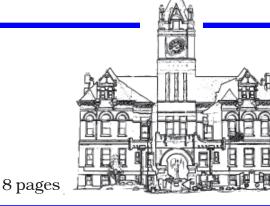
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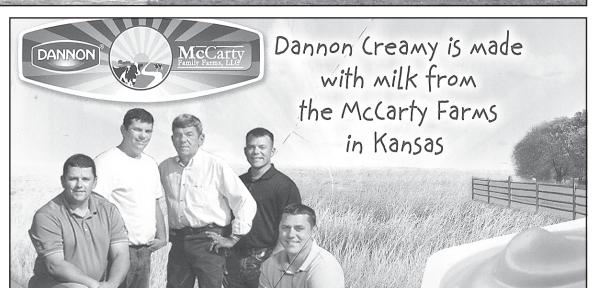


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### Thursday

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R.B. HEADLEY Colby Free Press and McCarty Family Farms Part of the McCarty's herd could be seen lying 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 (below).



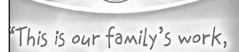
### Dairy needs more homes

#### By Sam Dieter

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Perhaps 100 people could find jobs in Rexford and other parts of the area over the that there's opportunity for growth if there's 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 familyowned farming operation, which said that



eration over the next three years to supply condensed milk to Dannon Yogurt, their main customer.

'The point of that (printout) is to indicate 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 conover 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.

the family could double the size of its op- 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 densing facility. Right now, the farm has those cities, the family says. The farms help about 12,300 cows at its three locations. For 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 McCartys 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 In recent years, according to the printout, the invitation of the community foundation

# 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 tor Debbie Schwanke said later a drop in state money going to the college.

The Colby Community College Trustees approved a tuition taking about 30,000 total credit 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 of the cheaper community colalso 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- See "TUITION," Page 2

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 Directhe college is looking at a loss of about \$31,000 in state money next year, and that students are 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 leges to attend after the increase, Vacik said, adding that he is worried about competition from other community colleges that might

### Co-op merger on hold for now

and Oakley and the Mid Kan- have different points of view on sas Cooperative Association of equity payouts to members and Moundridge recently suspended retirement of equity.

Frontier Ag Inc. of Goodland went on. The two companies also

brought to you in every cup of Dannon (reamy"-ken McCarty



the farm has spent \$667,800, each year on there.

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 the possibility of resuming disbefore the companies could de- cussions but no further talks are velop 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 the central part of the state.

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 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

# First responders deal with stress overload

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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 or-Hankin said there are programs and training avail-

able 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.



**HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press** 

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.

### Area/State

#### First responders feel stress overload Weather

#### From "STRESS," Page 1

universities.

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.

Without a way to deal with the stress, emergencies can take a toll on those who work them. Emergency workers generally experience higher rates of burnout and posttraumatic stress disorder than other professions, according to an article in EMS World magazine and some studies suggest these rates are even higher among emergency 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."

Over time, stress builds up, the article said, increasing the potential for some first responders to experience stress-related mental health concerns.

Being a first responder is a "tough commitment," Hankin said, emphasizing the

luition up as state reduces funds

workers than among military personnel in 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.



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 12. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Breezy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 28.

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

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 44. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: High, 43; Low 4 Precip: Thursday 0.01 inches

From "TUITION," Page 1 for in-state and \$150 for outhave cheaper tuition, but not of-state students, with lab fees varying for different courses. "We'll still be near the top," Hutchinson Community Colhe said, "we won't be the top." lege charges \$71 for in-state and In September Bankrate Inc., \$102 for out-of-state students, a company that publishes inforand an \$18 student fee per credit mation about the financial indushour for all students. Dodge City Community College charges try, ranked the college 10th in the country largely based on the \$40 per credit hour for students affordability of going to school 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 with a \$55 fee per credit hour.

In other business, the trustees: • Approved a new academic calendar for the coming year. people in all. The resignations Vacik pointed out the only thing of computer technician Michael

the whole week before Thanksgiving off.

in closed session, first in three \$1,123,718. 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 as the administrative assistant. The agenda also included another 24 part-time contracts for 15

College charges \$140 per hour that students and staff now get manager Yesenia Talavera were also approved.

