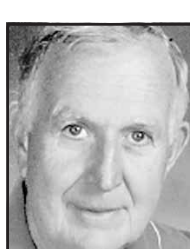
The Brownback-Colyer ticket has \$1,990,905 and the Davis-Docking ticket \$1,002,839. There will be more money going into both campaigns this summer.

Election-year politics can be all about not upsetting the electorate. It will be interesting this year on what bills and programs the Republican leadership brings forward.

The only requirement the Legislature has is to complete a budget bill, and that has already been done with our two-year budget last year. If there is ever a year when we could save taxpayers money by adjourning early, this is the year. But again, that depends on the school lawsuit ruling.

Last year, I made an amendment to the budget bill that kept the bill from taking away money from community and technical colleges. The amendment was successful, but it was for one year only.

I lobbied the governor to include the money in this year's adjustments but that was not



**Ward Cassidy**

• This week in Topeka

done. I will now propose this in my budget committee, and if successful, I will then have to get it through my Appropriations Committee. Anytime we make a monetary amendment, we have to find the money in another budget and take it from it. The process is called Pay-GO. So I can make one entity happy and one rather upset.

The governor has included in this year's adjustment money for the Gas and Oil exploration fund, which is important to many western Kansas counties. Repealing laws that limit corporate farming was one of the goals of our retired secretary of agriculture, Dale Rodman. I am hearing that it will be an issue again this year. Kansas farm organizations oppose the concept.

The state's water supply is becoming an increasing concern as the Ogallala Aquifer continues to decline at alarming rates. We need to do something, but the Ogallala involves more than one state, and when we involve the federal government, the issue becomes even more complicated. The governor is working many angles to help this situation. He certainly made it a big part of his State of the State speech.

There is a strong chance that prescription marijuana will have a bill this year. The Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature officially has come out in favor of medical marijuana, and polls show 70 percent of the state would approve cannabis for medicinal purposes.

There will be many topics coming up this year, and as always I will be glad to answer your questions and will work at keeping north-west Kansas informed.

*Ward Cassidy of St. Francis, a retired school principal and teacher, is the state representative for the 120th District, covering Decatur, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Wallace and Sherman counties and the northwest part of Thomas, including Colby. Send e-mails to ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov.*

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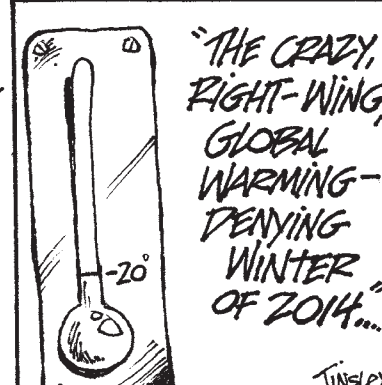
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# Scam artists file false tax returns using other's personal information

Kansans are reminded to be mindful of attempts to steal personal information during tax filing season.

Tax identity theft typically involves another person filing a false tax return using someone else's Social Security Number. When that taxpayer later files his or her return, it could be rejected because records indicate he or she has already received a refund.

Earlier this month, the Internal Revenue Service reported that during the 2013 federal fiscal year it initiated nearly 1,500 criminal investigations of tax-related iden-

tity theft. From 2011 to 2013, the service reported stopping 14.6 million suspicious returns.

"Identity theft is growing problem in Kansas and nationwide," Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. "Our office has expanded our ability to go after those who steal personal information and to educate consumers on ways to prevent identity theft."

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan said his office is taking steps to prevent tax fraud.

"Tax fraud is a monetary and emotional burden for Kansans that we work hard to prevent," said

Jordan. "We've set up our system to make tax fraud difficult and are constantly adapting to prevent new schemes."

Schmidt and Jordan offered the following tips to help consumers avoid identity theft:

- Only disclose Social Security numbers when absolutely necessary, such as filing taxes or applying for a loan. Be wary of websites or retailers that request this information.
- Keep personal financial documents and past years' tax returns in a secure location, such as a locked filing cabinet or a fire safe

box.

