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Good soup helps family

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Colby Grade School faculty and staff served soup on a cold Friday night at the Community Building to raise money for Brennan Ostmeyer's medical expenses. Brennan is the 2-year-old son of Jason and LeAnn Ostmeyer who is fighting a rare form of cancer. Serving food above (from left) were Julie Ross, Shanda Brown, Trish Starbuck, Erica Carter and Alicia Albers. Jo DeYoung (right) chatted with Tanya and Alan Sager while also helping out. The meal included assorted vegetables and cookies for dessert. Below right, visitors of all ages enjoyed the cuisine before attending Colby High's home basketball games against Hugoton.



Cold temps heat market for propane

By Sam Dieter

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A steep drop in temperatures in the midwest in the last month has led to an equally steep rise in propane and natural gas prices, which could hit customers in northwest Kansas.

Local gas and propane wholesalers buy much of their fuel on contract, which insulates them

and their customers from steep price increases on the open market. On Jan. 29, Gov. Sam Brownback eased trucking regulations temporarily and ordered the state Department for Children and Families to give poor families who use propane special help in getting fuel, the Associated Press reported. The price of propane rose to \$4 a gallon late last month.

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Actress Pippa White tells the story of the hundreds of thousands of orphans from East Coast cities brought to the heartland of America.

Orphan trains, storytelling onstage Sunday

"One's Company," with actress Pippa White, will be performing "Story of the Orphan Train" at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Rawlins County High School auditorium.

The Western Plains Arts Association also is sponsoring a workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the teachers' workroom for storytellers or folks who would like to learn.

The "Story of the Orphan Train" tells the story of at least 200,000, maybe as many as 500,000, orphans from East Coast cities. Fending for themselves on the streets of New York, these homeless children were given a chance for a new life in America's heartland by riding an orphan train. Orphans who remember the experience come to life and share a heartrending and forgotten part of history.

"One's Company" is a collection of one-woman shows featuring White. She grew up in San

Francisco, appeared regularly on television as a child, trained at the American Conservatory Theatre Academy, and for five years was seen as hostess of a daily morning television show on ABC.

Moving to the Midwest led to her pursuing an education, starting a family, and re-establishing a career with work in theaters, arts-in-education programs and finally, not just one, but several one-woman shows.

White adds to her performances many dialects and accents which are characteristic to her shows. She says some of her dialects come naturally, thanks to a British father.

Admission is by a season ticket, or at the door, adults \$12, students \$6.

Century farms honor heritage

Tradition and heritage are a big part of what makes agriculture such an attractive way of life for so many Kansans, and the farms and ranches in Kansas help provide food, fuel and fiber for the world.

The history of these operations is rich, with many stories to tell. In that spirit, Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's leading agriculture advocacy organization, is launching the 15th year of a program to honor family farms that have passed down this heritage for more than a cen-

tury. The "Century Farm" program recognizes family farms whose current owner/operator is related to the owner/operator of the farm in 1914 or before. Qualifying farmers will receive a sign designating "Century Farm" recognition from Kansas Farm Bureau.

"As farmers and ranchers, we are proud of our legacy and heritage," said Steve Baccus, state president. "The Century Farm program will help others better appreciate the strong

family ties and tradition that we hold so dear." During the first 14 years of the program, more than 2,200 family farms qualified.

The deadline for consideration is May 15. Details and an application can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across the state or at www.kfb.org/getinvolved/centuryfarms/ Kansas Farm Bureau, established in 1919, says it is the largest advocate for family farms in the state.



Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A slight chance of snow showers before 9 p.m., then a chance for flurries before ending. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 4. Southeast wind around 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Friday: High, 06; Low 5
 Saturday: High, 40; Low 11
 Sunday: High, 16; Low 3
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday Trace
 Sunday 0.03 inches
 Month: 0.11 inches
 Year: 0.41 inches
 Normal: 0.93 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:41 a.m. 6:16 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 91 percent
 Wednesday 7:40 a.m. 6:18 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 95 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Cold heats propane market

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K.G. Kersenbrock, co-manager at Colby Fertilizer, agreed that the shortage is based on the colder weather this winter, and said his company saw it coming. The company got a contract with its supplier much like it did last year. But last year the propane lasted until about June; this year, the company has sold about 50,000 gallons of propane during each of the colder months, and expects to be out of the fuel by the end of February.

"Next month we'll just have to see where the chips fall," Kersenbrock said.

If he were to start charging his customers based on the spot market price today, propane would be \$3 a gallon, or slightly over. He would not say who the supplier is.

"It wouldn't quite be doubled," he said, "but it would be close."

Knowing that the shortage would be coming, the company decided to sell only to its "home customer" base of around 300.

"We haven't been taking on any new customers because the price of propane doubled and even tripled," he said.

These customers live in the country, and mostly use propane to heat their homes rather than

drying grain. Hope Brown, the manager at Mid Plains Energy, a subsidiary of the Decatur Co-op in Jennings, said customers have been trying to conserve their propane but are still having to use more. Mid Plains sold about 100,000 gallons last month, she said, while average sales are closer to 80,000 gallons. The company gets its propane from the Bushton and Conway terminals, Brown said, and so far there has been no indication that the terminals may have to allocate their fuel.

Kersenbrock and Brown both declined to say how much they are charging for propane now.

According to the Kansas Board of Trade, the price of Conway propane jumped as high as \$4 per gallon in January. The price dropped to \$2.25 and then spiked to about \$3.20 a gallon just before the start of this month, and dropping since to under \$2.50 per gallon.

Natural gas prices went up as well due to the cold weather. Midwest Energy put a press release on its website Wednesday to warn its customers of the rising gas prices. That day, cold weather across the Midwest brought the spot price of natural gas to about \$30 for every million British thermal units (Btus).

Mike Morely, corporate communications manager for Midwest, says the company gets much of its gas on contract, but has to buy on the open market if use goes up high enough.

"I don't believe we bought any \$30 gas, but we bought some in the \$9 range," Morely said.

Prices have evened out since then, he added, and should go down as the weather is expected to get warmer over the week. But the price is still above normal.

Midwest bills its customers for the average price of gas each month, he said, and last month's average price was \$4.73 per million Btus. By the time of Wednesday's press release, the price was 90 cents higher for February.

Morely said it would be hard to estimate how much natural gas any given household uses. As an example, the press release said a home that uses 140 therms, or about 14 million Btus, would get a \$78.82 gas bill at the end of this month - as opposed to \$66.22 at the end of January - if gas were to stay 90 cents above last month's price.

The New York Mercantile traded NYMEX natural gas futures at \$4.60 per million Btus today.

Child deaths subject of bill

TOPEKA (AP) - Supporters of a bill before the Kansas Senate say it could help improve research on the cause of children's deaths.

Kansas collects information on child deaths through the State Child Death Review Board, which publishes statistics each year on deaths and causes, seeking to pinpoint trends and develop prevention strategies. The board reviewed 391 deaths in 2011, most of which resulted from natural causes.

Researchers aren't allowed to get more detailed information about the deaths because of privacy concerns, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* reported (bit.ly/M4YV63).

Under the proposed bill, researchers would still not have direct access to information on child deaths. But academics, research organizations, nonprofit groups and governmental agencies would be able to apply to the review board for non-personally identifiable, aggregate data.

In the case of sudden, unexpected infant deaths, for example, researchers could seek information about whether babies were placed to sleep with or

without blankets. The review board could provide that information as long as it couldn't be used to identify a child.

Kansas Action for Children and other groups hope the research can improve efforts to prevent child deaths.

"The bill is straightforward," said Christie Appelhanz, head of the Kansas Action of Children. "The change costs taxpayers nothing, yet would make our state a safer place to grow up."

The Centers for Disease Control said in 2010 that the national mortality rate for children up to age 14 was 17 deaths among every 100,000 children. In Kansas, it was 22 deaths in every 100,000 children.

Angela Nordhus, director of the Kansas Child Death Review Board, said the board would support the bill if the identities of children are protected.