> • Approved a payment of • Spent a total of one hour claims resolution totaling

> > · 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.

#### tuition at \$2,944, after student fees. The company ranked over the financial and veteran's aid 900 community colleges across fee, and others pay \$50 per hour coordinator, and Patricia Mead the country, using information

from the National Center for Education Statistics, based on in-state tuition and fees, among Northwest Kansas Technical different about the calendar is Yergey and student accounts

### 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 resurfac- and Sons of Greensburg won contracts Junction with U.S. 83 and K-25 from the county line north to Atwood this summer.

here. The group estimated an

in-state student's average yearly

other categories.

Department of Transportation will be to seal Interstate 70 and U.S. 24 from the Levant interchange east to Colby.

Both repaying 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. of new asphalt. On K-25, the contractor will 2 inches of the pavement in an in-place re-

remove 3 inches and put back 3 1/2.

West of town, in December bidding, Heft ing U.S. 24 from Colby to the Nine-Mile 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 Another large project planned by the state 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 haven't settled their schedules for the year Crews will mill off 3 inches of old pavement K-24 from the Wichita County line north yet. on U.S. 24 and replace it with 4 1/2 inches for \$1.25 million. Crews will heat the top

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

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 Ostmeyer'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 chickennoodle 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.

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### FDA to revise, simplify nutrition facts label

#### By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press wish list of desired changes.

be more prominent, they say, with." WASHINGTON (AP) - and the amount of added sugar For example, he says, most of were separated out on the label

Those nutrition labels on the and percentage of whole wheat the nutrients are listed in grams, in 2006.

health experts have their own bel, there are roughly two dozen providers have focused more numbers of substances that peo- on calories and warned people The number of calories should ple aren't intuitively familiar away from saturated and trans fats more than all fats. Trans fats

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become easier to read.

The Food and Drug Admin- how serving sizes are defined. istration says knowledge about nutrition has evolved over the tion labels haven't been as eflast 20 years, and the labels need to reflect that.

visions, nutritionists and other est. "When you look at the la- ferentiated." Since then, health

back of food packages may soon in the food should be included. the metric system's basic unit

"There's a feeling that nutrifective as they should be," says Michael Jacobson of the Center

gram is.

The nutrition facts label "is They also want more clarity on of mass. Jacobson says people now 20 years old, the food endon't really understand what a vironment has changed and our dietary guidance has changed," Michael Taylor, the FDA's says Taylor, who was at the deputy commissioner for foods, agency in the early 1990s when says 20 years ago "there was a the FDA first introduced the la-As the agency considers re- for Science in the Public Inter- big focus on fat, and fat undif- bel at the behest of Congress.

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### Family

# 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 Carmel*lini* series; it reads like the six o'clock news.

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



jacked 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 is high drama and a thrilling story. laying claim to the throne. 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 dor war for control of the land. works as assistant resident hall dibook with mystery and love written together.

months ago, but I failed to tell you Fay Weldon; and "Innocence," by about is the historical romance by Phillippa Gregory, "The White Princess." This book is filled with intrigue and conspiracy as the • Library 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 terrorists' plot to kill the prisoners clearly to her daughter. However, once they received the money. It a young man appears in England

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 Tu-

Let me tell you about the audiorector. This throws her plans into CD books that we have added to neutral, but she must multi-task our collection this week: "Huntand solve the mystery before her ed," by Karen Robards; "The most important day. This is a fun Death Trade," by Jack Higgins; "Hazardous Duty," by W.E.B. A book we received a few Woods; "The New Countess," by day See you in the library!

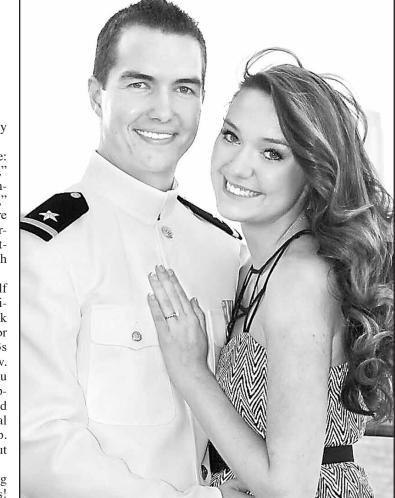
Dean Koontz.