- Protect personal computer files by installing firewalls and anti-spam/virus software. Protect online accounts using strong passwords and PIN numbers.
- Monitor credit reports for unauthorized or suspicious activity.

Victims of identity theft can file a report online with the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division at [www.InYourCorner-Kansas.org](http://www.InYourCorner-Kansas.org).

## State considers a bill banning 'sky candles'

TOPEKA (AP) – A city fire marshal and a former Kansas House speaker are supporting a bill to outlaw sky candles, floating lanterns and other fire-fueled balloons common to Fourth of July celebrations.

Winfield Fire Marshal Dennis Darby told the House Local Government Committee on Tuesday that the devices represent serious fire hazards.

Ex-House Speaker Doug Mays of Topeka said sooner or

later, a sky candle or lantern will ignite a major grass fire.

No one testified against the bill. The committee took no action.

The bill covers so-called "unmanned aerial luminaries" made of lightweight material attached to a fuel cell or candle. Fire heats the air beneath the balloon or lantern, causing it to rise and float for long distances before the fire goes out and it falls to the earth.

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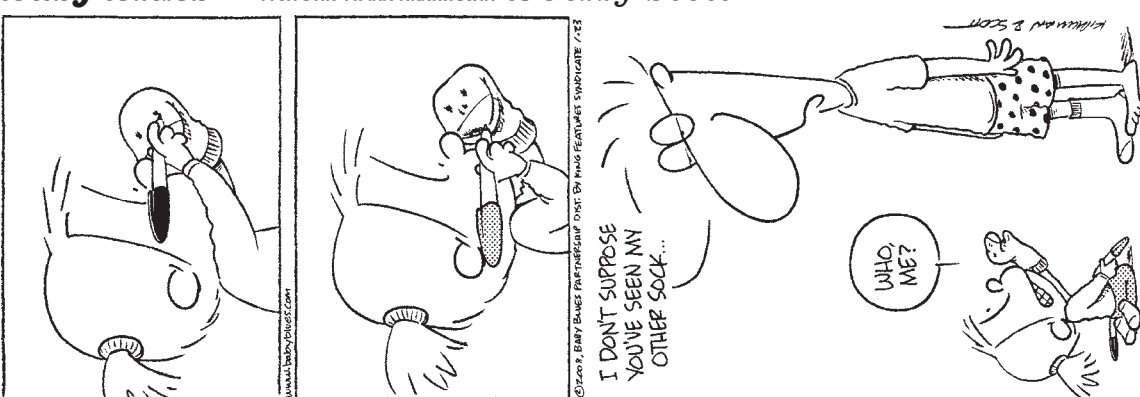
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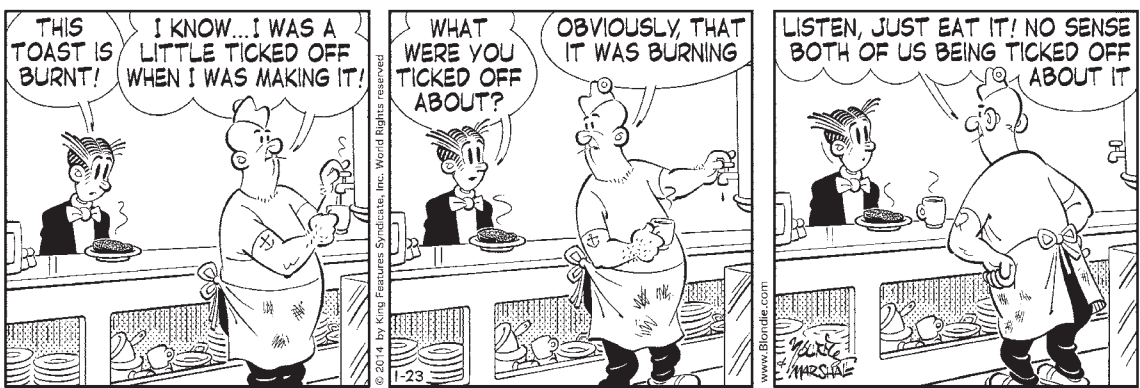
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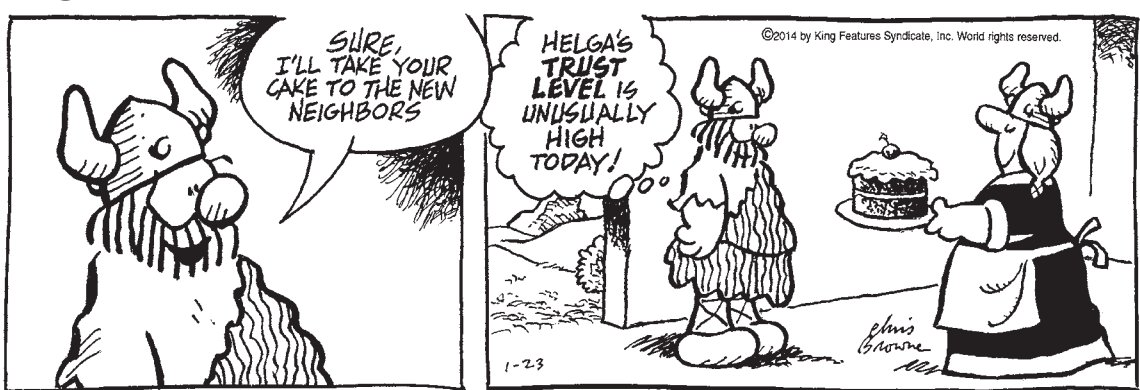
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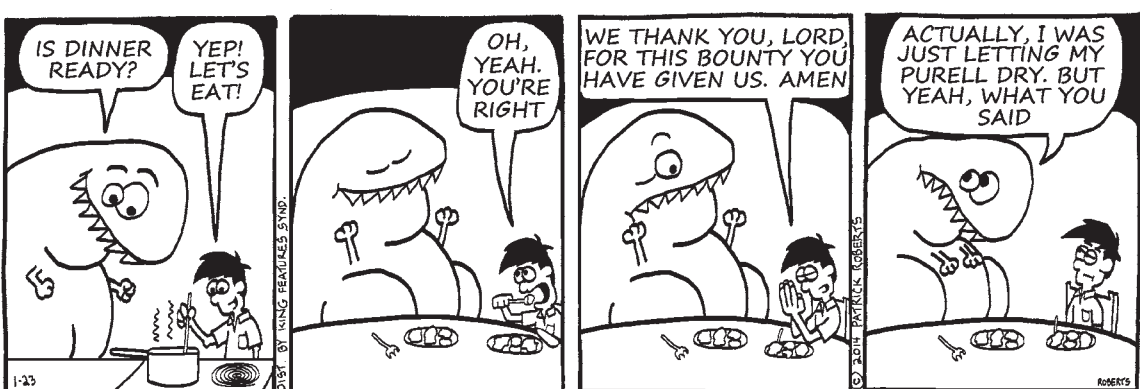
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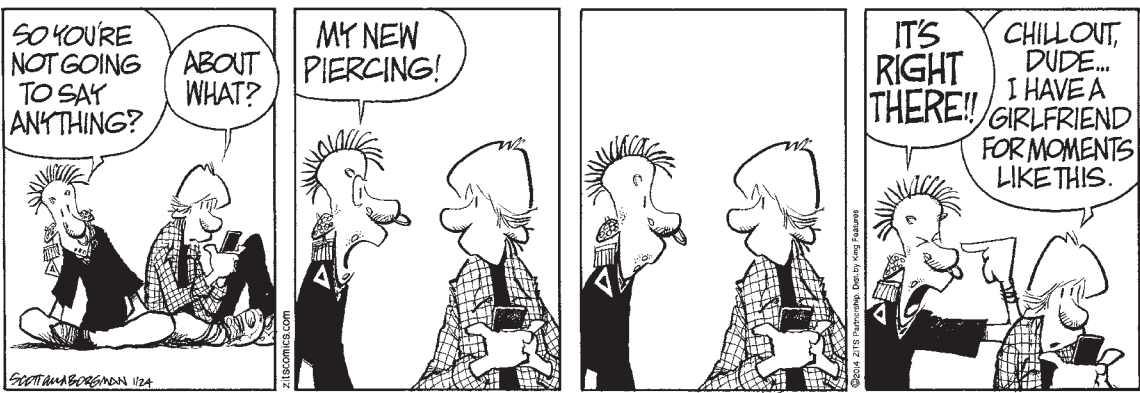
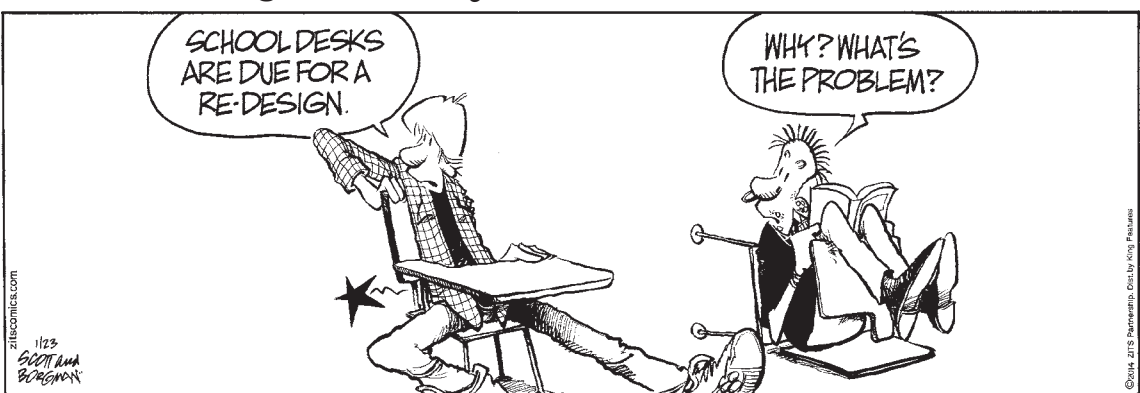
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**Terry Kovel**  
• Antiques and Collecting

