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Group to spearhead judicial complex

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Designs and plans for a new Thomas County judicial complex will be helped along by a soon-to-be-formed criminal justice strategic planning group, Thomas County commissioners decided at their

Monday meeting.

Commissioner Mike Baughn presented a written plan for the proposed group, including its members and deadlines.

Although the commissioners had agreed during a December meeting to form a committee, Baughn's proposal was the first detailed plan presented.

At last week's meeting, the commissioners unani-

mously voted to put their efforts behind a jail and court complex that does not include non-court offices currently housed in the county courthouse.

The new complex will likely include a jail, law enforcement headquarters, court services offices, a courtroom and other judicial services.

Baughn said the preliminary plan for the complex needs a new configuration and more details, along

with projected operational costs, staffing requirements, a location and more. Baughn said a planning group, which he thinks should be open to the public, can address these issues and provide recommendations to the commissioners.

He also mentioned the need to develop a timeline

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Politics change as media alters

By Sam Dieter

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A Colby native who has worked for several Kansas politicians returned Tuesday night to talk about the role of social media in the political process.

Leroy Towns spoke on "The Race for Kansas Governor: Elections in a Social Media World" as part of the Colby Community College Max Pickerell lecture series.

In his lecture to about 50 people at the college's Cultural Arts Center, he described how even politicians use social websites like Facebook and Twitter. Afterwards he said he loves social media, but added that using it has some unexpected effects which have not been studied in detail yet, and it has certainly changed politics for the worse.

"That means you citizens have lost power," he told the audience.

With widespread distrust of traditional news sources, more and more people get their information about the world they live in from other places. That means Kansans are living in two worlds: the real world and the world of politics, Towns said, which "no one understands and everybody hates."

Television news is in trouble in this country and "print news is done," said Towns, who worked summer jobs for the *Colby Free Press* in the early 60s and went on to become a political reporter for the *Topeka Capital Journal* and then Harris newspapers. He predicted all newspapers will die out, with small town papers going last.

Only 10 percent of Kansas voters, he said, get their information from traditional newspapers. Twice as many get their information from cable television, the same number use broadcast news and 22 percent go to the Internet. Only a quarter of conservative voters in the state use Fox News as their source of information.

Meanwhile, the number of people using social media is higher than it ever was. If Facebook were a country, he said it would be the third biggest in the world, with 1.2



Leroy Towns

billion citizens.

"I can hear students thinking great, we now have hundreds of places to get news," Towns said.

But even with that new technology, many students in his classes have never heard famous speeches by past American presidents. One female student of his had no understanding of the women's rights movement.

Political groups can now buy ads on Google or Facebook that are targeted to users in a specific area. They pay the websites based on how many times a person clicks on or "likes" the ad. For \$2,000 or \$3,000, an ad will stay on the website for several months.

Those political groups also deliver political messages straight to the people with social media, he said, allowing them to send out unverified assertions, bypassing the traditional political reporters who used to check the facts behind what they said. The number of news statements sent to the public from journalists has dropped to around 25 percent, he said.

"The messages all sides send us are increasingly shrill and polarizing," Towns said.

This lets people live with their own biases, he added, listening

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Faces take on life in studio

Art professor Joel Dugan of Fort Hays State University was here for Studio Friday last week at Colby Community College, talking about painting portraits and chatting with students and local artists. Dugan and Mike Knutson, an adjunct professor at Fort Hays Lee, a Colby college sophomore as their afternoon model. Friday morning, Dugan first demonstrated his technique on Dr. Greg Nichols, the college's vice president of academic affairs. Fort Hays graduate student Katherine Perez (bottom right) was one who came to watch and learn, along with Connie Davis (below, left) and Alice Wolf.

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Photo shoot looking for kid

The Kansas Children's Service League is looking for one child from each county to help them promote April as child abuse prevention month.

The organization plans to take a photograph called "105 Reasons to Prevent Child Abuse" by having one child from each county stand in his county on the state Capitol Building's county map.

The league asked each county's commissioners to appoint one child as the county's representative, and the Thomas County

commissioners have accepted the challenge.

County Commissioner Mike Baughn, with the help of County Clerk Shelly Harms, is searching for a volunteer between the ages of 3 and 5 who wants to travel to Topeka for the photo shoot.

No travel expenses are authorized for the child, but each child will receive a T-shirt and lunch.

The commissioners also plan to pass a resolution at the end of February to officially designate April as child abuse prevention month in Thomas County.

For information or to nominate your child, call Harms at 460-4500 or Baughn at 694-2278.



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Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. West wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. West wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 47. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

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

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

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

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Washington's Birthday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday: High, 20; Low 7
 Tuesday: High, 37; Low 16
 Precip: Monday Trace
 Tuesday None
 Month: 0.11 inches
 Year: 0.41 inches
 Normal: 0.93 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:39 a.m. 6:19 p.m.
 Moon on 13 February: waxing, gibbous with 98 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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for the project, which he described as "urgent." He wants a chairman appointed by Monday, March 3, participants appointed by Monday, April 7 and an initial meeting held by Monday, May 5.

"We've had enough paid studies," Baughn said, adding it is time to get public involvement and get the project underway.

Commissioner Paul Steele urged Baughn to act as the chairman of this group, but Baughn said he thinks the committee should not have a commissioner on it since it will be making recommendations to the commission.

Baughn said he does not have a chairperson in mind, but encouraged Steele and Commissioner Byron Sowers to think about someone to appoint at an upcoming commission meeting.

Steele said he wants the sheriff's office and "someone from the judiciary" to "get some skin in the game publicly," adding that he doesn't think the project will get off the ground without that kind of support.

Undersheriff Marc Finley said his office has tried to push the project forward, adding he regularly receives grievances from inmates regarding the jail's conditions. But he said he is limited on what he can do beyond forwarding those grievances to the commissioners.

Baughn's plan includes representatives from the sheriff's department, police department, courts, county attorney, court services, probation and parole services, city and economic development alliance.

"It is going to take some commitment on the part of a lot of people to really get this project going," said Baughn.

The commissioners tossed around a few suggestions for people who could be chosen as chairperson for the group. At first, their suggestions

centered around people who would already be in the group because of their positions in the judicial system.

But they expanded their suggestions after Finley mentioned that chairing this group may take a lot of time — more than the time available to someone with a full-time job.

Steele said he has received an offer from a bond salesman to help sell the project to the public, but Baughn discouraged the idea of having a bond salesman lead the planning group.

"I think (having a bond salesman) is a good idea but that's secondary to getting a plan to show them to sell," Baughn said. "First we have to have a product to sell."

County Clerk Shelly Harms said she thinks it would be a good idea to look at people who have experience with city or county government who also have some time they are willing to dedicate to the project.

Sheriff Rod Taylor, who joined the commissioners later in their meeting, said he sent out about 15 letters last week to people he thought might be good representatives from different areas of the county.

Taylor and the commissioners discussed a few details of the project, such as the ability to increase security in a new facility to lower the potential for dangerous incidents.

"Just because it's Colby, Kan., doesn't mean it won't happen here," he said.

Baughn agreed, emphasizing the planning group can hash out the judicial complex details so the project can move forward.

"Form what I can gather from the public," said Taylor, "I think they want a decision from us, all of us."

The commissioners agreed to think about who to appoint as chairperson, planning to make a final decision at their March 3 meeting.

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to unsubstantiated assertions which are not checked, analyzed or put into proper perspective. The country has moved away from the shared national experience, of most citizens watching trusted journalists like Walter Cronkite, with only 12 percent of citizens approving of Congress; according to a recent Gallup poll there is a grassroots movement of people who distrust the government.

"They believe government must be torn down if we are to go to save it," he said, "only recently have we face that very serious question about what will happen if the consent of the governed is broken."

He asked if the audience had heard any of what had been reported about Gov. Sam Brownback: that he raised taxes for the state's poorest citizens and lowered them for the richest ones,

and cut funding for schools and the arts. Then he told them that tax revenues hit a record high levels last year, he said, more people are moving here than leaving for the first time in four years, and the state has the second highest funding per student in the Midwest.

"Losing the news is bad enough," Towns said, "even worse is citizens who couldn't care less."

He thinks honest reporting will make its way into the on-line world, but people have to be willing to look for accurate information. After the lecture he admitted that the news has never been impartial, but also said the biases of different organizations have gotten worse over the years.

"That was always the case," he said, "but it's much less the case today."

He added there is no single unbiased source of news. The

best way to get an accurate picture of what is going on is to get the same story from several different places, and find out where the story originally came from.

Towns was the chief of staff for Sen. Pat Roberts from 1980 to 2003 and before that served as press secretary for Gov. Robert Bennett from 1975 to 1979. Now, Town is Professor of the Practice Emeritus at the University of North Carolina and a political communication consultant with his own business, D.L. Towns Consulting, in North Carolina, Florida, Washington and Kansas.

Rich Hawkins, one of the audience members, is also from the area and knew Towns in high school and college. He said politics needs more people like his old friend, who are willing to tell it like it is.

"I think that Leroy did a great job," Hawkins said. "He was always a sharp young man."

Judge to decide proof of citizenship voting rule

By Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press

WICHITA — A federal judge says his decision in a lawsuit asking federal election officials to require proof-of-citizenship

for voter registrations will be based on who gets to decide what is necessary to determine voter qualifications.

U.S. District Judge Eric Melgren was hearing arguments

Tuesday in a lawsuit brought by Kansas and Arizona seeking a court order to force the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to modify federal voter registration forms to require more docu-

mentation for state residents.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach told the court the issue is one of immense political importance that a federal agency should decide.