The bill is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where several groups testified in support late last month. No one testified against it.

Pilots often head to wrong airport

By Joan Lowy

WASHINGTON - Do you know the way to San Jose? Quite a few airline pilots apparently don't.

On at least 150 flights, including one involving a Southwest Airlines jet last month in Missouri and a jumbo cargo plane

last fall in Kansas, U.S. commercial air carriers have either landed at the wrong airport or started to land and realized their mistake in time, according to a search by The Associated Press of government safety databases and media reports since the early 1990s.

A particular trouble spot is

San Jose, Calif. The list of landing mistakes includes six reports of pilots preparing to land at Moffett Field, a joint civilian-military airport, when they meant to go to Mineta San Jose International Airport, about 10 miles to the southeast. The airports are south of San Francisco in California's Silicon Valley.

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.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Murder mystery tickets on sale now

The 10th annual murder mystery at the Pioneer Memorial Library will be "Dead 2 Rights." For \$25 per person, you can help solve a murder while dining in style. Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1. Seating is limited, but tickets are available now. For information, call the library at 460-4476.

Food allergies topic of Thursday meeting

"Food Allergy Facts of Life," a K-State Research and Extension program, will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room. The speaker will be Amy Lorenzen, a Golden Prairie Extension District agent. Feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the program.

College sets meeting on nursing program

Colby Community College invites all students interested in its nursing program to a free session at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Health Sciences Building, room 809. The deadline to apply for the Level I (licensed practical nurse) program is Saturday, March 15. For information, call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797.

Foundation to serve pulled pork Thursday

The Thomas County Community Foundation will have having a fund-raising pulled-pork dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Community Building. Make a donation, get a meal, and get a one-time discount on your membership. This night only, Friends of the Foundation annual membership will be \$20 instead of \$25 and business membership will be \$40 instead of \$50. For information, call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Genesis annual meeting to be Feb. 20

The annual meeting of the Genesis-Thomas County Inc. food bank will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the meeting room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. in Colby. All are welcome to attend to hear more about the food bank operations. For information, contact Wynn Duffey at 462-5388.

Human resources group to meet Wednesday

The Colby chapter of the Western Kansas Human Resources Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Montana Mike's, with a presentation at noon. Phil Hays, director of the Kansas Council of the Society for Human Resource Management, will speak on human resources essentials and trends. To attend as a guest, make reservation by noon Monday to Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com or call Phyllis LaShell at (785) 577-4610.

Church to offer parenting classes, free food

Colby Wesleyan Church is offering "Parenting with Love and Logic" classes at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings at the ministry center. Free child care is available, and a free hot breakfast will be served beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Pastor Gene Rothfuss at 462-8391 to sign up.

Book Fair planned at Colby schools

The Colby Public Schools Book Fair for grade school and middle school will continue from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Grade School Library. For information, call the school at 460-5100.

Honor Flight talk planned for Wednesday

Mark Rine of Tribune will provide information on the Honor Flight program for World War II veterans at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. For information, call Duane Cheney of Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at 443-1405.

Colby woman's art on display this month

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



LOCAL TV Listings

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Tuesday Evening February 11, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Trophy	Killer Women		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	XXII Winter Olympics						Local		XXII Winter Olympics	
KSAS/FOX	Dads		New Girl	Brooklyn	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Braveheart									
ANIM	Wild Russia		Wild Russia			Wild Russia		Wild Russia		
BRavo	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs of Sunset		100 Days of Summer			Happens	Shahs of Sunset	Atlanta	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard									
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later			E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Kroll	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Tosh.0
DISC	Bering Sea Gold									
DISN	Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2		Dog		Jessie	Austin	Liv-Mad.	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	She's Out		RichKids		RichKids	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Coast to Coast			Olbermann		Olbermann		
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Twisted			Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		Diners, Drive		Chopped
FX	Transformers									
HGTV	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Scoring	Scoring	Property	Property
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms									
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2			Teen Mom 2		Are You the One?		
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SICI	Face Off		Face Off			Opposite Worlds		Face Off		
SPIKE	Resident Evil									
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan	Cougar	Conan	
TCM	Around-80 Day									
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life			Addiction		Addiction		
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles			The Mentalist		The Mentalist		
TOON	Uncle Gra	Adventure	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Dangerous Grounds			Border Ri		Border Ri		
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Kirstie	The Exes	The King of Queens	
USA	Dog Show									
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop			Menace II Society		Kingdom Come		
WGN	Funnest Home Videos									
			Red Dragon				How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
Premium Channels										
HBO	Vehicle 19		True Detective			Girls		Looking		True Detective
MAX	Magic Mk		Big Daddy			Banshee		Con Air		
SHOW	Billy Joe		Soul Plane			Lies		Episodes		Shameless

Wednesday Evening February 12, 2014

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Super Fun	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	XXII Winter Olympics						Local		XXII Winter Olympics	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Wahlburg	Wahlburgers	Duck D.	Duck D.	
AMC	Shawshank									
ANIM	Beaver	Beaver	Treehouse		Treehouse Masters	Beaver	Beaver	Treehouse		
BRavo	Top Ten Dinners		Top Ten Dinners		NYC	NYC	Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard									
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later			E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Broad Cit	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Work.
DISC	Survivorman	Survivor-Lost	Lone Target		Lone Target		Survivor-Lost		Lone Target	
DISN	Liv-Mad.	I Didn't	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Dog	Jessie	ANT Farm	Stevens	Lizzie
E!	Sports Illustrated				The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball			Olbermann		Olbermann		
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	When in Rome		The 700 Club		Daddy			
FOOD	Restaurant Takeover		Buy This	Buy This	Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Buy This	Buy This
FX	X-Men Origins: Wolverine			X-Men Origins		Tears of the Sun				
HGTV	Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling			Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	
AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Morning Glory									
MTV	Being Maci		Teen Mom 2			Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Opposite Worlds		Ghost Hunters			Ghost Hunters		Opposite Worlds		
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-Work	Big Bang	Conan	Men-Work	Conan	
TCM	Tom Jones									
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		Hoard-Buried			Sex Sent Me to the E		Hoard-Buried		Sex Sent Me to the E
TNT	Castle		Castle			Hawaii Five-0		The Mentalist		
TOON	Dragons	Regular	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Toy Hntr	Backroad	Hotel Impossible		Dangerous Grounds		Toy Hntr	Backroad
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	The Exes	Kirstie	The Exes	Kirstie	King	King
USA	NCIS									
VH1	Saturday Night Live		SNL in the 2000s			Point Break				
WGN	Funnest Home Videos									
			Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Epic		Looking	Girls	True Detective	Real Time, Bill		Girls	Looking	
MAX	The Bourne Legacy		Banshee			Taken 2		Sexually Bugged!		
SHOW	Shameless		Jim Rome on Showtime			Episodes	Lies	Jim Rome on Showtime/Wild and Wonderful		

Blizzard of garden catalogs warms snowy February days

Once again, the great influx of garden catalogs has left most of us a bit bleary eyed!

When you slowly thumb your way through 15 or 20 of those wonderfully colorful publications looking for that perfect tomato, or the hardest echinacea, your eyes become achy and watery and you wonder if those monthly eye injections are really doing the job!

But, as gardeners, we all do that, don't we? The only way to spend a cold, windy, snowy, February afternoon is to curl up in the lounge and slowly digest the gorgeous color and perfect shape of thousands of examples of today's flora and fauna.

Several years ago, it was my pleasure to visit the headquarters of the Burpee Seed Company in Warminster, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia. I half jokingly suggested to the Burpee Public Rela-



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

tions Director that some of those seed catalog pictures might be slightly retouched. Wrong observation! I received a good-natured lecture on professional camera work and proper selection of subject matter.