**Child's chair has patented veneer**

Q: I was given a child's rocking chair more than 40 years ago. I would like to know more about it. It's stamped "Gardner's Patent, May 21, 1872." It is wood with brass tacks and has holes in the seat in a pattern of a star in a circle. Can you tell me something about the maker, age and value?

A: Gardner & Co. was in business from 1863 to 1888 in Clarksville (now Glen Gardner), N.J. The company made several types of plywood chairs. George Gardner held the patent for a plywood seat made of a layer of canvas and three layers of veneer. Value of your child's rocking chair is \$150 to \$200.

Q: I have eight place settings of Stangl Pottery's Thistle pattern dishes, plus serving pieces. How old are they and what's their worth?

A: Stangl Pottery of Flemington and Trenton, N.J., was originally named Fulper Pottery. The name was changed to Stangl Pottery in 1929, three years after Johann Stangl became president of the company. The pottery was sold in 1972 and closed in 1978. Stangl made Thistle pattern from 1951 to 1967. Your set probably is worth about half of what similar new sets sell for today.

Q: I have an Aladdin lamp that has been in our family for generations. The knob on the burner is marked "Mantle Lamp Co., Nu-Type, Model B, Aladdin, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill." It has a green glass shade with a landscape design on it. I'd like to know more about it and how old it is.