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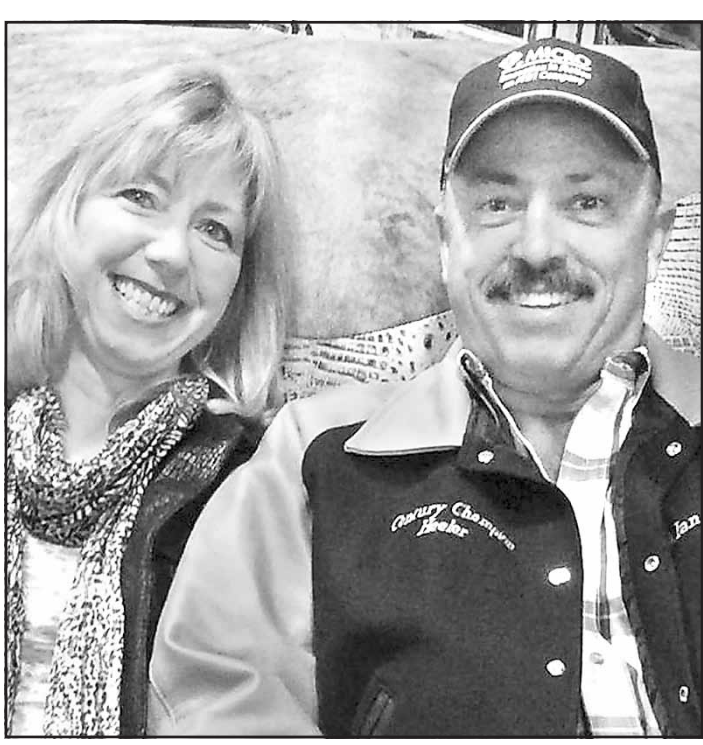
Thursday Evening February 13, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Taste				Scandal		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Millers	Crazy	Two Men	Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	XXII Winter Olympics						Local	XXII Winter Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol	Rake			Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck Dynasty	Wahburgers		Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Bad Ink	Bad Ink		Duck Dynasty	
AMC	The Green Mile								A Perfect Getaway	
ANIM	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska		Last Frontier		Wild West Alaska	Last Frontier			
BRAVO	Matchmaker	Matchmaker	Matchmaker	Happens	Vanderpump	Rules	NYC			
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard	Party Down South	Party Down South	Tattoo Titans		The Dukes of Hazzard				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later	E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live				
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Tosh.0
DISC	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters				
DISN	Enchanted		Jessie	Gravity	Austin	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck		
E!	Kardashian	Kardashian			Chelse	E! News		Chelse		
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball			Olbermann		Olbermann			
FAM	Cinderella Story	Another Cinderella			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped Canada	Cutthroat Kitchen	Diners	Diners	Chopped Canada				
FX	Crazy, Stupid, Love.				Crazy, Stupid, Love.					
HGTV	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rehab	Rehab
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Appalachian Outlaws	The Curse of	Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Under the Gunn	Under the Gunn			Kim of Queens	Dance Moms	Under the Gunn			
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Cameras	Fantasy	Ridic.	Fantasy	Ridic.
NICK	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Horror House	Mothman Prp.					Mothman			
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	IMPACT Wrestling		Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds	Conan	Holmes	Conan		
TCM	My Sister Eileen				Mrs. Miniver			Now Voyg		
TLC	Honey	Honey	Honey	Honey	Welcome to Myrtle Ma	Honey	Honey	Welcome to Myrtle Ma		
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
TOON	Teen	Johnny T	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	Check
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Buckingham Palace	Castle Secrets		Mysteries-Museum		Buckingham Palace			
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Everybody-Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles		The Break-Up			
VH1	Couples Therapy	Couples Therapy	Mob Wives		Couples Therapy		Mob Wives			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
Premium Channels										
HBO	Girls	Looking	42				Real Sex	True Detective		
MAX	Transit	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls		Ted						
SHOW	Byzantium		Butcher Boys		Gigolos	Halloween: Resurrection				



Friday Evening February 14, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Charlie Brown		Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	XXII Winter Olympics						Local	XXII Winter Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Enlisted	Raising	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Face/Off						The Walking Dead		Survival of the Dead	
ANIM	Treehouse		Treehouse Masters		Ultimate Treehouses		Treehouse Masters		Ultimate Treehouses	
BRAVO	Matchmkr	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmkr
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard	Mrs. Doubtfire					The Dukes of Hazzard			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live			Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.	
COMEDY	Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Tosh.0		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	Finding Nemo				Liv-Mad.	Austin	Jessie	Liv-Mad.	ANT Farm	Wander
E!	Secrets o	Secrets o	Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelse	E! News	Chelse	
ESPN	NBA Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Karate		Boxing				Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	Last Song	The Prince & Me					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Date Night						Date Night			
HGTV	Ren.	Ren.	Ren.	Ren.	Hunters		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Ren.	Ren.

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HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
LIFE	Bonnie & Clyde		Bonnie & Clyde		Bonnie & Clyde
MTV	Are You the One?	Are You the One?	Honey		You Got Served
NICK	Thunder	Sam & Cat	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Helix		Bitten
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bigfoot Bounty
TBS	The Hangover			Due Date	
TCM	East of Eden			Marty	
TLC	Say Yes: The Big Day	Say Yes: The Big Day	Borrowed	Borrowed	Say Yes: The Big Day
TNT	Cold Justice		NBA Basketball		In NBA
TOON	Teen	Annoying	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Everybody-Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
VH1	13 Going on 30		Best Week	Mob Wives	Best Week
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
Premium Channels					
HBO	True Detective		True Detective		Real Time, Bill
MAX	Identity Thief		Banshee		Banshee
SHOW	Lies	Episodes	Lincoln		Man on a Ledge



Barbara Wieland and Alan Jones

Couple to wed Friday; invite friends to dance

Alan Jones of Rexford and Barbara Wieland of Colby will marry in a private ceremony Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at the Rexford Community Church. Family and friends are invited to celebrate with the couple and their families at 8 p.m. Friday at a reception and wedding dance at the American Legion

in Colby. Parents of the couple are Carroll and Rita Depe of Colby; Carol Jones of Austin, Texas; and Casey and Dianne Jones of Bertrand, Neb. Their children are Tom Wieland of Colby, Kylie Jones of Rexford and Kelton Jones of Hays.

Control of erosion by wind important

In the past few months there has been a critical problem farmers should be thinking about – wind erosion. February through May can be a serious time for wind erosion in Kansas, but it can happen any time of the year when high winds are present.



Kurt Sexton

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The loss of soil through blowing dust can have an immediate effect on productivity. The dust we see blowing around holds the majority of soil organic matter and the fine particles that allow soil to hold water and nutrients. This blowing dust can also have considerable economic, human and animal health, and safety impacts.

One of the most effective controls for wind erosion is a protective cover of residue or a growing crop throughout this critical period. Other control measures such as residue management, reduced tillage, grass stripes and windbreaks can be effective for reducing wind erosion because they increase surface roughness or reduce surface winds speeds. All of these methods can work but will need to be carefully planned out a season in advance.

There are many conditions where cropland can be susceptible to wind erosion. Winter wheat and other fall-planted crops become vulnerable to wind erosion during periods of low cover. This can be serious in drought years like the one the Great Plains is having now. Not only fall-planted crops but overgrazed or poorly-vegetated pastures and poor-producing fields may be susceptible to wind erosion.

It is important to observe field conditions and identify which fields may be more prone to wind erosion. Treating potential problems before they occur is preferable to reacting after a field is actively eroding. Once soil movement has started, it is difficult to

avoid further damage to the field. Emergency tillage should be a producer's last resort, but this can be effective if done properly and promptly. The objective of emergency tillage should be to make the surface rough; a rough surface reduces wind speed.

Chisels are a common tool that will roughen the surface enough to create clods or surface ridges. While doing this, the chisel point and speed with the depth of operation will combine the roughest surface with a larger number of clods. Finding the appropriate combination of these might take trial and error. Finding the proper depth affects clod stability more than speed, but this depends on soil conditions like compaction and moisture.

There may be a time when wind erosion will be a problem throughout the year, but taking the right actions can keep it to a minimum. There are a couple things to keep in mind. Emergency tillage should always be a last resort in a farmer's tool box; ensuring that a protective cover of residue is present is the best option. Also, work to take steps at the correct time and think them out to reduce the amount of tillage on the field.

For information contact me at the Thomas County Extension Office in the Thomas County Office Complex, or call 460-4582.

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

Foundation updates, revamps its website

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has recently redesigned its website to offer easier access and an interactive experience.

Located in Logan, the foundation was established as a charitable organization with the primary goal of making the communities of northwest Kansas better places to live. The foundation awards grants and scholarships every year to qualified recipients who demonstrate a strong desire for community improvement.

The improved website has expanded its contents to feature essential information and criteria for grant opportunities and education-

al scholarships. It allows viewers to sign up for foundation news and to easily access the requirements, testing sites and participating schools for the qualifying scholarship test; view grant criteria, including the request policy, application procedures and limitations.

For information about the foundation, go to the new website at www.danehansenfoundation.org.

Deaths

Alberta R. 'Bertie' Ritter

Alberta R. "Bertie" Ritter, 83, Oberlin, sister of Clem (Pat) Mumm of Colby, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center. She was born March 1, 1930, in Selden, the daughter of Gottfried and Sarah (McDonald) Mumm. She grew up on a farm northwest of Selden and graduated from the Selden Rural High School.

On Oct. 23, 1950, she married Seraphim "S.J." Ritter in Selden. They farmed west of Leoville.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville and active in its altar society.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; and three brothers, Paul Mumm, Fredrick Mumm and Hubert Mumm.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty (Dick) Vahling, Dresden; two other brothers, Charles "Bud" (Vickie) Mumm,

Herndon; and Kenny Mumm, Selden; seven sisters, Anogene Rogers and Eleanor Rogers, both of Selden; Josephine Douglas and Judy (Gordon) Smith, all of Greeley, Colo.; Marge Roy, Atwood; Dolores Raile, Hoxie; and Clara (Dick) Newton, Denver; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at the church in Leoville, with Father Mark Berland officiating and burial in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Leoville.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Selden and after 5 p.m. at the church in Leoville, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Kansas Food Bank, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Michael Shubert

Michael Shubert, 58, Colby, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014.

Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

Colby Comets 4-H Club

The Colby Comets 4-H Club met Jan. 20 at the 4-H building with 23 members. This meeting was parent's night, and President Cindy Reinert called the meeting to order. Members answered roll call with the question of what bad habit they want to break.

Angela Zimmerman told the club about Lydia Patterson's shooting with the Junior U.S. Olympic team. Patterson has competed in the world cup and still shoots with her 4-H group.

