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## Pub party planned for Pickin'

St. Patrick's Day festivities will help raise money for Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival this year.

The St. Patrick's Pub Party, set for Saturday, March 15, at City Limits Convention Center, features a wine and beer tasting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dance. DJ Justin Meitl will entertain starting at 8:30 p.m., followed by Mama's Boys, an '80s and '90s country and rock band, at 9.

A door prize valued at \$100 will be given away when the dance ends at 11:30.

This is the third or fourth year for a fund-raising St. Patrick's Day dance, said Leilani Thomas of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, but the first time a wine and beer tasting has been combined with it.

She said she expects people to have a good time at the dance and encourages everyone to come.

Tickets are \$20 for the wine and beer tasting, \$20 for the dance and

\$30 for both. Dance tickets are available at the Dillons branch of Farmers and Merchants Bank, the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office or at the door. Seats for the tasting are limited, and those tickets are only available at the Chamber.

Proceeds will go to Pickin' on the Plains, held in Colby each summer, which that draws big-name performers and visitors from around the country. Thomas said she was not sure how much money the event would raise, but the dance has been a successful fund raiser in the past.

She said events like this also help make people aware of the festival, which has "grown immensely" over the years.

The event is being sponsored by Carla McCoy and the Bottle Gallery, Dusty Road Productions and Pickin' on the Plains.

For information, contact the Chamber at 460-3401.

## Stories sought on immigrants

The Seventh District of the Kansas State Author's Club is asking young writers to tell a story about their family coming to America from the "old country" in a contest open to students from fifth grade through junior college.

Many young people have heard their elders talk about the family coming to this country from a foreign country and the hardships they had to endure to get here. The club members are asking young people to write about those stories.

Entrants are to title their work, "My Heritage" (Why my ancestors left the old country). Subject matter should include such things as social and political conditions when they left, family issues, contacts in America, finances, trans-

portation, occupation or other opportunities and obstacles; adventures along the way; adaptation to the new culture after arrival; and anything relating to group or individual immigration.

Entrants may refer to resources such as library materials, personal correspondence and family oral traditions. Documentation is not required.

Length of the essay is unspecified, so use your own good judgment. It may be short or long. It should answer questions about what happened and why.

Entries will be judged by members of the Colby Author's Club on writing ability, uniqueness and interest. Deadline for entries

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## Sweet(heart) jazz

EVAN BARNUM and SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Guests lined up (top) for a smorgasbord of chocolate and other finger food Friday evening at the Pioneer Memorial Library's "Chocolate and All That Jazz," an annual Valentine's Day event. Held by the library and the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library, the evening featured the Colby Community College Jazz band and Sunflower Singers. Some of the singers performed solos (above left) along with the ensemble numbers (above right), the romantic numbers accompanied by Pat Ziegelmeier on the piano. Many of the students are in both vocal and instrumental groups.

## Bills shift investment policy

TOPEKA (AP) — A Kansas House committee is considering legislation to lift restrictions on investments by the state pension fund in Sudan but impose new limits concerning Iran.

The Pensions and Benefits

Committee reviewed two separate bills Monday but took no action.

One bill repeals the 2007 law blocking Kansas Public Employees Retirement System investments in companies doing business in Sudan. It was a response to

violence in the Darfur region.

Committee Chairman Steve Johnson said the committee is considering whether the policy remains appropriate, given the creation of South Sudan in 2011.

The other bill would limit

KPERS investments in companies doing business in Iran.

Its leading advocate is state Rep. and Olathe Republican Scott Schwab. He said Kansas should do what it can to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

## Orphan's story told in drama

By Sam Dieter

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A Nebraska actress told the story Sunday afternoon of orphans who were brought from East Coast cities to Kansas and other frontier states by the trainload, and what would hopefully be a better life for them on Midwestern farms.

Pippa White, who puts on over a dozen different plays by herself under the name "One's Company," performed "The Story of the Orphan Train" Sunday afternoon in the Rawlins County High School auditorium. She portrayed at least eight children — Maimie, Toots, Bill, Robert, Tony, Arthur, Ruth, Claretta and Ilisa — putting on a different hat when she spoke each role.