A: The Mantle Lamp Co. of America was founded by Victor Johnson in 1908 and trademarked the name "Aladdin" that year. In 1926 Johnson began manufacturing glass lamps, shades and chimneys, sold by traveling salesmen. There were many rural homes without electricity, and kerosene lamps continued to sell well. Nu-Type burners were first made in 1932. Model B burners were made from 1933 until 1955. The Mantle Lamp Co. merged with Aladdin Industries, a subsidiary, in 1949. The lamp division was sold in 1999 and became the Aladdin Mantle Lamp Co., still in business in Clarksville, Tenn.

Your lamp was made between 1933 and 1949, when the company moved to Tennessee. Aladdin Knights of the Mystic Light is a club for collectors of Aladdin lamps; its website, AladdinKnights.org, has information about Aladdin lamps.

Q: What is the value of a plastic model of a Borax 20-Mule Team? We have an unassembled one we ordered in the mid 1960s. The wagons are light blue and the animals black. There's a paper that explains the history.

A: Unassembled sets sell for about \$20. They aren't rare. Apparently a lot of kids sent for the sets. The cleaning brand named 20 Mule Team Borax dates back to 1891 and was named for the teams of 18 mules and two horses that pulled wagons of sodium borate out of Death Valley in the 1880s. Today, the brand is owned by Dial.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A K J 10 9 8 4  
♠ 10 7 2  
♣ J 7 3

**WEST**  
♥ Q J 10 8 5  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ 6 3  
♠ 8 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 4 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 9 8 5 4  
♣ 10 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K 9  
♥ 6 3  
♠ A K Q J  
♣ A K Q 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
4♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♥ Pass 7NT Pass  
Opening lead — queen of spades.

**A Crucial Decision**  
Some contracts stand or fall on one decision, and in such cases declarer is best advised to delay that decision until the last possible moment. South failed to do that in today's deal, and as a result went down in an ice-cold grand slam.

West led the queen of spades, and it was immediately apparent to declarer that the outcome would hinge on how he fared in hearts. Having learned that when holding nine cards of a suit missing the queen, it was slightly better to play for the drop of the queen rather than to finesse, South won the spade lead and all too hastily cashed the A-K of hearts. When the queen did not appear, he had to go down one, losing a spade trick at the end.

Declarer was very remiss when he plunged headlong into tackling the hearts at the outset. With 12 sure tricks in sight -- two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs -- there was no need to make the crucial decision in hearts so early.

After winning the spade lead with the king, he should have played a heart to the ace and then cashed four clubs and the A-K-Q of diamonds to produce this position:

**North**  
♥ K J 10 9

**West**  
♦ J 10  
♠ Q 7

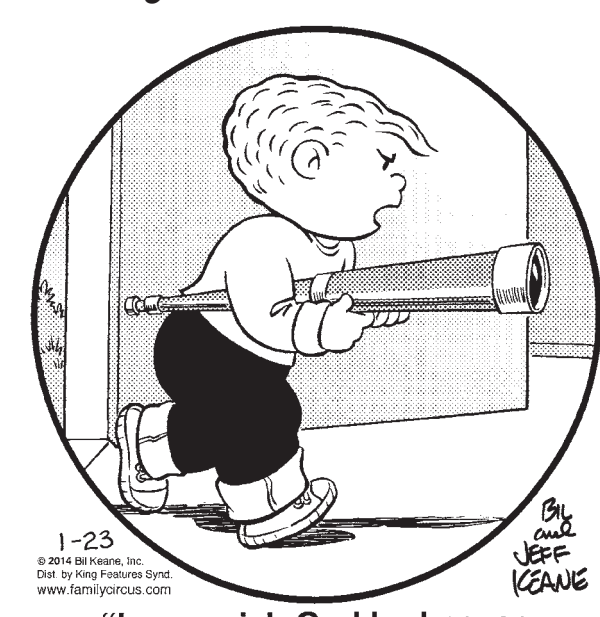
**East**  
♦ 7 6 4  
♠ 9

**South**  
♦ A 9  
♥ 6  
♠ J

The lead of the diamond jack at this point would have finished West. Whatever he discarded, South would score the rest of the tricks. How to play the heart suit would not have entered the picture at all.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/23

