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Police chase suspect still in the wind

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Colby Police, Thomas County Sheriff's deputies and Kansas Highway Patrol officers are looking for a man, possibly wanted on minor charges, who led police on several foot chases the northwest corner of town.

Police cannot positively identify the man they chased, Police Chief Ron Alexander said, but he is not armed or dangerous, and police do not feel that area schools or other facilities need to go into a lockdown.

"Basically he just doesn't want to go to jail, we don't believe he's armed and dangerous," Alexander said.

The suspect matched the description of Brandon Parson, 22, who has misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest. Parson, a former Colby Community College student who still has ties to Colby, is a six-foot-tall African American man who weighs 180 pounds.

On Wednesday, the department described the suspect it was

chasing as a black man with light skin, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, wearing black-and-green plaid pajama pants and a black hoodie.

Police also chased the suspect around Sunflower Apartments earlier in the week, Alexander said, adding that if this man is Parson, he is likely on his way back to his hometown of Colorado Springs.

Police said a man with several misdemeanor warrants took off running when he was spotted just before 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Officers first spent half an hour chasing him near the railroad tracks just west of Range Avenue. They began another search several hours later west of Range and south of Fourth Street.

During the first chase, from about 1:55 to 2:30 p.m., officers formed a perimeter along the west side of Range by the tracks. Others stood south of the tracks to the west, just a couple of blocks from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and school.

They were seen searching west and north into the trees at the edge

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Law enforcement officers chased a fugitive through Colby west of Range Avenue twice Wednesday afternoon. Police officers went from house to house (top) looking for the suspect after he was spotted at 5 p.m. south of Fourth Street. Earlier, a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper helped form a perimeter (right) shortly after 2 p.m. along Range by the railroad tracks.



Orange and Black, tournaments affect Thomas County economy

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Colby's basketball teams might not have won first place at the Orange and Black Classic, but the weekend tournament was a big win for the local economy.

With hundreds of basketball players and families traveling here from around the state, the 29th annual Orange and Black Classic brought revenue to hotels, restaurants, gas stations and stores around the county.

Colby is host to several large tournaments throughout the year, including the Ambassador Classic and Orange and Black Classic, as well as smaller tournaments. All bring a "huge" economic boost to the area economy, said Leilani Thomas of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Jay Hawk, owner of the Sleep Inn and Colby Cinema, sees a "really big impact" from tournaments like the Orange and Black. His hotel was over 90 percent full for all three nights of this tournament, he said.

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City Manager Tyson McGreer, the featured speaker, at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, talked about the need to fix aging city infrastructure. Many members of the Chamber feel a direct financial boost during events such as the Orange and Black Tournament.

The tournament is an "important thing for the community," Hawk said, adding that it brings in a lot of revenue for all the businesses, not just his.

The Colby Cinema opened for a special showing Friday morning, giving an entertainment option to out-of-town students who had down time that morning. Hawk said more than 200 students came to the morning show.

The tournaments are also important for community pride, said Thomas, with orange and black flags flying all over town. Many locals get involved, too, helping organize the tournament and working or attending the games.

Hawk, who graduated from Colby

High School, said he likes to see the community supporting the tournament. It reminds him of the community support he remembers from his high school days.

Thomas said visitors seemed to enjoy Colby and liked the changes to this year's tournament, including new halftime shows.

Colby will be host for two wrestling tournaments in February, including a regional tournament Feb. 21 and 22.

Hawk said tournaments held in January, February and March are particularly helpful to hotel owners since these months tend to be slow otherwise.

Fuel cost targeted

By John Hanna
Associated Press

TOPEKA — A recent spike in propane prices and short supplies for heating homes in Kansas have prompted Gov. Sam Brownback to temporarily ease trucking regulations and direct state officials to help poor families.

Brownback announced Wednesday that he has ordered the state Department for Children and Families to give propane users priority in processing applications for an annual program that helps poor families pay utility bills, and the department plans to increase the staff dedicated to processing applications. The governor also directed the department to reach out to poor families to ensure that they can continue to get propane.

The governor issued executive orders suspending trucking regulations earlier this month, easing restrictions on operating hours and insurance and permitting requirements so that pro-

pane can be more readily delivered, particularly from outside the state. And, during a Statehouse news conference, he urged Kansans to avoid makeshift solutions such as relying on stoves and grills to heat homes because of the dangers of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

"We're going to be working through the system to make sure that people can get propane that they need," Brownback said during the news conference.

Amid short supplies, the national average price for propane spiked earlier this week at more than \$4 a gallon, up more than \$1 a gallon since last week. In Kansas, about 83,000 homes rely on propane for heat, more than 7 percent of the total, higher than

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City approves police vehicles

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The Colby City Council heard a report on the police department of its activities last year at its meeting last week.

Ron Alexander, who took over for Randy Jones as the police chief about six months ago, said on Jan. 21 he feels he understands what is needed to serve the city.

The number of actual cases per year hovers around a thousand, he said, 1,013 in 2010 to 938 in 2011, then 1,026 in 2012. The number of calls was 4,058, 4,035 and 3,593 in those same three years, and the number of traffic citations was 305, 204 and 168.

Councilman Lance Bolyard said he felt people are more courteous drivers when there are more citations. Alexander agreed and said the large majority of traffic stops do not result in tickets, and that last year the

department made just over 1,700 stops, or around five each day.

Asked how the department cut could down on overtime hours, Alexander pointed out that two officers trained for 14 weeks last year, and a homicide case took lots of time. The department's 12 officers work in teams of four, with a supervisor for each team, he said. According to the report, this comes out to about 2.2 officers for every 1,000 people in Colby, which has a population of about 5,400. The report added that visitors, hotel guests, commuters and college students likely add about 1,000 people each day to the population.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a bid for two Ford utility all-wheel-drive police interceptors from Tubbs and Sons for \$41,971. The interceptors would cost \$52,471 before the trade in of two 2010 Dodge Chargers. The city also accepted bids for two Ford Taurus vehicles

for \$35,983 after trade-in from Tubbs and Sons, as well as two 2013 Dodge Chargers for \$39,998 after trade-in and two 2013 Dodge Durangos for \$46,764 after trade-in from Colby Dodge. Alexander said these are the last cars the police department will need for three years.

- Approved new city boundaries for the end of 2013. No changes were made from last year.

- Tabled a decision to refinish the wood floor of the Community Building arena to find out how much it would cost with different types of lettering to be added to the floor.

- Approved an agreement to let city employees carry over \$500 of their leftover cafeteria-plan money.

- Tabled a decision to keep Strutt Insurance as the city's agent to look into other companies.



Weather

National Weather Service
Tonight: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 16. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.
Friday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 23. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
Friday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 13. East wind around 5 mph becoming south-west after midnight.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 27. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 11.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 32.
Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 25.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 25.
 Wednesday: High, 54; Low 16
 Precip: Wednesday None
 Month: 0.09 inches
 Year: 0.09 inches
 Normal: 0.42 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 7:52 a.m. 6:04 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 1 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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of town until leaving around 2:30 p.m. Two groups of construction workers along Cottonwood Drive north of town reported seeing police driving along the road, and seeing an officer run south into the trees with a gun.

The man was seen again about 5 p.m. just south of Fourth along Riddle Avenue, several blocks west of Range. Officers began scouring the neighborhood, looking through back yards and describing the man they were seeking to people. Shortly before 6 p.m., one of them spotted him near Dennen Field and

perhaps a half dozen police and patrol officers spent a short time searching the area around the football stadium. The search lasted until about 7 p.m.

Parson ran for the college track team until last spring and made the news several times when he qualified for nationals. A bench warrant was issued for

his arrest on Dec. 19 when he failed to show up for a criminal trespass case. He has a rap sheet dating back to December 2012 for cases involving interference with a law enforcement officer, battery, aggravated assault and disorderly conduct.

Fuel cost targeted by governor for aid

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the national average, according to federal statistics.

Industry and state officials said national propane supplies were depleted by a late harvest that increased demand from farmers who needed to dry an unusually large amount of grain before storage, so that moisture didn't cause it to deteriorate. As colder-

than-normal temperatures spread across much of the country, supplies dropped.

"There were many things that happened that contributed to it, and the end result is where we are now," said Greg Noll, executive vice president of the Propane Marketers Association of Kansas.

Legislators also are looking into the price spikes and supply problems. The Senate Utilities Committee has scheduled a Mon-

day afternoon hearing, and Chairman Pat Apple said lawmakers need to do what they can to ensure an adequate supply.

"We also need to make sure we understand what's driving costs," said Apple, a Louisburg Republican.

Follow John Hanna on Twitter at www.twitter.com/apjdharma.

Youth leadership program begins

February is about here and as of today we do not know what our Ground Hog "Phil" has forecast for us. I'm relatively sure we have plenty of winter left.

In January, I worked the sports and travel shows in both Denver and Kansas City. Crowds were terrific and took a lot of our resource materials. Team gift bags were provided to the teams attending the Orange & Black Classic. It was a successful event.

We began our 2014 Youth Thomas County Leadership program in January. Fourteen students from Thomas County schools have now completed their second session. The first session was Jan. 15 at the Thomas County Office Complex and the second on the 22nd at the Colby Fire Department, including a tour.

Activities centered around learning styles and a visioning process including time line, strengths and opportunities and writing a vision statement for Thomas County for the year 2020. Students have also written their personal mission statement. Diversity discussion, active listening exercises and collaboration exercises have also been covered. Students began discussing their class project which must be finished by April 1.

We will be attending Day on the Hill in Topeka Wednesday, Feb. 12, where we will meet with our legislators, attend educational sessions and hold an evening reception.