The club served pies at area nursing homes and retirement homes in January with Holy Family Circle, and members reported the residents loved the event. The group decided to make blankets

for another service project.

The club tabled the ideas of a health and fitness program, baking for teachers and a petting zoo, and eliminated a sewing project idea.

The club plans to have a model meeting at County Club Days in March.

Jenna Reinert gave a sewing project talk, and Allison Zimmerman gave a shooting sports talk. Melissa Zimmerman and Denise and Weston Singer gave rubber band bracelet demonstrations.

The club played a game of freeze tag before adjourning. Their next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, at the Colby 4-H building.

-Angela Tinkham

Historical themes mark band coming to Oberlin

Jeff Davidson and the Trail Riders band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Oberlin Gateway Center.

Using songs, historical facts and pictures, Davidson leads audiences through the history of Kansas, from the time of Coronado to the end of the 1800s. The making of the state of Kansas had a tremendous influence on western U.S. settlement, helping to shape the economy, ideology and heroism of a young nation.

He has presented his unique program to a variety of audiences, mostly in Kansas, but also in Missouri and Washington. For over 25 years, he was the entertainer for the Flint Hills Overland Wag-

on Train, which gave him a keen interest in Kansas history and an appreciation for the early travelers on the Santa Fe and Oregon trails.

He is the 2013 winner of the serious division of the Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest and is serving his third year as president of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association.

He and his wife Kelley live in Eureka, where he works as a watershed specialist for Kansas State Research and Extension.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$12 for adults, \$7 for students.

For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

Small town has one-stop shop

By John Weiss

Post-Bulletin of Rochester OSTRANDER, Minn. (AP) — "No!"

Amanda Siskow was adamant. It's not odd to combine a deli, beauty salon, consignment shop and convenience store in a single building in a small town.

"I get to combine everything I love in one building," she said. "It's not crazy to me."

People who live in the small Fillmore County town of Ostrander don't think she's crazy either, she said.

"They think it's great that I opened up in town," she said. "I love hair, and I love food, and this town was in need of a convenience store."

Furthermore, she thinks her approach will become the wave of the future.

"I'm kicking back to the old school" when many businesses had more than one thing, she told the Post-Bulletin (bit.ly/LUelve). She foresees a trend back to small towns.

"I think more small-town businesses should be opening," Siskow said. "I think people in the

big city, they get sick of that and they want to go out and get away. This is the perfect place."

Siskow's, the deli/consignment/convenience store, is in the front of the old lumber store, and Blown Away Salon is in the back. They opened Dec. 2.

Her boyfriend, Ryan Hoefs, comes in at 6 a.m. to start the coffee and get ready for the morning and lunch servings. Deb Jacobson and Bethany Hoefs, Ryan's sister, come in later to take care of serving lunch. Siskow comes in about 8 a.m. to help prepare for the day, update the specials on the whiteboard and prepare the salon for the day; she might cut and curl hair until 8 p.m.

Some people come in for a haircut and get a cup of coffee first. Others might buy a few necessities, such as bread and cheese, or a gift from her consignment items.

The building is old, and began as a lumber yard, Ryan Hoefs said. The south side of the building slopes down.

Corrections

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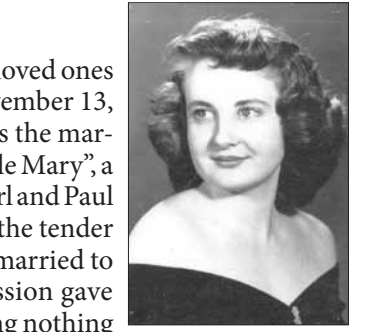


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Mary Rozella Ostmeyer

Mary Rozella Ostmeyer, 84, of Olathe, Kansas went to join her loved ones in Heaven on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Mary was born on November 13, 1929 in Dorrance, Kansas. The youngest of four children to bless the marriage of Frederick Francis and Mary Tharsilla (Carl) Thielen. "Little Mary", a name given to her by her father, along with her siblings Loretta, Carl and Paul grew up on the family farm just outside of Dorrance, Kansas. At the tender age of three Mary lost her mother. At the age of ten her father remarried to Katherine (Furthmyer) Thielen. Growing up during the depression gave Mary the perspective of never taking anything for granted, wasting nothing and making the most of everything. Mary loved to tell stories of roller skating, playing basketball, being the fastest runner in her school and riding around in the rumble seat of Pop's Model A Ford. There was nothing Mary couldn't do, fix a flat, cut your hair, drive a tractor, sew seven costumes and still have dinner for nine on the table by six.



Mary graduated from Dorrance High School and attended Marymount College, earning her teaching certificate while performing in numerous recitals and programs. It was an opportunity of a teaching assignment in Grinnell, Kansas that brought Mary to western Kansas and into the arms of the love of her life, Eugene James Ostmeyer. The two met and married in 1951 and enjoyed 52 years together. The newlyweds moved to Wakeeney, Kansas where Gene ran the International Harvester business and Mary started raising what would become a family of seven children. Out on the farm, mom kept all in order, fed an army of family and friends and still had the energy to sing a High Mass every Sunday morning. Mary's voice was truly a gift from God. To hear her sing, "Ave Maria" was to hear an angel from Heaven. Hardly a wedding or funeral occurred without the sweet sound of Mom's voice.

In 1966 Gene and Mary moved the family to Colby, Kansas. It was then Mary enjoyed her first job outside the home, helping students find their way at the Jr. College bookstore. Mary later managed the shoe department at Wal-Mart for eighteen years. Mary was involved in numerous organizations, enjoyed life with the "Meyers" family and friends, all while keeping her faith strong and her family stronger.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings and her beloved Gene. She is survived by all seven of her children and their spouses: Eugene James Ostmeyer Jr. and his wife Peggy, Kevin George Ostmeyer and his wife Nancy, Roger Thielen Ostmeyer and his wife Christy, Sally Jo Starkweather and her husband C.E., Jane Marie White and her husband Chris, Jeffery Grant Ostmeyer and Mitchell Quintin Ostmeyer. Left behind to cherish her memory are her thirteen grandchildren: Ty, Matthew, Nicholas, Zachariah, Jacob, Jana, Derek, Daniel, James, Jesse, Alexia, Bryant and Quinlyn. She will be sadly missed by her four great grandchildren: Brandon, Kyler, Logan and Taylor. Mary spent the past eleven years visiting her children's homes and eventually moving to the Kansas City area in 2006. To the end Mary remained her loving, out spoken funny self. She was at all times a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be missed by many.

Mary was cremated according to her wishes. Mass of Christian burial will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 308 Monroe Street Grinnell, Kansas. Inurnment in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Grinnell, Kansas.

Arrangements under the direction of McGilley & Frye Funeral Home 105 East Loula Street Olathe, Kansas. Condolences may be offered at www.mcgilley-frye.com



Free Press Viewpoint

Marijuana arrests beyond reasonable

OK, we get it. Colorado may have changed its law on marijuana, but the stuff is still illegal in Kansas.

But there must be some better way to do things than hauling every person caught with just a little bit of green, leafy substance into court, slapping them in jail and making them pay exorbitant collect-call charges to look for bail money.

Or for the worst case, take the case of 58-year-old Brenda Sewell and her sister, Joy Biggs, of Kansas City, Mo. The women were stopped by the Kansas Highway Patrol for speeding, then arrested when a trooper found a small amount of marijuana in their car.

Three days later, still in the Sherman County Jail without making bond, Ms. Sewell died of undetermined causes. Her sister claimed that jailers did nothing to help her when she became ill. An investigation by the Goodland Police came under suspicion after it was disclosed that the detective who did the work was married to the undersheriff in charge of the jail.

Things like this will do nothing for our state's reputation, and we should be asking ourselves, why?

We're not saying that Kansas should make marijuana legal just now. We move slowly on these things. It was nearly half a century after prohibition ended before our state fully legalized liquor by the drink. That gives us a target date of, say, 2050 to open up pot bars.

We're not saying to ignore drug dealers and couriers. They know the risks they are taking. Let them go to jail. Let them rot there, for all we care.

But must we treat every person who crosses the state line with a little maryjane like a common criminal, cuff them and lock them up until they either find someone to bail them out or a judge fines them?

It's not just that it would make us look foolish in a nation where views are changing, but it's just no way to treat people, especially guests in our state.

Why not just give them a ticket, let them pay a fine and send them on their way?

Save the tough treatment for people driving without a license or driving under the influence.

No one would think Kansas has gone soft on drugs. The Highway Patrol could put more effort into looking for speeders and drunk drivers. Jails would have room for people who need to be there.

And Kansas would be a better place for the change.

— Steve Haynes

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Magazines take over her life

My name is Cynthia, and I'm a magazineaholic.

There, I've said it. Now maybe I can start healing.

My habit started out simply enough with a couple of subscriptions to women's magazines — *Family Circle* and *Woman's Day*.

I was tempted by *Ladies Home Journal* and *Good Housekeeping*, but I didn't subscribe to them. I admit to purchasing a copy or two from the newsstand — but that was just for recreational use. Nothing hardcore.

And then I found *Taste of Home*. Here was a cooking magazine without all those articles on fashion, design and makeup, which I never read anyway. I tumbled to a subscription. It was fun and easy and only came every other month.

Then I got the chance to visit the headquarters of the Reiman Publications in Wisconsin, where *Taste of Home*, *Country Woman*, *Bird and Blooms*, *Reminisce* and several others are produced.

I was in heaven, but kept my distance. I loved *Taste of Home*, but wasn't going to start getting a slew of magazines I didn't need or have time to read.

I stayed strong for several years, but some-



Cynthia Haynes

• Open Season

where along the line, I got my name on MAILING LISTS.

Then came the offers. Only \$10 for a year's subscription to *Good Housekeeping*. Only \$12 for a subscription to *Bon Appétit* — and a friend could have one for free.

My best friends became *Every Day with Rachel Ray*, *Martha Stewart Living* and *Oprah Magazine*.

Before I knew it, I needed *Southern Living* and *Coastal Living*. Well, if I was going to get magazines about places I didn't live, I really had to get *Midwest Living*.

