



Students in county affected by drugs

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Thomas County kids are not immune to drug problems, according to a student survey by a group called Kansas Communities That Care.

The survey, done every year since 2009, questions students in sixth, eighth, 10th and 12th grades about alcohol, tobacco and drug use, as well as risk factors for violence and substance abuse.

The 2013 survey shows both positive

and negative indicators of student drug use in the county, the group says

Colby schools are conducting the 2014 survey now, said Superintendent Terrell Harrison, and results should be released within the next few months.

Harrison said she is not sure how accurate the survey is, since it's possible some students are afraid to report drug use and others may deliberately give inaccurate responses.

Wendi Wacker, director of the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, said actual drug use is typically higher

than statistics show, since some students are afraid to say what is really going on.

In 2013, Wacker said, her organization saw a 7.1 percent increase minors with alcohol problems, a 2.4 percent increase in minors using methamphetamines, a 6.4 percent increase in kids using marijuana and a 7.3 percent increase in children using opiates. In every category except opiates, these increases were smaller than those the year before.

Undersheriff Marc Finley said his department has seen an increased number of younger kids – even junior high students –

using drugs, particularly marijuana and prescription drugs.

Police Chief Ron Alexander said he's heard many people discount the seriousness of marijuana use, especially now that it is legal in Colorado. But marijuana is a gateway drug. In all his years of law enforcement, he said, he has never spoken to anyone taking more serious drugs that did not start by using marijuana.

And those more serious drugs can be very dangerous, in part because users don't always know what they are getting when they buy them.

"There's no list of ingredients like on the back of a Snickers bar," said Alexander.

Street drugs can be cut with many toxic ingredients, adding to the drug's lethality.

Kids here seem willing to try just about anything, Alexander said, such as huffing canned air, which can kill brain cells with even minimal use. Finley said huffing is difficult to prove, but cases seem to be on the rise.

Finley said local law enforcement of-

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Piano clinic gets applause

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Clinician Dr. Timothy Shook, a professor at Southwest College in Winfield, (above) conducted a group concert following an all-day piano clinic Saturday at Colby Community College. Several groups of students performed about 15 pieces Saturday afternoon in the Cultural Arts Center. The teachers all took their places alongside keyboards on the stage

while their students, such as Annika Linin and Christopher Berls, (below left) took turns performing (below right). Kelly Palmgren (bottom left) played alongside Pat Ziegelmeier, who coordinated the piano clinic. About 50 people performed in the concert, Ziegelmeier said, and about 100 people were involved in auditions, also part of the clinic.



City contract to maintain water tower

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Mayor Gary Adrian cast the tie-breaking vote to draw up a maintenance contract for the city water tower at a Colby City Council meeting last Tuesday.

The city will now write a one-time contract with Utility Service Group, a company that specializes in maintaining water towers, after considering a long-term contract. Council President Fred Taylor, Stan Schmidt, Pat Mallory and Mike Hake cast the "yea" votes, while Lance Bolyard, Peg Tole, Bill Mariman and Francis Britton voted no.

The cost has not been determined, although City Manager Tyson McGreer said it will be close to the \$465,000 bid from Utility Service to repaint the 1.5 million-gallon tower that the council members discussed last month. They also considered a long-term "evergreen agreement" with the company.

Jake Dugger, a representative for the company, came to this last meeting as well as others when the water tower was discussed.

City Attorney John Gatz brought up concerns with the long-term contract Utility Service provided the city, which he said had not been addressed by the time the council met.

He was concerned that by signing the contract, the council could violate the state cash-basis law, which requires the city to spend only money which it already has in its yearly budget. Under the long-term contract, the city would have paid \$139,152 for the first five years, and then \$52,566 each year thereafter for repainting and other maintenance on the tower.

To keep the city from being held to a long-term commitment, Gatz suggested that a clause be added to the contract allowing the city to terminate it within 30 to 90 days. He also wanted something in the contract saying that the company is properly insured and bonded.

"I could go into more detail," Gatz said, "but I would not recommend approving the current agreement."

McGreer, who worked with the company as the city administrator of Grant, Neb., said the main

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Driver rolls car on U.S. 40

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An Oregon woman was flown to a Denver hospital after rolling her car off the side of U.S. 40 Monday morning in Logan County.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Dimitra Doukas, 26, Astoria, Ore., was headed west on U.S. 40 at 11:05 a.m. when she went off the north side of the road

about nine miles east of Winona. Doukas swerved south across the highway, then overcorrected and went back into the ditch north of the highway. The 2008 Chevrolet Aveo she was driving rolled about four times and stopped sitting upright.

Doukas was taken to the Logan County Hospital, treated, and then flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver, where she was listed in fair condition Tuesday afternoon.

Bill seeks student documentation

TOPEKA (AP) – A Kansas legislator wants the state to count and report the number of children in public schools who might be living in the country illegally.

Rep. Allan Rothlisberg, a Republican from Grandview Plaza, introduced a bill on Tuesday that he said would help determine how much taxpayer money is spent to educate children who are not lawfully living in the country.

"I would prefer we spend tax dollars on citizens and not on illegal aliens," he said.

The bill would require a school board to ask for "proof of lawful presence" when a child enrolls for the first time in a public school. The proof would be a birth certificate, Social Security card or other document, the *Lawrence Journal-World* reported (bit.ly/1hMF7zQ).

The State Department of Education would gather the information and publish a record of the number of children who didn't provide the proof, and the average per pupil school finance cost.

Rothlisberg said a child who didn't have the proper documentation would not be barred from enrolling in school and no child would be publicly identified.

The executive director of the Sunflower Community Action, which works on immi-

gration and education issues, criticized the bill.

"This is no more than another attempt at intimidation and harassment," Sulma Arias said. "This time, these acts of cowardice are directed at our children. In a state like ours, which is proud of our immigrant history, we should keep in mind the outstanding contributions that immigrant students who have attended Kansas public schools have made and continue to make to our state."

Alabama enacted a similar law in 2011, but it was blocked by a federal appeals court.

A 1982 U.S. Supreme Court ruling grants the children of people who are living in the U.S. illegally a free public education.

Court skeptical of shooter's appeal

TOPEKA (AP) – Kansas Supreme Court justices expressed skepticism that a man convicted of shooting a Wichita abortion provider should get a new trial because he believes he was saving unborn children's lives.

Scott Roeder is serving at least 50 years in prison for the death of Dr. George Tiller in May 2009.

Appellate defender Rachel Pickering argued Wednesday that Roeder should get a new

trial because jurors weren't allowed to consider whether they could convict him of voluntary manslaughter, rather than first-degree murder.

Pickering argued that Roeder had a sincere but unreasonable belief that he was preventing the deaths of others.

Roeder was convicted of shooting Tiller at the doctor's church. Tiller was among a handful of physicians known to perform late-term abortions.



Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: A slight chance of rain and snow after 3 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 19. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.

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

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 19.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32.

Monday: High, 19; Low 1 Tuesday: High, 29; Low 5 Precip: Monday 0.10 inches Tuesday None Month: 0.09 inches Year: 0.09 inches Normal: 0.42 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:53 a.m. 6:02 p.m. New moon at 3:39 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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ficers found a "lemon drop" lab where cough medicines are cooked down. Kids and others use the condensed medicine to get high.

Area teens have been caught with meth and other drugs in routine traffic stops, Finley said. Some local kids go out to Colorado where marijuana is not a big deal, he said, and bring it back to Kansas.

Alexander said he sends drug prevention literature and speaks at area schools when requested. Finley's department actively enforces drug laws, he said, and tries to keep a presence at schools and games to encourage kids to keep drugs off school property.

Harrison said her district has a drug-prevention plan, including a character education program and special speakers. Middle school and high school health and science classes cover drug-abuse prevention, too, she said, so all kids get at least one drug prevention lesson.