What's up in Colby for February? We are hosts for the regional wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22. This large region stretches to Abilene, Buhler



Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

and Ulysses; it is a big deal for us. The Bill Voss Novice Wrestling Tournament will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Special February events include Chocolate and All That Jazz at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Jazz music will be provided by the Colby Community College Jazz Band and Sunflower Singers. This is a free event, but donations are always welcome.

A Colby native, Leroy Towns, will be the featured speaker for the Max Pickerill Lecture series at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Cultural Arts Center. His topic is "The Race for Kansas Governor: Elections in a Social Media World." This is free.

Two Western Plains Arts Association events are scheduled in February – not in Colby, but of interest to residents. The Stanleytones Bluegrass Band from Colorado will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Sharon Springs High School. The Story of the Orphan Train, a history-based program will be presented by Pippa White at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Atwood High School.

There are several fund raisers during Feb-

ruary, a Cancer Benefit soup supper will be held for Brennan Ostmeyer from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 7, at the Community Building. A silent auction will also be held.

Rotary soup supper is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Community Building while the Eagles are playing Goodland.

Colby Community College and Garden City will play in the "Go Red Basketball Game" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Community Building. This game is to help prevent and defeat heart disease. Hosts are the college cheer team.

Booked for Lunch will be at noon Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes will be reviewed.

Food for Thought will be at noon Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. David Pabst will speak on "Trails Along the Western Cattle Trail."

The first grade musical will be at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Grade School Auditorium.

There are many activities in February; these are just some we know are occurring. Of course, high school and college basketball games are definitely on the schedule. Try to keep warm and enjoy!

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a longtime civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Inmate death investigation nearly complete

GOODLAND (AP) – Goodland police say an investigation into the death of a Kansas

City, Mo., woman while she was jailed in western Kansas is nearly finished.

Police Chief Clifton Couch said Wednesday he expects to turn over investigative reports on the death of 58-year-old Brenda Sewell to the Sherman County Attorney later this week.

The Salina Journal reports (bit.ly/1jN8oOU) the county attorney will determine if any charges are warranted in the case.

Sewell died at a Goodland hospital Jan. 22, two days after she was jailed in Sherman County. Her family alleges she became ill while in jail and county jailers did not try to help her when she collapsed in the jail cell. They say jailers also had refused to give Sewell medication she carried for several illnesses.

Survey starts on Sheridan County highways

A team from the Kansas Department of Transportation was to begin Wednesday on a two-week project surveying along U.S. 83 and K-383 in Sheridan County, from the Thomas County line near Rexford east to the Decatur County line near Leoville.

The survey is needed for detailed design of proposed improvements to 11 miles of highway in 2016. For information, contact surveyor Todd Toman at (785) 877-3315, or area engineer Mathew Withington at (785) 672-3113 in Oakley or mathew@ksdot.org.

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LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening										February 1, 2014				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Blades of Glory				20/20		Local							
KBSL/CBS	2 Broke Girls	Mom	48 Hours		48 Hours		Local							
KSNK/NBC	Chicago Fire		Best of Fallon				Local	Saturday Night Live						
KSN/FOX	NFL Honors			Local			Animation Domination	Local						
Cable Channels														
A & E	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Mayne	Mayne	Mayne	Mayne	Bad Ink	Bad Ink				
AMC	Invincible				Invincible									
ANIM	Too Cute!		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole					
BRAVO	The Bourne Identity				The Bourne Identity									
CMT	Beverly Hills		Swamp Pawn		My Big Re	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.					
CNN	CNN Special		Anthony Bourd.			CNN Special			Anthony Bourd.					
COMEDY	Scott Pilgrim				Superbad									
DISC	MythBusters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters					
DISN	Good Luck I Didn't	Dog	ANT Farm		Mighty	Lab Rats	ANT Farm	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Austin				
E!	Maid in Manhattan				RichKids	RichKids	The Soup							
ESPN	College B	NBA Basketball					SportsCenter		SportsCenter					
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball							
FAM	We Are Marshall						Pirates-Tides							
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped				Restaurant: Im.		Chopped					
FX	Transformers						Amer. Horror		Anger					
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers					
AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //														
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	Gabby Douglas				Beyond the Headlines		Beyond the Headlines		Gabby Douglas					
MTV	Retromania: Hip Hop		ATL				Are You the One?		Are You					
NICK	Ice Age				Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Pitch Black		Day-Tomorrow				Drive Angry							
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Auction	Thrift	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Auction	Thrift				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang			King of the Nerds		Cougar	Men-Work				
TCM	Oscar Goes To				Gone With the Wind									
TLC	Buy Naked	Buy Naked	The 132-lb. Scrotum		Sex Sent Me to the E		Buy Naked	Buy Naked	The 132-lb. Scrotum					
TLN	2012						2012							
TOON	Scooby-Doo!		King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Space Dan	Bleach	Naruto				
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures					
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond				
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	White Collar		Quantum of Solace					
VH1	House Party		Malibu's Most Wanted				Super Bowl Blitz		Point Break					
WGN	Bones		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	Rules				
Premium Channels														
HBO	Epic		True Detective		Girls	Looking	Oblivion							
MAX	Big Daddy		Banshee		Hobbit-Unexpected									
SHOW	Man on a Ledge				Shaquille O'Neal: Comedy			Shameless		Lies				

Sunday Evening										February 2, 2014				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Local							
KBSL/CBS	The Good Wife		The Mentalist		NCIS		Local							
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC		Little Fockers				Local		Dateline NBC					
KSN/FOX	Super Bowl XLVIII				Postgame	New Girl	Brooklyn	Local						
Cable Channels														
A & E	Crazy Hearts		Crazy Hearts		Crazy Hearts		Crazy Hearts		Crazy Hearts					
AMC	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead					
ANIM	Puppy Bowl X		Puppy Bowl X		Puppy Bowl X		Puppy Bowl X		Puppy Bowl X					
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Vanderpump Rules		Blood, Sweat & Heels					
CMT	Swamp Pawn		My Big Re	My Big Re			Party Down South		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.				
CNN	To Be Announced				To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced					
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0				
DISC	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier					
DISN	Cloud 9	I Didn't	Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Dog	Austin	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck				
E!	Sex and the City		Kardashian		RichKids		RichKids		The Soup	Kardashian				
ESPN	30 for 30	Shorts	30 for 30	Shorts	SportCtr		NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter					
ESPN2	Poker		World Series				SportsCenter		SportCtr	ESPN FC				
FAM	Harry Potter-Azkaban		Harry Potter-Azkaban					J. Osteen	J. Meyer					
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Restaurant: Im.		Chopped					
FX	Twilight		Twilight: New Moon						Twil: Eclipse					
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Hawaii	Hawaii	Island	Island	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii				
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People					
LIFE	Premonition		Gabby Douglas				Premonition							
MTV	Unplugged		Teen Mom 2		Ridic.	Ridic.	Fantasy	Fantasy	Cameras	Cameras				
NICK	Rugrats in Paris: The Movie		Full H'se		Full H'se		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Day-Tomorrow		Adjustment Bureau						My Soul to Take					
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail				
TBS	Shrek 2				Shrek the Third				Home Alone					
TCM	The Lost Weekend				Oscar Goes To				Bells-St. Mary's					
TLC	Sex Sent Me to the E		Sex Sent Me to the E		Sex Sent Me to the E		Sex Sent Me to the E		Sex Sent Me to the E					
TNT	Get Married?						Married Too?							
TOON	NinjaGo	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rick	China, IL				
TRAV	Food Paradise		Food Paradise		Food Paradise		Sturgis's Most Tasty		Food Paradise					
TV LAND	Cleveland	Cleveland	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Kirstie	The Exes				
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Psych		NCIS: Los Angeles					
VH1	Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Mob Wives		Love & Hip Hop					
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Red Dragon						The Pledge					
Premium Channels														
HBO	This Is 40				Girls	Looking	Girls	Looking	Girls	Looking				
MAX	Promised Land				Snitch									
SHOW	Episodes		Lies		Twilight Saga-2				Silver Linings					

Get cookbooks to plan Super Bowl party feast

Wow, can you believe that a full 30 days have gone by in 2014 already? I can't.

Julia Child once said, "A party without cake is just a meeting" I sort of think that a Super Bowl without chips and dip is just a game. In keeping with the emphasis of the Super Bowl, I would like to tell you about some great new cookbooks we have on our shelves in the new book area - Dewey No. 641.5.

For the Super Bowl enthusiasts, come and check out the book, "Famous Dave's Barbecue Party Cookbook." Oh my gosh, this book is great for not only barbecue recipes but salads, desserts, appetizers and more. The pictures are so vibrant you should not pick up this book if you are dieting or fasting. There are healthy choices in the book, such as sweet potato fries, turkey salad, grilled corn and barbecued salmon, to name a few.

The next cookbook is "The Tiny Food Party," by Teri Lyn Fisher and Jenny Park. This book takes lots of foods we eat and miniaturizes them. Miniature waffle delights, eclairs, tacos, chicken, hamburgers, bites and such. Some of the recipes may be labor intensive because you have to make so many little items, but the contents look really delicious.

A recipe book with lots of new ideas is "Jamie Dean's Good Food," by Jamie Dean with Andrea Goto and Brianna Beaudry. One recipe that looks and sounds great that would be wonderful to serve for Super Bowl Sunday is Red Wine-Braised Short Ribs With Herbed Rice Pilaf. This is a make-ahead dish that could be kept warm in a slow cooker and the rice made in a rice cooker in 20 minutes. Then you know you and your guests not only get the potato chips, dip and other miscellaneous munchies, you get good wholesome food as well. There is also a salad recipe with pasta and fresh veggies made with olive oil.