I picked up a copy of *Food Network Magazine* at the newsstand. It was so special. I just had to have it. Then *Real Simple* followed me home.

By then, there was one or two in the mailbox every day. The mailman gave me dirty looks

as he heaved his bag onto my porch each day.

The magazines started taking over all the chairs and then the tables. Soon we couldn't eat in either the kitchen or the dining room because we couldn't find the tables and chairs because of my magazines.

Steve pleaded with me. Don't subscribe. Don't renew. Be strong.

Well finally, I am admitting it. I'm not going to renew. I'm going to turn my eyes away from those bright covers at the grocery store. I'm throwing away the wonderful offers for buy one and get two free.

Of course, I'll still be getting magazines for several years. It's a slow process, but I'm learning to just say no.

"Oh look, Steve, oldest daughter is working on a project for *Fine Cooking*. I really should see what that's all about. It's a family obligation. Really.

"Why are you looking at me like that? Give me back that credit card!"

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner and chief financial officer of Nor'West Newspapers, writes this column weekly. Her pets include cats, toads and a praying mantis. Contact her at c.haynes@nwkansas.com

Ms. Wheelchair a 'hidden jewel'

The Kansas Senate presented a resolution to Angel Shaver, Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2013, on Jan. 29, Kansas Day.

One of the hidden jewels of the state, Angel wears many hats and participates in numerous ways in the WaKeeney community while being a mother and wife. She is involved in and works for her church, teaches piano, participates in the parent-teacher organization, has worked with Girl Scouts and maintains two Internet blogs, about living her life as a person with a disability and about her faith journey.

She loves to travel and hopes to empower and support other women, and especially serve as a role model encouraging people not to let challenges prevent them from reaching their goals. It was my pleasure to present Senate Resolution No. 1776 to Angel with her husband Eric and her children, Hannah and Noah. She would be a wonderful speaker for schools, civic organizations, community groups, religious gatherings and others who need a meaningful program.



Ralph Ostmeyer

• State Senator

Mortgage Registration Fee

The Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee is considering SB 298, which would repeal the state's mortgage registration fees. This fee discriminates against Kansans borrowing money to purchase a home, business or land. Buyers paying cash are not required to pay this fee, which can range from several hundred dollars for home buyers, to thousands for purchasers of commercial real estate or agricultural land.

The inequity of this tax is probably unfair to borrowers who are charged the fee. Farm Credit Systems are not subject to this tax. The

Tax Committee is supporting a more reasonable approach to funding the needs of county Register of Deeds offices across Kansas.

Part of the compromise on SB 298 would phase out this tax over five years and would consider increasing what counties now charge for recording mortgages and other documents filed with county registers. This is a controversial issue without an easy solution. Kansans deserve a transparent fee law that is fair to all borrowers.

Notes from the Office

We still have a couple of openings for Senate pages this year, on Mondays, Feb. 17 and 24. The Statehouse looks gorgeous after the remodeling, and the climb to the dome is now open for tours. Let us know if there are any young people, in seventh to 12th grade, who are interested.

My office is 136-E in the Statehouse. Carole McFarland is the office assistant and the phone is (785) 296-7399. My email address is Ralph.Ostmeyer@Senate.KS.gov.

Accident victims say thanks to all

Editor's Note: This letter was received by Mayor Gary Adrian from two men whose vehicle was involved in an 11-vehicle accident near Rexford last month:

Dear Mayor Adrian:

We need to express our sincere thanks to the people of Colby and McCarty Farms for their brave help and courtesy rendered on the scene and after the 11-vehicle accident at 2 p.m. Jan. 16.

Everyone from the Kansas Highway Patrol, to the firemen from Colby, to the staff at McCarty Farms, to Police Chief Ron Alexander, and strangers who helped us make our way around that evening, were great professionals and true Good Samaritans.

I have served three tours in Afghanistan, but never have I met conditions as blinding and threatening as the driving, freezing dust that afternoon.

Colby certainly is an "Oasis on the Plains," and we thank you.

Lt. Col. Timothy W. Karstrom, U.S. Army, retired
Pvt. Andrew A. Karstrom, U.S. Army
Omaha, Neb.

The Colby Free Press encourages Letters to the Editor on any topic of general interest. Letters should be brief, clear and to the point. They must be signed and carry the address and phone number of the author.



Free Press Letter Drop

• Our readers sound off

Letters will not be censored, but will be read and edited for form and style, clarity, length and legality. We will not publish attacks on private individuals or businesses not pertaining to a public issue.

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



From: Hillary Clinton to: America
I know you still love me, though I made a little mistake... CONCERNING BENGHAZI. (I WASN'T QUITE FULLY AWAKE).



THEY'LL STILL GIVE ME GRIEF... AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
BUT BY THEN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?!

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Jan. 28

7:29 a.m. – Helped motorist.
 7:54 a.m. – Helped motorist.
 10:29 a.m. – Caller reported possibly impaired driver. Spoke to owner, all OK.
 11:44 a.m. – Trespassing: caller saw subject that wasn't supposed to be there. Not found.
 3 p.m. – Report filed on lost license.

Jan. 29

11:27 a.m. – Spoke to subject on phone about email scams.
 1:04 p.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School.
 2:23 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked the wrong direction. Warning posted.
 2:25 p.m. – Subject reported scam.
 5:01 p.m. – Trespass report filed.
 9:13 p.m. – Caller reported subject digging in trash can.

Jan. 30

1:24 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.
 9:38 a.m. – Civil stand-by.
 11:23 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Middle School.
 3:30 p.m. – Vehicle towed.
 6:27 p.m. – Caller reported unwanted subject in garage.
 8:24 p.m. – Obstruction report filed.

Jan. 31

1:54 a.m. – Battery report filed.
 7:48 a.m. – Car struck light pole in the 1100 block of W. Fourth.
 7:48 a.m. – Car struck light pole in the 1600 block of S. Range.
 7:56 a.m. – Car slid off roadway. Provided traffic control for subject; all OK.
 9:45 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Warning issued and turned over to owner.
 11:43 a.m. – Accident in parking lot.
 1:34 p.m. – Subject came to station about a scam letter. Provided information.
 2:42 p.m. – Provided directions to motorist at eastbound I-70 mile 54 off-ramp.
 4:20 p.m. – Criminal damage to vehicle reported.
 10:14 p.m. – Walk throughs at Motel 6 and Days Inn.

Feb. 1

2:14 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed.
 6:44 a.m. – Criminal threat/disorderly conduct report filed.
 8:16 a.m. – National Crime Information Center hit for Weld

County, Colo.
 11:12 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.
 1:23 p.m. – Caller reported lost driver's license.
 10:29 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious people. Spoke with subjects; everything OK.

Feb. 2

1:23 a.m. – Attempted to make contact with subject for Highway Patrol.
 1:45 a.m. – Caller reported juvenile leaving house. Located; parents notified.
 2:31 p.m. – Provided directions to motorist.
 3:14 p.m. – Missing subject. Person located.
 4:13 p.m. – Accident.
 11:15 p.m. – Caller reported possible theft. No report.

Feb. 3

12:53 p.m. – Caller reported damage to fence over weekend. Report filed.
 3:54 p.m. – Theft/misuse of financial card: caller reported someone using credit card.
 4:23 p.m. – Theft report filed.
 4:30 p.m. – Criminal trespass: caller reported subject breaking in. Report filed.
 5:46 p.m. – 911 caller needed officer. Domestic disturbance report filed; four officers responded.
 7:15 p.m. – Theft report filed on items missing.
 7:29 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 7:38 p.m. – Subject reported theft of cell phone. Report filed.
 8:14 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 8:21 p.m. – Walk through at the Community Building.
 11:51 p.m. – Caller reported getting a text message about a suspicious person. Report filed.

Feb. 4

4:33 a.m. – Security check at Pilot.
 7:09 a.m. – Stalled vehicle. Attempted to make contact with owner. Not found, vehicle towed.
 8:44 a.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 10:30 a.m. – Accident.
 10:32 a.m. – Caller reported subject holding sign wanting work. Subject was checked earlier and OK.
 10:46 a.m. – Helped stalled semi.
 10:53 a.m. – Two lost license tags.
 5:14 p.m. – Identity theft report filed.

Last Wednesday

8:21 a.m. – Report filed on driving too fast for conditions.
 2:24 p.m. – Caller reported recovered property.
 3:13 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
 3:25 p.m. – Caller reported illegally parked vehicle. Vehicle moved.
 3:35 p.m. – Theft report filed.
 4:50 p.m. – Vehicle hit parked car.
 5:25 p.m. – Accident.
 9:09 p.m. – Accident.
 9:37 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.
 11:57 p.m. – Trunk lid open on vehicle.

Feb. 6

12:33 a.m. – Caller reported a vehicle alarm going off. No audible, just lights flashing; management contacted.
 7 a.m. – Recovered property report filed.
 10:33 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School and Colby Middle School.
 3:45 p.m. – Third party report of a two vehicle accident.
 3:52 p.m. – Stalled vehicle.
 5:58 p.m. – Accident in parking lot.
 11:12 p.m. – Criminal damage to property report filed.

Feb. 8

1:16 a.m. – Caller reported subjects still standing outside after asked to leave. Subjects just waiting for cab.
 2:10 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.
 8:32 a.m. – Open hatchback on vehicle. Hatchback secured.
 9:28 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.
 2:22 p.m. – Caller reported hit and run.
 3:32 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious incident. Located subjects, possession of paraphernalia report filed.
 5:17 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 9:02 p.m. – Walk through at the Community Building.
 9:34 p.m. – Walk through at Colby Bowl.
 10:02 p.m. – Helped highway patrolman.
 10:40 p.m. – Child called 911. Located parents.
 11:09 p.m. – Security check at the B Hive.
 11:18 p.m. – Security check at the college.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Jan. 28
 7:51 a.m. – Provided information for Scott County on abandoned trailer.
 9:34 a.m. – Brought two prisoners from Sherman County to Colby.
 10:11 a.m. – Walk through at Golden Plains School, Rexford.
 Noon – Helped Colby Police in the 1100 block of S. Franklin.
 4:18 p.m. – Civil standby on K-25.