Golden Plains schools also encourage drug-abuse prevention, said Superintendent Darin Herl. Elementary kids participate in Red Ribbon Week, which provides prevention-focused activities, and Hoxie Feeders donated water bottles with an anti-drug message to the students. The high school counselor and health classes address drug abuse in the secondary school.

In Brewster, physical education classes include a focus on healthy lifestyle choices, and the school invites speakers from the sheriff's department and elsewhere to talk to the entire school about making good choices.

Numbers tell story in county

According to the 2013 survey results for Thomas County:

- 8.74 percent of students have sniffed glue or other inhalants at least once to get high. Although use has decreased since a peak of 10.79 percent in 2011, it remains above the statewide average of 8.13 percent.
• Fewer of the county's students have used cocaine and LSD than statewide averages, but more of the county's students have used methamphetamine than statewide.
• 7.84 percent of students think it would be "sort of easy" or "very easy" to obtain drugs like cocaine, LSD or amphetamines.
• 18.81 percent of students personally know at least one adult that has sold or dealt drugs in the last year, and 32.69 percent of students personally know at least one adult who has used illegal drugs in the last year.
• 8.41 percent of students used prescription drugs at least once that were not prescribed to them.

13.33 percent of students have used marijuana at least once, less than the statewide average of 17.04 percent but up from 8.24 percent in 2012.

5.85 percent of students said crime or drug selling happens in their neighborhood.

More than half of local students, 52.43 percent, said they didn't think a kid would get caught if he smoked marijuana in their neighborhood.

The average age at which kids first smoke marijuana is 14.33.

20.38 percent of students say at least one of their closest friends has used marijuana.

Nearly all local students, 96.21 percent, say they have never been offered drugs while on school property, more than the state average of 89.42 percent.

Less than half of students, 41.79 percent, say a parent has talked to them in the last year about the dangers of drug use.

To view the full survey, go to www.kctcddata.org.

Since the school includes all age groups, Superintendent Janci Mills said, they break the students into discussion groups.

The school can also randomly test students if there is a suspicion of drug use, but Mills said they have not had a drug problem in at least the three years she has worked there. Small class sizes and individual instruction help the teachers get to know their students well, she said.

The Colby schools haven't seen any major drug problems on their campuses, said Harrison, but they do bring in drug dogs periodically and keep an eye out for problems.

"We try our best," she said, adding that she knows parents are trying, too.

The council provides services to kids who have been using drugs, covering 17 northwest Kansas counties. Wacker said kids can be referred to her organization by law enforcement, parents, schools and social workers.

The organization begins each child's case by doing an assessment, and typically provides individual services along with an eight-hour education class that teaches kids about the destructive impacts of drugs and alcohol.

Budget and staffing cuts hurt the organization's ability to provide prevention services, said Wacker, but she visits the high school's criminal justice class and, at Alexander's request, re-

cently talked to the college dorm parents.

If parents find drug paraphernalia, Finley encourages them to call law enforcement so officers can come speak to the child involved, helping him or her understand the dangers of drug use.

"Parents just need to be aware of where their kids are and what's going on," said Alexander. "Do everything you can to get involved in your child's life."

Free drug misuse information is available from Kansas Family Partnership at www.kansasfamily.com/drug-facts and from the National Institute on Drug Abuse at drugabuse.gov.

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benefit to the contract is that it works something like insurance because utility service guarantees that it will fix any maintenance issues on the tank short of a catastrophe such as a tornado, and re-do the job if it is not adequate.

McGreer pointed out that the long-term agreement is basically just the same one-year agreement which renews itself over and over, and the city could cancel it at any time.

"But what if you get to year nine?" Mallory asked.

In earlier meetings, Dugger said that his company's con-

tract would help the city save up money for repainting the tower. He estimated that project would cost \$500,000, and would have to be done every 10 years. McGreer had said the city has about \$300,000 for the paint job.

Bolyard and Hake said they did not see a benefit to the contract monetarily, with Hake saying the city already has insurance. He pointed out that - unlike an insurance contract - the city will only have to pay for work the company actually

does, but the council members only voted on a motion for the one-year contract.

Last month, the council voted to draw up a contract with Utility Service, picking the company out of four others that bid for the project. McGreer said he generally got mediocre reviews when he called references for the company with the lowest bid, and that Utility Service was the only company to come out and physically look at the water tank.

Project to fix 'Home on Range' cabin

ATHOL (AP) - The north-central Kansas cabin where the iconic song "Home on the Range" was penned more than 140 years ago will be rededicated in October after a massive renovation project brought the property back to life.

The cabin in Smith County, near the Nebraska border, and Brewster Higley's poem that eventually became the Kansas state song will be the focus of a statewide celebration the weekend of Oct. 3. The Wichita Eagle reported (bit.ly/1d7DaK2).

"We have a whole gazillion things planned for that weekend," said El Dean Holthus, whose aunt

and uncle owned the property for nearly 75 years.

Concerts, skits, re-enactments of how the "Home on the Range" story evolved, and an appearance by Gov. Sam Brownback will be among the highlights of the celebration, he said.

Higley penned a six-verse poem he called "My Western Home" after moving into the cabin in 1871. The poem spoke about the home along Beaver Creek, of seeing animals on the ever-changing prairie and a sky that often overtook the bowl-shaped horizon.

Town hall meetings Friday

Rep. Tim Huelskamp will hold town hall meetings Friday in Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties.

From 8 to 9 a.m. he will be at the Cheyenne County Courthouse, 212 E. Washington in

St. Francis. From 10 to 11 a.m. (Central Time) he will be at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway, and from noon to 1 p.m. (Central) he will be at the Wallace County Courthouse, 313 N. Main in Sharon Springs.

Briefly

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

Group plans dance at American Legion

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

Economic board to meet Thursday

The board meeting for the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For questions contact Kayla Fause at 460-4511.

Auditions open to all for college musical

The public is invited to audition for Colby Community College's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" through Friday, Feb. 7, with the show's performance at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13. Performers of all ages are needed, and the college also needs stage crew, makeup artists and other volunteers. Contact Randy Berls at 460-5520 to set up an audition appointment.

Western Plains show postponed a week

James Bertolin and the Stanleytones' performance, originally scheduled for Sunday, has been rescheduled because of the Super Bowl. It will now be at 3 p.m. (Central Time) on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Sharon Springs High School. The event is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

Therapy students offering massages

Come get a massage at Colby Community College in February. Students from the Physical Therapist Assistant Program will be offering massages from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays next week and Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 27, in room 804 of the Health Sciences Building. The regular cost is \$15 for a half hour and \$25 for one hour. Bring your college ID for a \$3 discount. To make an appointment, call 460-4797.

Soup supper will help with cancer expense

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

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LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Table with TV listings for Thursday Evening (January 30, 2014) and Friday Evening (January 31, 2014). Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channel names (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.).

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Pamela (Gunter) Siefers and Tim Beeck

Rexford couple to wed at Colby hall in March

Pamela (Gunter) Siefers and Tim Beeck, both of Rexford, plan to marry on March 29, 2014, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Rex and Judy Gunther of Otis, Colo., and the late Debbie Hanna. Her grandparents are Wayne and Marilyn Hanna of Sedgewick and the late Rosco and Nettie Gunther. She graduated

from Ellinwood High School in 2003. Currently, she works at Comfort Inn and attends Colby Community College.

The groom is the son of Diane Moeve of Selden. He graduated from Golden Plains High School in 2008 and works as a delivery driver.

After a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple plans to live in Rexford.

Scoring keeps herd on track for success

There are many effective tools ranchers can use to improve success in their herds. One good tool to use in beef operations is Body Condition Scoring.