A more down-to-earth cook-



Melany Wilks

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book is produced by Bobby Dean and Melissa Clark, titled "From Mama's Table to Mine." This has really delicious foods that include soups, sandwich fix-ins, salads, casseroles, breakfast items and desserts. The cover promises us it has recipes that include "everybody's favorite comfort foods at 350 calories or less."

Speaking of calories, if you are watching what you eat for yourself and others, you might want to come and check out the "Mix and Match Low-Calorie Cookbook: 1500 Calories A Day," by Cooking Light. Each recipe, whether salad, main dish, dessert or appetizer, has a large green round circle that gives the calorie count at the top right corner of the page. How about this recipe for the weekend? Party Bean Dip With Baked Tortilla Chips for 135 calories. This makes an 11x7 baking dish, cut into 12 servings with a half cup of dip and four tortilla wedges. The chicken dishes such as Cilantro-Lime Chicken with Avocado Salsa are only 485 calories (p. 212). Bacon, Ranch and Chicken Mac and Cheese are 497 calories (p. 214).

Another cookbook that I looked at was "Year-Round Slow Cooker Recipes," by Better Homes and Gardens. I thought it would just have meals for dinners and lunches. But it has appetizers, beverages, breakfast and brunch, as well as contents for sandwiches and a section called skinny slow cooker. This is besides the meat, poultry, meatless, sides and dessert recipes.

An additional book by Better Homes and Gardens is "Biggest Book of Soup and Stew." It includes traditional soups and things like soup with rabbit or lamb in it.

There is a Nacho Cheese Soup that has pork or beef in it (p. 323). How about a Rubeen Chowder for March celebrations (p. 172)? It has corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese slices and rye bread. It sounds like a type of onion soup with the cheese and bread on top.

Other great books I do not have room to tell you about are "Scratch That: Seasonal Menus and Perfect Pairings," by Connie Fairbanks; "Preserving Wild Foods," by Mathew Weingarten and Raquel Pelzel; "Paleo for Beginners: Essentials for Getting Started," by John Chatham; and last but not least, "Mac and Cheese, Please!: 50 Super Cheesy Recipes," by Laura Werlin.

Remember to come to *Booked For Lunch*, Wednesday when Marcia Schlageck will keep us enthralled with her book review of "Me Before You," by JoJo Moyes.

Lunch is served and is free to those who come. We do take donations to help with the cost of the food, but no donation is ever required. This is also a great time to meet new people and find out about the many activities going on in the library.

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Remember our winter hours are: Come in from the cold during January, enjoy our comfy chairs. Remember our normal winter hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Chamber gets together



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

While Mayor Gary Adrian (left) looked around, Paul Steel, chairman of the Thomas County Commission, talked to Vernon Hurd of Farm Bureau Insurance after the annual luncheon for the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. About 50 people came to the luncheon Wednesday. City Manager Tyson McGreer, the featured speaker, talked about the need to fix aging city infrastructure, among other things.

Shelterbelt resources available

Through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide \$684,000 in financial assistance to Kansas landowners, farmers and ranchers who are interested in restoring shelterbelts, windbreaks or managing woodlands adjacent to streams and rivers during 2014.

The funding will cover the majority of the costs of tree planting, thinning woodlands, removing old declining shelterbelt rows and the use of the heavy equipment to do it, said Bob Atchison, forester with the Kansas Forest Service.

Kansas foresters are available to help landowners complete the technical parts of the application process, including project plans.

The initiative fits nicely into renovation and restoration efforts because more than 44 percent of the 43,436 miles of shelterbelts in Kansas are in decline and no longer providing the benefits they used to,

said Larry Biles, state forester, Kansas Forest Service.

Biles said a significant percentage of Kansas streams lack adequate management and forest cover, which directly contributes to bank erosion and sedimentation of reservoirs, reducing Kansas' public water supply.

The initiative operates through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program otherwise known as EQIP. Any producers eligible for that program can participate.

Sign up deadline is Friday, March 21. Producers and landowners need to contact the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 915 E. Walnut, 462-7671, to sign up. Sign up as soon as possible to provide enough time for foresters to prepare project plans before the deadline.

For information go to www.kansasforests.org.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Allen Dale Roberts, 33, Pratt, Dec. 27, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulant, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Saturday/Jan. 25 on bond.
- Charles Dean Headley, 30, Colby, Jan. 15, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff, released Monday/Jan. 27 on probation.
- Carmen Nicole Fringer, 43, Menlo, last Wednesday/Jan. 22, animal cruelty, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Thomas Edward Dodson, 32, Colby, Friday/Jan. 24, giving a worthless check (two counts), Colby Police Department/Russell County Sheriff's Office, released same day on bond.
- Abigail Jacqueline Gifford, 19, Colby, Friday/Jan. 24, battery, disorderly conduct, obstruction of official duty, criminal trespass, Colby Police, released same day on \$24,000 bond.
- Josey Elizabeth Hopper, 39, Colby, Friday/Jan. 24, giving a worthless check, Colby Police/Russell County, released same day on bond.

- Charles Edward Dewey, 64, Colby, Saturday/Jan. 25, battery, disorderly conduct, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Justen E. Fenske, 30, Colby, Saturday/Jan. 25, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.
- Garrett Presley Kraft, 18, Colby, Saturday/Jan. 25, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Police, released Monday/Jan. 27 on recognizance.
- Andrew Larios, 43, Colby, Saturday/Jan. 25, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.
- Bryley Austin Roper, 18, North Platte, Neb., Saturday/Jan. 25, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day to responsible party.
- Dalton James Lange, 20,

- Goodland, Sunday/Jan. 26, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Eduardo D. Martinez, 22, Goodland, Sunday/Jan. 26, driving under the influence, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.
- Jerry Francis Pitner, 48, Colby, Sunday/Jan. 26, driving under the influence, failure to stop at sign, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.
- Allen Dale Roberts, 33, Pratt, Dec. 27, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulant, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Saturday/Jan. 25 on bond.
- Keenan Hansome Williams, 20, Colby, Monday/Jan. 27, failure to pay/theft, Colby Police, released same day on bond.

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.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge scores for Tuesday were: first, Ken Ptacek; second, Gail Vacca; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett.

How do you spell 'success'?



LAURA KREJCI/Sacred Heart School

While this week is Catholic Schools week, last week was special for these four students from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Colby. On Friday, students from first through fifth grades competed in the school's spelling bee. Oaklynn Carman (left) won first place, Kamrynn Elling won second, Kourtney Finley third and Emma Curry was the alternate. Three went on to the county spelling contest Wednesday, where Kourtney placed sixth.

Livestock handling affects health

People's interaction with livestock can have either a negative or positive impact on animal health, performance, and subsequent handling ease. Cattlexpressions Low Stress Cattle Handling Workshop will explain how to reduce stress on animals and their handlers during several critical points: cow-calf, backgrounding, stocker and feedlot operations.

This workshop, part of the Amazing Grazing series of educational events, will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 1616 W. Crawford

St. in Salina.

Dr Lynn Locatelli of Cattlexpressions is a student of renowned animal handling expert Bud Williams. Locatelli began her veterinary career in Benkelman, Neb., after graduating from the University of California at Davis, and has 19 years of experience in both large animal veterinary practice and consultation. She educates many by private consultation and as a national and international speaker at veterinary seminars and cattleman's conferences. She lives in Watrous, N.M.

Registration for the workshop is at 8:30 a.m., with sessions beginning at 9.

Topics include Understanding Cattle Behavior, Bud Williams Low Stress Cattle Handling, Managing Cattle Movement During Grazing, Calf-Formative Behavior, Weaning, Acclimation and Transition Management and Processing and Shipping Facilities Design, Trouble Shooting and Effective Use.

Registration cost is \$25. You can register online at kansasgrazers.blogspot.com. For questions call Mary Howell at (785) 562-8726.

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Thank You

We would like to thank all our friends, neighbors, and relatives for all their kind words, prayers, food, phone calls, and cards at the loss of our son and brother. A special thanks to Stan Smith for the service, also Leona's card, friends for the food, and Dena's Deli in Quinter for the use of her cafe and the drinks. A special thanks to Schmitt Funeral Home, Mike and Ron for their kind words and service. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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Other Viewpoints

Sales tax pressed to carry too much?

With state income tax targeted for elimination and property taxes rising in many counties as a predictable consequence of state budget cuts, local and state governments now appear to be elbowing one another to see which can raise sales tax first. The only certainty is that taxpayers will end up getting bruised. Gov. Sam Brownback and the 2013 Legislature got things started by letting the statewide sales-tax rate of 6.3 percent drop last July only to 6.15 percent, not to 5.7 percent as scheduled. That tax hike left Kansas second only to Mississippi in the nation for the sales tax it charges on food, which is subject to no such tax in 37 states.

After that legislative debate, Senate President Susan Wagle, R-Wichita, wrote in *The Eagle* that "we changed the trajectory of our state's tax policy by moving toward a FairTax model that targets the taxation of consumption (sales) rather than productivity (income)" - which sounded like a warning that more sales-tax hikes could be coming. In addition, Rep. John Rubin, R-Shawnee, plans to introduce legislation to replace most existing Kansas state taxes with such a consumption tax.

As Kansas strains to deal with declining tax collections and reserves according to Brownback's plan to become a state without an income tax, the sales tax will be one of the only places to go for more revenue.

But sales tax is applied by local governments, too, and there are competing prospects for raising it beyond the current 7.15 percent total rate charged in the Wichita area.