Jan. 29

10:07 a.m. – Walk through at Brewster School.
 10:57 a.m. – Transported inmate from Larned State Hospital to Colby.
 1:06 p.m. – Helped motorist at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 26.
 1:55 p.m. – Helped Colby Police looking for wanted subject on foot.
 8:41 p.m. – Security check at Mattson Seed Farm.
 8:57 p.m. – Security check at Bartlett Grain.
 9:15 p.m. – Security check at Roadrunner Manufacturing.

Jan. 30

7:07 a.m. – Brought inmate from Scott County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.
 2:35 p.m. – Cruelty to animals report filed on incident at County Rd. W from Jan. 29.
 2:35 p.m. – Lost license tag somewhere between Colby and Oakley. Report filed.
 8:19 p.m. – Accident east of Colby on U.S. 24.
 11:13 p.m. – Booked Brandon Parson.
 11:30 p.m. – Rollover at College and Country Club.

Jan. 31

7:50 a.m. – Helped Colby Police on accident in the 1100 block of W. Fourth.
 9:33 a.m. – Took inmate to doctor's appointment.
 10:38 a.m. – Helped semi driver with stalled vehicle in the 1600 block of S. Range.
 11:33 a.m. – Took inmate to doctor appointment.
 2:21 p.m. – Took two inmates to Scott County Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 1

10:14 a.m. – Subjects reported theft of personal paychecks at oil rig in Thomas County.
 10:30 a.m. – Booked Eldon Ray

Williamson.
 12:02 p.m. – Appraiser's office employee came to Law Enforcement Center needing to get in her office; had locked keys in vehicle. Let her into courthouse; all OK.
 12:47 p.m. – Sheridan County Sheriff's Office called needing a deputy for transient transport at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 37. Provided ride for subject to Colby.
 1:25 p.m. – Took inmate to Sherman County Sheriff's Office.
 6:17 p.m. – Walk through at McCarty Dairy.
 10:16 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop at County Rds. 2 and EE.

Feb. 2

4:41 a.m. – Met Decatur County deputy in Rexford to transport family to Colby; semi broke down.
 6:26 a.m. – Caller reported semi in ditch at I-70 mile 46 or 47 westbound. Responded to check for injuries; driver OK, stopped on ramp to sleep.
 9:37 a.m. – Helped Colby Police on alarm call at Donelan's Jewelry.
 12:03 p.m. – Sherman County Communications called about transient they were going to leave at the Fuel Depot.
 1:37 p.m. – Callers reported car towing U-Haul trailer stalled at westbound I-70 mile 44. Helped highway patrolman on call; vehicle moved off roadway; had help coming.
 3:35 p.m. – 911 caller advised of battery. Report filed.

Feb. 3

9:31 a.m. – Brought inmate

from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.
 10:14 a.m. – Brought inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.
 2:07 p.m. – Accident with deer in the 3000 block of K-25 early Sunday morning.
 3:13 p.m. – Rosa Guadalupe Dussault arrested on warrant.

Feb. 4

10:33 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Eldon Williamson.
Last Wednesday
 4 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle blocking driveway at 2160 E. Fourth. Vehicle moved.
Feb. 6
 10:41 a.m. – Walk through at Brewster Public School.
 2:33 p.m. – Walk through at Golden Plains Public School.

Feb. 8

9 a.m. – Sherman County Sheriff's Office called wanting attempt to locate subject at 252 County Rd. X in reference to abandoned pickup near Edson on Old U.S. 24. All OK; spoke to owner's mother; was just gelled up; will get it moved.
 5:28 p.m. – Booked Austin C. Boehme.
 6:29 p.m. – Took two prisoners to Garden City Juvenile Detention.
 6:32 p.m. – Walk through at Golden Plains School, Rexford.
 9:47 p.m. – Walk through at Golden Plains School, Rexford.

Casino fights rumors of snakes in its building

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) – An eastern Pennsylvania casino is trying to dispel a bizarre online rumor: The Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem says patrons aren't being bitten by snakes.
 Casino spokeswoman Julia Corwin tells *The (Easton, Pa.) Express-Times* (bit.ly/1hJvnmh5) that there have been no reported snake encounters at the Sands. She says if there were snakes, the critters would have been captured

by the casino's sophisticated surveillance cameras.
 The rumor circulating on Facebook claims someone went to their doctor with some kind of bite, and the doctor diagnosed a snake bite and asked immediately whether the patient had recently visited the Bethlehem casino.
 State police operate a station at the casino. Trooper William Ortiz reports "absolutely zero snakes" inside.

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- A home without a security system is **3 times more likely to be burglarized**.³
- **85% of Police Officials surveyed** believe home alarms deter burglary attempts.⁴

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Three states sign a deal on Republican pipeline

Colorado has completed negotiations with Kansas and Nebraska to allow for operation of the Compact Compliance Pipeline to deliver water to the North Fork of the Republican River this year.

"The agreement marks an important step toward resolving long-standing disputes under the Republican River Compact and providing more certainty to the agricultural economy across the region," said State Engineer Dick Wolfe.

The agreement allows Colorado to operate the pipeline this year and demonstrate its benefits to agricultural operators in Kansas and Nebraska. The 12-mile

pipeline will deliver irrigation water directly to the North Fork near the Nebraska state line, providing the water needed for Colorado to meet its compact obligations to downstream users.

"This is a great step forward," Wolfe said. "This has been a hard-fought matter, and hopefully this demonstrates that we can work together as three states to address these challenging issues and come to a permanent resolution on the Republican River."

Colorado sought arbitration of this matter in May after Kansas denied Colorado's request to operate the pipeline indefinitely. This fall, Kansas proposed a path forward that would allow

Colorado to operate the pipeline in 2014 so all parties could gain experience with its operations.

On Thursday, the three states voted to approve a resolution to use the pipeline this year.

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources and its Division of Water Resources, along with the state engineer, gave thanks to the attorney general's office for efforts to negotiate with Kansas.

They also thanked the Republican River Water Conservation District and the Sandhills Ground Water Management District for their help in the matter.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Casey Andrew Sporing, 22, Colby, Aug. 22, probation violation, failure to appear, Colby Police Department/Court Services of Thomas County, released last Wednesday for time served.
- Joshua Scott Shankland, 24, Jan. 2, flee and attempt to elude, theft, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless driving, Colby Police, released Jan. 29 on \$50,000 appearance bond.
- Robert Ellis Lund, 26, Arvada, Colo., Jan. 29, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, driving under the influence (Gove County Sheriff's Office), Kansas Highway Patrol, released Jan. 31 on \$10,000 bond.
- Alexis Dorthea Burritt, 21, Atwood, Jan. 30, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.
- Rosa Guadalupe Dussault, 47, Colby, Jan. 31, interference with

law enforcement, theft, Colby Police, released Feb. 3 on \$25,000 appearance bond.

- Anthony Tremain Miller, 41, Oakley, Jan. 31, domestic battery (two counts), Oakley Police Department, released last Wednesday on recognizance.
- Tyler Andrew King, 24, Greenwood, Ark., Feb. 1, driving under the influence, reckless driving, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Jacob Henry Faber, 30, Brewster, Feb. 2, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Feb. 3 on recognizance.
- Nathan Oliver Janzen, 18, Oakley, Feb. 2, rape, Oakley Police, released Feb. 4 on recognizance.
- Aaron Lee Brown, 28, Colby, Feb. 3, theft, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Michael Leigh Shirley, 39, Oakley, Feb. 4, driving under the

influence, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Kansas Highway patrol, released same day on recognizance.

- Justin Gale Siruta, 41, Berthoud, Colo., Feb. 4, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released Thursday, for time served.
- Johnathan Edward Campbell, 26, Frankston, Texas, Saturday, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.
- Jason Kyle Ellis, 26, Tyler, Texas, Sunday, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.