Movies we added this week are: "Getaway," "2Guns," "Don Jon," "Fast & Furious 6," "RunnerRunner," "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.

Don't forget to make yourself an account at the Sunflower eLibrary website so you can check out eBooks and audio-books for you tablets, Kindles, Nooks, mp3s iPod, and smart phones (www. sunflowerelibrary.org). All you need to do is download the appropriate app for your device and then use your Pioneer Memorial Library card number to sign up. After that it is simple to checkout items.

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 Griffin; "Standup Guy," by Stuart house between 1 and 4 p.m. Sun-



Kevin Vincent Lang and Angel Michelle Moss

### March wedding to be in Virginia

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

Beverly Lang of Colby. He gradu- chology. ated from Colby High School in in 2012, and is now an ensign in tioned.

The bride is the daughter of Wade and Joy Moss of Lynchburg. She will graduate from Lib-The groom is the son of Ken and erty this year with a degree in psy-

The couple plans to live in Cali-2008 and from Liberty University fornia, where the groom is sta-

### Math students sought

Colby students in Who's Who

Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science staff will begin their 2014 informational and recruitment tours of Kansas in January

Students who complete the academy receive a high school diploma from their high school and also receive a minimum of 68 hours of college credit from Fort Hays State University. Tuition, fees and books for 68 credit hours at the academy are free for also schedule individual visits by students attending a Kansas public contacting the office at (785) 628high school.

Staff will be in Colby at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

The sessions are free. Students who are beginning the seventh grade through sophomore year in high school are encouraged to attend. Space is limited, so the academy asks that parents make a reservation by calling (785) 628-4690.

Students and their parents can 4690.

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 education in six categories: bachelor's proquality 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 sur-

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 peer reputation, student services and technolgrams 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 to U.S. News by 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,

ogy 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, when they're in cold weather. drifts can strain a person's heart. the American Heart Association Some studies suggest that harsh says it is important to know the winter weather may increase a don't take certain precautions can cold can affect the heart, espe- person's risk of heart attack due to suffer accidental hypothermia. It cially if you have cardiovascular overexertion. disease.

Children, the elderly and those

Lifesaving tips:

with heart disease are at special cold weather should avoid sud- enough. risk. People with coronary heart den exertion, like lifting a heavy disease often suffer angina pec- shovel full of snow. Even walking causes most deaths in hypother- body's vital organs. toris (chest pain or discomfort) through heavy, wet snow or snow mia. "It shall be unlawful for any person, falsely and maliciously or without reasonable cause to clothing. This traps air between 911 and begin pushing hard and residents may be unaware they are believe in its truth to originate, layers, forming a protective in- fast in the middle of the victim's 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."

• Winter sports enthusiasts who

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

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### Municipal laws weird

#### By Josh Bergeron

The Selma Times-Journal SELMA, Ala. (AP) - Selma 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.

#### Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

#### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day <b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.17
Corn (bushel)	\$4.20
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.13
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.94



January 2014.

Heat is then drawn away from the

• Learn CPR. Effective bystand-Symptoms include lack of co- er CPR, provided immediately afsurvival. Hands-only CPR makes it easier than ever to save a life. • To keep warm, wear layers of If an adult suddenly collapses, call