These children rode the "orphan train" in the late 1800s and early 1900s, White said, and she met each of them in their old age, except

for Maimie. The Western Plains Arts Association sponsored her performance and a workshop that afternoon at the high school.

White's performance was punctuated by songs and the recital of poems, and she had an overhead projector with the pictures of the kids whose stories she was telling. From 1854 to 1930, she said, these trains brought as many as half a million orphans from cities on the East Coast to farms in the country's heartland. The Children's Aid Society of New York organized the movement.

"Orphan-train riders want you to remember them," she told her audience of about 170 people.

After her performance, White said it took her about a year to gather all the information about the riders she portrays in her performance. She said she got the idea after moving to Nebraska from San Francisco, and hearing that people in her area had come out here as orphans.

In some cases, these kids were abandoned in department stores or parks before they ended up in New York City orphanages. Some were struck by the beauty of the farm country that was their new home, but they often found

themselves getting off the train in several towns before anybody would take them. Even when they found a family to live with, the children often were marked as different and ridiculed. In some cases, classmates' parents told kids not to play with them. Some were the children of immigrants, which gave them an added stigma.

Ilisa finally was taken in by a couple in Rock Island, Neb., who could speak German, since she did not understand English. By the time she was a teenager, she could speak English without an accent, and was taking over the work her new family had used three men to do.

Toots took care of other orphans at the girls' home she lived in in New York before being sent out to Kansas. By the age of 18, she had gotten a job, moved out on her own and married her high school sweetheart. She went on to spend much of her life helping troubled children, won the George Washington Medal of Honor and died in 2005.

There are only about 100 orphan train survivors alive today, White said, urging her audience to talk about them and make sure their libraries have books about them.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Pippa White described being dropped off at a Methodist Church to await adoption as she played "Maimie," one of thousands of orphaned children taken to new families in the Midwest in the late 1800s and early 1900s. White never spoke to Maimie, but did meet each of the other children — as senior citizens — she portrayed Sunday afternoon at the Rawlins County High School.



Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 62. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a southeast wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., then a chance of snow after 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Friday: High, 49; Low 33
Saturday: High, 54; Low 27
Sunday: High, 59; Low 28
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.11 inches
Year: 0.41 inches
Normal: 0.93 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:44 a.m. 6:13 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 69 percent
Wednesday 7:44 a.m. 6:14 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 77 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Tax preparation help available

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program is available to help low- and moderate-income people, especially those 60 and older, fill out and file their 2013 income tax return.

In Colby, the service is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., or call (785) 821-1827 for an appointment.

Information you need to bring with you includes:

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet.
• A copy of last year's income tax return.
• W-2 forms from each employer.
• Unemployment compensation statements.
• SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits.
• All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets.

- 1099-misc., showing any miscellaneous income.
• 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity.
• All forms indicating federal income tax paid.
• Dependent care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number).
• All necessary receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions.
• Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents.

Other area locations include: Goodland, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. (Central Time) at Cat's Tnt, 1018 Main, (785) 821-1827; City Hall, 306 N. Main, Sharon Springs on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. (Central Time) or call (785) 852-4920; and the Atwood Public Library, 102 S. Sixth, on Wednesdays from 1 to 7 p.m. or call (785) 626-3871.

Governor creates seismology panel

TOPEKA (AP) - Gov. Sam Brownback has asked the director of the Kansas Geological Survey to lead a task force to develop a plan for increased earthquake activity possibly related to Kansas oil and gas activities.

The region is also seeing an increase in the number of small earthquakes that scientists have said could be caused by the returning of waste fluids back into the ground during the process.

The Republican governor on Monday named Rex Buchanan to lead the task force, which will meet in April in Wichita. The task force will study whether human activity is causing an increase in minor earthquakes in Kansas.

Kansas has seen increased fracking for oil and gas extraction in recent years in southern

Whizzes brainstorm at hackathons

By Martha Mendoza
AP National Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. - It used to be that "hacking" was just a type of crime, a computer break-in. But today, the term is also part of a growing - and perfectly legal - mainstay of the tech sector.

Computer programming competitions known as "hackathons" have spread like viruses in recent years as ways for geeks, nerds and designers to get together to eat pizza, lose sleep and create something new.