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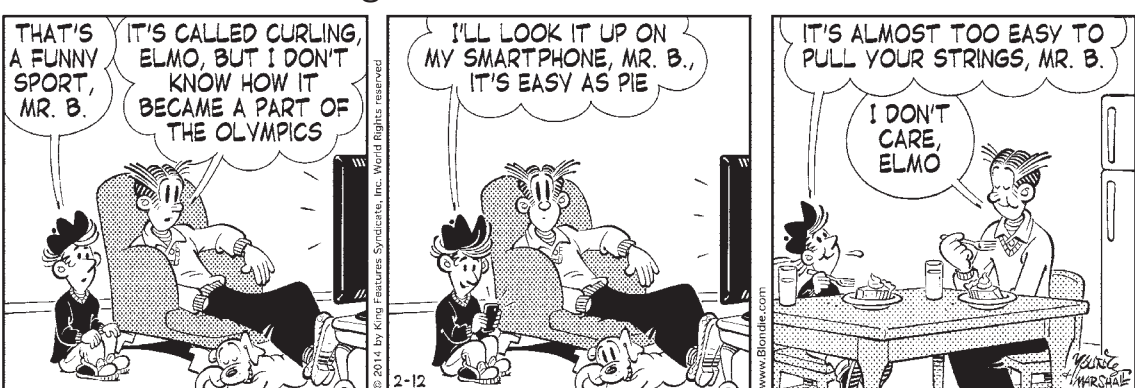
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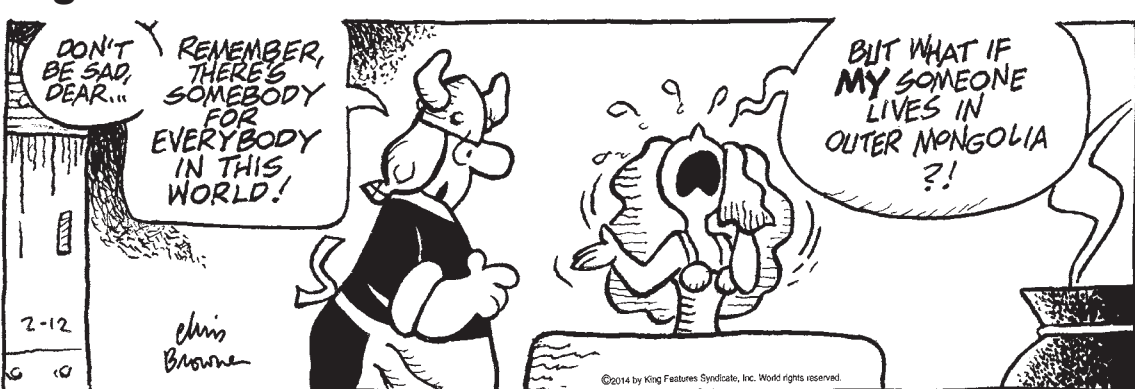
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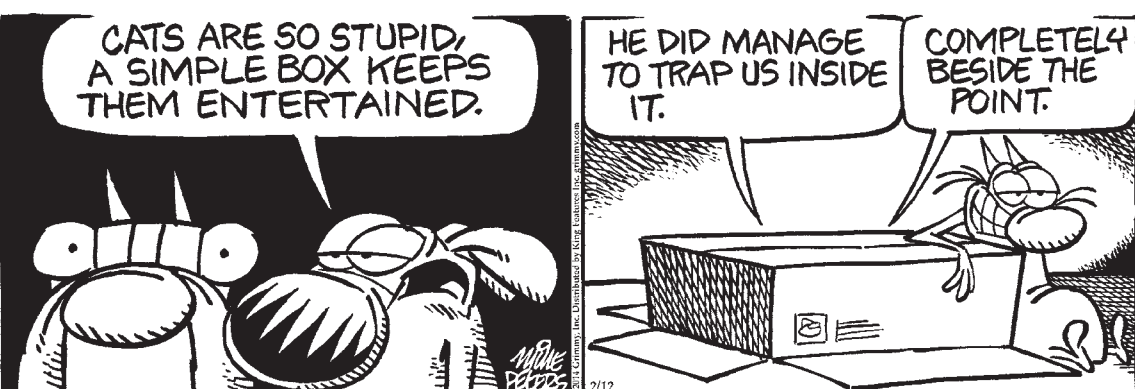
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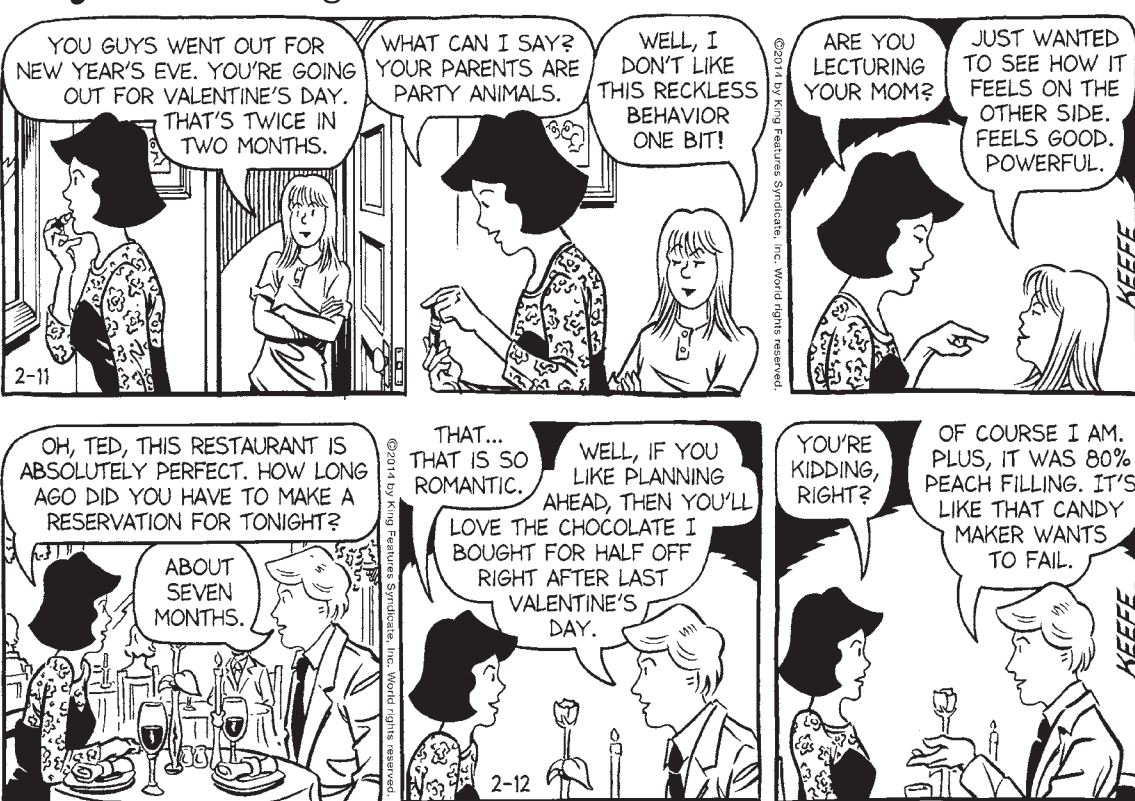
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Slow cooker safe with raw meat

Dear Heloise: I just bought a slow cooker, and I have a question about putting meat and vegetables in together. When a recipe says to put the beef (or whatever) in the cooker and then arrange the vegetables around it, add water, etc., shouldn't the meat be seared first? Putting it in raw with the vegetables doesn't sound right to me. — Bob, via email

I know it doesn't sound quite right, but yes, you can put raw meat in the slow cooker with raw vegetables.

A slow cooker does just that — cooks the food slowly. It uses a lower temperature, but it also cooks the food for a longer period of time. The tight-fitting lid and the steaming environment kill bacteria, so don't worry. Also, don't put a big old hunk of meat or chicken in there (like a pot roast). Cut the meat into big chunks so they can cook properly. Some slow-cooker recipes say to sear the meat before, so if you feel more comfortable, then do sear the meat first. — Heloise

TOOTHPICK HOLDER

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint that I learned working in a barbecue restaurant in Dallas: Put toothpicks in a small hot-sauce bottle, and they will come out one at a time. Of course, you need to clean the hot-sauce bottle well before filling it with toothpicks. — Myrtle J. in Kentucky

BETTER POTATOES

Dear Readers: When making mashed potatoes, there are many alternatives to using milk. Looking for a different flavor? Try using sour cream, buttermilk or nonfat Greek yogurt instead. That's the fun part of cooking! You can substitute different things to create some yummy flavors. My pamphlet Heloise's Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes is crammed full of hints for you to liven up a meal! To receive one, send \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Seasonings, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Have a baking recipe that calls for buttermilk, but you don't have any? Try substituting yogurt. The nonfat Greek yogurt can be used in a zillion different ways! — Heloise

FREEZING CRACKERS

Dear Heloise: You have written in your column about storing crackers in the freezer. After thawing them, is there any moisture in them, and are they soggy? Because if this hint really works, then it is the perfect solution, since I don't eat very many at a time. — Lois U., via fax

This hint really works! Be sure to put the crackers in an airtight freezer bag or container. You can wrap the crackers in foil for added protection. This keeps out the air, which is what makes the crackers soggy. — Heloise

ORGANIZED SPICES

Dear Heloise: I often spent time searching for the right spice. To solve my frustration, I put them alphabetically on a two-tiered turntable on the shelf in the cabinet. Now I just give the turntable a spin and find the right spice in no time! — Mary M., via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q 5 4
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A 10 2
♣ K Q 5 2

WEST
♦ 9 6 3
♥ Q J 7 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 9 6

EAST
♦ J 10 8 7
♥ —
♦ 9 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 10 8 3

SOUTH
♦ A K 2
♥ A K 10 9 6 5
♦ J
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
5NT Pass 6♦ Pass
6♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The Rabbit-in-the-Hat Trick

One of the principle differences between the expert and the nonexpert player is that the expert maintains his composure in the face of adversity while the nonexpert is often unnerved by an unexpected development and fails as a result.

Consider this deal where, we'll say, a fictional expert finds himself in six hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. Upon seeing dummy, South might naturally think he is going to make seven if the trumps are divided favorably. But he quickly dismisses this notion after taking the diamond with the ace and leading a trump to the ace, on which East shows out.

This distressing development fails to faze our imaginary declarer, however. He has been to the wars before and realizes that if the gods are kind to him, he can still get home safely.

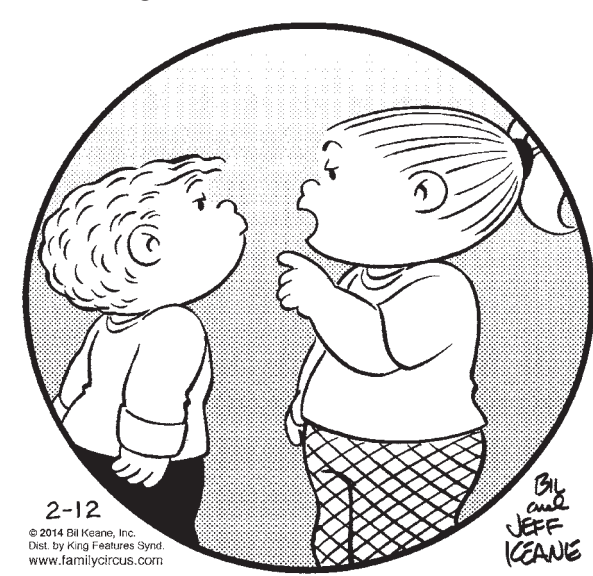
He proceeds on the assumption that the slam can still be made — despite the 4-0 trump division — if West started with precisely 3-4-3-3 distribution. Accordingly, after the trump play at trick two, our hero cashes the A-K-Q of spades, ruffs a diamond, cashes the A-K-Q of clubs and ruffs dummy's last diamond.

Having negotiated these hurdles without incident, declarer is now in position to claim the slam. Everyone is down to three cards, with West holding the Q-J-7 of trumps and South the K-10-9. Declarer exits with the nine, and West's two trump tricks suddenly dwindle to one.