The city of Wichita has spent the past couple of months gathering community input about whether to go to voters with a sales tax increase proposal. No size or duration of such a hike has been mentioned, but it might fund business recruitment, a new or renovated convention center and performing arts space, an improved bus system, water and sewer system upgrades, a new Central Library and a future water supply.

Then, earlier this month, Sedgwick County Commissioner Karl Peterjohn proposed asking voters in November to raise the sales tax countywide by as much as 1 3/4 cents. He touted the higher sales tax as a way to replace the county's property-tax mill levy and offer a "shot in the arm to existing businesses and property owners."

Kansas and Wichita also keep adding special taxing districts to benefit developers in which sales tax is 1 to 2 percent higher, usually targeting visitors or destination shoppers such as at Cabela's in Wichita. So total tax rates of 8 to 9 percent are common around the state, with a Junction City district topping out at 11.15 percent sales tax.

In a survey last year by Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs, the preference was to leave all tax rates - income, property and sales - where they were. But as the pressure rises on the sales tax, Kansans would do well to hold onto their wallets.

- *The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*

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Statehouse issues focus on budget

New Funding Issues

We are now in the second week of the 2014 legislative session. My goal is to continue to focus on issues that grow the state and our economy.

As you are aware, the 2013 Legislature passed a two-year budget bill. Already the governor, during his State of the State Address, wants to add more money to fund all-day kindergarten, and add more money to the Corrections budget.

The question then arises as to what will be cut in the education formula to pay \$16.3 million a year for the all-day kindergarten?

Good for Education

I am really impressed with the technical education program the governor signed into law, and the positive report by the Board of Regents.

Staff Changing

My vice-chair, Senator Jay Emler, was confirmed for appointment to the Kansas Corporation Commission. He will be greatly missed by all those he served. He is very qualified to serve on the commission.

Legislation to Watch

A point of interest for all school districts



Ralph Ostmeyer

• State Senator

would be to watch HB 2197 that amends a major section of K.S. 72-130. The Legislature has more important things to discuss than changing a law that worked for decades.

They basically want to change the structure of who serves on the activities boards. This is a Johnson County issue.

Student Opportunity

I encourage students from seventh to 12th grade who are interested in paging to contact my office. (See contact information below.) I have Feb. 10, 17 and 24, all Mondays, reserved for pages from District 40.

It will be a trip you will always remember, and the Capitol Building is beautiful with all the remodeling completed. The new north entrance is especially attractive and roomy.

Coming Up

I plan to introduce a bill that would change the Kansas Constitution over the legality of raffles. This bill will be specific and to the point. To pass it will take a two-thirds vote from each chamber, and a majority vote from the public. Any questions or feedback will be appreciated.

Keeping in Touch with the Senate

Once a committee completes hearings and votes on a bill, if passed, it will then make its way to the Senate floor and the full body will begin to debate and vote on the measure. Floor debates and votes will begin within the coming weeks.

If you are interested in tracking our work, simply log on to our website at www.kslegislature.org and click on the calendar tab at the top of the webpage to view the Senate's daily schedule. Votes for the day are listed under the heading Final Action on Bills and Concurrent Resolutions.

I can be reached by writing to Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, State Capitol, 300 SW 10th Street, Room 136-E, Topeka, Kan., 66612, or call (785) 296-7399. My e-mail address is Ralph.Ostmeyer@senate.ks.gov.

War on poverty a small part of budget

A billion dollars is an astronomical amount of money that most of us have trouble wrapping our minds around.

After all, few of us will ever see, much less know, anyone who makes this amount of money in our lifetimes. So, when politicians or newspaper reporters tell us that this or that government program costs billions of dollars, it is understandable to assume this must be a lot of money. Yet this can be deceptive when these big numbers are thrown around without context.

For example, when anti-poverty programs like food stamps, unemployment benefits and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families are reported to cost billions of dollars, people think that either A) these programs are not very effective because poverty remains stubbornly persistent in this country, or B) cutting these programs will go a long ways towards balancing the federal budget.

These two widely-held assumptions are interrelated because if the public believes, as many do, that we are pouring bushels of money into anti-poverty programs with little positive effect, they are likely to be more amenable to making cuts to these programs.

This is why articles on anti-poverty programs would be more accurate if, after they report the annual costs of certain welfare programs, they also disclose what share of the federal budget these costs represent. This would be a revelation for many Americans who believe that up to one-third of the federal



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

budget is being directed at decreasing poverty. It also might put the War on Poverty, labeled a failure by many conservatives, in a different context.

Dean Baker, co-founder of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, reports the compromise between Republicans and Democrats that, if passed, will lead to \$9 billion in cuts to the food stamp program over the next decade, will amount to a paltry 0.019 percent cut in public spending. In other words, this cut, which will cause extreme hardship to thousands of Americans, won't make a dent in the federal deficit. This should illuminate the fact that these cuts are more about political ideology than economic pragmatism.

The annual cost of food stamps per year represents a meager 2.1 percent of the federal budget and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families amounts to an even more minuscule slice of the federal pie - 0.4 percent. The total costs spent on social safety net programs (besides Social Security and Medicare) accounted for about 12 percent of federal spending in 2012.

The programs that fall under the safety net umbrella include the refundable parts of the Earned Income and child tax credit, child care assistance, assistance in meeting home energy needs, unemployment insurance, food stamps, aid to abused and neglected children, low-income housing assistance and Supplemental Security Income for the elderly and disabled poor.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a policy organization that works at the state and federal levels on fiscal policy and public programs that affect moderate- to low-income American families and individuals, safety net programs kept some 25 million people out of poverty in 2010. Furthermore, the policy organization found that only about five percent of the federal budget is spent on the non-working poor. So, nine-tenths of so-called welfare spending goes to elderly, disabled and working households.

This explodes the myth that a significant portion of the budget is going to people sitting on their couches eating potato chips.

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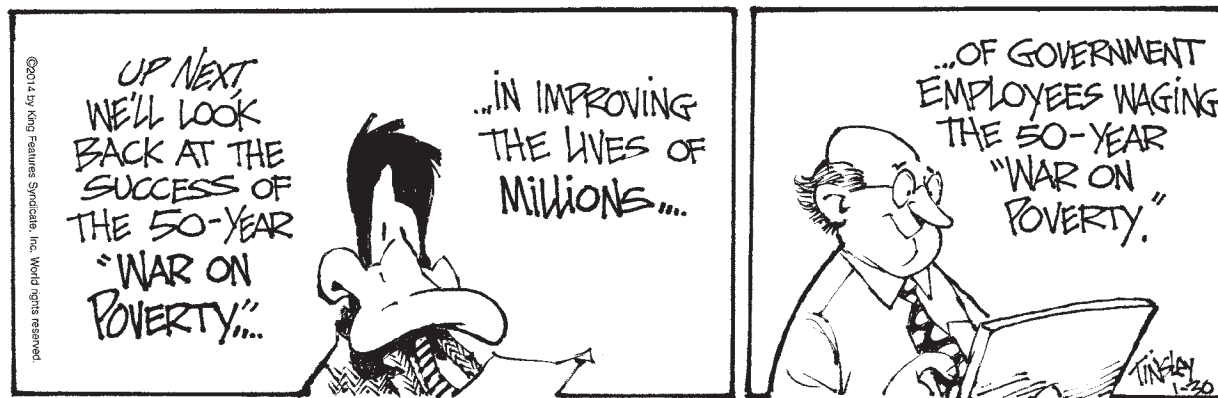
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Thomas County Jail

COLBY POLICE
Jan. 19
1:24 a.m. – Security check at Twisters.
9:42 a.m. – Welfare check.
10:01 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.
12:05 p.m. – Civil standby.
1:29 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
2:19 p.m. – Caller reported semi southbound on K-25 speeding. Followed vehicle, driver spoken to.
3:35 p.m. – Caller reported kids on ice at Villa High Pond. Spoken to.
6:02 p.m. – Caller reported being followed. Spoke to party, report filed.
6:45 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle racing in alley. Not found.
7:44 p.m. – Driving under the influence report filed for traffic stop.
8:31 p.m. – Caller reported possible abuse. Report filed.
10:09 p.m. – Caller reported smelling marijuana. Report filed.
11:04 p.m. – Security check at Wal-Mart.
11:22 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle disabled in the 400 block of N. Mission. Vehicle legally parked.

Jan. 20
10:21 a.m. – Helped motorist at Country Club and Willow.
10:33 a.m. – Assisted other agency: phone call from Madisonville, Ky., Police Department.
1:17 p.m. – Caller reported subject taking vehicle for test drive and not returning it. Vehicle returned, no report.
2:02 p.m. – Caller reported

damage to dead bolt. No damage.
2:04 p.m. – Accident.
3:22 p.m. – Subject came to station with a fix-it ticket. Checked it; all OK.
6:33 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed for traffic stop.
7:22 p.m. – Security check at Wal-Mart; all OK.
8:45 p.m. – Subject came to station about dog at large, possibly vicious. Not found.
9:06 p.m. – Clerk called about strong odor of marijuana coming from room. Report filed.
10:31 p.m. – Clerk advised subject hanging around; want him to leave. Report filed.
11:10 p.m. – Security check at Sleep Inn.
11:38 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious subject walking behind building. Unable to locate.