The formal, marathon group brainstorming sessions are focused on everything from developing lucrative apps to using computer code to solve the world's problems. This year a record 1,500 hackathons are planned around the globe, up from just a handful in 2010.

"A hackathon is the fastest way to actually do something about an idea," said Nima Adelhkani, organizer of the weekend-long Hack for Peace in the Middle East competition in San Francisco this month.

Law enforcement has not abandoned the term. Dozens of federally convicted "hackers" are serving prison sentences for computer fraud and other cybercrimes. And the Justice Department's cyber-crime budget this year is \$9 million to target offenses that include "hacking."

But the new uses have popped up with increasing frequency since a pair of tech events in 1999 where developers worked together to write programs. Yahoo gets recognition for the first official hackathon in 2005. And Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been largely credited with help-

ing broaden the definitions by urging his staff to "hack" by "building something quickly or testing the boundaries of what can be done."

A new Facebook option that went live Thursday allowing users more than 50 ways to identify their gender beyond male and female was conceived during a company hackathon four months ago.

This month, the first global hackathon for Black Male Achievement was held in Oakland, Calif. Music Hack Day is coming in Tokyo and Hackomotive competitors will develop apps in Santa Monica, Calif., that make it easier to buy and sell cars.

During these sorts of tech-heavy, weekend competitions, teams of computer programmers, software engineers and developers huddle over monitors for hours, working up new apps for smartphones or other devices. A panel of judges selects winners, and prizes are usually awarded.

"Developers are a rare breed where they get paid a lot of money to do this job during the week, and they enjoy it so much they want to do it more on the weekend," said Jon Gotfriend, who's been going to hackathons for more than three years.

As such events have become more popular, a set of rules has coalesced. Teams are typically made up of a handful of people. Designs, ideas and even mock-ups can be worked on in advance, but everyone starts writing code at the same time. And teams own whatever they come up with.

The opening stages of a hackathon can be exciting as challenges, prizes, teams and judges are introduced. But within hours there's a quiet buzz and lots of keyboard clicking as programmers make their ideas a reality.

Stories sought on personal immigration history

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is Tuesday, April 1. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number on your entry.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three

entries in each of the following class groups: fifth, sixth and seventh grade; eighth ninth and 10th grade; 11th, 12th and junior college age.

Each winner will receive two free tickets to the Colby Community College perform-

mance of "Fiddler on the Roof" at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12, or 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Frahm Theater.

For information, contact Millie Horlacher at 462-3104 or Marj Brown at 462-3515.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Table with columns for Tuesday Evening February 18, 2014. Rows include channels like KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc. and programs like Middle, Suburg., Mod Fam, Super Fun, Nashville, Local, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Nightline, Hawaii Five-0, Criminal Minds, CSI: Crime Scene, Local, Late Show Letterman, Ferguson, XXII Winter Olympics, American Idol, Local, Tonight Show.



Table with columns for Wednesday Evening February 19, 2014. Rows include channels like KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc. and programs like Middle, Suburg., Mod Fam, Super Fun, Nashville, Local, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Nightline, Hawaii Five-0, Criminal Minds, CSI: Crime Scene, Local, Late Show Letterman, Ferguson, XXII Winter Olympics, American Idol, Local, Tonight Show.

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## Flash fire fascinates

Colby Community College chemistry instructor Jeff Stephens demonstrated a flash fire for Ellis High School freshmen Wednesday. The students also toured the campus and attended an athletic, academics and activity mini-fair in the Bedker Memorial Complex.

DEBBIE SCHWANKE  
Colby Community College



## Warm up with hot new seed varieties

In this season of light snow, heavy socks and soup, I take great joy in thumbing through the new seed catalogs, particularly the sections that feature new offerings of flowers and vegetables.

As I view these "never before seen" varieties, I find myself wondering if I'll come across anything that could equal the superior quality of the cultivars I am now planting, that have given me great production and quality for 20 years.

I need not worry my old gray head for very long about that. Of course there are many talented plant breeders out there who will assign the proper genes to a new cantaloupe project that promises to offer more taste and better shipping quality than my beloved Ambrosia melon. It's only a matter of time before someone discovers an onion that is even sweeter



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

and larger than the magnificent Candy variety. And of course, some award-winning geneticist will present us with a pumpkin that will outweigh the 2013 record setting Dill's Atlantic Giant behemoth that tipped the scales at slightly over a ton.