I thought about that conversation last week while studying the new 2014 edition of the Burpee catalog. As was the case with last year's catalog, Burpee is featuring another new, unbelievably huge, tomato on the cover. Last year, it was the monstrous Super Sauce variety, and this year it's one called Steakhouse Hybrid. It is billed as "the world's

biggest" tomato. Could be true I suppose. The description says the fruit weight will vary from 24 to 48 ounces. Order a packet of 25 seeds for \$6.95, plus shipping. Of course I'll have to try a packet. I bought a pack of last year's Super Sauce, and it was far from my best producer.

But you've got to try some of these new things. The Burpee people are brilliant to put a big new tomato on their cover because they realize that tomatoes are number one in the eyes of nearly every vegetable gardener.

I'm sorry to report that Burpee dropped my all-time favorite tomato from their catalog offerings this year. There is no Northern Exposure listed among their tomato selections. I called them to ask why. They said they couldn't list 'em all - but they still had Northern Exposure available. I felt a lot

better.

Burpee certainly has the most dramatically colored catalog of all that I have seen this year. The flowers and vegetables really jump out at you. George Gurney is doing something interesting. His prices on just about everything in his book are almost twice the price of other companies' prices. But wait - on the front cover of the catalog there is a coupon worth 50 percent off everything in the catalogue. What?

I still like the J.W. Jung catalog the best. Their stuff is easier to find due to excellent job of arranging categorically. The Park Seed Company has an "easy to find" system as well. None of the ones I studied is bad.

I love 'em all. I've never sent one back yet!

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Deaths

John A. Wessel

John A. Wessel, 72, a Selden farmer, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Nov. 13, 1941, in rural Selden to Libo and Elsie (Schwarz) Wessel. He grew up on a farm southeast of Selden, graduating from Selden Rural High School in 1959. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a farmer and rancher in the Selden area throughout his life. He belonged to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Selden and the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Art Wessel; a sister, Mary Dellere; and two brothers-in-law, Gene Blaske and Rick Hickert.

Survivors include two brothers, Robert (Pat) Wessel, Selden, and Bill (Carol) Wessel, Dresden;

a brother-in-law, Jim Dellere, Salina; four sisters, Kathryn (Bill) Schieferecke, Studley; Margie Blaske, Salina; Martha (Fred) Wassemler, Monument; and Betty Hickert, Selden; and a sister-in-law, Karla Wessel, Selden.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden with Father Mark Berland officiating and burial in the Selden Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials in his name instead of flowers, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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

Josephine 'Josie' West

Josephine "Josie" West, 93, Oakley, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at her home.

She was born July 13, 1920, in Sheridan County to George and Barbara (Zerr) Heier.

On Dec. 28, 1960, she married S.E. West at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park.

A beautician for 65 years, she was a hairdresser for her regular customers as well as residents in nursing homes and hospitals.

She loved bowling on teams in Oakley and Colby, bingo, and playing cards. She was always on the go with church activities, family reunions, wedding dances and gatherings with family and friends.

A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley, she was in the Altar Society, the Daughters of Isabella for 70 years, and a past member of the church in Park. For over 20 years she volunteered in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, along with being a Senior Companion member and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a brother, Joseph Heier; two sisters, Kath-

erine Heier and Johanna Pfeiffer; a brother-in-law, Albert Pfeiffer; a step daughter-in-law, Barbara West; and a step-grandson, Norman West.

Survivors include a brother, Phil (Rosella) Heier, Grainfield; a sister-in-law, Louella Heier, Oakley; three stepsons, Frank (Judy) West, Muldrow, Okla.; Verle West, Monroe, Ark.; and Bud (Karen) West, Parker, Colo.; eight step-grandchildren, and 20 step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Oakley, with burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Park.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with rosary/wake service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph's Catholic School, the Daughters of Isabella, the Sacred Heart basement project or Senior Companions, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

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

Horsemanship camp to be in May

Colby Community College will have a four-day horsemanship camp Sunday through Wednesday, May 25 to 28.

Youth ages 5 to 10 may participate as day campers only; the overnight camp is for ages 11 to 17. Campers will be taught by equestrian team Coach Shanda Mattix, assisted by members of the equestrian team.

"Both English and Western disciplines will be available," said Mattix. "Additional activities are planned to expose campers to the college campus and help participants get to know one another."

Each day will combine riding lessons, lectures and activities on topics including nutrition, safety, grooming and horse behavior. The final morning will include a presentation for parents.

Before participating in the camp, all campers must have riding experience and be able to demonstrate basic riding skills.

Campers are encouraged to bring their own horses for use during the camp. A very limited number of college-owned horses will be available at an additional cost. Campers who bring their own horses are required to provide hay, grain and other supplies.

Cost for the overnight camp is \$300 (with horse); \$350 overnight with a leased horse; The day camp is \$75 with horse and \$85 with a leased horse. The fee includes tuition, housing in the campus residence hall, activities and all meals. Deadline for registration is Thursday, May 15.

Mattix and the equestrian team will also be offering two-day camps in May. Beginner day camp is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, and a youth showman day will be held Friday, May 30.

For information contact Shanda Mattix at 460-5464 or email shanda.mattix@colbycc.edu.

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

Parents' night always proves to be entertaining and informative for the Abilene Hustlers 4-H club members as the parents of the officers and members conduct the meeting.

Acting President Steve Ziegelmeier called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Thomas County 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Jake Haines led members in the flag salute.

Tamara Ziegelmeier gave the parliamentary tip for the month in which J.J. Denny, Jessica Vaughn and Mark Bartlett acted as a panel to help answer parliamentary procedure questions. Donna Lamm called roll, answered by "your favorite president." Twenty-one members and 17 parents were present.

Lamm then read the minutes from the previous meeting. Reports of officers were given by Nick Wells, acting reporter,

Lamm, acting council rep and community leader, and Diann Gerstner, acting treasurer. During the short business meeting the club members moved to donate \$100 to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Acting Vice President Jake Haines announced the program: Ashlee Haines gave an illustrated project talk about how to do string art. Gerstner demonstrated how to give a demonstration and Chance Hoeting talked about his welding project and becoming a junior leader for welding. Recreation was led by Denny and the participants learned how to make a human knot.

Steve Ziegelmeier announced the program for next month and the meeting was adjourned after members recited the 4-H Pledge. Refreshments were provided by the Vaughn family.

- Cassie Wells, reporter

Ag students go to meet

Twelve members of the Colby Community College Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter and their advisors Shanda and Caleb Mattix attended the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference Jan. 24 to 26 in Manhattan.

Colby had two teams participate in the Quiz Bowl competition, testing their knowledge on a variety of agriculture topics. One of the teams made it to the final round of competition.

"The conference is a great way for students to network with other producers and learn about current trends in agriculture," said Mattix. "Over 600 young farmers and ranchers, ages 18 to 25, attended

this year's conference."

Students attending the conference included Heather Toal, Caleb Foos, Ethan Schwarz, Ashlee Dinges, Daniel Poland, Lori Beth James, Jade Kruse, Kassie Spalding, Jessica Schwarzer, Caity Thompson, Marci Scriptor and Ariel Severson.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers organization is a group of hard-working agriculture professionals dedicated to developing their leadership skills and empowering others to become actively involved in agriculture advocacy, promotion and education. The organization is open to all Farm Bureau voting members ages 18 to 35.

Learn about food allergies

Living with food allergies is challenging, often making simple things like traveling, going to school and eating out complicated.

To help you learn more about food allergies and food sensitivities, Amy Lorenzen, family and consumer science agent from the Golden Prairie Extension District, Oakley office, will be presenting "Food Allergy Facts of Life," from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room, 350 S. Range.

This educational program features information about learning to recognize symptoms, avoiding

trigger foods and managing your health or your child's health.

Feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the program. If you have questions, contact Diann Gerstner at the Thomas County Extension Office, 460-4582.

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Other Viewpoints

Commissioner aims at 'Roadmap'

Today's politicians profess to practice bipartisanship, reaching across the aisle to compromise.

But a recent gesture from Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger probably wasn't what Gov. Sam Brownback had in mind.