Kurt Sexton

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This can be a successful way to make sure cows and heifers are on the right track to optimal production efficiency in breeding, calving or artificial insemination.

Using a Body Condition Score as a management tool can be efficient for evaluating the energy needs or reserves of cows and heifers that are too thin or too fat can be expensive to keep around. Thin females can have difficulties rebreeding, while fat females are more prone to calving problems. Making Body Condition Score important allows ranchers to recognize when a herd's nutritional status is being compromised.

So what is Body Condition Scoring? It is a common scoring system that has been developed to estimate the average condition of cows or heifers in a herd. This system provides a relative score based on the evaluation of fat deposits in relation to skeletal features. Common fat deposit sites on cows and heifers will be over the ribs, down the top, in flank or udder, around the tailhead and around the brisket.

The most widely used scoring system in the United States assigns scores from 1 to 9, with 1 being emaciated and carrying practically no fat, and 9 being excessively fat. Cattle can normally be evaluated and scored by visual examination; nevertheless, there are times producers may need to

manually palpate for assurance that the right score has been given. In most cases, cattle score in the range of 3 to 7. Scores of 1, 2, 8 or 9 are rarely noted.

Many factors will impact how a score is given. It is important to remember that this scoring system is an evaluation of fleshing and fat deposits, not gut fills, hair coat or body weight. Considering these and other factors such as cow age, breed and frame size will give a better score.

Taking all these factors into consideration, having cows at a score of 5 to 6 and first calf heifers at a 6 is the optimal score. Keeping the appropriate body condition score is essential to a profitable cow-calf operation and will achieve an acceptable rebreeding percentage.

Using Body Condition Scoring 30 days prior to breeding, 90 days post-breeding, 100 days prior to calving and at calving is just one tool that producers can use to monitor the nutritional needs of cow's and heifers. Body Condition can affect calf survival, calf vigor, and overall reproductive performance of the herd.

Kurt Sexton is the Thomas County agriculture and natural resources agent with Kansas State Research and Extension. A native of Colorado, Sexton works with area 4-H clubs, farmers and ranchers.

Byways program seeks input

If you enjoy getting off the beaten path by walking or bicycling, the Kansas Byways Program wants your ideas for a new Kansas Byways bicycle and pedestrian plan to enhance opportunities for each of the state's 11 scenic and historic byways.

The plan is being developed by a consulting team led by RDG Planning & Design, Omaha, and CFS Engineers, Topeka to help

make the state's byways more accommodating to bicyclists and pedestrians. The diversity, character and manageable length of the byways makes them attractive to non-motorized users. This also benefits communities along the byways.

To take the survey and learn more about the planning process, go online to www.rdgusa.com/crp/kansasbyways.

Corrections

An article, "Dad given quilt honoring service," on Page 1 of the Friday, Jan. 24, *Colby Free Press*, had Dennis Buchholz's name incorrect. This was an error in information provided to the *Free Press*.

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An article, "Auction raises dollars for habitat," on Page 1 of the Monday, Jan. 27, *Colby Free*

Press, had an inaccurate statement. Attendees did not bid on whiskey, rather it was given away along with other items. This was a reporting error.

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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.

THANK YOU

The family of Don Spreser would like to say thank you for the outpouring of love and sympathy for the loss of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The support of the communities has warmed our hearts in a way words can not express.

So simply and lovingly we say thank you!

Bernadine Spreser,
Carl & Deb Spreser & families,
Dan & Delores Juennemann & families,
Leroy & Renee Spreser & families,
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Deaths

Verla E. Langdon

Verla E. Langdon, 79, Inman homemaker and a long-time resident of Colby, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at the Hospice House of Reno County in Hutchinson.

Memorial services will be held later in Colby.

Preceding her in death were her husband Chester Langdon and a son, Randy Lee Langdon.

Survivors include two children, Richard D. (Lynn) Langdon, Dekalb, Texas, and Loretta V. (Dennis) Brown, Hutchinson; three siblings, Floyd E. (Dorothy) Wigton, Penrose, Colo., Marsha Johnson, Sharon Springs, and Marilyn (Don) Anderson, Palisade, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

College honor roll named for fall semester

Colby Community College has announced the Fall 2013 Honor Roll.

To earn a place on the honor roll, students must earn 15 or more credit hours and have no failing grades. The Dean's Honor Roll includes students with grade averages of 3.75 to 3.99. The President's Honor Roll includes only students with a perfect 4.0, or straight-A average.

President's Honor Roll

Colby: Akaylah Trundle, Jaydon Bixenman, Alyse Dumler, Jenifer Wood, Jessi Kriss, Sean Skiles, Marcus Tibbles, Jessica Quist, Holli Miller, Katera Harter, Michael Quade Woofter, Matthew Hubbel, Christina Speaks, Karly Kriss, Zhiyong Huang, Valerie Billingsley.

Area: Bird City: Celine Isely. **Goodland:** Courtney Lopez. **Herndon:** Darla Lovelady. **Hoxie:** Shakara Bray. **Kanorado:** Josephina Garcia. **Lakin:** Luke Sholtz. **Norton:** Charla Sprigg. **Oakley:** Cheyanne Sowers, Conley Moorhous, David Dickerson, Shelby Moss. **Oberlin:** Tyler Bruggeman, Cheyanne Soderlund. **Rexford:** Karis Sperling. **Sharon Springs:** Tatum Elder, Heidi Pletcher. **Topeka:** Angela Ndhlovu.

Kansas: Abilene: Taylor Alderson. **Clay Center:** Emily Chestnut. **Ellis:** Erich Bittle. **Great Bend:** Elizabeth Bowman. **Grinnell:** Megan Schoendaler. **Hays:** Anna Hickert. **Healy:** Norma Redburn. **Hill City:** Lacey Radcliffe. **Leoti:** Cassandra Baker. **Logan:** Katie Becker, Nichole Mainville. **Meade:** Amber Koons. **Natoma:** KaiLee Homburg. **Phillipsburg:** Kenadee Kogl, Alex Wichers. **Plainville:** Aaron Dinkel. **Prairie View:** Gunnar Hays. **Quinter:** Kara Heier. **Towanda:** Jamie Wright. **Waldo:** Shae-Lyn Krug. **Wichita:** Hannah Shobe.

Colorado: Arapahoe: Ashley Beek. **Aurora:** Michelle Starkey. **Fountain:** Carmen Jackson. **Greeley:** Grant Buchanan. **Longmont:** Christina Ehr, Kaiya Canar. **Meeker:** Kaysyn Chintala.

Nebraska: Bloomington: Ethan Haussermann. **Brule:** Kallan Cole. **Hayes Center:** Halsie Large. **Imperial:** Emily Johnston. **Mitchell:** Abby Ford. **Norfolk:**

Aaron Schock. **Wilcox:** Shelby Aspegren.

Parkland, Fla.: Daniela Chetan. **Columbia, Mo.:** Kelli Robinson. **Gasport, N.Y.:** Amy Schumacher. **Wilson, N.Y.:** Kathleen Cooley. **Spring Grove, Pa.:** Shelby Grosberger. **Salt Lake City, Utah:** Megan Witzel.

Bahamas: Jermaine Smith. **Brazil:** Luis Felipe Pujol.

Dean's Honor Roll

Students named to the Dean's Honor Roll and their hometowns are:

Colby: Benjamin Jurek, Stephen Cornett, Andrew Wood, Caleb Carter, Konnor Kriss, Dana Wilson, Jenessa Williams, McKenna Ortner, Amanda Duvail, Abigail Russ, Mutiara Salulimbong, Margaret Ellis, Jacob Sabin.