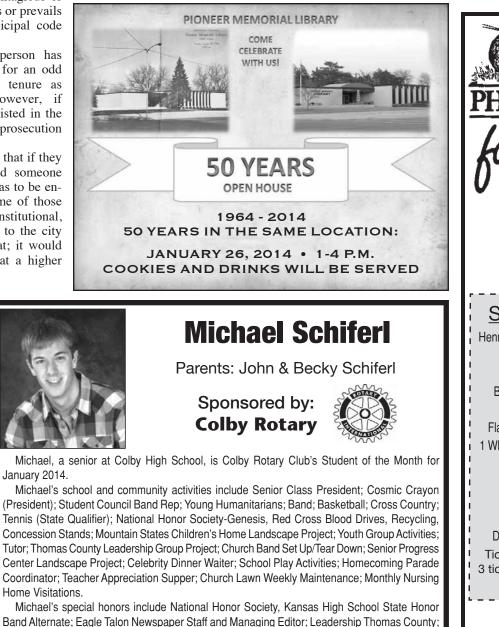
and Ashley Heier, both attending schools and are based on students' Fort Hays State University, were accepted into the 2014 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Black is a senior majoring in social work; Heier is a senior majoring in art.

Hays students accepted into award's anthology. this program this year. Student

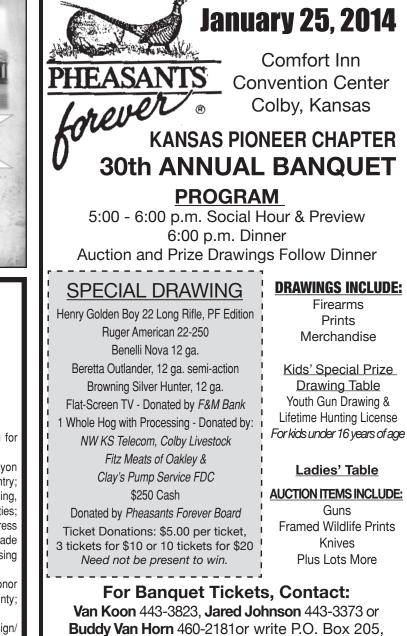
Colby students Jaylea Black nominations come directly from grade averages, participation and leadership in school and extracurricular activities, community involvement and future leadership ability and potential.

Honorees receive certificates, letters of congratulations and rec-The two are among 47 Fort ognition in the 2014 edition of the



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.



Colby, Kansas 66701

# Opinion



### **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 to 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



" 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....)

thing came up. We made another date for a lighter, too



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. The first time we were going to go, some- He said they were a couple hundred pounds 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

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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.

Brownback-Colyer The 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.

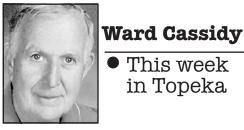
I lobbied the governor to include the money in this year's adjustments but that was not

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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 in-

creasing 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 vour questions and will work at keeping northwest Kansas informed.

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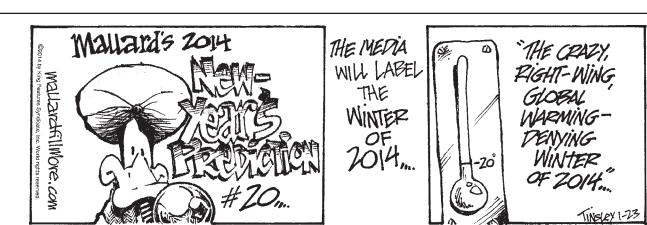
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## Scam artists file false tax returns using other's personal information

sonal 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

mindful of attempts to steal per- service reported stopping 14.6 million suspicious returns.

"Identity theft is growing problem in Kansas and nationwide," Schmidt said. "Our office has expanded our ability go after those to prevent identity theft."

said his office is taking steps to mation. prevent tax fraud.

Kansans are reminded to be tity theft. From 2011 to 2013, the Jordan. "We've set up our system box. to make tax fraud difficult and are constantly adapting to prevent new schemes."

Schmidt and Jordan offered the Kansas Attorney General Derek following tips to help consumers avoid identity theft:

• Only disclose Social Security who steal personal information numbers when absolutely necesand to educate consumers on ways sary, such as filing taxes or applying for a loan. Be wary of websites Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan or retailers that request this infor-

• Keep personal financial docu-"Tax fraud is a monetary and ments and past years' tax returns it initiated nearly 1,500 criminal emotional burden for Kansans that in a secure location, such as a investigations of tax-related iden- we work hard to prevent," said locked filing cabinet or a fire safe

 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.