Last week, Praeger joined a bipartisan group called "Reroute the Roadmap" in an effort to unseat Brownback. The "reroute" is in reference to Brownback's "Roadmap for Kansas" 2010 campaign theme.

Also defecting – though probably for just this upcoming election – from the Republican ranks are Rochelle Chronister, Neodesha, who served as assistant majority leader in the House as well as chair of the Kansas Republican Party, and former U.S. Sen. Sheila Frahm of Colby.

Democrats Jill Docking, running mate of Rep. Paul Davis, who is likely to be Brownback's Democratic challenger; Joan Wagon, a former secretary of revenue; and State Sen. Laura Kelly of Topeka, are the other members of the gang of six.

The women contend Brownback's refusal to expand Medicaid eligibility, his intransigence to adequately fund education and his goal to eliminate the state income tax all jeopardize the future of Kansas.

Rural hospitals, especially, will face difficult times if Medicaid eligibility is not expanded, Chronister said, pointing out the recent eliminations of 29 jobs at Mercy hospitals in Fort Scott and Independence.

Caring for the indigent is a big expense for hospitals. Where before the federal government reimbursed hospitals for those costs, the new health care law shifts that responsibility to the Medicaid program with the understanding states would broaden the income guidelines.

If Kansas continues not to participate in an expanded Medicaid program, hospitals will have to pick up the bill. For Allen County Regional Hospital, that's in excess of \$1 million.

Praeger's defection is not an outright vote for Davis. A life-long Republican, the Lawrence native has been in state politics since 1990, when she first served in the Kansas House. In 1992, she was elected to the Kansas Senate, where she served three terms before being elected insurance commissioner in 2002.

Nearing 70, Praeger has announced this is her last year in state government, which no doubt gives her more freedom to speak her mind as a Republican who's not in line with the governor's direction.

When those of the same ilk believe they are being led astray, it would seem to be noteworthy.

Stay tuned.

— The Iola Register, via the Associated Press



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Move to new courthouse began in 1907

Most of the research for the Thomas County Courthouse history was supplied by Opal Linville from Colby's Prairie Museum of Art and History.



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

On Nov. 28, 1907, the *Free Press Tribune* reported that the new Thomas County Courthouse was now completed on the outside, though there was still quite a bit of finish work to do on the inside.

Regardless of that, officials and employees were encouraged to move their papers and equipment into the new building as soon as possible, so the trek began from the old building to the new.

The county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds were stationed in the same offices on the first floor where they work today. The clerk of the district court was in the rooms on the second floor above the register's office. The paper said the county superintendent of schools occupied rooms on the first floor in the north part of the building. The sheriff and county attorney were just above him on the second floor.

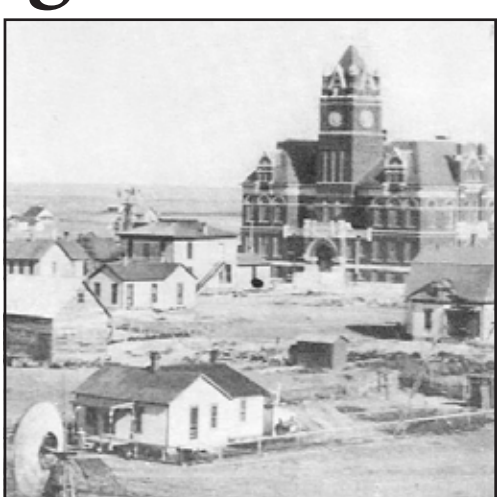
"The probate judge and county surveyor have comfortable quarters," the article said, but it didn't say where.

I was surprised to read in that article that the county commissioners decided to fix up a suite of rooms for the sheriff and his family in the basement. However, I doubt if the sheriff ever lived there.

The reason I doubt that is due to the article I read recently in one of my "Thomas County Yesterday and Today" books about Sam Pratt, who happened to be the sheriff at the time the courthouse was built. It was in the June 1960 Vol. VI. The article, written by Jessie (Pratt) Dimmitt, a niece of the sheriff, said Sam and his family lived in the sheriff's house north of the courthouse at the time the new courthouse was built. If they were already living in a house with their children, I doubt that Sam's wife would want to move into the courthouse basement, but I really don't know.

"I remember how we children watched with pride," she recalled, "when the corner stone was laid and Uncle Sam's picture and other material was placed in the receptacle and placed in the corner stone together with similar material from other county officers."

This picture (right) taken from "Thomas County Yesterday and Today" of Nov. 1960, Vol. XI, shows the new courthouse just after the clocks were installed in 1907. The old courthouse still remains in front of the new one. The picture was taken from the Union Pacific water tank located near First Street. This view (below) from the same publication, was taken from the top of the courthouse looking west on Third Street. You can see how downtown Colby looked in 1907. The school house is in the upper left, the far background south of Third. Note that there are no cars, only wagons.



Sam Pratt was elected sheriff of Thomas County six times from 1902 to 1924, when he was shot and killed while trying to stop thieves who had killed a police officer in Nebraska. One of the thieves' bullets entered Sam's body near his heart.

The jail house was a small, ominous looking building that sat to the north of the courthouse and back quite a ways. I have no information as to when that building was built. I'm thinking that it might have been built even before the new courthouse. It makes sense to me that if the sheriff had a house in that location already, he would need a jail to hold the bad guys.

I also don't know when it was torn down. It was still in use for years after I moved to Colby in 1946. I've been told that after the new Law Enforcement Center was built to the

south of the courthouse, they started using the old jailhouse for storage space. They probably tore it down when they enlarged the parking area on the north of the courthouse.

After reading that article, I started wondering if the Thomas County sheriff is still furnished a home to live in. I called the sheriff's office and was only able to talk to his secretary because the sheriff was in a meeting. Laughingly, she assured me that the sheriff pays for his own home and the taxpayers do not.

Next time I'll tell about improvements to the courthouse over the years.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby for over six decades and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here. She says it's one of her favorite things to do.

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Lottery revenue goes to several programs

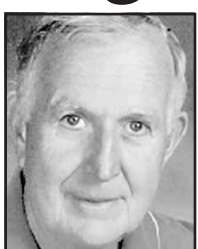
In the Appropriations Committee this week, we discussed the Kansas Lottery in detail. I learned that if you don't buy a ticket, you have little chance of winning, and I have never bought a ticket.

There was a comment that a lady in Florida found a ticket on the ground while leaving a supermarket, kept it and won several million dollars. That being said, here are some facts about the lottery.

The Kansas Lottery started in November 1987; through June 30, 2013, ticket sales have produced more than \$1.4 billion in revenues transferred to the state.

The Kansas Lottery Act requires that a minimum of 45 percent of total sales be paid back to the players through the prize fund. Last year, however, it paid out 56.6 percent in prizes. The lottery had \$244.8 million in sales, and \$74.5 million was transferred to the state.

The State Gaming Revenues Fund gets monthly transfers from the lottery. Transfers are then made from the Gaming Fund to funds



Ward Cassidy

• This week in Topeka

dedicated to economic development initiatives, prison construction and maintenance projects, juvenile detention facilities, problem gaming assistance and the state General Fund.

What many people are not aware of is there are also Kansas Lottery Veterans Benefit tickets. Net profits from Veterans Benefit games go directly to designated veterans programs. Every penny is used here in Kansas and goes to provide basic assistance for our Kansas military veterans.