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Kansas: Agra: Leah Winchell. **Cheney:** Breta Alstrom. **Dodge City:** Regina Johnson. **Garden City:** Staci Averett. **Kinsley:** Brandi Putter. **Logan:** Mika Cary. **Lucas:** Marissa Bland. **McPherson:** Lori James. **Ness City:** Dylan Schlegel. **Phillipsburg:** Torrie James. **Pratt:** Katharine Hart. **Quinter:** Shawna Ochs. **Stockton:** Jayne Prockish. **Wathena:** Elle Miller.

Colorado: Burlington: Amanda Diaz. **Calhan:** Wade Tope. **Centennial:** Taryn DiRito. **Elbert:** Alexandra Harris. **Johnstown:** Daniel Quintana.

Nebraska: Franklin: Emily Schmidt. **Hastings:** Alyssa Harig.

Hayfield, Minn.: Jordyn Rahlif. **Brogan Ore.:** Cody Wilcox. **Eagle Lake, Texas:** Noe Belmares. **Sheridan, Wyo.:** Lucas Giesey. **Canada:** Myria Riffel.

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.15
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Darrel Fikan

Darrel Herman Fikan, son of Fred Henry Fikan and Mary Edna Barratt Fikan, was born Dec. 26, 1934 at the Alex Maternity House in Colby, Kan. He died Nov. 23, 2013 at his home 13 miles south of Atwood, Kan.

After Darrel attended Rex Country School for three years, the school consolidated and he attended Chardon School at the original town of Chardon. The schoolhouse was in need of a lot of repair, so a schoolhouse was bought and moved 2 and one-half miles south of the original town of Chardon. He attended school there through eighth grade, graduating in 1949. He completed high school at Atwood Community High School in 1953.

In February of 1955, he entered the U.S. Army and served until 1957. He served in the Reserves for five years and was discharged in 1963. Upon returning home in 1957, he went into a farming partnership with his father.

On Dec. 28, 1957 Darrel was united in marriage with Bertha Ankle Harrington in Atwood. To this union, one son, John Fredrick Fikan, was born April 16, 1959.

Darrel enjoyed being a hardworking farmer in Rawlins and Thomas counties. He has many "dirt road" friends, neighbors who would stop along the road to discuss the weather and crops and tell or play a joke or two.

He was a kind, respectful, caring and helpful person. He spent many hours helping travelers along Highway 25 with their troubles, day or night.

Darrel and Bertha enjoyed traveling. They have traveled various places, such as China, Australia, Mexico, parts of Europe and several states in the U.S. They enjoyed wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He was a member of the Christian Church in Atwood, the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, American Legion in Colby and Odd Fellows #338 in Atwood. He served on the co-op board and the state wheat board.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents and also by his son, John, who died Dec. 29, 2012.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Bertha; step-son, Robert Harrington II of Fort Collins, Colo.; step-daughter, Roberta Castanada of Gilbert, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Karen Fikan of Colby; grandchildren, Alicia Siruta and Bradley Fikan of Colby, Jason Fikan of Atwood, Robby Harrington of Peyton, Colo., Amanda Harrington of Springfield, Mo., Eric and Alec Garbutt of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Rachel Jasso and Paul Garbutt of Gilbert, Ariz.; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Baalman Funeral Home in Colby. A private burial took place at the Chardon Cemetery.

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Free Press Viewpoint

'Big Brother' chips take on school IDs

Supposedly, it's the next wave in school security and finance: electronic chips embedded in student IDs that allow officials to track where a student is every minute while on campus.

The movement apparently started in Texas, where school budgets are based on average daily attendance, rather than a "count day" like in Kansas. A San Antonio-area district started with a middle school and a high school to test the system, justifying the expense by estimated it might recover \$1.7 million a year in state money.

And while it's always about the money, officials talked about being able to pinpoint students' locations, say, during a lockdown. Or, presumably, while smoking in the boys' room.

The Orwellian implications are obvious, but the first opposition came from an odd couple: The family of a girl in a conservative Christian sect, who drew support from the liberal American Civil Liberties Union. They sued the district.

The girl's parents maintained that just having to wear the ID, chip or no chip, was against their religious beliefs and marked her as owing obedience to "a false god." The district offered to move her to another school, but the suit ensued.

The remarkable thing here is, given the religious objection, the district didn't just give in. The chip system has much broader implications, however. If a government (a school district) can force students to be tracked on campus, what would stop bigger governments (like states or Uncle Sam) from requiring similar chips in driver's licenses or, as one wag commented, just having them imbedded under our skin?

Like the school district, the benefits to the government would be many. School officials envisioned faster cafeterias where the chips would report who ate what, for instance. And similar radio-frequency responders already report movements of trucks and train. Why not drivers and cars?

Perhaps it's inevitable, in a world where increasingly, everything we do is caught on camera or recorded in a computer. Or are we allowed to ask, is this the world we want to live in?

Someone will say, "What harm can come from being tracked if you're not doing anything wrong?"

The problem with that thinking is that, for our own good, of course, government gets to define "wrong." Today, it might be terrorism. Tomorrow, maybe voting for the "other" party.

If you don't believe that could happen, just recall President Nixon's desire to sic the Internal Revenue Service on those on his "enemies list," or the more recent flap about IRS mistreating conservative "tea party" groups.

You probably don't believe the National Security Administration is tracking all our phone calls, either. Just to look for terrorists, of course. Or criminals. Or, some day, hooligans (meaning anyone the government doesn't like).

Technology does offer great benefits, but any surveillance system presents the opportunity for abuse. When everything is done in secrecy, it's hard to know when an agency has crossed the line. You just know it will happen.

Already we are tracked by our phones, recorded by the phone company and every business with cameras, and watched by the government. We need to talk about it, set some guidelines. The nation needs to have this conversation now, before it's too late.

By then, chips in our arms may be the least of our worries.

— Steve Haynes



Corrections budget key to adjustments

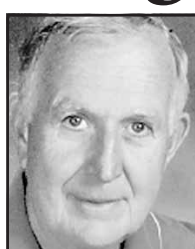
Sixty-three bills had been filed by Monday, which began the third week of this year's legislative session.

My personal belief is that we should now find that many bills to repeal. It is hard to believe that year after year there are so many new laws we have to consider. Last year, we voted over 300 times on proposed new legislation.

I was home last weekend and was visiting with a good friend, Steve Jenkins, a social studies teacher from St. Francis. He told me of a quote he once heard: "People that like sausage and politics should never watch either being made." I did not get his quote exactly, but you get the point.

My appropriations committee is now working on the governor's budget adjustments for this year. His proposals total a \$30.7 million increase for the year ending June 30 and \$429.8 million for next year.

There was about \$31 million in unspent money captured from last year, but that will be



Ward Cassidy

• This week in Topeka

balanced with \$17.8 million for school finance (there are more pupils enrolled in Kansas than were budgeted for last year), \$11.7 million for social-welfare programs, \$9.3 million for technical-education students and \$5.2 million to remove the college salary caps put in place last year.

The key to this year's budget adjustments will be the corrections budget. The request is for \$362.9 million for 2015. I strongly believe public safety should be a top priority and will support the governor's request.

Other requests, which I support, are improv-

ing our veteran's home, moderate income housing in western Kansas and technical education incentives.

I have been working with the governor and the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for increasing tourism in our area. There is a survey online www.rdgusa.crp.kansasbyways.org and there is a website to learn more ksbyways.org. If you are interested in this, you might look at the site and take the survey.

We are a diverse state, and I thank God every day that I live in northwest Kansas. Today in Education, we learned that there are 2,200 homeless children in Wichita. We have our share of problems out here, but not that one.

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.

States say healthcare changes not legal

Anyone with but a rudimentary knowledge of the Constitution understands that it is designed to limit the growth of the federal government and it begins with the most essential ingredient — separation of powers. Congress makes all the law on the federal level, the president executes the law — as Congress made it, not as he arbitrarily wants it to be, and the Supreme Court adjudicates the law that is contested. Quite simple. Uncontested by both political parties until now. This has been the constitutional way since George Washington and should remain so until a new amendment to the Constitution alters the Constitution. Until that it is "sacredly obligatory upon all," as George Washington once said.