That's just the way it is. My gardening career takes me back to the late 30s when we had no hybrids, but we had Marglobe and Rutgers tomatoes and were none the wiser about what was soon to occur in the seed world. There was no such thing as sweet corn, but the field of corn out west of the house pro-

vided roasting ears that were awfully good.

The catalogues and seed racks are filled this year with flower and vegetable seed that we have never seen before as the natural progression of new varieties continues to be a fact of life. We should make it a project this year to plant one or two of these new models just to see if they are tastier or more beautiful than the ones we have been planting for years and years.

I found many interesting possibilities this winter. One of them is a new All America winning miniplum tomato called "Fantastico." They are about twice the size of a grape tomato and are described to be "the sweetest-tasting tomato you'll ever find." You'll have to grow your own, of course, because the seed won't be at the store for a year or two. I'm going

to start a few plants.

And I think I'll also try the new All-America winning green bean called Marcotte. It is supposed to present me with lots and lots of pencil-thin beans from smaller vines than most beans. It is the first All America winning green bean since Derby was introduced in 1990. If they are as good as Derby, they have to be good. I'll plant a few.

Among the many, many new annual flowers offered this year is a new marigold named "Alumina Vanilla Cream" and it really caught my eye. I love marigolds and this one is described as one that has 2 1/2 inch lemon yellow blossoms and grows to a height of 10 to 12 inches. I had better have a packet or two.

If I were younger and more energetic and had endless space, I would try nearly all the new ones. We should all give the new offerings a try every year. There may be better things out there!

## Deaths

### Thelma Lorene Nickel

Thelma Lorene Nickel, 81, Atwood, mother of Nikki Jo (Bill) Finley of Colby, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

She was born Sept. 10, 1932, to Ralph and Clara (Hayes) Nickel in Wichita County.

She attended school in Scott County before graduating from Brown Mackie Business School in Salina. After college she was a bookkeeper and accountant in Scott City and Atwood.

A member of the First Christian Church of Atwood, she was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Business and Professional Women's Association.

Preceding her in death were her parents, three brothers and seven sisters.

She is also survived by a son, Craig Allan Nickel, Atwood; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, at the church in Atwood.

Visitation was to be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the Baalman Mortuary in Atwood.

The family suggests memorials to the church in care of the mortuary, 109 N. Second St., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.baalmanmortuary.com](http://www.baalmanmortuary.com).

## Pizza field rations approaching reality

By Rodrigue Ngowi  
Associated Press

NATICK, Mass. — They call it the holy grail of ready-to-eat meals for soldiers: a pizza that can stay on the shelf for up to three years and still remain good to eat.

Soldiers have been asking for pizza since lightweight individual field rations — known as meals ready to eat, or MREs — replaced canned food in 1981 for soldiers in combat zones or areas where field kitchens cannot be set up.

Researchers at a U.S. military lab in Massachusetts are closing in on a recipe that doesn't require any refrigeration or freezing.

"You can basically take the pizza, leave it on the counter, packaged, for three years and it'd still be edible," said Michelle Richardson, a food scientist at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Scientists at the Natick labs also are responsible for developing equipment and clothing that improves soldiers' combat effectiveness and their survival, but the quest for good pizza has become

known as the holy grail there. Pizza is one of the most requested items when soldiers are asked every year what they'd like to see in their rations, said Richardson, who has spent nearly two years developing the recipe in a large kitchen full of commercial equipment.

Scientists' efforts were long thwarted because moisture in tomato sauce, cheese and toppings migrated to the dough over time, resulting in soggy pizza that provided perfect conditions for mold and bacteria to grow.

But on-and-off research over the past few years helped them figure out ways to prevent moisture from migrating. That includes using ingredients called humectants — sugar, salt and syrups can do the trick — that bind to water and keep it from getting to the dough.

But that alone would not help the pizza remain fresh for three years at 80 degrees, so scientists tweaked the acidity of the sauce, cheese and dough to make it harder for oxygen and bacteria to thrive. They also added iron filings to the package to absorb any air remaining in the pouch.