Jan. 21
2:11 a.m. – Caller reported a smoke detector going off. Turned over to Fire Department.
2:41 a.m. – Assisted highway patrolman in reference to stolen vehicle.
9:17 a.m. – Checked vehicle with 48-hour tow-away notice; vehicle towed to impound lot.
9:46 a.m. – Helped stalled vehicle at Franklin and Summit.
1:07 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
2:24 p.m. – Subject reported lost handicap placard. Report filed.
3:04 p.m. – Removed item from road at Range and Plum.
3:28 p.m. – Accident.
7:07 p.m. – Civil standby.
9:50 p.m. – Caller reported possible prowler. Everything OK.
10:14 p.m. – Subject came to

station about vehicle taken. Report filed; vehicle located in Colorado.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Jan. 19
12:14 a.m. – Took prisoner to Rawlins County.
2:01 p.m. – subject came to station about possible abuse by a father. Report filed.
5:25 p.m. – Civil standby at Rexford.
7:14 p.m. – Handicap sign twisted in the parking lot between Law Enforcement Center and courthouse.
Jan. 20
8:34 a.m. – Caller reported vandalism at Brewster Fuel Depot.
9:39 a.m. – Walk through at Brewster School
10:31 a.m. – Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby.
1:17 p.m. – Accident in Menlo; no report.
1:55 p.m. – Driving while revoked report filed on traffic stop on N. Mission.
5:59 p.m. – Walk through at Brewster School.
6:47 p.m. – Caller reported cow near roadway at 353 County Rd. 11. Report filed, provided information.
Jan. 21
10 a.m. – Caller reported dogs getting his chickens at Gem. Dog owner spoken to and will take care of the problem.
1:10 p.m. – Walk through at Brewster School
1:34 p.m. – Caller reported transient at 2106 U.S. 24. Took to Thomas/Sheridan County line.

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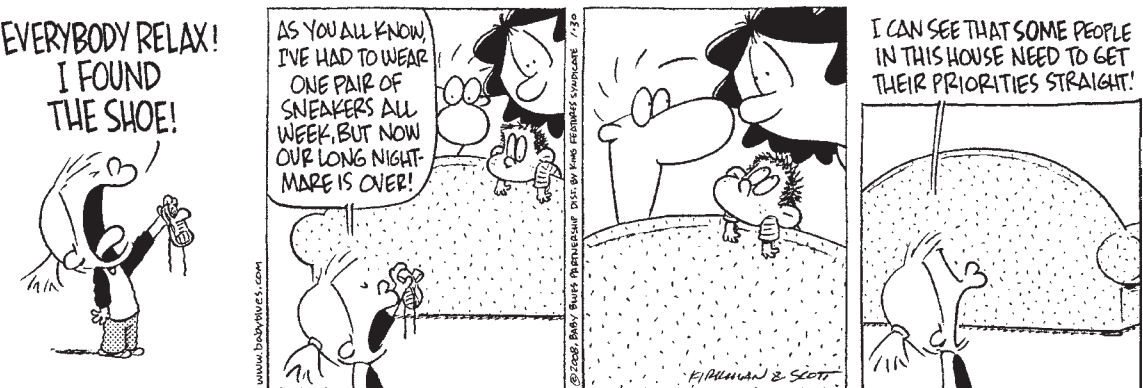
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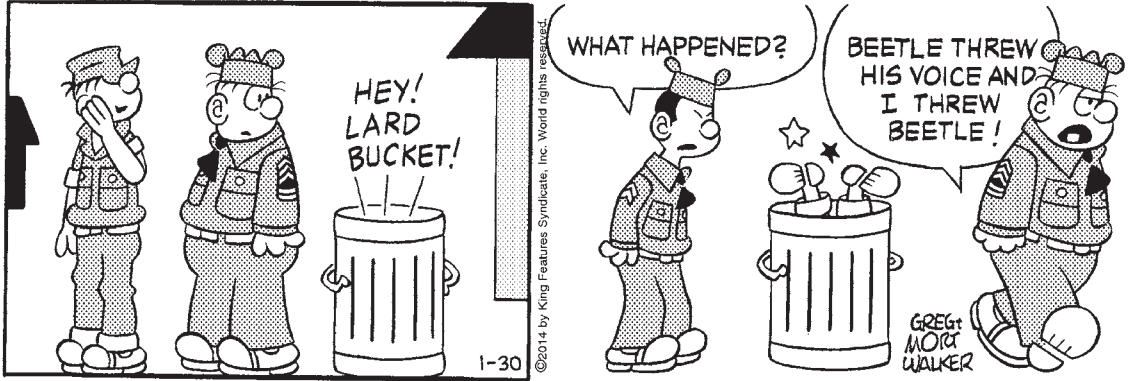
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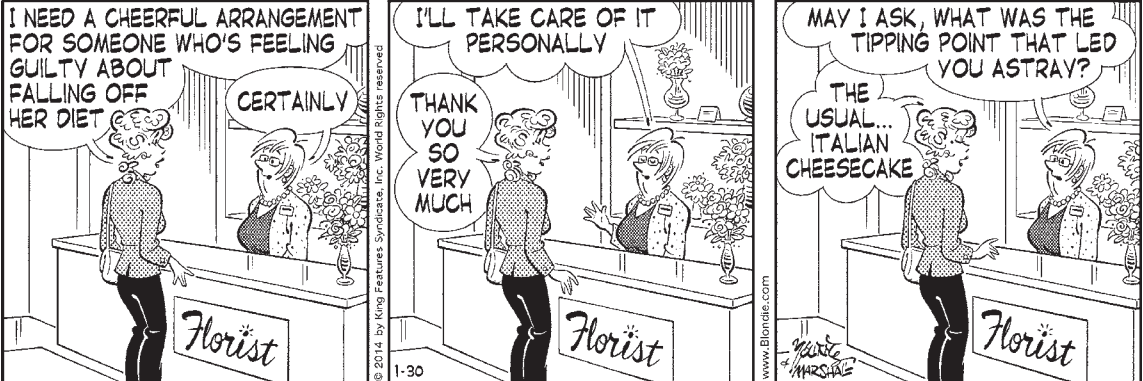
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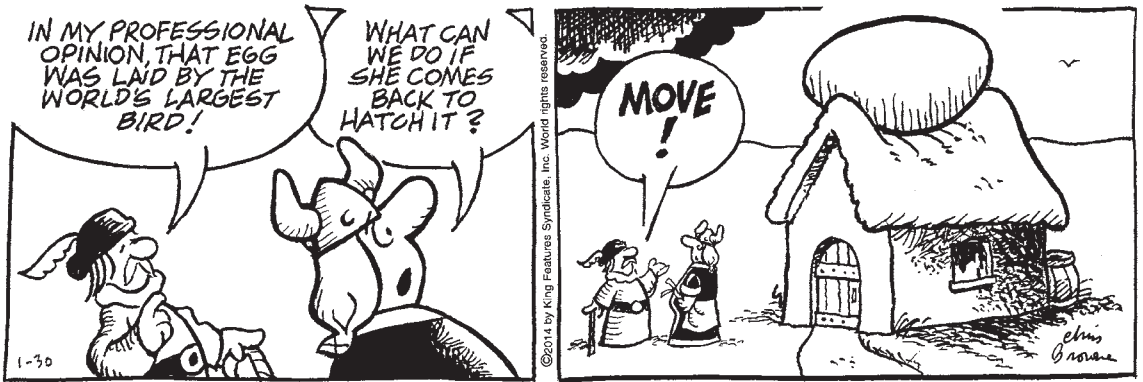
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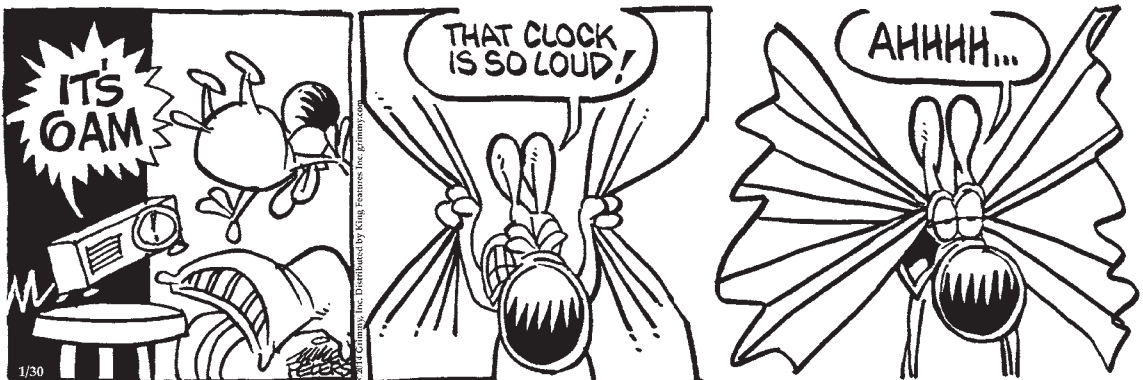
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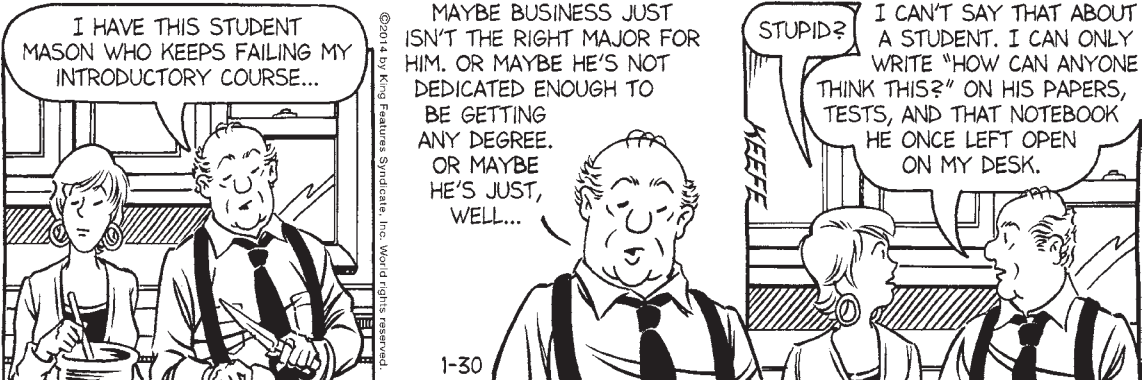
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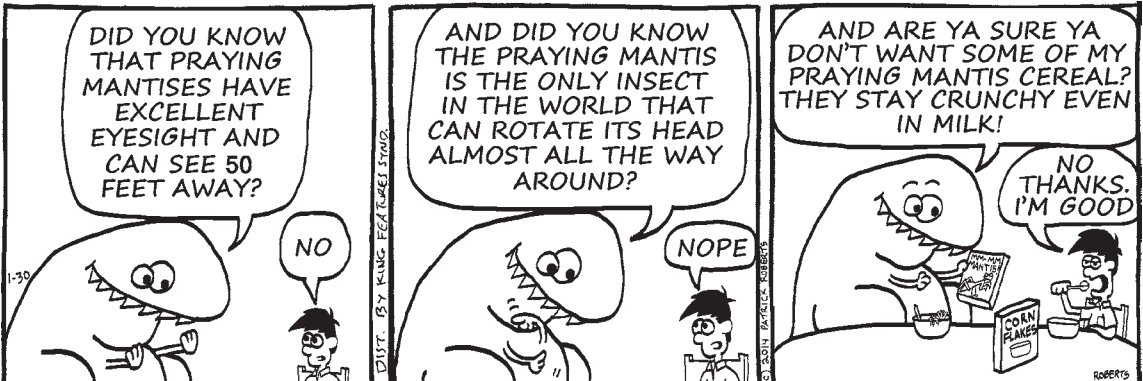
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Canisters made in '20s Austria