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/23

**Cryptoquip**

KGD WOX VUBIDB KWWE  
QTIDBWTZ CJHKTBDZ WV GJZ  
HUKKOD UQX CILZ. GD'Z  
HUOOJQL KGDI ZKWHE CGWKWZ.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BLOCKBUSTER FILM FEATURING BATTLES IN WHICH MUCH BLACK GUNK IS THROWN AT ENEMIES: "TAR WARS."  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals H

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 "Let's Make a Deal" option  
5 You can't stand to have one  
8 Detail, for short  
12 Writer  
13 Raw rock  
14 "Arrive-derci"  
15 Dance move  
16 Fresh  
17 Church section  
18 Car wash task  
20 Use caller ID  
22 Homer's interjection  
23 See  
24 Fly-by-night types?  
27 Pertaining to snakes  
32 Luau bowlful  
33 Carnival city  
34 Actress Vardalos  
35 Laundry additive

**DOWN**  
38 Ice mass  
39 Lamb's dam  
40 Neither mate  
42 With 23-Across, adsorbent colloid  
45 Lighthouse site  
49 Privy to  
50 Mainlander's memento  
52 Bakery buy  
53 Zits  
54 Pump up the volume  
55 Ireland  
56 Periodicals, for short  
57 Seek damages

19 "Forget it!"  
21 Movie-making trickery, for short  
24 Harvest goddess  
25 Court  
26 From the cradle to the grave  
28 Chart format  
29 Lively folk  
30 Melody  
31 Kvetch constantly  
36 Strings  
37 Common Mkt.  
38 Dental straighteners  
41 "That explains it!"  
42 Thailand, once  
43 Bygone Peruvian  
44 "Sad to say ..."  
46 Bar  
47 Gumbo need  
48 Appear  
51 Ostrich's cousin

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

O	B	I	T	P	E	N	A	S	E	A
O	R	S	O	A	C	E	S	N	A	P
H	A	N	K	S	N	O	W	T	O	R
S	E	T	A	T	S	C	O	W	L	S
	Y	E	T	I	O	R	B			
C	U	B	S	O	M	S	K	A	L	F
U	S	A	A	G	A	T	E	L	E	
E	E	L	G	A	G	A	B	L	O	W
	L	Y	E	O	R	E	O			
I	N	F	U	S	E	R	U	M	B	A
R	O	O	M	F	O	U	R	L	E	A
O	V	U	M	T	O	M	E	T	N	A
N	A	R	Y	S	P	A	S	E	A	R

Yesterday's answer 1-23

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
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## Rec still needing assistance

The Colby Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to assist with their youth basketball league.

Referees are needed as well as scoreboard operators, Rec Director Dane Olofson said in a recent E-mail.

Games are played in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium.

Anyone interested should contact Olofson by calling 460-4440, 460-4435 or sending E-mail to colbyrecreation@gmail.com.

### Tonight's schedule

Colby High will have a busy Thursday night with all three varsity winter teams in action.

Wrestling: Norton vs. Colby, 6 p.m. at Colby Elementary.

Girls basketball: Colby vs. Burlington, Colo., 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Boys basketball: Colby vs. McCook, Neb., 8:15 p.m. at the Community Building.

# Conquistador comeback tops Trojans



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby Community College guard Anthony Barley eluded this tall Seward County defender and scored in last week's home game. The Trojans faced another tall obstacle Wednesday night.

## Colby team gets ready for Sunday home game

By R.B. Headley  
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The gold-clad Conquistadors from Dodge City barely escaped with their treasure Wednesday evening.

Because as the final few seconds ticked away, it was Colby Community College Trojans who had one shot to continue a great quest.

Sophomore guard Terry Starks needed less than five ticks to dash downcourt and unleash the possible game-tying three which would force overtime.