### State considers a bill banning 'sky candles'

marshal and a former Kansas will ignite a major grass fire. House speaker are supporting a bill to outlaw sky candles, floating lanterns and other fire- tion. fueled balloons common to Fourth of July celebrations.

Tuesday that the devices represent serious fire hazards.

Ex-House Speaker Doug Mays of Topeka said sooner or falls to the earth.

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TOPEKA (AP) - A city fire later, a sky candle or lantern

No one testified against the bill. The committee took no ac-

The bill covers so-called "unmanned aerial luminaries" Winfield Fire Marshal Den- made of lightweight material atnis Darby told the House Lo- tached to a fuel cell or candle. cal Government Committee on 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

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# **Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



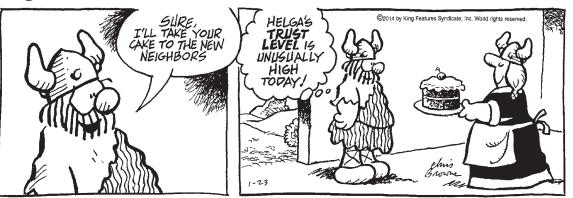
#### **Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



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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.

O: 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.

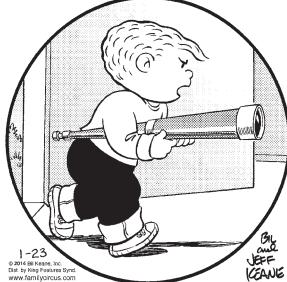
Your lamp was made between 1933 and 1949, when the company moved to Tennessee. Aladdin Knights of the Mystic Light is a club for collectors of Aladdin lamps; its website, AladdinKnights.org, has information about Aladdin lamps.

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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#### Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I sure wish God had never invented clouds.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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

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#### **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 24 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 34 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:

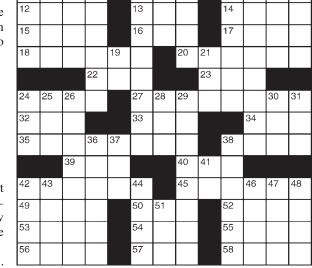
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The lead of the diamond jack at this point would have finished West. Whatever he discarded, South would score the rest of the tricks. How to play the heart suit would not have entered the picture at all.

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#### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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---1/22---2/10---

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----1/8----TFN----

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**Help Wanted** 

---7/13---TFN----

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---1/16---1/29---

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---1/15---1/27---

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Sale location 1870 S. Range Ave. Colby,

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#### **Public Notice**

#### Annual Report of EAST HALE Township

Kansas

**THOMAS County, Kansas** The undersigned treasurer and trustee of EAST HALE Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2013.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2013	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2013	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2013
General	7,624.33	48,382.93	49,225.06	6,782.20	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	7,624.33	48,382.93	49,225.06	6,782.20	0.00
	Total Cash Baland	ce for all Funds		6,782.20	

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2013.

Sout alles Township Treasurer

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#### **Public Notice**

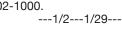
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cepting applications for a full-time **Computer Technician/Database** Administrator. Responsible for overall performance, maintenance, and efficiency of student information databases and campus computer performance including hardware and software support. Provides technical guidance and expertise in microcomputer hardware/server, microcomputer software and the entire campus computer network. Must maintain strict confidentiality and communicate and cooperate with college personnel on daily activities. Degree or certificate in computer science or closely related field and significant experience preferred. Ability to work with diverse student population required. Understanding of the importance of technology, integrity, innovative thinking, a sense of humor, and ability to work as a team to increase enrollment in a rural setting is critical. To apply submit

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### Help Wanted

### **Director of Nursing**

Wallace County Community Care Center has a current opening for the Director of Nursing. The main functions of this position include: Planning, coordinating and managing the nursing department. He or she is responsible for the overall direction, coordination and evaluation of nursing care and services provided to the Residents. The Director of nursing must be able to maintain administrative authority, responsibility and accountability for the proper charting and documentation of care and of medications and treatments. He or she must be able to supervise nursing care provided by registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses and others for whom they are administratively or professionally responsible.