It is true that if West had any distribution other than 3-4-3-3, the slam would fail. Nevertheless, the fact remains that South has to hope for this distribution and must plan his play as if it actually exists.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"You can't sing with your mouth closed or else your words will turn into hums."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	2	4			5			
6			4		9			
			8		1		3	
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/12

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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AGKUHEGR KEGAZIMAR MA
UIRZUHA AEHZP IKUHMJI
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT STITCHING A COMFORTER, WOULD SAYING "YES" BE AN ADMISSION OF QUILT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Automaton, for short
4 Texas city
8 Fellow
12 "Go, team!"
13 Verve
14 State
15 Chowd down
16 Minstrel
18 Bundle of wheat
20 Spud's cousin
21 Missing
24 Greeting
28 Cast a vote
32 Yuletide refrain
33 Japanese sash
34 One of Ben Franklin's certainties
36 Hollywood trickery, for short
37 Mentor
39 Hype

DOWN

41 Become upright
43 Black-thorn fruit
44 Pool stick
46 Peace symbol
50 Pavlova, e.g.
55 Spelling contest
56 Neighborhood
57 Drench
58 Playwright
59 Peruse
60 Vats
61 Solidify

3 Quaker's address
4 Duck feature
5 Chicken-king link
6 — Tech
7 Sans
8 Don Draper's series
9 Rd.
10 Civil War VIP
11 Mess up
17 "That feels good"
19 The entirety
22 Pierce

23 Second-largest state
25 Lomond, e.g.
26 Toy block name
27 Hodge-podge
28 Marshes
29 Touch
30 Old Italian money
31 Farmer's home?
35 People of Bratislava
38 Nude
40 "Of course"
42 Payable
45 Formerly, formerly
47 Heron's cousin
48 "American Gigolo" star
49 Spruced up
50 Tavern
51 Exist
52 Meadow
53 Debtor's note
54 Catch

Yesterdays answer 2-12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13					14			
15			16				17				
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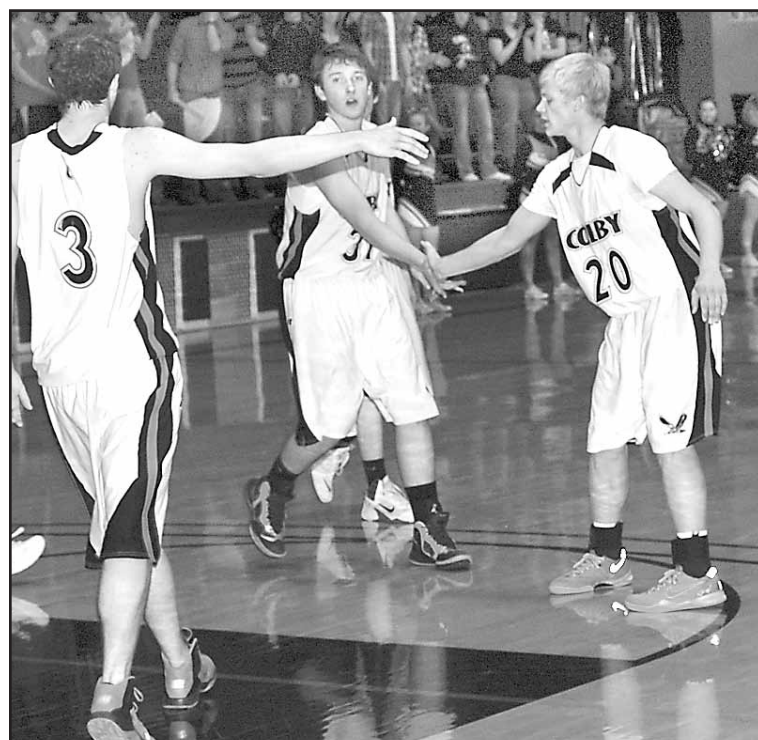
The Saint Francis Herald

Colby takes win from Norton's home

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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Not today, Norton Bluejays. SWAT! Colby High senior Luke Cox didn't wiggle his finger like NBA great Dikembe Mutombo, but his third blocked shot of Monday's game made a bigger impact than any Geico commercial. REJECTED! That feeling struck the heart of Norton's comeback again four nights before Valentine's Day. Before the buzz from Cox subsided, senior Cameron Brown blocked a Bluejay follow shot before it had any prayer of "kissing" off the glass. Either basket would have brought Norton within one point midway through the fourth period. Instead, it was time for some Colby candy and Eagle teammates were happy recipients. Freshman Donte Whitfield turned Brown's perfect gift of a pass into two points, and junior Ashton Russ finished the next two fast breaks with tasty baskets. Suddenly, the three-point Colby lead had tripled to nine at 57-48 — and there was no giving away this sweet 64-59 road victory. The Eagles (2-12 record) made a great recovery from Friday's 58-53 loss as Hugoton erased a nine-point, second-half Colby advantage.

"We played so well on Friday (a five-point home loss to Hugoton), we just needed to build on it," coach Kevin Brown said. "I kept saying layups and free throws, shoot nothing else (in the final minutes). They (Norton) tried to pressure the ball and lost track of some kids." "And we hit some free throws," the coach added. Colby shot exactly 50 percent for a second consecutive game, although the Eagles launched 18 more shots (52) than Friday's loss (34) to Hugoton. Cameron Brown was an even better 60 percent (nine for 15 field goals) as both he and Cox established their dominance early on "Big Monday." When they weren't driving past defenders like boring dates abandoned at McDonald's, Brown or Cox were posting up inside to show the versatility that would make guards like Magic Johnson proud. "Yeah, Norton had three perimeter players who were under six feet tall," coach Brown explained. "So with Luke's strength and Cameron's height, we knew could take advantage inside." After netting Colby's first eight points on Friday, Cox followed that up with nine during Monday's first period. He scored down low,



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High's Luke Cox (20) congratulated classmate Marc Bremenkamp after a basket against Hugoton Friday night. The seniors joined classmate Cameron Brown (3) in teaming for 43 points, 22 rebounds and seven assists at Norton on Monday.

drilled a three and turned his first steal into another two for an 11-7 Colby lead. Brown also began breaking Norton's heart by hitting a variety of driving and twisting shots. The Bluejays (5-10 record)

often kept pace thanks to determined efforts from Furbush (17 points) and Drew Schrumm (14). They caught only Colby at 27-27, only to see Ashton Russ' timely baseline jump put his Eagles ahead for good.

Norton nibbled the deficit to one point on at least three occasions. In fact, it was 47-46 entering that decisive fourth quarter. Yet the Eagles always had an answer whether it was Marc Bremenkamp (10 points) or Austin Russ, Chandler Comfort and Whitfield (four points each). "It is a good win for us tonight. The guys have worked hard and they deserve it," coach Brown said. "The Norton boys played their hearts out, too." The Eagles continue a busy week at home against 6A Garden City Thursday night before visiting Holcomb on Friday. Both games should begin around 8 p.m. following girls' varsity contests. "Against the big schools like Garden City, it's just matter of being loose and giving it all we got," coach Brown concluded. **Colby (64)** — Cameron Brown 23 points, Luke Cox 10, Marc Bremenkamp 10, Ashton Russ 8, Austin Russ 4, Chandler Comfort 4, Donte Whitfield 4, Adam Giersch 1. Rebound leaders: Brown 9, Cox 7, Bremenkamp 6. Assists: Cox 3, Brown 2, Bremenkamp 2, Comfort 2, Ashton Russ 2. Steals: Bremenkamp 2, Whitfield 2. Blocked shots: Cox 3. **Norton (59)** — Tanner Furbush's 17 points led Norton.

Golden girls down Hill City

In late Tuesday night action, the Golden Plains High girls improved to 12-3 this season by edging Hill City, 31-30, in Rexford. Hill City gained a split of this varsity doubleheader with the boys winning 60-34. Golden Plains' boys slipped to 7-9 overall. Watch for a game story with more details on an upcoming sports page. Upcoming area sporting events:
Tonight
Women's/men's college basketball: Hutchinson at Colby, 6/8 p.m.
College baseball: Colby at Sterling JV, 1 p.m.
Thursday
Girls/boys basketball: Dodge City at Colby, 6/8 p.m.
Wrestling: Colby at Garden City, 6 p.m.
Girls/boys basketball: Heartland Christian at Western Plains, 5 p.m.
Junior high basketball: Triplains-Brewster, Golden Plains in WKLL at Brewster.

Trojans put heart into great causes

By Rusty Grafel
Colby Community College

As March gets closer we are down to our final five games of the regular season. During these last three weeks, we want to be running on all cylinders and playing the best basketball we possibly can! We are still fighting for our first conference win and it wouldn't have been any better than to have gotten it Saturday against Garden City. The game supported awareness of Heart Disease and the people it has affected. Everyone was encouraged to wear red and could purchase shirts at the game. Another upcoming home game on Wednesday, Feb. 19 against Dodge City is pink night where we are supporting breast cancer awareness and those who have been affected by it! Everyone is also encouraged to wear pink and there will be shirts sold at the game. Tonight brings a rematch



Rusty Grafel

against No. 15 nationally-rated Hutchinson at the Colby Community Building. We fought back from 16 down at half-time in our first meeting last month, getting within a few points before Hutch held on for the 92-80 win. Game time is 8 p.m., right after our Colby Community College women take on the No. 3-ranked Hutch Blue Dragons who own a 23-0 record this season. They tip off at 6 p.m., and it's a great chance for Trojans fans to again support both teams! The college spring sports are underway with track having a meet last week at Crete, Neb. (story below). Baseball and softball should begin this week after snow cancelled last week's openers. The softball team plays a home doubleheader on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. Volleyball has started signing their new student athletes for next year as well as their returners. Until next time, go Trojans!



MADDY WALZ/Golden Plains High School

Senior Shane Ryburn was on target for two more of his game-high 21 points in Golden Plains' win over Logan Friday evening.