But as often been the trend since their season resumed in 2014, Colby's best last shot barely missed its mark.

The Dodge City Community College Conquistadors (13-7 record) celebrated a second Jayhawk League West win (2-2).

Meanwhile, the visiting Trojans (9-11 overall) must continue their search for that elusive first league victory (0-4).

"It was a good game. I thought we came out and executed what we wanted to in the first half,"

Colby coach Rusty Grafel said. "As often been the case, though, it comes down to timely errors."

The Trojans' current six-game slide since crushing KSU-Salina, 132-48, on Dec. 10 has featured four games decided by three points or less. Colby missed tying buzzer shots against Dodge and Air Force Prep (78-76 on Dec. 12), while Trinidad State (Colo.) University hit its last desperate have to win 76-73 (Jan. 7).

Colby definitely had more lead time than Dodge City. The Trojans built a 12-point first-half advantage of 31-19 on freshman Ramon Johnson's inside basket.

The Conquistadors closed within four thanks to another buzzer beater just before halftime.

However, Colby regained control as sophomores Branden Williams and Starks both swished treys for a 50-42 Trojans lead.

Williams unofficially delivered a "double double" of 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"I told Branden 'I'm not going to pull you back anymore'," Grafel said. "You have the God-given ability to jump and get rebounds. That's what we need from

him." Williams, Johnson and sophomore Jeremiah Ingram all tallied 14 points for Colby.

Yet none could match a 21-point, second-half barrage from Dodge guard E.J. Eaves.

Eaves quickly ignited the Conquistadors' rally to force ties of 60-60, 67-67 and 69-69.

Starks missed two possible go-ahead free throws, but Ingram grabbed the rebound which led to Williams' baseline shot.

Unfortunately for Colby fans, the Trojans didn't lead again and only drew even more time on Joey Meyer's putback to make it 74-74.

Eaves' final basket gave the Conqs a 78-74 lead. Ingram delivered four late free throws and Williams hit another layup — but the Trojans just missed victory again.

Both the Colby men and women return home to play Barton Community College in a rare Sunday afternoon doubleheader (2 p.m.).

The Jayhawk West standings: 1. Hutchinson 3-1 (17-3 overall), 2. Seward County 3-1 (13-7), 3. Pratt 3-1 (13-7), 4. Garden City 2-2 (16-4), 5. Barton 2-2 (14-6), 6. Dodge City 2-2 (13-7), 7. Cloud County 1-3 (9-11), 8. Colby 0-4 (9-11).

The Trojan men and women also play at home against Barton Community College on Wednesday evening.

## Bulldog girls rally for win

By Hailee Spresser  
Golden Plains High School

On Jan. 9, the Golden Plains Middle School Lady Bulldog basketball team traveled to Bird City to take on the Cheylin Lady Cougars.

"We played super aggressive as a team," eighth-grader Kaylie Schaben about the A team's 33-29 win. "As a team, we played together very well. We hustled up and down the court which ultimately led to our A-team success."

The Bulldogs started out the game scoring six points in the first quarter with two baskets by Schaben and one by KayCee Miller.

The Lady Cougars matched their first quarter score, 6-6.

The second quarter brought struggles for the Lady Bulldogs who scored three points to Cheylin's eight, setting the deficit at 14-9 going into halftime.

Golden Plains came out in the third quarter and put in 14 points with Miller scoring 12.

Great Bulldogs defense held Cheylin to just six points in the third.

Golden Plains finished off the game, scoring 10 in the fourth to the Cougars' nine for a 33-29



LYN CHENEY/Golden Plains Schools  
Golden Plains Middle Schooler Amanda Cheney's strong defensive stance showed she was ready to stop any approaching Cheylin Cougar during their recent game.

win.

Miller's 15 points led the Bulldogs followed by Schaben with nine.

Maggi Nieman added eight points and Sierra Finlay two.

The B team came out strong in the first scoring five points and holding Cheylin to two.