Q: I have a 14-piece set of kitchen canisters that are the color of mother-of-pearl, with gold trim and red roses. Six large canisters are labeled Coffee, Rice, Oatmeal, Flour, Sugar and Tea; six smaller ones are labeled Ginger, Cinnamon, Cloves, Nutmeg, Allspice and Pepper; and two cruets labeled Oil and Vinegar. The marks on the bottom are "Ditmar Urbach" above a star, the letter "Z," an image of a wing and "Made in Czechoslovakia." When were they made and how much are they worth?

A: The mother-of-pearl glaze on your set was popular in the 1920s. Sets like yours sell for about \$200 to \$400.

The pottery where your set was made was founded in 1882 as Brothers Urbach in Turn-Teplitz, Bohemia, Austria (now Trnovany, Czech Republic). In 1919 it merged with Ditmar and became Ditmar-Urbach. Taken over by the Nazis in 1938, it became Ostmark-Ceramics AG

Q: My mother bought an American Character doll for my 9th birthday in 1932. The doll's eyes open and close and her mouth is open in a smile that shows her teeth. She can't say "Mama" anymore, but other than that is in fine shape. Can you tell me her present value?

A: The American Character Doll Co. was founded in New York City in 1919. The company made baby dolls, toddler dolls, mama dolls and other dolls in several sizes. The dolls were made of composition, rubber or hard plastic.

American Character dolls were high-end dolls with well-made clothes. Although they sold for only a few dollars in the 1920s and '30s, they were expensive at the time. The company's best years were in the 1950s and early '60s when its Betsy McCall and Tiny Tears dolls were so popular. American Character Doll Co. went out of business in 1968 and its molds were sold to Ideal.

It's impossible to suggest a value for your doll without knowing exactly which doll you have. But the loss of its voice lowers the value. American Character dolls sell for prices from under \$100 to a high of a few hundred dollars.

Q: I have a heavy brass letter opener marked "Harlow, Breed & Cooley Wool, 184 Summer St., Boston." Does it have any value?

A: Harlow, Breed & Cooley were wool dealers in Boston from about 1912 until about 1926. Advertising letter openers made of brass sell for under \$20 to over \$100, depending on the design.

Tip: Put ceramic saucers or glass or plastic plant holders under vases of flowers or potted plants to protect your furniture.

Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. Write to Kovels, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ K Q 9 8 3
♣ 9

WEST
♠ —
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A K Q 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ K J 10 3
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 5 4 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ A J
♣ J 8 5

The bidding:
West North East South
3 ♣ Dble Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

East Lets the Cat Out of the Bag

How a player fares in bridge over the long haul depends primarily on how many mistakes he or she makes. The luck factor is certainly important in the short term, but in the long run, it is the mistake factor that determines how well or how poorly a player does.

Part of attempting to play error-free bridge is to know how to take advantage of an opponent's mistake. For example, take this hand where East doubles four spades on the bidding shown. It is a dreadful double for two reasons. First, East has no good reason to think he can beat the contract on the basis of the bidding he has heard. Second, the double is bad because it warns declarer that the trumps are stacked against him and gives him a chance to shape his play accordingly.

West led a club and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed with dummy's eight, led a low heart and successfully finessed the ten. He next cashed the A-J of diamonds and A-K of hearts, scrupulously avoiding any trump leads because he knew East had all the trumps.

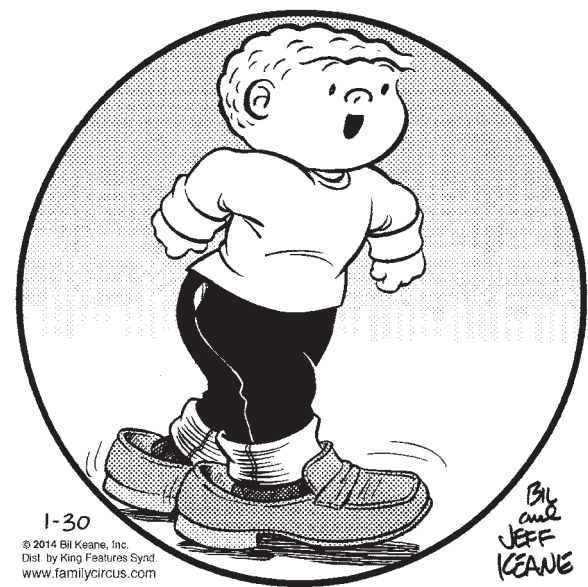
South then cashed dummy's king of diamonds, discarding a club, and continued with the queen. East, now down to four trumps and the queen of hearts, ruffed with the ten and exited with the queen of hearts, ruffed by declarer with dummy's nine.

The nine-of-diamonds lead then compelled East to ruff with the jack and return a spade from the K-3 into dummy's A-Q. As a result, South made four spades doubled.

Without the double, declarer would almost surely have led a trump early in the play and gone down one. The outcome thus exemplifies the importance of the mistake factor in bridge. Here, East made a critical one when he doubled, and South, with a faultless performance, made him pay for it.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/30

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

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

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

Cryptoquip

HQ LKD'PW OUVHZF U EKZF

AUOX, H PWBVKZ LKD R XKDEM

AW BUPWQDE ZKO OK RWO

KQQ OXW RKUV MWOWBOKP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DUBIOUS ABOUT HIS CURRENT PROBLEM-SOLVING METHOD, THE TRIG PUPIL IS HAVING SECANT THOUGHTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Guys' counter-parts
 - 5 Supplements, with "out"
 - 9 Violinist's need
 - 12 Portent
 - 13 Present concern
 - 14 Japanese sash
 - 15 Elba exile
 - 17 Zero
 - 18 14-legged crustacean
 - 19 Lucy's pal
 - 21 Circle ratio
 - 22 FCC concern
 - 24 Infant
 - 27 Bear hair
 - 28 Urban blight
 - 31 Past
 - 32 Likely
 - 33 "— Got a Secret"
 - 34 Lairs
 - 36 "— Miserables"
 - 37 Vegan's no-op
 - 38 Aesopian tale

- DOWN**
- 40 Mother cook-off dish
 - 43 Philadelphia team
 - 47 "— Town"
 - 48 "Have a nice trip!"
 - 51 Sheltered side
 - 52 Grease up
 - 53 Unsigned (Abbr.)
 - 54 Donkey
 - 55 List-ending abbr.
 - 56 Relax
 - 20 "— the season ..."
 - 22 Coin of India
 - 10 Stage statuette
 - 11 Volition
 - 16 Luau side dish
 - 23 Crafts' mates
 - 24 Lousy
 - 25 Census
 - 26 Home-coming traditions
 - 27 Collapse
 - 29 Eggs
 - 30 Obtain
 - 35 Bando of base-ball
 - 37 Hungarian
 - 39 Sacred text
 - 40 Name in China's history
 - 41 Pop flavor
 - 42 Shades
 - 43 Big name in dare-devilry
 - 44 Highway division
 - 45 Hollywood clashers
 - 46 Transmitted
 - 49 No longer chic
 - 50 Cagers' org.

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 1-30

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13					14		
15			16						17		
18							19	20			
			21			22	23				
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To place your classified ad, mail (155 W. Fifth), fax (785-462-7749), phone (785-462-3963), or stop by our office at 155 W. Fifth

Notices

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 mqist@hcscolby.org if you're willing to participate. Thanks!

---1/29---2/12---

Help Wanted

Jill's Helping Hand is hiring a part-time worker in Colby to start approximately 10 hours per week. Duties would be light housekeeping for elderly clients in Colby. Please call Jill at 785-622-4254 for more details and application.

---1/30---2/12---

CMA part-time positions and PRN shift available at Fairview Estates for our growing Assisted Living Facility. Competitive wages, AFLAC, and good working environment. Apply in person. Ask for Gary at 1630 Sewell Ave., Colby 785-462-2154 EOE.