Education and/or Experience: Must be a graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing. management or supervisory experience in long-term care, acute care, restorative or geriatric nursing preferred.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations: The ideal candidate must be a Registered Nurse who is currently licensed to practice by the state and should maintain a current CPR certification. Additional certification in nursing specialty desired.

Salary: Commensurate to years of experience and education background.

For additional informaiton about this position please contact the Administrator at wccccsharonsprings@gmail.com or call 785-852-4244.

You may also send your resume and cover letter to:

Administrator 608 N. Kennedy Sharon Springs, KS 67758 Fax: 785-852-5279 Contact Chris Kraft at 785-460-6746; 1-800-369-3673 or fordcars@st-tel.net.

transcripts and resume by Jan, 31 to Colby Community College, Attn: Lisa Failla, 1255 S. Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701. CCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversifying its work force and encourages applications from women, members of minority groups, individuals with disabilities and veterans.

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#### Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2014 Budget

#### The governing body of

Colby Cemetery District #1 will meet on the 18 day of February, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Thomas County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds

Detailed budget information is available at: 2491 County Road DD, Gem, Kansas and will be available at this hearing

#### Summary of Amendments 2014 2014 Adopted Budg Amount of Tax Proposed Amended Actual Tax Rate Expenditures that was Levied Expenditures Fund 115,000 163.800 Genera 0.864 60,915 0.013 889 18,000 37,000 Employee Benefit

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Date: 1/ 17/14

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#### Community College

Colby Community College is accepting applications for a Computer Technician. Full-time, 12-month position providing technical guidance and expertise in the areas of microcomputer hardware, software, and the campus network. Includes minor repairs to microcomputer hardware, installation, updating and cataloging of software, general maintenance of computing hardware, installation of new hardware and installation and maintenance of the microcomputer portion of the campus network. Works with students and staff to provide software and hardware support. Bachelor's degree in computer systems or information technology preferred. Associates Degree required. Experience in the appropriate field is highly desirable. Must have good communication skills to work with diverse population of users. Understanding of the importance of technology, integrity, open communication, innovative thinking, a sense of humor, and ability to work as a team to increase enrollment in a rural setting is necessary. Flexible benefits program which includes options for health and dental coverage, life insurance, reimbursement accounts and participation in state retirement program. To apply send letter, resume and all postsecondary transcripts by January 31, 2014 to Colby Community College, Attn: Lisa Failla, 1255 S. Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701. Materials may also be emailed to lisa. failla@colbycc.edu. CCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversifying its work force and encourages applications from women, members of minority groups, individuals with disabilities and veterans.

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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.

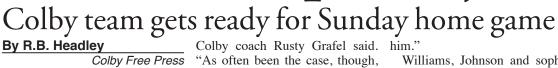
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By Hailee Spresser



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.



rbheadley@nwkansas.com

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).

(9-11 overall) must continue their and 12 rebounds. 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. him." "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 Meanwhile, the visiting Trojans a "double double" of 14 points

"I told Branden 'I'm not going to pull you back anymore'," Grafel said. "You have the Godgiven ability to jump and get rebounds. That's what we need from Dodge City 2-2 (13-7), 7. Cloud

Williams, Johnson and sopho-

more 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 goahead 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. 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.

### Colby wrestlers finish 2-2

The Colby Community College wrestlers split four showdowns at Saturday's second annual University of Nebraska-Kearney Midwest Duals in Kearney, Neb.

Coach David Nordhues' team dominated Nebraska schools, clobbering Wayne State College 48-9 and York College 28-10.

The Trojans scored six consecutive pins to build a 36-0 lead over Wayne beginning with Hunter Price's victory 33 seconds into his second period against 125-pound foe Tanner O'Gorman.