The second and third quarters were tough for both teams as neither added a point.

When the fourth quarter rolled around, the Lady Cougars scored six points to win the game 8-5. Scoring four of the team's points was Kerri Schaben.

Amanda Cheney was able to chip in one point.

The Golden Plains Middle School girls continue their season in Healy today. Watch for results on an upcoming sports page.

## Dodge avoids loss to Colby

A great start featuring several Colby Community College leads didn't hold up after halftime of the women's 67-57 loss at Dodge City Wednesday evening.

Freshman Sierra Green scored 18 points for the 2-18 Trojans, including a beautiful corner three-pointer that per team ahead 12-8.

Another bank shot from Green created the largest lead of 14-8 more than 10 minutes into this Jayhawk League contest.

The Conquistadors (14-6 record) finally awoke and suddenly built a 23-19 lead.

However, Colby alum McKenna Ortnier countered with her own swishing triple. Moments later, teammate Ariel Hutchinson hit a jumper to give the Trojans one more advantage of 26-25.

The Conquistadors scored six unanswered points to finish this first half and eventually earned their first conference win (1-3 record).

Coach Antowin Edwards' team slipped to 0-4 against Jayhawk foes. Unofficially, the Trojans shot 31 percent compared to Dodge City's 32. Perhaps a key stat was Colby attempting just eight free throws through the entire contest.

No other stats or details were obtained before press deadline.

The Trojans return home for a Sunday afternoon (2 p.m.) league game against Barton Community College. A men's contest follows at 4 p.m. in the Community Building.

Current Jayhawk standings: Hutchinson 4-0 (18-0 overall), Seward County 3-1 (18-2), Cloud County 3-1 (12-7), Barton 2-2 (14-6), Garden City 2-2 (10-9), Dodge City 1-3 (14-6), Pratt 1-3 (14-6) and Colby 0-4 (2-18).



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Cheerleaders for Colby Community College performed a routine during last week's home game against Seward Community College. The Trojan basketball teams are home again when Barton Community College visits on Sunday for a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

## Shockers now 20-0

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Cleanthony Early and No. 5 Wichita State now have something else in common with Larry Bird's Indiana State team.

Wichita State beat Illinois State 70-55 to remain unbeaten, along with No. 1 Arizona and No. 2

Syracuse.

The Shockers (20-0, 7-0 Missouri Valley Conference) are the second MVC team to open a season 20-0, joining Bird's Indiana State squad of 1978-79 that played in the Final Four.

Cleanthony Early scored 23.

## Home fans can help Trojans end slump

By Rusty Grafel  
Colby Community College

Our Colby Community College men's basketball team is now 19 games into its season and three games into conference play.

We have experienced a few close losses and we are now in one of the toughest parts of our season.

Our struggle comes from not being able to put full games together.

Basketball is a game of runs and right now we are playing catch up to much and don't have one more run in us.

More than anything, we need to find a way to get one win so it can lead into two!

Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting us.

We would love to see everyone attend on Sunday when the Colby Community College Trojans play Barton Community College.

Women's game is 2 p.m. followed by the men's game at 4 p.m. in the Community Building.

Baseball and softball have officially started practices with their first games in February.

Track and field has started its indoor season and wrestling is gearing up for regionals.

Good luck to everyone in the Orange and Black Classic which tips off today in Colby, and good luck to everyone at Colby Community College.

Until next time, go Trojans!



Rusty Grafel

## Raiderettes sue team for wages

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Raiders are being sued by current and former cheerleaders claiming wage theft and other unfair employment practices.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Alameda County Superior Court alleges that the organization with-

holds all pay from the Raiderettes until the end of the season, does not pay for all hours worked and forces the cheerleaders to pay many of their own business expenses.

According to the filing, Raiders cheerleaders are paid \$1,250 per

season.

This amounts to less than \$5 per hour for the time they spend rehearsing, performing and appearing at events for which they are not compensated.

The team had no comment on the lawsuit.

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