---1/29---2/3---

Spiritual Care Coordinator Wanted: Hospice Services seeking Spiritual Care Coordinator to join Hospice team in providing care for persons with life-limiting illnesses and their families in northwest and north-central Kansas. Position requires person with denomination endorsement or equivalent along with communication, documentation and organizational skills. Travel within service area involved and reimbursed. Job open immediately. Mail Resume to: Hospice Services, Inc., PO Box 116, Phillipsburg KS 67661, fax to 785-543-5688 or contact Hospice Services at 800-315-5122. EOE. Resumes accepted until February 12, 2014.

---1/24---2/6---

Make a Career Call and "Taste The Success" Sales Positions - Frito-Lay, Inc. the world's snack food leader, has an immediate opening at our Colby area. Responsibilities include selling and merchandising our complete line of products to existing and new accounts. This position does require travel. Candidates must possess the following: Relevant Sales Experience (3 years of Grocery or DSD Sales) Clean Driving Record, Weekend Availability, HS Diploma or Equivalent Preferred. Frito-Lay offers a competitive compensation and benefits package that includes stock options. Interested candidates must apply at www.fritolayemployment.com EOE M/F/D/V.

---1/24---2/6---

Management Opportunity: Colby 24/7 Travel Store is currently accepting applications for an Assistant Manager and part-time or full-time cashiers. Compensation includes base wage plus incentives totaling up to 30K, plus benefits including BCBS health and life insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Apply online at www.24-7-stores.com or apply in person at Colby 24/7 Travel Store, 1980 S. Range.

---1/8---2/3---

Plum Creek Ltd. - Colby Winter Clearance in Progress - Save 40%! Saturday hours 10 to 3.

---1/27---2/7---

Happy New Year from that tree guy Kerry at Infinite Connections. Get on his schedule for 2014 - 785-626-4261.

---1/6---1/31---

Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner. Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673.

---12/15---TFN---

Public Notice

NOTICE TO NORTH RANDALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND OTHERS FARMING IN NORTH RANDALL TOWNSHIP:

The North Randall Township Board is concerned about the ever rising cost to maintain all of the right-of-ways in North Randall Township.

Kansas State Statute 68-545 states that Township Boards can direct in writing any practice that will improve the right-of-ways of North Randall Township.

The North Randall Township Board is hereby directing Township Residents and others farming in the Township to please help with the control of weeds in Township right-of-ways.

Approved methods will include tillage, spraying, mowing, planting, and grazing. Wherever there is an elevated road on the right-of-way the board directs that there be no tillage, planting, or grazing performed either to the road or the fore slopes of the road. At intersections, care shall be taken to not obstruct the site distance of the traveling public.

With the assistance of everyone working together, township right-of-ways will improve and township funds will be available to improve roads instead of controlling weeds. North Randall Township Board thanks you for your assistance.

This notice shall take effect upon publication.

North Randall Township Board:

Jane C. Leonard
Arnie Wilson
Yvonne A. Elias

Engineer:

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Thursday, January 30, 2014)

Public Notice

Annual Report of North Randall Township

Thomas County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of North Randall 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	2,000.00	83,150.76	83,150.76	2,000.00	0.00
Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Machinery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	2,000.00	83,150.76	83,150.76	2,000.00	0.00

Total Cash Balance for all Funds 2,000.00

Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31? No

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: 1-27-14

Jane C. Leonard
Township Treasurer

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Help Wanted

Electrician with 3 years experience or journeyman's license needed for service technician, pump and pivot irrigation work. Apply at Hitchcock, Inc. of Goodland or call 785-899-5628 for more information.

---1/22---2/17---

Drivers needed for local deliveries. Class A or B CDL with or the ability to obtain Hazmat and Tanker endorsements. Clean MVR and must pass drug screen and DOT physical. Home every night Apply in person at Rosen's Inc, 60 Stephens drive, Colby or call 785-460-1330 for more info.

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

Cheyenne County Hospital Environmental Services Full-time housekeeping and linen services assistant needed to perform a variety of general cleaning tasks to maintain patient rooms, offices, and hallways. Monday through Friday with weekend rotation required. Other responsibilities include operating mechanical floor cleaners, setting up chairs and tables for special events, distributing emergency supplies as needed. Please pick up an application at the front office or contact: Human Resources, 785-332-2104 Ext. 116, 210 West First, St. Francis, KS 67756.

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

Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc., 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all shop positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire, service call, and alignment technicians. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100.

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

PSI Transport, LLC, is always looking for good company livestock and grain haulers as well as shop mechanics. Competitive pay life/health/dental benefit and bonus program available. EOE (785) 675-3477

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

Carriers needed to deliver the Colby Free Press! Great for someone needing extra income. A few hours a day, 4 days a week. Bonus after 3 months. To apply please stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby or for questions call 785-462-3963.

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Office Space for Rent

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---10/3---TFN---

Storage for Rent

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---1/24---2/20---

Apartments for Rent

Very nice 1 bedroom furnished basement apartment with washer/dryer, utilities, cable and internet included. Perfect for college student. Call Janene at 785 443 2010.

---1/29---2/3---

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---1/24---2/20---

Houses for Sale

For sale or trade. 3 bedroom home in Brewster, 106 Nebraska. \$39,000 OBO. Contact Kenny at 719-740-1072.

---1/30---3/19---

Misc. for Sale

Image 10.0 treadmill C.P.T. Speed program, gently used \$200. 785-460-1864

---1/30---2/5---

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---1/29---2/3---

Crushed concrete and asphalt millings. Call Scott Eberle, Eberle Construction, Oakley at 785-672-0310.

---1/17---2/6---

Pasture Wanted

Need grass to rent for cow calf pairs. L.J. Heier Colby 785-443-2824.

---1/17---2/13---

Vehicles for Sale

2003 Jeep Wrangler Sahara hard top, excellent condition. For more information call 785-443-0624 or check it out at nextechclassifieds.com/listings/view/716595/

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1993 Ford Aerostar Van, new tires, nice body, runs good, \$950. Call 785-462-6527.

---1/29---2/3---

2011 Toyota Tacoma Reg. Cab 2WD, 4 cyl. Auto. White. Certified \$13,500. 785-628-8726

---1/27---1/31---

1998 Mazda B4000 Cab Plus V6 Auto. 112,000 miles, Total Package \$5,000. 785-628-8726

---1/27---1/31---

Call us before you pay your next insurance premium. American Family Insurance - Rita Peters Agency - Colby 785-462-8246.

---1/18---TFN---

Recreation Vehicle

1954 15" Sea King boat. Has 5 1/2 hp Johnson motor. Also included a minikota trolling motor. Run good last time I had it out. No leaks. For more information call 785-443-0624 or check it out at nextechclassifieds.com/listings/view/581707/

---1/29---2/3---

Seed and Feed

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---1/20---1/31---

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The City of COLBY HELP WANTED

The City of Colby and Colby Aquatic Park are accepting applications for Assistant Park Manager for the 2014 summer season. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. CPR and First Aid training not required but would be preferred. Applications may be obtained at City Hall or the Colby Community Building. Applications and requests for consideration must be received at the Rec Office at 285 East 5th Street by Wednesday, February 5th. Application Review will begin Thursday, February 6th. Please contact Dane Olofson at the Rec Department (460.4440) for more information. EOE.

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 information about this position please contact the Administrator at wcccsharonsprings@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

Services

Do you have weeds every year? Want a great looking yard? Call JM Tree & Lawn Service to fill ALL of your needs this year. We offer full tree care and sprinkler system maintenance/installs as well. Call today to get a free quote. 785-462-6908.

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---3/11---TFN---

Garage Sales

Gwen Williams Estate Sale - 1240 W. 7th, Saturday, Feb. 1, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of housewares, glassware & furniture. Stair chair lift; office machines; paintings; records; telescope; antique cameras and equipment; BBQ grill. Too many items to mention. Cash & carry.

---1/29---1/31---

Ethel Franz Estate Sale - 2458 Co Rd K (1/2 mile east of Mingo) Sat. February 1, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

---1/29---1/31---



Tubbs & Sons Ford has 2 positions open. 1 full time Lube Technician pays up to \$14.00 per hour. Also have 1 full time Service Technician position open. Pay commensurate with skill level. Must have clean driving record. Benefits include paid vacation & profit sharing 401K.

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Bronco admits to 'ducks'

JERSEY CITY (AP) — While praising Peyton Manning for his smarts and accuracy, cornerback Richard Sherman of the Seattle Seahawks says Manning throws passes that wobble like "ducks."

The quarterback of the Denver Broncos didn't contest that fowl comparison Thursday.

"I believe it to be true as well," Manning deadpanned. "I've thrown a lot of touch-down ducks over the years. I'm quite proud of that."

Security set for New York Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — As if to buttress the notion that Super Bowl XLVIII will be secured like none other, the NFL held a press conference Wednesday in midtown Manhattan, featuring two rows of uniformed officers and suits from local law enforcement and the FBI, with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson seated in the center.

"I just came from MetLife Stadium and the command center there, where I received a security briefing," Johnson began.

A few minutes later, New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton clarified that, as of noon on Wednesday, there were no specific threats against the first Super Bowl ever held in the New York and New Jersey area.

"As of this time there are no

threats directed against this event that we're aware of," Bratton said.

Despite that reassurance, there will be a massive security presence at Super Bowl XLVIII and many of the venues surrounding the game.

"Obviously at a game of this magnitude, it's an American tradition, it's televised throughout the world, so that might spur more people to pay attention to it," Ford said. "So we are obviously well aware and on guard for anyone who wants to detract from the game."