My problem, with all gambling, is there are too many people who are using more than their discretionary dollars. I spend my discretion-

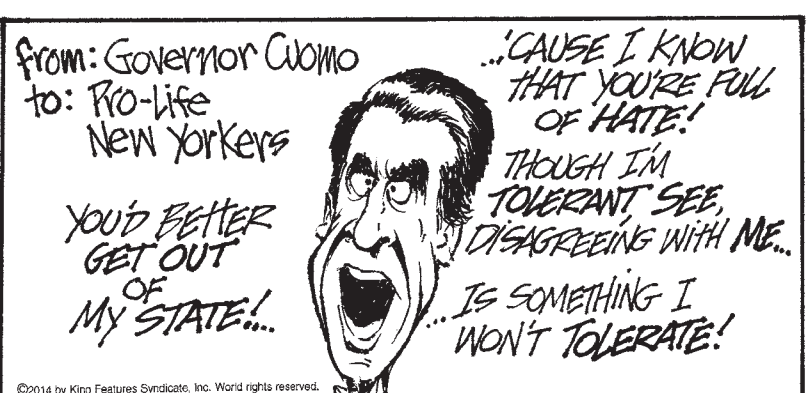
ary dollars hunting and playing golf. If people want to gamble, fine – just don't make it a problem where you are hurting those around you.

I introduced a bill this week in transportation that will give a name to Highway 161, which runs north to Benkelman, Neb., from Bird City. The Cheyenne County Historical Society requested the highway be designated at the "Ancient Indians Trader Trail." I see no problem in this bill passing.

Rep. Ward Cassidy of St. Francis represents the 120th District in the Kansas House of Representatives, covering the northwest part of Thomas County (including Colby), plus Decatur, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties. This is his second term in the Legislature, and he is chair of the Education Budget Committee and vice chair of the Education Committee. Send e-mails to ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov.

Mallard Fillmore

- Bruce Tinsley



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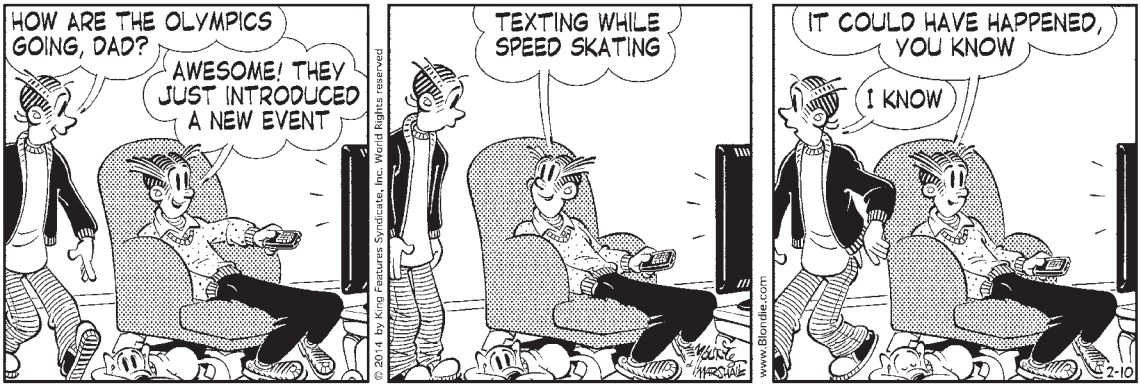
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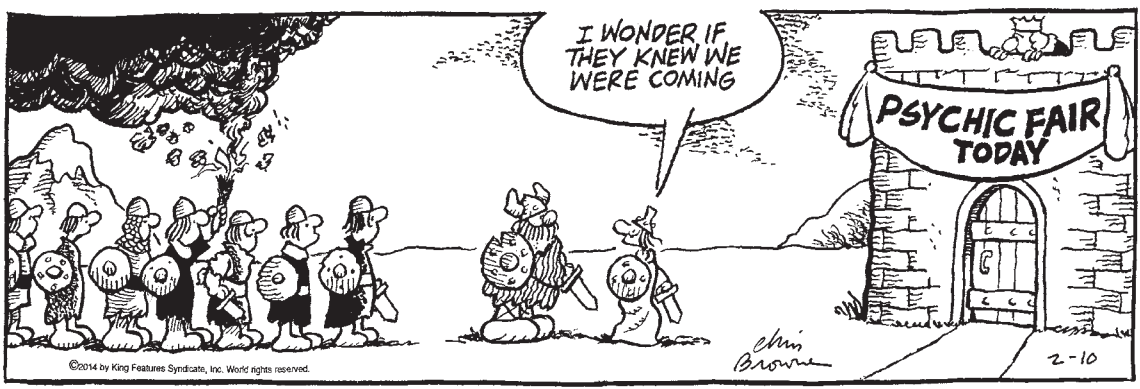
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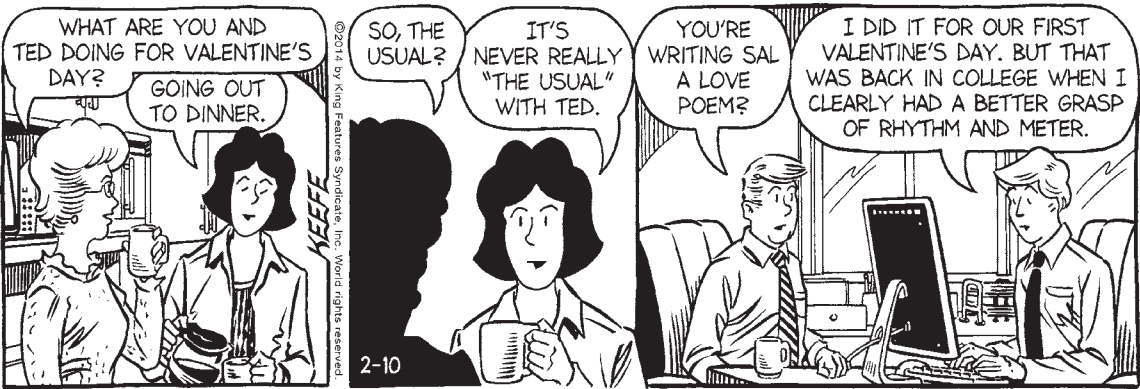
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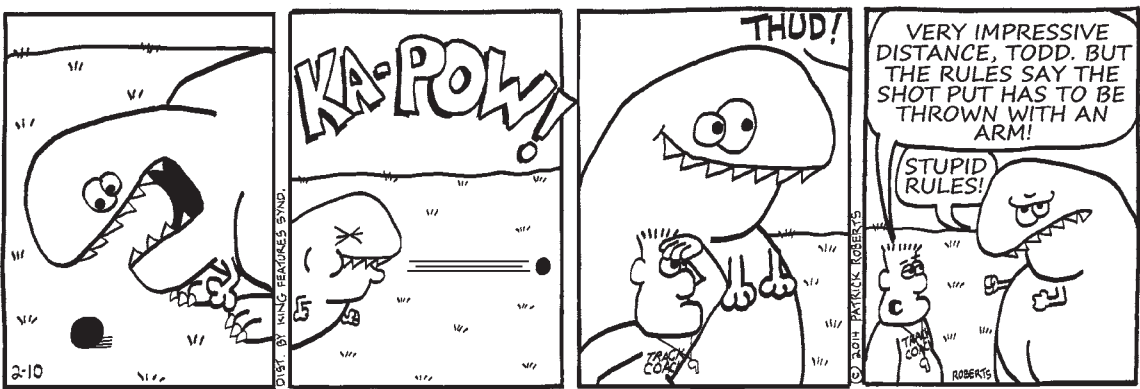
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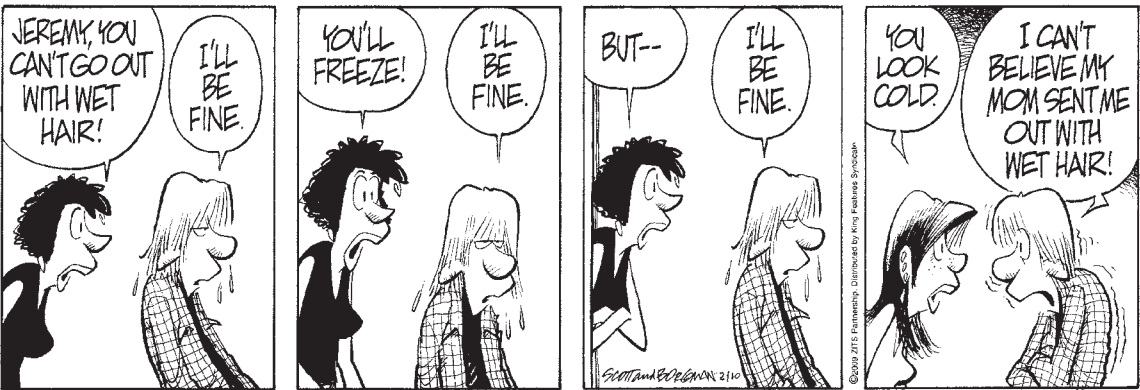
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St. Valentine has long history

The history of valentines can be traced back to St. Valentine, who died a martyr. A feast was named for him by the Catholic Church in the year 496. Other historical or legendary sources mention two other men named Valentine, a suggestion that the holiday descended from a Roman fertility fest, and references to the Duke of Orleans' letter in the 15th century, considered the first valentine. In the 14th century, Geoffrey Chaucer wrote the first mention of love and Valentine's Day. The oldest surviving valentine dates from 1477.