Bulldogs roll past Logan for victory

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played the Logan Trojans Friday evening and gave fans who packed Rexford's gymnasium an exciting night of basketball action as they captured their seventh win of the season with a 57-48 victory. "This was a good win for us," senior Shane Ryburn said. "We worked well as a team. The younger players stepped up and played well with the team." The Trojans pushed in the first four points of the game, but Ryburn quickly tied it. The Trojans regained the lead and Tristan Schwarz answered with another tying score. This trading of baskets continued throughout the first with the game being tied at 14 at the end of the quarter. The second quarter saw much of the same as the teams traded buckets with the Bulldogs adding nine and the Trojans 10 to make it a one point game at the half. As both sides of the gym cheered for their team, the boys continued to swap scores in the

second half tying it 31-31. A three-point shot from Tristan Schwarz put the Bulldogs back on top with two minutes to go in the third quarter. The Trojans answered, but Grant Spresser made a layup with an "and one" and the Bulldogs led by four. The Trojans hit a couple of free shots of their own and Ryburn added another basket to lead 39-35 going into the fourth. The Trojans closed the gap to start the fourth, but as the fouls mounted, the boys stepped to the free throw line. Sophomore Koi Wessel hit four for four while Zach Spresser and Schwarz each made both of their attempts. The boys fought it out to the very end with the Bulldogs finishing out a victorious evening. Ryburn finished the game with 21 points for the Bulldogs. Schwarz added 15 including three 3-pointers, and Grant Spresser contributed 10. Additional scores came from Koi Wessel (six points), Kade Wessel (three) and Zach Spresser (two). The boys are now 7-7 on the season, having won six of their last eight games.

Trojans track and field athletes break school records at Classic

The Colby Community College men's indoor track and field team competed last weekend at the Fred Beile Classic hosted by Doane College in Crete, Neb. The weekend was highlighted by the Trojans setting two stadium records in the men's 600-meter run and the men's 1600-meter relay. Fabian Hayles set a new stadium record in the men's 600-meter run with a personal best time of

1:21.02. The previous record of 1:22.07 was held by Greg Torre of Doane College set in 2005. The men's 1600-meter relay of Ashley Riley, Mike Kinuthia, Hayles and Desmond Major topped the previous stadium record of 3:22.77 which was set earlier this season by Concordia University with a time of 3:21.32. Other highlights from the weekend included Raheem Brown and

Anthony Farrington finishing second and third in both the men's 60-meter and 200-meter dash; Mike Kinuthia and Josh Quiroga taking first and second in the men's 800-meter run; Chris Speaks win-

ning the men's mile; and Omar Trevion taking the overall title in the men's 3000-meter run. The Trojans' next competition is the Indoor Track and Field Region VI Championships in Law-

rence on Feb. 21. Last season, the Trojans finished as Region VI runner-ups. Their second-place finish was

the best finish in the program's Division I history. Watch for results from Region VI next week.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

State of Kansas, Thomas County Sheriff's Office Plaintiff v.

\$5,869.00 US Currency, M/L Defendant. Case No. 14-CV-01

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Dated this 7 day of February, 2014.

s/Kevin N. Berens
Kevin N. Berens, #19304
Plaintiff's Attorney
Thomas County Attorney
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Public Notice

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Winter Olympian Katie Uhlaender gets ready for the skeleton competition with her new patriotic helmet selected by Twitter followers. Uhlaender has a Kansas connection as her family still owns a ranch near Atwood.

Kansas ranch helped Olympian

With new helmet, skeleton star aiming at medal in Sochi

By Clyde Hughes
newsmax.com
and R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press

Three-time Olympian Katie Uhlaender will wear a patriotic Eagle helmet for the skeleton competition at the Sochi Olympics, and she let her Twitter followers decide which one.

Uhlaender told the *Chicago Tribune* that she came up with the idea to let her fans decide which helmet she would wear after joking about it with fellow snowboarders, including gold medalist Jamie Anderson. From there, she posted photos of the helmets on Twitter and asked for advice.

"I just decided to tweet a photo of both helmets and see what the public thought," Uhlaender said.

"Because I wasn't sure about changing helmets just before the Olympics was a good idea and it blew up. There were like a thousand tweets about it. I decided to tally it up and let them pick."

Uhlaender has a family connection to Kansas as her late father and former major league baseball player Ted Uhlaender purchased a ranch near Atwood.

Ted Uhlaender suffered a fatal heart attack at the ranch on Feb. 12, 2009, just hours before Katie took second in the women's skeleton World Cup season finale at Utah Olympic Park.

Katie struggled with the loss and finished a disappointing 11th in the 2010 Winter Olympics at Vancouver. She retreated to the Atwood ranch which helped her recover and prepare for this next

Olympic chance. During an interview with the Associated Press, Katie said she returns to the ranch often and feels her dad's spirit in those open spaces.

She has grown to love farming and plans on owning her own ranch someday.

Mom Karen Uhlaender still lives in the area. The *Colby Free Press* contacted her Tuesday afternoon and received a message "I'm probably out rounding up critters."

Karen did answer a later phone call from the *Free Press*. She won't be attending the Olympics because of high travel costs, but is excited to watch her daughter compete on television.

Katie's skeleton competition will be telecast on Thursday from

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and then again on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. She'll race on the same track where she finished second a year ago behind teammate Noelle Pikus-Pace, who is a medal favorite in Sochi.

The selected helmet was painted by a person who designed the helmet of former Olympic champion skier Picabo Street, a close friend.

Street said that Uhlaender has moved forward mentally and physically and is ready.

"She's in a way better place and it took a while," Street told the AP. "It would take a while for anybody to get there. Ted was her rock. He was her idol. He was her daddy. He played so many roles in her life and I think what has happened over the last four years is that she has realized that she's her own person."

Bluejays shoot past Eagle girls

By R.B. Headley
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Coach Ryan Becker could see it coming before his Colby High girls tipped off against Norton Monday night.

"They're going to shoot a lot of threes," Becker said in a pre-game interview with local media.

The Bluejays didn't hit a lot (four for 14), but those four threes all played crucial roles during their 47-41 home victory.

Colby powered ahead behind great early rebounding dominance. Junior Hannah Strange's putback and free throw made it 3-0.

Moments later, sophomore Lara Stephens intercepted a pass which led to senior Haileigh Shull's corner three-pointer.

Strange scored again inside after another offensive rebound, so the Eagles owned their 10-4 lead.

That's when Norton's two triples ignited a 14-0 run and stunning 18-10 advantage.

"Norton shot the ball well all night," Becker said. "We were in the right positions on the defensive end, but foul trouble and a missing starter (sophomore guard Brielle McKee) made things a little harder than we expected."

Colby never caught the Bluejays again, though it wasn't due to lack of determined comeback attempts.

The Eagles closed within 25-24 just after halftime as junior Shaila Giebler showed Colby shooters can also hit from long distance.

Sophomore Brenly Terrell tallied 12 second-half points, and her trifecta sliced Norton's lead down to 32-29.

Moments later, Giebler drove inside inside the lane and flipped in another shot for a 32-31 thriller.

"We had some times on the offensive end where we were successful," Becker observed. "But we didn't maintain our offensive mindset throughout the game."

The Bluejays (8-8 record) also seemed set on answering whenever Colby got close.

Sure enough, they went on another 9-2 run capped by a fourth and final three-point basket.

Colby suffered another setback when the dreaded trouble arrived. Shull was whistled for her fifth foul with 4:53 remaining.

Trailing 41-33, Colby couldn't create enough offense to get closer than the final six-point margin.

Senior Bailey Ambrosier's 15 points were a big reason for the Bluejay triumph. She only averaged about five per game before Monday.

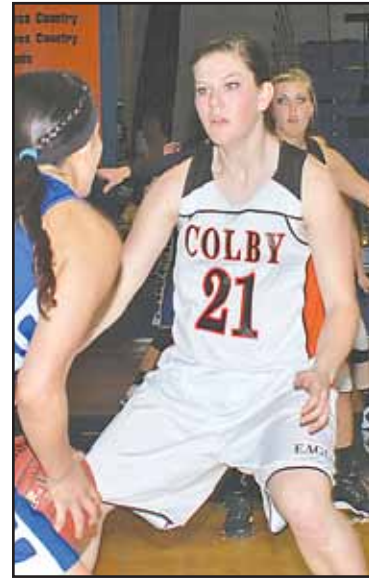
The Bluejays carried this winning momentum to Tuesday evening and a 40-36 win over Decatur County.

Unofficially, Terrell's 15 points paced the 6-8 Eagles on Monday.

Giebler added eight points followed by Stephens (six), Strange (five) and Shull (five).

The Eagles still have two more chances at a win this week.

They'll take on 6A Dodge City on Thursday in the Community Building to begin a 6:30 p.m. girls-boys varsity doubleheader.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Hannah Strange showed intense Eagle defense against 4A Division II No. 3 Hugoton last week. The Eagles play at home against Dodge City on Thursday.

Both Eagle teams visit Great West Athletic Conference foe Holcomb Friday evening.

Junior varsity and C team results will be in action during both nights.

Wildcats surprise No. 2-rated Titans

Just like the Wildcat men from Kansas State University against Kansas Monday evening, visiting Wallace County's Wildcat girls were ready to tangle with a high-rated foe Tuesday night.

The Triplains-Brewster Titans had earned a 1A Division II No. 2 ranking this week from Kansas Basketball Coaches Association voters.

Yet it didn't seem to impress or intimidate Wallace County as the Wildcats led throughout a 55-51 upset at Winona.

The Titans (10-3 record) nearly wiped out an eight-point, fourth-quarter deficit. They pulled within 47-46 after leading scorers Britany Plummer and Shayna Rogge both rattled in shots.

However, some crucial missed free throws defused this explosive comeback. Senior April Mays did make two which sliced the Wildcats' lead to 54-51 with six sec-

onds remaining. Yet Wallace County handled Titan pressure and then made one final clinching charity shot.

Plummer's 15 points topped Triplains-Brewster, hitting three of her team's four baskets from beyond the three-point arc.

Senior C.J. Lewellan and Rogge sent nine points apiece through the Winona nets.

Other Titans to connect were Alicia Barre (five points, one three), sophomore Kelly Lamb (two points) and Mays (two).

The Titans will try to defend their other home floor in Brewster Friday night when another dangerous opponent visits. Wheatland-Grinnell will bring a 10-4 record into this 6:30 p.m. contest.

Triplains-Brewster's boys also played on Tuesday and lost a 58-37 decision to 11-1 Wallace County. Senior Seth Smith's 20 points paced the TP-B boys (5-8 overall).

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