Enter Barack Obama's numerous (Fox News says 23, National Review says 14) executive changes to ObamaCare, which have greatly altered the 2700-page law, and if left unchallenged, will give future presidents an open door to change whatever they wish in any law they wish. Actually the only constitutional authority of a president is to veto a law sending it back to Congress to override his veto if they have the votes. Altered laws, "on the fly" so to speak, are new laws and as such effectively undermine, even obliterate, the function of the legislative branch. The Constitution prevents the president from serving as all three branches as this president is doing. Such is the recipe for an imperial president, the end of limited government, and the end of a republic.

Seeking to stop this executive tyranny and to discourage the President from violating his own law, 11 state attorney generals wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that the president, by assuming law-making powers, was not following the Constitution. The letter was initiated by West

Other Opinions

• Harold Pease Liberty Under Fire

Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, and was signed by state attorney generals of the following sister states: Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia. Because Congress had faltered in protecting its sole legislative jurisdiction, they felt compelled to step forward to protect the Constitution.

The seven-page letter read in part: "We support allowing citizens to keep their health insurance coverage, but the only way to fix this problem-ridden law is to enact changes lawfully: through Congressional action." Moreover, "We are deeply concerned that this administration is consistently rewriting new rules and effectively inventing statutory provisions to operationalize a flawed law." The Attorney Generals' letter continued, "The illegal actions by this administration must stop."

Of the 14-23 Obama executive rule changes made since ObamaCare inception the four most notable were: the delay of the individual mandate, OPM waiver for congressional staffers (this exempts members of Congress and their staffs from the law that they created for you and I, the Small Business Exchange Delay, and the Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan Waiver.

The most recent change came after more than 5 million received cancellation notices

from their insurers because ObamaCare made it too difficult for them to continue coverage, this despite the known falsehood used to promote the forced healthcare plan made by Obama, "If you like your doctor you can keep him" and, "If you like your healthcare plan, you can keep it." In this change Obama, unilaterally announced that those who had lost their insurance could have it back for a year.

President Obama's rule changes violated two parts of the Constitution, the separation of powers among the three branches of government housed in Articles I, II and III, and his responsibility to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," as noted in Article II, Section 3. These are serious, even impeachable, violations and should be challenged.

Noticeably absent this time in protecting the Constitution with respect to the 200-plus year process of making law is the Democratic Party. To my many friends therein, don't you realize that by letting your party distort this process to get a gain that you face a Republican president unilaterally doing the same thing to you down the road using the same arguments you now use to protect him? Can't you see that the rule of law was to protect all of us and that the Constitution must remain pure or one day neither party will have it? The Constitution must be above party. This is why all elected officials swear an oath to protect and preserve it.

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

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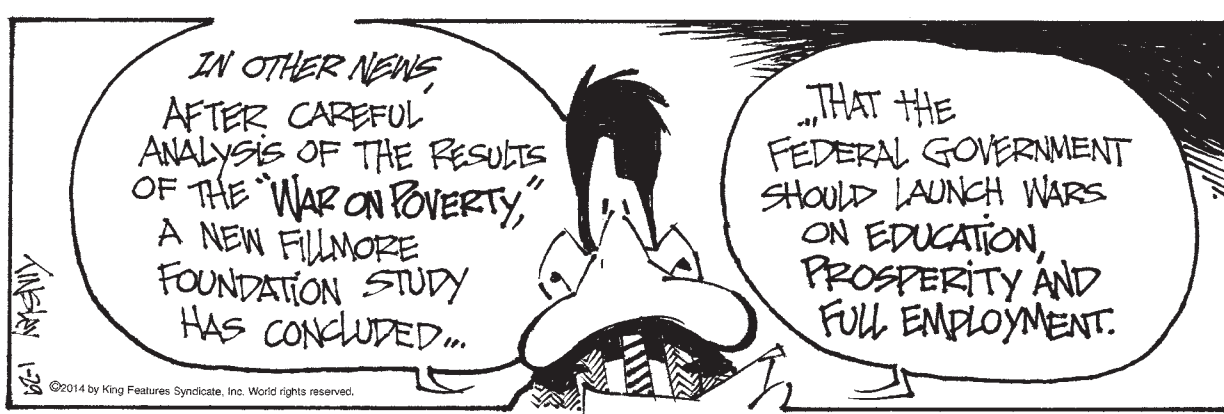
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Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Jan. 12

12:27 a.m. - Helped Sheriff's Office unit with a traffic stop.
 2:06 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.
 2:11 a.m. - Recovered property report filed on finding a holster.
 2 a.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.
 3:38 a.m. - Security check at Wal-Mart.
 3:50 p.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 9:24 p.m. - Provided directions.
 9:44 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.
 10:37 p.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 11:38 p.m. - Security check at Sleep Inn.

Jan. 13

1:42 a.m. - Security check at the college.
 7:21 a.m. - Caller reported subject borrowed vehicle yesterday and never returned. Vehicle description sent to Highway Patrol, Oakley, Oberlin and Norton.
 9:36 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle hitting building on Jan. 9.
 9:48 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle broken into. No report.
 12:05 p.m. - Probation violation: spoke to subject about incident.
 12:05 p.m. - Subject reported vehicle parked in alley. Contacted owner, vehicle moved.
 5 p.m. - Subject came to station about vehicle hit at Wal-Mart three months ago.
 11:13 p.m. - Caller advised of a domestic. Report filed.

Jan. 14

3:01 p.m. - Caller reported semi parked. Tried to contact driver and company, not found.
 6:08 p.m. - Accident.
 7:43 p.m. - Caller reported drug smell. Everything OK.

Jan. 15

9:21 a.m. - Report filed on incident.

Jan. 16

8:45 a.m. - Subjects reported speeding vehicle seen sliding corner of road to the southeast of city shop yesterday.
 10 a.m. - Caller reported subject using credentials illegally. Spoke to reporting party; information turned over to Kansas Highway Patrol.
 10:19 a.m. - Caller reported subject locked in a vehicle with the keys. Got vehicle unlocked.
 11:28 a.m. - Dog at large.

Spoke to owner.

11:37 a.m. - Could not catch dog at large.
 11:56 a.m. - Subject caught dog at large at Franklin and Pine. Turned over to owner.
 2:54 p.m. - Helped Highway Patrol with closing westbound I-70 gates at Colby.
 7:51 p.m. - Recovered property: caller reported found items. Report filed.
 8:58 p.m. - Caller advised of theft. Report filed.

Jan. 17

9:20 a.m. - City Hall called about oversize semi needing traffic control at Fourth and Country Club Drive. Provided help and escort to Lang Diesel.
 10:05 a.m. - Civil stand-by. All OK.
 11:57 a.m. - Caller upset about incident not being prosecuted. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.
 12:20 p.m. - Caller needed item taken to another subject. Provided assistance.
 12:26 p.m. - Subject came to station about possible incident this weekend. Provided information.
 1:08 p.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 1:33 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.
 1:54 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Middle School.
 4:19 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.
 8:18 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed for traffic stop.

Jan. 18

11:28 a.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 12:02 p.m. - Fraudulent use of credit card: subject reported items charged to his card. Report filed.
 6:45 p.m. - Battery report filed on incident.
 7 p.m. - Theft report filed for theft of vehicle and call at 6:45 p.m.
 10:42 p.m. - Caller reported domestic disturbance. Report filed
 11:09 p.m. - Caller reported subjects fighting inside a vehicle. No report.

City to bring prisoner back to Colby for court.