For that reason, no bags are allowed at the Super Bowl this year; only small one-gallon freezer bags can be brought in.

Fans will pass through metal detectors and will then be subject to a pat-down search and will have



New York Police Department mounted officers stand guard along Super Bowl Boulevard on Wednesday as activities got underway.

to unzip their outer garments for security personnel.

Ford said the game itself is actually easier to secure than some

of the other venues in the city.

Super Bowl Boulevard is one multiblock, outdoor event that will be attended by thousands these next few days.

"These are considered soft targets and there's no screening process," Ford said. "This is America, open and free society that we live in and we want people to be free to walk about."

"However, when you deal with soft targets, they are more vulnerable to home-grown violent extremists coming to do something you don't expect" he added.

New Jersey State Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes said that the recent deadly attacks outside Sochi, the site of the upcoming Winter Olympics, have sparked additional concern about the safety of trains and buses.

Beavers bite often in win over Colby

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Cheerleader Haley Hake's singing of the National Anthem Wednesday evening was beautiful in at least one less subtle way: Nobody blew a whistle to interrupt.

Once the Colby Community College men's game against visiting Pratt College tipped off, whistles sent a Trojans parade marching to their bench.

Starters Terry Starks, Jeremiah Ingram and Joey Meyer were all saddled with three fouls before halftime arrived.

A total of 30 fouls, 31 Pratt made free throws and 30 percent Colby shooting all proved costly during the Trojans' 82-60 defeat.

"We've got to be able to hit shots, especially on our home floor," coach Rusty Grafel observed. "We're just sort of in that same kind of haze we've been in since (Jayhawk) conference play began. We have to find a way to grind it out and get a win."

Unfortunately, the Trojans slipped to 0-6 in Jayhawk play and 9-13 overall.

The Pratt Beavers (14-8 overall, 4-2 league) were sharp right away as Jarvis Flynn (game-high 17 points) and Deshun Roberts hit their opening three-point attempts for a quick 6-2 lead.

Colby freshman Kyle Summers

did his best to retaliate with 50 percent shooting (3 for 6) behind the arc. Summers' first trifecta brought the Trojans within 10-9.

Moments later, sophomore Jeremiah Ingram swooped inside for an offensive rebound. His two free throws created the first Colby lead of 11-10.

Freshman Ramon Johnson showed his own inside talent and quick footwork. Johnson faked left, turned right and hit a shot that sent two teammates jumping off the bench to applaud these moves.

Yet Ingram drew his second foul on Colby's next trip downcourt, and momentum almost instantly moved back to the Beavers.

Beginning with another two "triples", Pratt poured in 10 unanswered points to lead 22-13.

Summers and Starks both answered from long distance, but fouls were soon calling Trojans to that dreaded bench.

"That's when our bench has to come into play," Grafel said. "You'd think we would be used to it now, with as much as some of our guys have been out of the game."

The Trojans fell behind by 15 points, 52-37, before starting their best second-half comeback.

Sophomore Branden Williams smartly drove inside, drew defenders and then fired a pass out to Summers for another trey.

Reserve Justin Talley banked



There it goes! The basketball belonged to no one on this play during Wednesday night's contest between Colby Community College and visiting Pratt College at the Community Building. From left for the Trojans are sophomores Gage Deis (23), Branden Williams (5), freshmen Joey Meyer and Kyle Summers (11). The Pratt Beavers prevailed in this Jayhawk League West skirmish.

in a jumper, and Meyer's strong inside basket made it 59-51 with still nearly seven minutes remaining.

To Pratt's credit, the Beavers often answered quickly and soon rebuilt that 15-point margin.

The Trojans couldn't draw closer again.

"We have some guys who have

fight in them, and some we need more help from," Grafel concluded. "It's a long road until we figure it out."

After an 0-2 homestand, the Trojans are traveling again to Cloud County Community College in Concordia Saturday night.

Colby (60) — Ramon Johnson 15 points, Kyle Summers 11,

Terry Starks 9, Gage Deis 8, Joey Meyer 6, Jeremiah Ingram 5, Justin Talley 2, Anthony Barley 2, David Tait 2. Three-point goals: Summers 3, Starks. Rebound leader: Johnson 9. Assists: Starks 5. Steals: Johnson 3.

Pratt (82) — Jarvis Flynn's 17 points led six Beavers in double figures.

Trojans push Pratt, but Beavers escape

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Freshman Tori Biddle's six three-pointers were almost enough to fight off "the beast" who visited with Pratt College's Beavers Wednesday evening.

Yet top scorer Tatiana Grant played up to this new nickname, scoring 33 points as her Beavers pulled away for an 81-68 victory over Colby Community College.

"Number 10 (Grant) is a beast, she really is. She has to be one of the top scorers in our (Jayhawk) league," Colby coach Antowin Edwards said. "But I'm proud of the ladies, they really battled."

Grant brought a 27-point season average into this contest, but the Trojans (2-20 overall, 0-6 league) certainly weren't frightened.

Colby took several early leads with Biddle first going deep to ignite a 7-0 Trojans surge.

After burying this dagger, Biddle (23 points) made a perfect fast-break bounce pass to guard partner Deja Cato.

Cato zoomed in for a layup that put the Trojans ahead 11-9.

Colby kept pace with talented Pratt (15-7, 2-4 league), trading

baskets all the way to a halftime deadlock.

Biddle's fast-break basket made it 30-30, and two Amanda Miller free throws broke the tie.

When Cato drove into the lane and hit what's becoming a patented shot over taller defenders, the Trojans were ahead again 34-32.

Forward Deandra "Dee Dee" Williams overcame early foul trouble to begin delivering many of her 19 points — also among her best offensive efforts as a Trojan.

Biddle's next long-range shot kept the Trojans within 48-46.

However, Grant and other Beavers continued to answer. They gradually pulled away while building a double-digit margin with about seven minutes remaining.

Second-half Trojan highlights were Miller's four-for-four shooting at the foul line. Biddle also buried that sixth three-pointer just as the buzzer sounded.

"We're close. We're close," Edwards concluded. "We played hard. Like I said, we battled today."

The Trojans will take their next shot an elusive league victory when they visit Cloud County Saturday night.



Pratt College's Ellie Stein (34) tried to dribble out of trouble from Colby Community College defenders (from left) Deandra Williams, Loren Evans and Deja Cato Wednesday evening.

Colby (68) — Tori Biddle 23 points, Deandra Williams 19, Deja Cato 10, Amanda Miller 8, Loren Evans 4, McKenna Ortner 2, Ariel Hutchinson 2. Three-point goals:

Biddle 6. Rebound leaders: Evans 6, Williams 5. Assists: Cato 7. Steals: Miller 3, Biddle 3.

Pratt (81) — Tatiana Grant's 33 points paced the Beavers.

Titans stop Bulldog JV's quest for a win

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains junior varsity boys basketball team played the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Winona on Jan. 10 and battled through a 42-25 loss.

The boys started off with six

points in the first quarter from Kade Wessel. Koi Wessel added six in the second along with four from Jesus Aragon. The Titans put in 25 in the first half to lead 25-16 at the break.

The Bulldogs only managed one bucket from Kade Wessel in

the third quarter, while the Titans extended their lead.

Golden Plains outscored the Titans 7-6 in the fourth but the earlier leads gave the Titans the win 42-25. Kade Wessel and Koi Wessel each claimed eight of those points with five coming

from Austin Rivera and four from Jesus Aragon.

"Although we have not yet won a game, we are improving on defense," Rivera said.

"We are also improving on teamwork and we will get a win this season," Aragon added.

Jayhawks conquer Cyclones

LAWRENCE (AP) — Just minutes after Andrew Wiggins put No. 6 Kansas on his back, scoring six of his career-high 29 points in the defining moment of the game, Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg offered a glowing assessment of the star freshman.

"You can tell he's oozing with confidence," Hoiberg said Wednesday night after his 16th-ranked Cyclones lost 92-81, "and that's scary."

The nation's No. 1 recruit, Wiggins finally has started to live up to his hype. He matched his 27-point performance in a win over TCU last weekend with a dunk that gave Kansas an 81-72 lead with just less than three minutes remaining and then added a couple of free throws for his career high.

The freshman hit four 3-pointers and finished 10-of-16 from the field.

"I'm just starting to feel more comfortable," Wiggins said.

It helped that he didn't have to carry the load himself.

Perry Ellis added 20 points, Joel Embiid had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Naadir Tharpe finished with 12 points and 12 assists for the Jayhawks (16-4, 7-0 Big 12), who won their seventh straight game. Wayne Selden Jr. had 11 points and five assists.

Georges Niang led the Cyclones (15-4, 3-4) with 24 points.

Trojans compete in tough Kansas Cup

The Colby Community College wrestlers entered four wrestlers and scored 16.5 points in last weekend's Kansas Cup at Hays.

Colby competed against nine teams including the NCAA Division II Fort Hays State University Tigers.

Bethany College (131.5 points) edged Hays (131) for the championship.

Colby's entries began with freshman Sebastian Nehls at 133 points, and Nehls knocked off Kris Workman from Newman University by a 5-3 decision. He advanced into the semifinals before losing his next two matches.

Elijah Cook represented Colby at 149 and also won his first match, 10-4, over Elijah Davis from Northwest Kansas Tech.

Cook dropped his semifinal, but then needed eight seconds to pin consolation foe Spencer Blew from Benedictine.

That win moved Cook into the consolation final, where he did lose 14-1 to Joey Dozier of Fort Hays.

Rakin Deams competed for Colby at 184 but dropped both matches. Colby alum Beau Brown finished 0-2 at 174.

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