Seth Nels scored a 2:25 pin at 133 while returning to his home town of Kearney. Nels also trounced York's Brandon Brown by a 10-2 major decision. Omaha native Ron Wells (1:51 at 141), Eli Cooks (1:34 at 149), Colby alum Konnor Kriss (2:24 at 157) and Hoxie's Calvin Ochs (:31 at 165) delivered those other pins of Wayne opponents. James Jones (3:34 at 197) and heavyweight DeVante Ragland (:23 pin) finished off the impressive 48-9 win. Colby's victory over York featured Nehls, Wells (4:14 pin), Cook (4-3 win), Kriss (forfeit victory) and Ochs (7-0 win) teaming to score 22 unanswered points as the Trojans took a 22-3 lead. Again, Ragland's pin put a strong punctuation park on the triumph. He needed exactly 3:00 to flatten York's Devyn Rosser. The Trojans dropped their other duals, losing a close 28-20 battle with Dakota Wesleyan and falling 45-4 to Northeast Okalhoma A&M. Nels, Wells, Jones and Ragland were winners against Wesleyan. Ochs captired Colby's only victory vs. powerful A&M.

ketball team traveled to Bird City LYN CHENEY/Golden Plains Schools to take on the Cheylin Lady Cou-Golden Plains Middle Schooler Amanda Cheney's strong de-"We played super aggressive fensive stance showed she as a team," eighth-grader Kaylie was ready to stop any ap-Schaben about the A team's 33proaching Cheylin Cougar dur-29 win. "As a team, we played ing their recent game. together very well. We hustled

win.

Miller's 15 points led the Bullnine.

Maggi Nieman added eight points and Sierra Finlay two.

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

Wednesday evening.

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> holding Cheylin to two. were tough for both teams as nei- foes. Unofficially, the Trojans shot

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

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

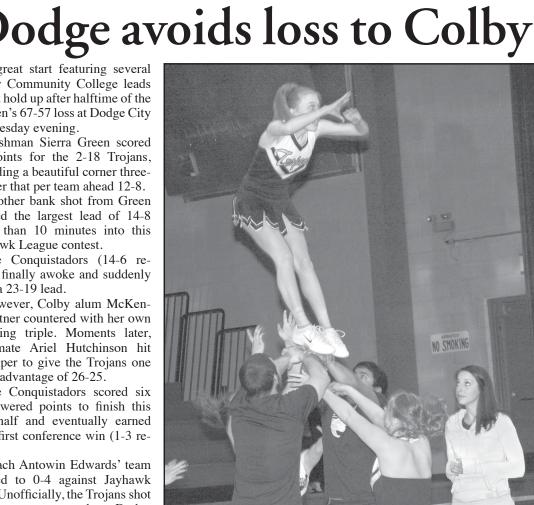
Another bank shot from Green created the largest lead of 14-8 more than 10 minutes into this Jayhawk League contest.

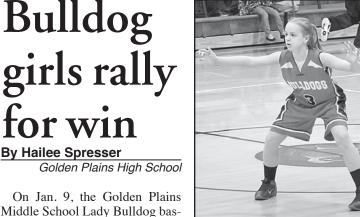
The Conquistadors (14-6 record) finally awoke and suddenly built a 23-19 lead.

However, Colby alum McKenna Ortner 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 The B team came out strong in their first conference win (1-3 re-

Coach Antowin Edwards' team The second and third quarters slipped to 0-4 against Jayhawk





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

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The Bulldogs started out the

game scoring six points in the first

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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 Golden Plains finished off the School girls continue their season in Healy today. Watch for results on an upcoming sports page.

### 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 munity College. lead into two!

Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting us.

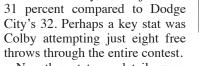
> attend on Sunday when the Colby Community College Trojans play Bar-

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 Com-

Until next time, go Trojans!



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).

Oakland Raiders are being sued

by current and former cheerlead-

ers claiming wage theft and other

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**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.

### hockers now 20

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) - Clean- Syracuse. thony Early and No. 5 Wichita State now have something else in souri Valley Conference) are the 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

The Shockers (20-0, 7-0 Missecond 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.

#### unfair employment practices. many of their own business ex-The lawsuit filed Wednesday in penses. Alameda County Superior Court According to the filing, Raiders alleges that the organization withcheerleaders are paid \$1,250 per the lawsuit. Experience the QSI Advantage **30X60X12 GARAGE** \$16,500

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The team had no comment on



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**Rusty Grafel** 

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