11:21 a.m. - Caught a dog at large at Grant and Webster, turned over to owner.
 1:59 p.m. - 911 callers reported numerous vehicles in pile up approximately 2 to 4 miles west of Rexford on U.S. 83. Assisted Highway Patrol, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department on call.

Jan. 17

8:56 a.m. - 911 callers reported injury accident at eastbound I-70 mile 42. Helped Highway Patrol, Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Squad on call.
 9:04 a.m. - Traveler's aid.
 9:14 a.m. - Took inmate to Scott County Sheriff's Office.
 9:37 a.m. - Helped highway patrolman provide traffic control for clean up at accident scene from yesterday at U.S. 83 mile 179.
 9:44 a.m. - Nurse at Citizens Medical Center called needing deputy involved in earlier accident call in reference to drugs. Helped Highway Patrol on call.
 12:47 p.m. - Oakley Police reported debris in roadway at U.S. 83 mile 175. Removed from roadway.
 3:30 p.m. - Oakley Police advised of domestic disturbance earlier on County Rd. 36. Could not find victim to make report.

Jan. 18

12:34 p.m. - Caller reported dirt blowing across road at U.S. 83 mile 179. Contacted land owner; highway patrolman responded.
 7:18 p.m. - Booked Tommy D. Stickel.
 11:27 p.m. - Helped Highway Patrol with traffic stop at mile 57 eastbound I-70.

Students go to class using tunnels between buildings

By Gretchen Ehlke
 Associated Press

MEQUON, Wis. - While many Midwestern college students pile on layers to brave the frigid walk to classes in subzero weather, those attending one Wisconsin university on the windy shores of Lake Michigan can leave their coats in their dorms and take a much cosier trek.
 Concordia University Wisconsin has nearly 4 miles of connecting tunnels and hallways that keep students out of the harsh winter elements. The elaborate underground system connects residence halls and academic buildings.
 "Actually, it's pretty funny to see students walking around campus in flip flops and shorts," during the winter, said university spokesman Craig McCarthy.
 Some of the tunnels date back to when the School Sisters of Notre Dame owned the 200-acre

lakefront property before Concordia bought it in 1982, according to McCarthy. The Lutheran university, north of Milwaukee in the suburb of Mequon, has added to the maze of tunnels when constructing new buildings.
 "Honestly, I haven't been outside in two days," said junior Lindsey Weber, a resident assistant at Augsburg Hall. "It's been nice with the semester starting back up. Everybody has been able to stay warm unless they're a commuter or had to go out for something."
 The tunnels can get a bit crowded at times, said Weber, 21, of Colgate, Wis. About 7,900 graduate and undergraduate students from 46 states and 28 foreign countries are enrolled at the university.
 "It turns into like rush hour on the freeway," Weber said. "Everybody just lines up and goes."
 The private, liberal arts school ranks 13 in a list of the 21 coldest

colleges in the country, according to the website College Prowler, a resource for student reviews, majors and scholarships.
 Built 20 years before Concordia bought the property, the cement floor of the underground maze was conducive to bikes and roller skates the nuns used to navigate the long tunnels, said Lawrence Sohn, 76, who maintains the university's archives.
 "This was all the sisters' idea in the first place," Sohn said.
 Twenty-two of the 23 buildings on campus are connected and clustered in the middle of the sprawling property with parking lots and roads encircling the buildings.
 The university used the tunnels in a promotional campaign several years ago, telling prospective students they could "come to class in shorts in January," Sohn said.
 "The nice thing is," Weber said, "we never have to put away our summer clothes."

Fake report made to avoid ticket

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) - Authorities say a New Mexico woman called in a fake report of a gunman near a convenience store to help a friend avoid a traffic ticket over a taillight.
 Roswell police say 22-year-old Savana Jimenez called 911 Sunday morning hoping the officer who pulled over the car she was a passenger in would get dispatched to the fake crime.

Authorities say Jimenez called 911 while the officer was checking her friend's information.
 Police say Jimenez later admitted making the entire story up so the officer would rush to the fake scene.
 Roswell police spokeswoman

Sabrina Morales says Jimenez told police she thought she had warrants out for her arrest, but officials say she didn't.
 Jimenez was arrested and charged with obstruction. It was unknown if she had an attorney.

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Please help! If you are taking or have ever taken any college math course, I need your help! Capella University doctoral student Michael E. Quist is looking for former or current college mathematics students to participate in a voluntary research project. Your participation in focus groups (where a small group will discuss ways they learn) and/or interviews (where individuals will describe how they learn) will help us establish best approaches and practices for college students learning mathematics, and will help us develop better programs in the future. It's only a few hours, and will be a big help! The research supervisor is Capella's Dr. Mark Larson. Anyone who is taking or has taken college math is welcome to participate. Please contact Michael at (785) 460-0376 or mquist@hcscolby.org if you're willing to participate. Thanks!
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Meet a football star who can pound his own chest with the belief that every bit of credit goes to someone far greater than him.

"My turning point was when I decided 'Lord, I don't care if I score a single touchdown or 100 touchdowns. It's whatever you want for me,'" 2012 Heisman finalist and record-setting Kansas State University quarterback Collin Klein told the crowd who gathered at Colby's Community Center Saturday morning.

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"This is a time I feel like the Indian rather than the arrow," he declared while "Voice of the Colby Eagles" Rich Epp swiftly replaced the microphone batteries. "Nobody gets my jokes. That's all right. My wife (Shalin) laughs at me all the time."

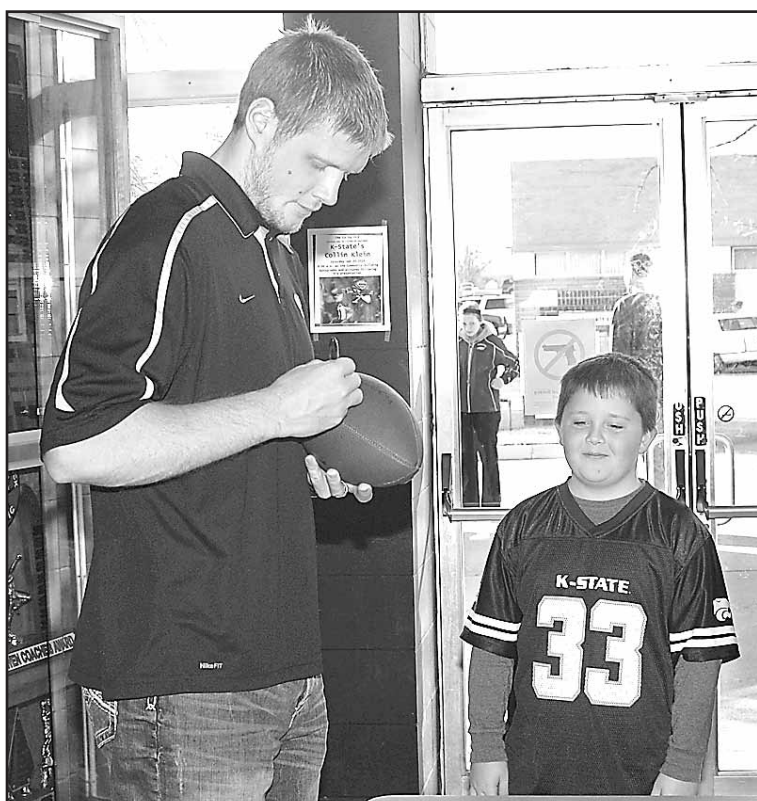
Wife and former K-State basketball player Shalin Klein also made the Colby visit. She presented awards after the Orange and Black Classic free-throw contest. Meanwhile, her Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award-winning husband signed autographs for more than an hour in the Community Center lobby. He posed for photographs and continued to deliver another clear message.

"The fallacy of sports is everyone is made out to be headhunters. Who is the biggest and baddest," he said. "But that's not what it's all about. It's about doing the best in whatever the Lord has for you."