## Couple marries in Rexford City Park

Jay Dahl and Sondra Barnett were married in the Rexford City Park on Aug. 31, 2013, with about 200 of their family and friends present.

Shalom Schuldt, the bride's daughter, was her mother's attendant, and Tim Dahl, the groom's son, stood up with his dad.

The couple came to the altar to the song, "Hold Me," by Jamie Grace. Their pastor, Steve Todd, officiated.

At the end of the service, there was a time for blessing of the couple by several family members.

Vocalists were Mandy Barnett of Azle, Texas, daughter-in-law of the bride, who sang "I Will Be Here," by Steven Curtis Chapman, and Tabitha Barnett of Liberal, granddaughter of the bride, who sang "The Blessing Song," by Dennis Jernigan.

Bryan Barnett, the bride's son, managed the sound system.

Guest book attendants were Ashley Anderson and Jessica Dunn, granddaughters of the groom.

Food coordinators were Vicki Wark and Phyllis Cheney. Serving at the cake table were Tina Anderson and Linda Dunn, daughters of the groom, and Tessa Barnett, daughter-in-law of the bride.

The coordinator for the wedding was Gloria Dible of Rogers, Ark., sister of the bride.

After the ceremony, the group enjoyed a meal and social time, during which the bride and groom went down the slide.

The couple honeymooned in Branson and Rogers, Mo.

## Corrections

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

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.67
Corn (bushel)	\$4.39
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.45
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.52

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Please help the Colby High School FFA Chapter in their celebration of National FFA Week by attending an appreciation breakfast at Colby High School, Thursday, February 20, in the commons area from 6:30 - 8 a.m.

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## Other Viewpoints

### Difficult to judge educational success

The ability of students in Kansas to read at their appropriate grade levels is receiving a lot of attention from legislators, as it does every year and as it should.

A recent report shows that far too many of Kansas fourth-graders, and other students, are testing below proficient in reading and that the achievement gap between students from low-income homes and higher-income homes is widening.

State and local education officials should be alarmed at such findings and should do everything possible to increase the reading ability of all students at an early age. Increasing the number of students who read at grade level and reducing the achievement gap between low- and higher-income students would be a notable achievement.

But everyone must realize total success is beyond reach. Those who think one day all students will read at grade level and there will be no proficiency gap are fooling themselves. Society and home life play roles in education that, so far, no one has figured out how to completely overcome.

Some young people living in poverty do very well in school, generally because their parents or someone else in the household respects education, passes that respect along to the child and shows an interest in his or her achievement.

Students who don't have that support at home generally don't do as well in school regardless of economic status, although some in all socioeconomic groups do exhibit the self-determination to succeed on their own.

Constantly throwing more money at the schools isn't the answer to proficiency, neither is removing the least effective 5 percent of teachers working in public schools, as one legislator suggests.

School funding doesn't follow a student out on the streets.

Granted, ineffective teachers should be weeded out as soon as they are recognized. That may be possible when there is a surplus of good teachers looking for employment, but not so easy when school districts are struggling to fill available teaching positions. And there's always going to be a bottom 5 percent, regardless of how good a district's staff may be.

The readiness of the children society sends to schools has a great bearing on the success of our educators. Anyone who doesn't believe that should visit an elementary school.

That doesn't mean we should accept the status quo. Teachers must strive to get the best from all students.

In the end, there will be students who aren't proficient and an achievement gap. Keeping those numbers as low as possible will be success.

- The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press

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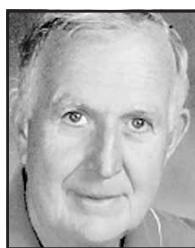
### Agriculture a driving force in Kansas

I appreciate the positive comments about my attempt to keep northwest Kansas informed about events and policy in Topeka. It is not possible to highlight every event, but I like to share with you what I find interesting.

Being a representative from our area, I am well aware of the importance of agriculture to the Kansas economy. I spend a lot of time trying to convince other representatives and senators that we should always consider how new laws and appropriations will affect this area.

Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, valued at more than \$35 billion and accounting for 25 percent of the state's total economy. In Kansas, there are 52.3 million acres of land, and farmland accounts for 88.6 percent of this. Eighty percent of our population lives on 20 percent of our land mass. There are 28 million acres in Kansas devoted to growing crops, and 16 million is pastureland for grazing animals.

Kansas is a strong part of the animal health



**Ward Cassidy**  
• This week in Topeka

corridor. Between Columbia, Mo., and Manhattan sits the single largest concentration of animal-health interests in the world.

The comment about where people live means the 20 percent of us who live on 80 percent of the land have to fight harder for a voice and recognition. I believe family-owned farms are the backbone of Kansas.

The McCarty Family Dairy has done an awful lot for northwest Kansas. The dairy has put us on the map with Topeka. Kansas is quickly becoming the new dairy frontier in the United States. Kansas is home to 123,000 dairy cows

that produced more than 2.7 billion pounds of milk in 2012.

With positive growth being shown, the governor has proposed more dollars for rural housing. The new tax plan has also made more companies consider moving to not only Kansas City but to rural Kansas.

It is now up to each of our communities to look for ways to grow and ways to encourage others to come and experience the "good life" northwest Kansas has to offer.

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.

### Noxious weeds spread by antelope

To the editor:

Farmers are having problems with noxious weeds south of Goodland due to the abundant supply of antelope in the area. These animals are spreading Canada thistle, bindweed, etc., in large amounts when they lie down and graze in large numbers. It is not uncommon for 10 to 40 antelope in a group to graze in an area time after time.

I have land that came out of Conservation Reserve a few years ago, and they still frequently remain there and on the neighboring lands. The Canada thistle is thick over this entire area.

I have spent \$32 per acre for chemicals to eliminate it so far this year and still have thistle all over the land. I had a state biologist look over it and was issued five depredation permits for deer but none for antelope. The antelope frequent the area, but I have seldom seen deer there.

The biologist, Mr. Sowers, was very cooperative but will not give any permits for the antelope. I also spoke with game warden Mike Hopper and feel he was completely arrogant when speaking to him. Hopper claims the antelope do not cause any more harm than mice, rats, birds, etc. Due to the reputation Mr. Hopper has with farmers in the area, because of his lack of cooperation and consideration on the matter, some farmers in the area feel he should be brought up for review.

What are our rights as landowners concerning the deer and antelope? Are we to just simply tolerate this issue with noxious weeds forever? Deer depredation permit guidelines require deer to be taken on specific acreage only. If they are on neighboring land next to yours, the animal cannot be harvested. This regulation makes it nearly impossible to use the permits. With so many obligations as a farmer, we do not have time to waste waiting on deer to cross the line to specific land so they can be taken legally.

Are farmers to continue to suffer damage from noxious weeds and damaged fence from deer and antelope forever, or will the Wildlife and Parks reimburse for the noxious weed spraying and fence damages?

Will Wildlife and Parks allow property owners to harvest deer and antelope on their land without all the hassle of obtaining permission



**Free Press Letter Drop**  
• Our readers sound off

from biased game wardens who make the lives of farmers in the area as miserable as possible due to the damage received, yet at no cost to the wildlife official or the department itself?

Or is it the attitude of game officials to ensure that a nuisance problem remain forever, whatever the cost the land owner or operator? I and several of the surrounding land owners want an answer to what can be done to solve these problems.

Chuck Ihrig, Sherman County

#### Our direction troubling

To the Editor:

As a senior citizen, I am becoming more and more concerned about the direction our country is moving. My wife and I are in our 90s, and we will be able to live out our lives regardless of the conditions, but our concerns are for our children and grandchildren. What kind of world they will have to raise their families in.

We are living in a dangerous world, and one that will challenge even the very best of them to successfully overcome the trials that they will face.

We see the core beliefs that we grew up with being challenged. It seems that there is an all-out war on the family, which is the most important unit in our society. There are efforts to diminish the right to practice our Christian beliefs. Prayer is being taken out of our schools. Christmas is no longer about Christ.

Efforts are being made to legalize harmful mind-altering drugs. The sanctity of marriage is being attacked, and every day, our freedoms are slowly being taken away from us, such as efforts to weaken our Second Amendment right to protect our families. Add to this a staggering \$17 trillion national debt that will eventually have to be paid by generations to come.