Now skip forward to the modern holiday and verifiable facts. By 1797, valentine cards were being homemade of paper, ribbons and lace. In 1874, Esther Howland (1824-1904) of Worcester, Mass., was the first American to make valentines to sell commercially. Soon valentines - some of them comic - were being mass-produced by companies in the style of the day, although handmade folk art cards remained popular. Very fancy, fancy valentines were favored by the 1880s.

"Vinegar Valentines" with insulting verses, also known as "Penny Dreadfuls," were popular by 1900. From 1900 to 1930, postcards, pop-ups and mechanical valentines were fashionable. The 1930s to 1980s saw sets of cards to be given to each child in a classroom. By 1975, there were cards that could play music. Save any clever cards you get this year and start a collection of old ones. Good examples still can be found.

Q: I inherited my grandmother's doll-size rocking chair, which has been in our family for years. It's made of a dark wood and 16 inches high. The back and seat are one continuous piece of thin wood attached to the frame with brass tacks. The back has a punched-hole design that includes the word "Pet" in capital letters and the letter "Y." The seat has a punched square with a star in a circle inside it. Can you tell me who made this chair and how old it is?
A: Your chair was made by Gardner & Co., founded in Clarksville, N.J., in 1863. Gardner was granted several patents for improvements to chair seats and frames. Chairs with perforated plywood seats were made in full size, child size and doll size. The "Pet" chair also was made in a non-rocking version. The company was in business until about 1888, when the factory burned. Your chair was made between 1871 and 1888. The value is \$100 to \$125.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

The bidding:
East South West North
 Pass 1♦ Pass 2♠
 Pass 4NT Pass 5♠
 Pass 5NT Pass 6♥
 Pass 7NT Pass
 Dble Redble
 Opening lead — nine of spades.

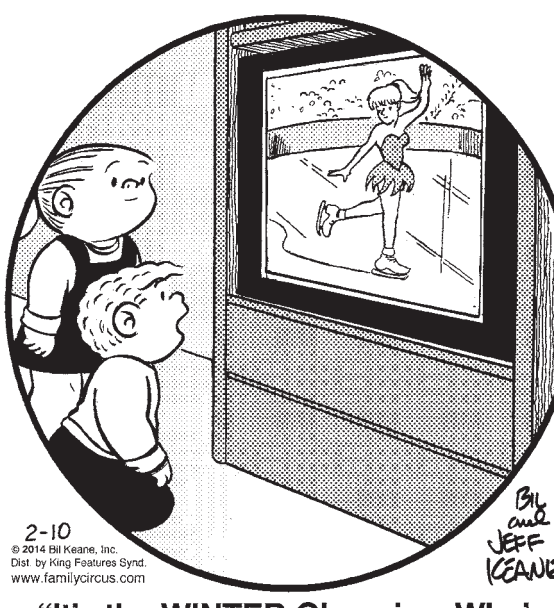
Famous Hand
 It's hard to believe this deal was played as described here, but it happened nevertheless. It occurred in the 1974 national mixed pairs championship in San Antonio.

Obviously, something went very wrong with the bidding when South wound up as declarer in seven notrump redoubled, missing an ace. The fault is not hard to find. It can be traced to North's five-spade response to Blackwood, ostensibly showing three aces. North incorrectly treated his diamond void as the equivalent of an ace, and it was this departure from the straight and narrow that ultimately led South to bid seven notrump.

Despite this indiscretion, however, South made the grand slam and scored 2,930 points! West had a difficult choice of opening leads and unluckily selected the nine of spades. A heart lead would have settled declarer's hash immediately - down one, 400 points - while the ten-of-clubs lead would have resulted in down five, assuming best defense, for a loss of 2,800 points! But the nine-of-spades lead handed South the contract, since it established the eight of spades as an entry to his hand. After taking the first trick with dummy's ten, declarer simply crossed to the eight to cash his diamonds, which would otherwise have withered on the vine. It is rare indeed for a player to lose 5,730 points because of the wrong choice of an opening lead, but that's precisely what it cost West for choosing a spade instead of a club as his opening shot.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/10

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.

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

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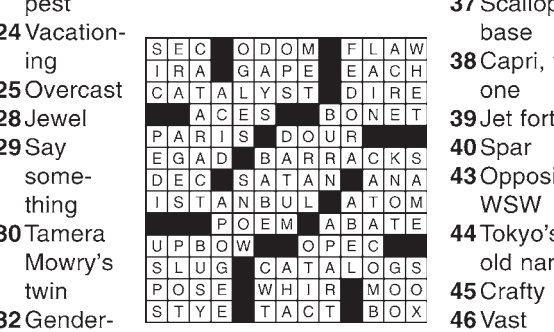
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PLAY ABOUT A GUY WHO FELT HE NEEDED TO BE THE MOST STRICT: "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING STERNEST."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
 1 Molokai neighbor
 5 Blonde shade
 8 Word before "fall"
 12 Script
 14 Chantilly, e.g.
 15 Like navel oranges
 16 Open slightly
 17 Dos Passos trilogy
 18 Reach to go
 20 Wobbly dessert
 23 Summer-time pest
 24 Vacationing
 25 Overcast
 28 Jewel
 29 Say something
 30 Tamera Mowry's twin
 32 Gender-neutral

DOWN
 13 As well hold critter
 20 Binge
 21 Rams' mates
 22 Hobbling
 23 Surmise
 1 CIA fore-runner
 2 Expert
 3 "Haw" escorted
 4 To excess
 5 Vicinity
 6 Bro counterpart
 7 Cries of adoration
 8 Nebraska river
 9 Hindu royal
 10 Antioxidant berry
 11 Sea bird
 13 Scallopini base
 19 Chat
 20 Binge
 21 Rams' mates
 22 Hobbling
 23 Surmise
 25 Accelerates
 26 Un-escorted
 27 Window ledge
 29 gin fizz
 31 Beer kin
 33 Looked inside?
 34 Merchants' groups
 36 The Crimson Tide
 37 Scallopini base
 38 Capri, for one
 39 Jet forth
 40 Spar
 43 Opposite WSW
 44 Tokyo's old name
 45 Crafty
 46 Vast expanse



Saturday's answer 2-10

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---2/10---2/14---

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---2/10---2/14---

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Heartland Christian's Caleb Morris (4) and Brook Ziegelmeier (14) were both ready to fluster this Christian Family Educators (CFE) guard Friday night in Colby. CFE did prevail, 46-39.

Educators are tough on Heartland

Christian Family Educators made themselves right at home in Colby with two wins over the Heartland Christian Crusaders Friday evening.

Despite another strong overall

effort featuring 15 points from junior Brennan Ziegelmeier and Shawn Sullivant's 12, the Heartland Christian boys lost 46-39 to their visitors from Gove.

"Gabriel Schriener also had a

step-out game," Crusaders coach Ruben Schneider said. "He played very tough defense."