Klein did admit he still owns strong pro football aspirations. Despite all his success leading Kansas State to a 2012 Big 12 championship and late-season No. 1 national ranking, Klein was not selected in the 2013 NFL draft.

He did get a workout with the Houston Texans. Coach Gary Kubiak — who was later fired during a 2-14 season last fall — admitted he was impressed but the team did not sign Klein.

"What am I doing now? That's a real good question," he revealed during his question-and-answer session with the Colby crowd.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Wearing Wildcat running back John Hubert's No. 33, this Kansas State fan got a chance to meet another star from the 2012 Big 12 Conference champs as Collin Klein visited Colby on Saturday.

"In my heart, I want to play so badly," But if (coaching) or something else is the calling God has planned, then bring it on."

Bring it on. That fearless, relentlessly tough attitude is what so many Wildcat fans loved about Klein.

Bypassed by his own home-state Colorado University Buffaloes, Klein went to K-State and produced more touchdowns during the past decade than every major college quarterback except two: Collin Kaepernick and Tim Tebow.

Yet it was the most dreaded phrase in any football player's vocabulary that really ignited Klein's career: Turning it over.

"I was trying to do it on my own steam. I was tired, I was depressed, I was hurting," Klein said about not getting the number of first-team snaps he wanted early in his junior season of 2011. "I'd always said God No. 1, family No. 2 and football No. 3. But I wasn't living that way. That's when I realized I had to turn it all over to him."

A couple of weeks later, Klein was starting again when K-State

surprised everyone by winning 28-24 over the Miami Hurricanes. "I played well, we won, and you all know where it went from there," he recalled.

However, those ensuing big wins couldn't change Klein — nor will he ever waver with his message to youth.

"Whatever your work is, search God's Word and know what you truly believe," he said. "You get in trouble when you don't know what you truly believe. If you're 50-50 and on the fence, there's a good chance you will fall off."

"The ultimate example is Christ, who put everyone before himself," Klein added to conclude about a 35-minute talk.

He spent those next several minutes, answering questions from fans about various topics including legendary coach Bill Snyder.

"There are so many (stories)," he said. "One I'll always remember is when we traveled to games. On Friday nights, he always told us to write a note thanking the hotel for a clean stay and their hospitality. With all he has going on, who thinks about the cleaning lady? But it was like clockwork. It was so cool."



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
The Colby High girls scored two big wins and played a great Orange & Black Classic championship game last weekend en route to their runner-up finish. From left, kneeling: Kelly Sloan, Abby Friesen, Haileigh Shull and Brenly Terrell. Standing: Darby Sager, Callie Siruta, Hailey Schindler, Shaila Giebler, Hannah Strange, Brielle McKee, Lara Stephens, Brooklyn Bange and Bailey Foss.

Athletes earn Classic awards

Senior Abby Friesen joined Colby High classmates Victoria Rall and Marc Bremnkamp on the 2014 Orange & Black Classic All-Academic Team last weekend.

Friesen represented the Colby High girls' basketball team, which defeated two opponents en route to Saturday night's championship game. The Eagle girls have made 13 finals appearances during this tournament's 29-year history.

Bremnkamp was selected from the Eagle boys while Rall represented Colby High's cheerleaders.

A complete rundown of other awards for this 16-team tournament that ran from Thursday through Saturday.

Boys
Most valuable player: Trey O'Neil of champion Scott City. All-tourney team: Luke Cox, Colby; O'Neil, Brett Meyer and Sloan Baker, Scott City; Matt Cameron, Nick Vitwar and Edmund Cameron of runner-up Palmer Ridge, Colo.; Bryce Money and Caleb Farris of third-place Wichita West; and Mack Alspaugh from McCook, Neb.

Off The Bench award: Edmund Cameron. Gary Garrett Sportsmanship Award: Baker. Tom Bowen Coach's Award: Glen O'Neil, Scott City. Super Shot winner: Blake Stout of Liberal. Marvin Stark Spirit Award:

Scott City. Founders Award: F&M Bank. Contributors Award: Lesley Waggoner.

Girls
Most valuable player: Ali Myer of champion Palmer Ridge. All-tournament team: Haileigh Shull and Brenly Terrell, Colby; Meyer and Rhyley Lane, Palmer Ridge; Amy Scott and Katy Heger, Hugoton; Jai Chapman, Liberal; Brenleigh Daum and Tiara Schmidt, McCook.

Off The Bench Award: Melissa Fabela, Hugoton. Gary Garrett Sportsmanship Award: Shull. Tom Bowen Coach's Award: Jeff Ellis, McCook. Super Shot winner: Terrell.

Barton wins two with Trojans

Visiting Barton County shot 54 percent and broke away late for a 79-69 win over Colby Community College's men at the Community

Colby boys beat Scott

Colby Middle School's seventh-grade B team scored an impressive 33-15 home win over Scott City to highlight recent hoops action.

The seventh-grade A team also led Scott, 16-14, at halftime. Yet those visiting Beavers responded with one strong second-half surge and eventual 42-28 victory.

Other Colby Middle School basketball scores:

Monday

Seventh graders played at home against Hays Middle School. Hays won the A game, 39-21, and also took a B victory by 33-20.

The Colby eighth graders traveled to Hays and encountered tough opponents. Hays won both the A game, 40-6, and B contest, 58-3.

Thursday

Colby's eighth graders also ventured into Scott City. The Beavers' A team prevailed 34-10 and their B squad won by a 26-5 final count.

Center on Sunday.

"We did a good job for the most. Obviously, we needed to do a better job of adjusting to their shooters," coach Rusty Grafel said as his team slipped to 9-12 overall, 0-5 in Jayhawk League West play.

The Trojans play at home again tonight against Pratt Community College (8 p.m.), which follows a 6 p.m. women's contest.

Colby (69) — Jeremiah Ingram 18 points, Branden Williams 16, Ramon Johnson 10, Terry Starks 9, Kyle Summers 9, Joey Meyer 3, Anthony Barley, David Tait 2. Three-point goals: Summers 3, Williams 3, Ingram 2, Starks. Rebound leaders: Starks 8. Assists: Starks 5. Steals: Starks 3.

Barton (79) — Isaac Williams'

game-high 22 points powered Barton.

Women
A 41-16 first half for Barton offset Colby's better second half in women's basketball action Sunday afternoon.

"The bottom line is we gave up too many easy baskets," coach Antowyn Edwards said.

Colby (47) — Deja Cato 14 points, Deandra Williams 9, Amanda Miller 7, Ariel Hutchinson 6, McKenna Ortnr 5, Tori Biddle 4, Sierra Green 2. Three-point goals: Hutchinson 2, Ortnr, Biddle. Rebound leaders: Cato 7. Assist: Cato. Steals: Cato 3. Blocked shots: Miller, Cato.

Barton (82) — Cheyenne Heddrington tallied 19 points.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Fans filled a lot of the Colby Community Center seats to hear and meet former Kansas State University quarterback Collin Klein Saturday morning.

Pairings are set for Colby JV tournament

Colby High's 2014 junior varsity basketball tournament will tip off on Monday at two sites.

The schedule for both boys and girls:

Boys

Monday: Colby vs. Oakley, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building; Goodland vs. Cheylin, 7:30 p.m. at Colby High.

Thursday: Consolation final, 7:30 p.m. at Colby High; Championship game, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Girls

Monday: Colby vs. Dundy County, Neb., 6 p.m. at the Community Building; Goodland vs. Dighton, 6 p.m. at Colby High. Thursday: Consolation final, 6

p.m. at Colby High; Championship game, 6 p.m. at the Community Building.

Watch for results next week.