Christian Family Educators (CFE) also won Friday's varsity girls contest, although a final of-

ficial and any other statistics were not obtained before today's press deadline.

Heartland Christian's next scheduled games will be Tuesday, Feb. 18 when Palco visits.

Triplains-Brewster girls clobber Coyotes

Tri-Plains-Brewster's one-two punch of junior Shayna Rogge and senior Brittany Plummer knocked out the Weskan Coyotes, 62-34, Friday evening at Weskan.

Together, the duo outscored Weskan's entire team by a 39-34 final count.

Rogge tallied 21 points while ripping down 10 rebounds, and Plummer added 18 as she shot an awesome 75 percent (three for four) from beyond the three-point arc.

They also received plenty of help from Titan teammates during

Triplains-Brewster's 10th win this season.

Coach Kent Gfeller's team improved to 10-2 for the best record of any Thomas County team. They also rebounded from a 55-44 home loss to Cheylin in their previous contest.

A nearly two-week break between games might have affected the Titans early. They only led 13-10 through one quarter against the 4-10 Coyotes.

However, each quarter led to more Triplains-Brewster dominance. The TP-B girls outscored

Weskan 14-7, 18-10 and 17-7 during those three periods.

Junior Darla Roulrier and senior C.J. Lewallen delivered their own impressive 15-point, 15-rebound performance.

Amazingly, both girls grabbed as many rebounds as points scored. Roulrier went for eight-and-eight while Lewallen delivered seven points, seven rebounds.

Junior Alicia Barre (four points), sophomore Kelly Lamb (two) and freshman Maddie Lamb (two) completed the Titans' scoring attack.

Plummer delivered five assists and Rogge swiped three steals for other highlights.

The Coyotes showed more teeth during Friday's second contest. Senior Robert Martin poured in 25 points to lead a 63-43 victory over the Triplains-Brewster boys.

Senior Seth Smith and sophomore Taylor Stramel both tallied 10 points to lead the 5-7 Titans.

Others hitting shots were Nathan Jorgensen (seven points) and Ryan Gfeller (six). Layton Werth, Jaden Schmidt, J.B. Felzien and Tad Holm each added two.

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Sophomore guard Terry Starks turned on the jets to zoom around and under this Garden City defender in Colby Community College's home game Saturday evening. Garden prevailed 62-55.

Eagles rule four duals, but Cowboys take title

The Colby High wrestlers crushed three foes, 228-3, and posted four unbeaten records in Saturday's Great West Athletic Conference meet at Goodland.

Freshmen Tate Carney, Ethan Jay and senior Andrew Taylor finished 5-0 in this dual tourney while sophomore Austin Hart won all three of his matches.

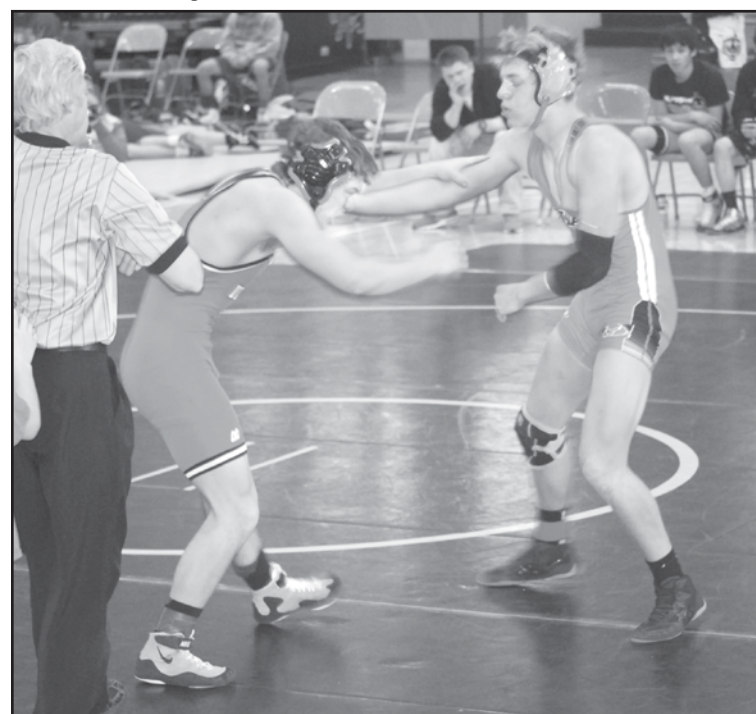
Another five Eagles went 4-1: Tanner Elias, Travis Finley, Brett Schroeder, Brady Holzmeister and Connor Edmundson.

Goodland edged Colby, 33-27, to decide the team title, but it didn't shake coach Matt Sims' confidence entering this season's home stretch.

"Sure, I want to win, and a couple of those one-point matches burn me a little bit," he said. "But we are where we want to be."

Sophomore Brady Slinger provided some more highlights as he stepped into wrestle three matches at two different weights (195 and 220 pounds) during this tournament.

Slinger pinned opponents from both Holcomb and Scott City before those first periods were finished.



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Goodland Star-Tribune

Colby High sophomore Brady Holzmeister, right, won four of his five Great West Athletic Conference matches on Saturday.

Colby 72, Hugoton 3
120: Tanner Elias pinned R. Rome in 1:01; 126: Travis Finley won 5-3 over P. Ordenez; 138: Brett Schroeder pinned E. Villa in 5:33; 145: Brady Holzmeister won 5-4 over G. Martinez; 152: Bryce Arnerberger pinned J. Kirby in 1:01; 171: Connor Edmundson pinned K. Kahl in 3:01; 182: Andrew Taylor pinned N. Camacho in 1:52; 195: Jay Ziegelmeier lost 9-2 to B. Campbell; 220: Austin Hart pinned L. Hickey in 1:53.

Tate Carney, Ernie Leija, Alex Young, Matthew Pieper and Ethan Jay won by forfeits.

Colby 39, Ulysses 30
120: Elias lost 8-6 to Z. Miller; 126: Finley lost 9-7 to L. Mendoza; 132: Young won 3-2 over M. Rodriguez; 138: Schroeder pinned K. Gilbert in 5:20; 145: Holzmeister lost 10-7 to B. Rodriguez; 152: Arnerberger was pinned by J. Anguiano in 3:47; 160: Pieper lost 3-0 to A. Moncayo; 195: Ziegelmeier was pinned by D. Maravilla in :24. Carney, Leija, Edmundson, Taylor and Jay won by forfeits.

Colby 78, Holcomb 0
106: Carney pinned A. Rowe in :36; 113: Leija won 6-4 over C. Flores; Finley pinned J. Erskin in 4:34; 132: Young pinned J. Medina in 2:43; 138: Schroeder pinned J. Prieto in 3:50; 145: Holzmeister pinned L. Zahn in 1:22; 160: Pieper won 10-5 over

E. Eisenbise; 170: Edmundson pinned J. Hawkins in 1:01; 220: Brady Slinger pinned A. Hernandez in 1:36. Elias, Arnerberger, Taylor, Ziegelmeier and Jay won by forfeits.

Colby 78, Scott City 0
106: Carney pinned Z. Tucker in 2:32; 120: Elias pinned C. Ramsey in 1:15; 126: Finley won 6-1 over J. Jurgens; 132: Young pinned M. Roberts in 1:47; 138: Schroeder won 7-3 over J. Anchondo; 145: Holzmeister pinned K. Lozano in 1:04; 152: Arnerberger pinned A. Wiebe in 3:30; 160: Pieper pinned T. Loftis in 1:53; 182: Taylor pinned T. Stewart in :30; 195: Slinger pinned G. Osborn in :42; 285: Jay pinned C. Birney in :55. Leija, Edmundson and Hart won by forfeits.