Public Notice

Annual Report of Summers Township Thomas County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Summers 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	16,595.84	154,413.84	69,640.62	101,369.06	0.00
Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Machinery	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gen2	0.00	0.00	33,551.85	-33,551.85	0.00
Gen3	0.00	0.00	43,269.87	-43,269.87	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	41,595.84	154,413.84	146,462.34	49,547.34	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds					49,547.34

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

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.

Date: 1-24-2014

Shirley Homan
Township Treasurer

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, January 29, February 5, 2014)

Public Notice

Annual Report of Lacey Township Thomas County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Lacey 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	23,822.37	2,435.01	7,810.25	18,447.13	0.00
Road	16,922.97	24,994.85	21,847.13	20,070.69	0.00
Totals	40,745.34	27,429.86	29,657.38	38,517.82	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds					38,517.82

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

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.

Date: 1-28-2014

Vernon Roemer
Township Treasurer

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, January 29, 2014)

Public Notice

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTH RANDALL TOWNSHIP THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of South Randall Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund*	Cash Balance Jan. 1 **	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31
General	626.28	18535.45	19160.51	1.22	
Road & Bridge	2740.59	91402.10	94014.94	127.75	
Special Equip	27452.91	5.92	0	27458.83	

* Detailed fund pages are available at the county clerk's office.

** Includes all money the township has including checking account savings and investments.

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.

Date: 1-23-14

Bob Ottley
Township Treasurer

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, January 29, 2014)

'Cats defeat Raiders

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Will Spradling scored a season-high 17 points, including four free throws in the closing seconds, to help Kansas State hold off Texas Tech 66-58 on Tuesday night.

Nino Williams added 13 points and Wesley Iwundu had 11 for the Wildcats (15-6, 5-3 Big 12), who ended a two-game skid despite getting very little from their three leading scorers.

Marcus Foster had two points on 1-for-8 shooting, Shane Southwell missed his first seven shots and finished with four points, and Thomas Gipson scored seven before fouling out.

The Red Raiders (10-11, 2-6) closed within 48-47 midway through the second half, but the stingiest defense in the Big 12 kept answering the call, and Texas Tech never regained the lead.

Jaye Crockett had 15 points to lead Texas Tech. Dusty Hannahs finished with 14.

Kansas State methodically built a 32-20 halftime advantage on the strength of its defense, which made the Red Raiders look downright silly in the way it harassed them around the rim.

Robert Turner was the only Texas Tech player to make more than one field goal in the first half.

Cougars cool down Titan girls

Despite junior Shayna Rogge's 17 rebounds, the Triplains-Brewster Titans lost their first game since winning a Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, 55-44, to visiting Cheylin Friday evening.

Cheylin (7-3 record) shot ahead 13-8 after one quarter and outscored those 1A Division II No. 3-ranked Titans through the ensuing three periods.

Senior Shayla Hubbard scored a game-high 17 points on just six of 20 shooting (30 percent).

Hubbard did hit two three-pointers while sophomore Elizabeth Ketz tossed in 12 points and cleaned the glass for 14 rebounds.

Rogge's 11 points matched senior Brittany Plummer for the Titans' top offensive efforts. Plummer was most dangerous outside the three-point arc, where she hit three of six attempts (50 percent).

The Titans (9-2 record) only shot 33.3 percent as a team and surprisingly committed 32 turnovers.

Junior Alicia Barrie added eight points followed by senior C.J. Lewellan (four), sophomore Kelly Lamb (four on two-for-two shooting), senior April Mays (three points) and junior Dara Roulier (three).

Plummer also delivered seven rebounds, four assists and two steals.

The Titans improved offensively every quarter as they tallied

eight, nine, 13 and 14 points. Yet Cheylin still outscored them during each period.

Cheylin's boys (3-8 record) completed the road sweep with their 48-40 win over Triplains-Brewster (5-6).

No individual results were obtained for the Titan boys.

Both Titan teams return to action at Western Plains Friday evening (6:30 p.m. start).

A glance at all upcoming sports contests throughout the Colby area:

Tonight

Women's/men's college basketball: Pratt at Colby, 6/8 p.m.

Thursday

Junior high basketball: Triplains-Brewster at Northern Valley, 4 p.m.

Junior high basketball: Wheatland-Grinnell at Golden Plains, 4 p.m.

Junior high basketball: Heartland Christian at Healy, 4 p.m.

Friday

Girls/boys basketball: Colby at Norton, 4:45/8 p.m.

College wrestling: Colby at Labette, TBA

Girls/boys basketball: Triplains-Brewster at Western Plains, 6:30 p.m.

Girls/boys basketball: Golden Plains at Northern Valley, TBA

Saturday

Women's/men's college basketball: Colby at Cloud County, 6/8 p.m.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School Senior C.J. Lewellan and the Triplains-Brewster Titans rose up to defeat Golden Plains recently, but fell short Friday evening.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains High senior Jordan Christensen won the Western Kansas Liberty League free-throw shooting contest recently. She accepts the championship medal from league president Terry Ostmyer. Christensen is also one of seven Golden Plains athletes who earned spots on the league's All-Academic team.

Bulldogs big part of All-Academic team

By Shania Finlay

Golden Plains High School

Seven Golden Plains High Bulldogs have been selected to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-Academic team this year.

To be considered for the team, students must have a 3.7 grade point average, participate in six athletic activities and six non-athletic activities throughout their high school careers.

The seven Bulldogs earning All-Academic first team are Kylie Jones, Leea Juenemann, Hailee Spresser, Zach Spresser, Jordan Christensen, Macayla Easton and Tristan Schwarz.

"It is very impressive that seven out of the 25 chosen (in the league) are from Golden Plains," senior class president Juenemann said. "I think it shows that our senior class and those below as well, work hard to represent our school well."

Jones has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, scholars bowl, NHS, student

council, vocal, forensics and the school play throughout her high school career.

Hailee Spresser has played volleyball, basketball and track. She participated in the school play, student council, National Honor Society, yearbook, class secretary and vocal. Zach Spresser has participated in football, basketball, track, NHS and vocal.

Christensen has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, Nation Honor Society, the school play, yearbook, cougar math meet and vocal.

Easton has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, scholars bowl, vocal, NHS, the school play and student council.

Schwarz has played football, basketball and track along with his participation in National Honor Society, the school play and vocal. Juenemann has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, dance team, scholars bowl, forensics, NHS, student council and the school play.

Golden Plains boys take two on road

By Arianna Camacho

Golden Plains High School

The junior high boys from Golden Plains worked hard to gain two victories over Cheylin at McDonald on Jan. 9.

The A team played tough defense on the Cougars during a 12-0 first quarter.

A.J. Camacho posting up nine of those Bulldog points along with two from Jacob Ritter and a free throw from Clayton Bange.

Cheylin finally scored two points in the second quarter but Golden Plains hit another seven, all from Camacho, to give them a 19-2 lead at the half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Bulldogs scored another eight points in the third with Dylan Spresser, Camacho, J. Ritter, and Nolan Ritter all contributing.

They finished the game scoring another eight in the fourth — all from Jeron Schutte — for the 35-11 win.

The B team finished the game with a final score of 22 points and held Cheylin to eight.

In the first half, the boys built a 12-3 lead.

During the second half the boys added ten points while holding Cheylin to five.

Caleb Korte scored 14 points along with eight from Dylan Spresser.

Chuck Bailey, Colby Lathrop, Joseph Yanez, Bryce TerHaar, and Nolan Ritter all contributed on de-

fense to the Bulldogs' third win of the season.

Bulldog girl wins league

In other competition, Golden Plains High senior Jordan Christensen recently won the Western Kansas Liberty League free-throw shooting championship.

Christensen hit 22 of 25 attempts in the prelims to earn her title shot against top challengers from the other nine league schools. She then hit 19 of 25 in the finals to clinch the victory.

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