Goodland 33, Colby 27
106: Carney won 5-2 over T. Withington; 113: Tanner Reed was pinned by T. Cooper in 1:07; 120: Elias won 6-3 over A. Avelar; 126: Finley won 5-4 over T. Gastineau; 132: Young lost 2-0 to A. Hernandez; 138: Schroeder won 9-5 to B. Bahe; 145: Holzmeister won 3-0 over G. Miller; 152: Arnerberger lost 1-0 to R. Milke; 160: Pieper was pinned by J. Peden in :28; 170: Edmundson was pinned in 4:32 by C. Cooper; 182: Taylor won 3-2 over G. Taylor; 195: Slinger was pinned by I. Bonsall in 3:50. Hart and Jay won by forfeits.

Garden trips up cold Trojan shooters

By R.B. Headley
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Terrific "double doubles" from sophomore Jeremiah Ingram and Ramon Johnson still couldn't shield the Colby Community College Trojans from a cold Saturday

night. "I didn't know it was this bad until I looked at the (stat) paper. We had 17 turnovers with 25 percent shooting," coach Rusty Grafel said after a 62-55 home loss to Garden City College. "You're not going to win any games like that. Yet we were still right there."

Indeed, The Trojans (9-16 overall, 0-9 league) battled and fought to stay within striking range all evening. Ingram hit seven late free throws around some excellent driving shots for his 15 points.

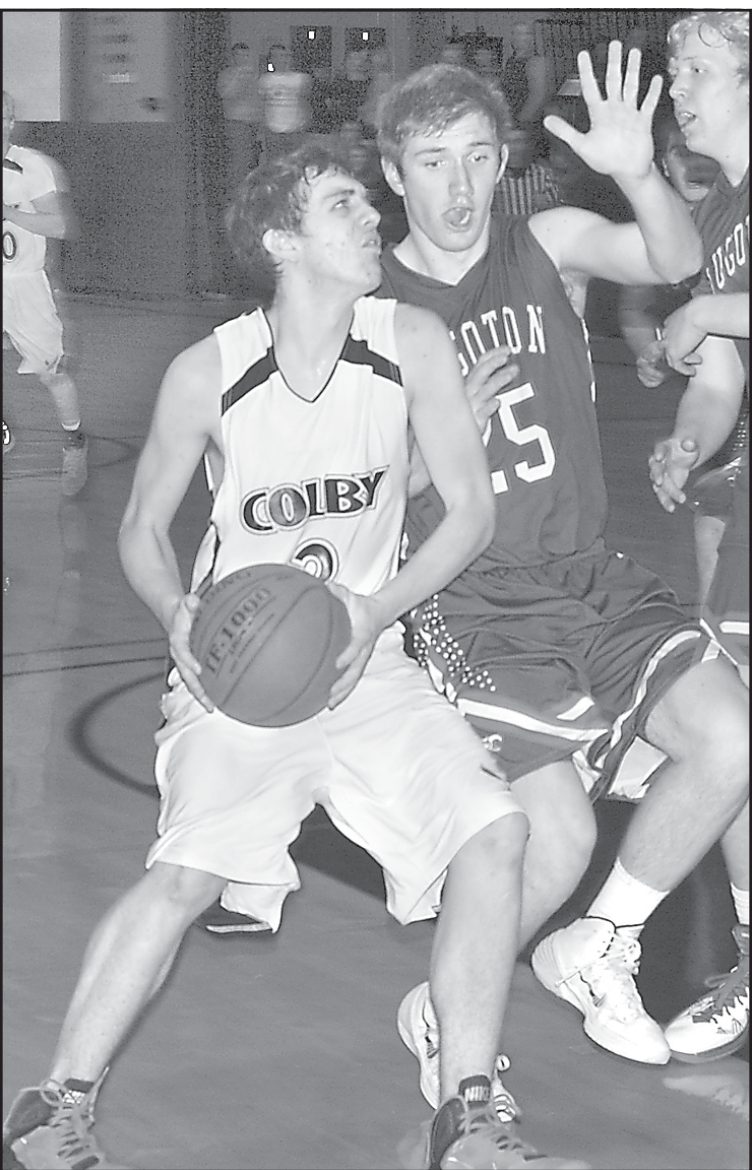
Johnson tallied 10 points to go with 11 rebounds as Colby built a 47-40 advantage. Ingram pulled down another 10 boards.

However, too many missed shots and some crucial turnovers

means the Trojans' quest for a Jayhawk League win continues.

Garden City's now 18-6 overall, 4-4 in Jayhawk play.

Colby (55) — Jeremiah Ingram 15 points, Branden Williams 14, Ramon Johnson 10, Joey Meyer 9, Terry Starks 4, Justin Talley 3. Three-point goals: Starks, Williams, Talley. Rebound leaders: Johnson 11, Ingram 10. Steals: Williams 3.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Hugoton Eagles struggled to keep pace with Colby High senior Cameron Brown during this fourth-quarter play Friday evening.

Busters top Trojans

Visting Garden City College's women held Colby Community College to 27 percent shooting during a 63-47 win Saturday evening.

The Trojans did continue to battle and finished strong as freshman Deandra Williams posted her own double-double of 17 points, 11 boards. Guard Sierra Green scored another 16 points for the 2-24 Trojans, who are 0-9 against

Jayhawk League foes.

"We're playing hard. We're not always playing smart," coach Antowin Edwards said. "Some of our kids are living and dying with their jump shots rather than taking it to the hoop."

Completing Colby's scoring attack were Deja Cato (five points), Ariel Hutchinson (four), Amanda Miller (three) and Loren Evans (two points).

Hugoton rallies for win over Colby

By R.B. Headley
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Senior Luke Cox lit a fire with Colby's first eight points, and sophomore Chandler Comfort ignited the Eagles late by swishing a clutch corner three.

The Eagles only trailed visiting Hugoton, 56-53, with several seconds remaining Friday night — only to see one final breakaway layup seal those visitors' 58-53 win.

Hugoton erased a nine-point, third-quarter deficit of 32-23 to

edge the Colby Eagles.

A number of missed free throws also cost Colby (1-12 record) despite senior Marc Bremenkamp also delivering 18 points.

"We were down seven with 30 seconds left, and we kept after it," coach Kevin Brown said. "When you keep working like that, good things are going to happen." The Eagles are visiting Norton tonight.

Colby (53) — Marc Bremenkamp 18 points, Luke Cox 15, Cameron Brown 10, Chandler Comfort 5, Austin Russ 4, Austin Russ 1.

Strong final quarter lifts Hugoton girls

By R.B. Headley
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The Colby High girls' fourth-quarter magic was fun to watch during their recent Orange & Black Classic.

Sadly for the Colby home crowd, it was Hugoton's Eagles who dominated those final eight minutes Friday night in Colby's Community Building.

Hugoton (12-2 record) finished on a 20-6 surge with 17 points during the fourth quarter of a 41-31 win.

The Colby Eagles (6-7 overall) seemed ready for another big home-court win. They turned an 18-14 halftime deficit into a 25-21 lead deep into the third period.

Junior Lara Stephens ignited the turnaround, hitting two quick baskets that forced an 18-18 tie. Stephens then added two free throws as Colby shot ahead 20-18.

Junior Kelly Stephens took over from there, adding another four points including two free throws for that largest Colby Eagle advantage of 25-21.

However, Colby baskets never came easily again especially during a 16-5 Hugoton run.

Sloan's jumper briefly brought the hometown Eagles with 37-30, but an answering three-point play sealed the victory for Hugoton.

Senior Haileigh Shull added seven points and seven rebounds despite drawing her fourth foul midway through the third quarter.

The Colby girls return to action tonight when they play a rescheduled game at Norton.

Colby (31) — Lara Stephens 10 points, Haileigh Shull 7, Kelly Sloan 6, Brenly Terrell 5, Shailla Giebler 3. Three-point goal: Terrell. Rebound leaders: Shull 7, Hannah Strange 6, Stephens 6. Assists: Brielle McKee 2. Steals: Shull, Sloan, Strange.



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Colby High junior Brooklyn Bange drew some not-so-friendly contact from a Hugoton defender during their varsity contest in the Colby Community Center Friday evening.

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