So what can we do? The answer is to draw

close to your families. Teach them moral and ethical values. We may not be able to change the world, but we can strengthen our own little world, our home and our families. I feel that most people feel the same way that we do. Good strong families make good strong communities like Colby, and good communities make a strong country.

I love being in a community where children still can walk to school and feel safe, and I love living in America. Even with all its problems, it is still the greatest country in the world, but we all need to do what we can to stop the slow destruction of the values that we all cherish.

I am grateful to have the privilege of attending a church every Sunday that stresses the importance of families and the eternal nature of them. We know that all churches strive to do the same. We are grateful to be able to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ, and God, our Eternal Father, and pray each day that our children will welcome them into their homes.

In closing, once again, draw your families close to you. Express your love for them and strengthen them for whatever lies ahead.

Erwin Mitchell, Colby

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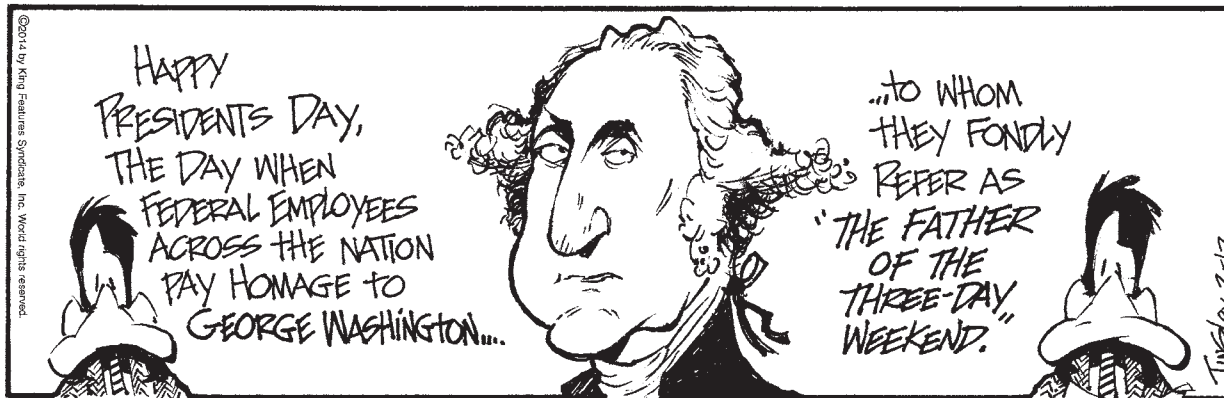
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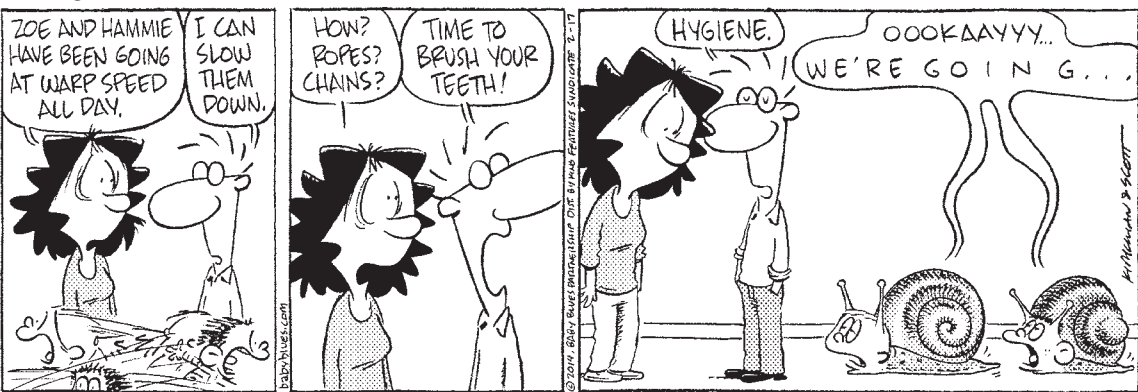
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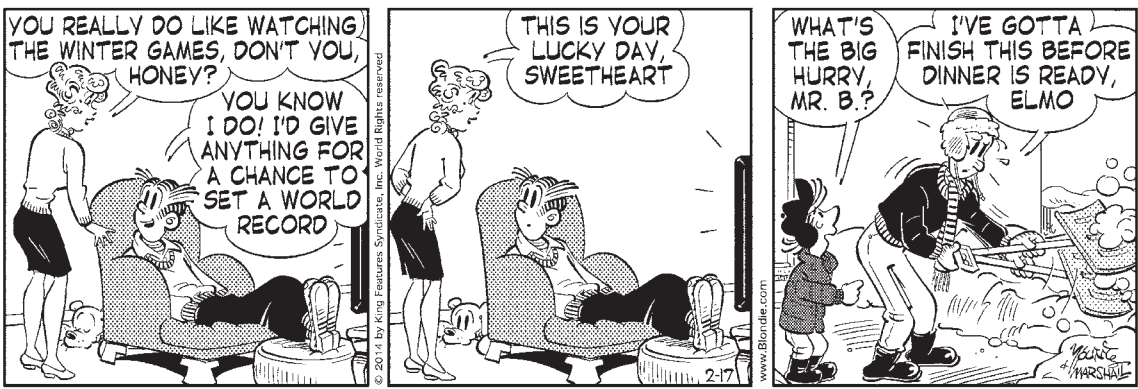
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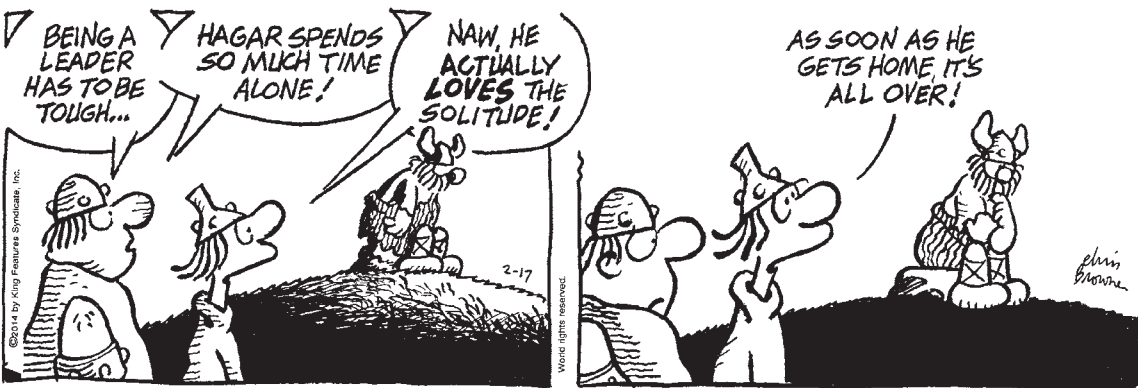
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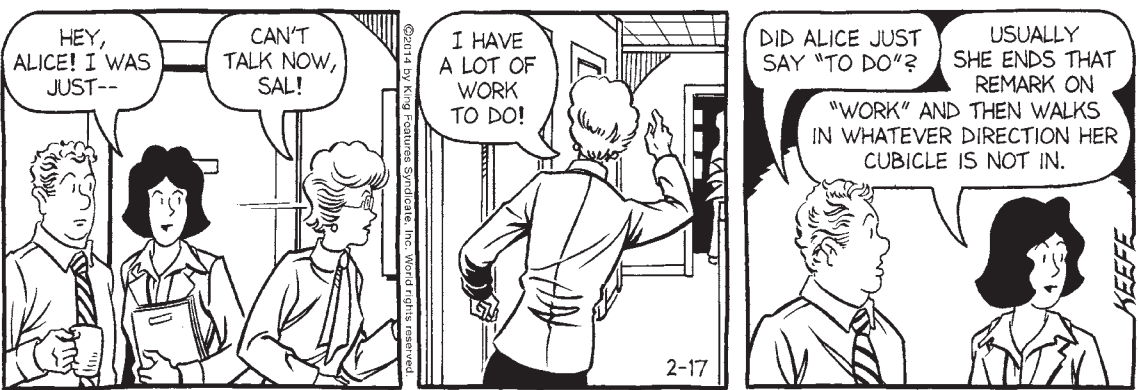
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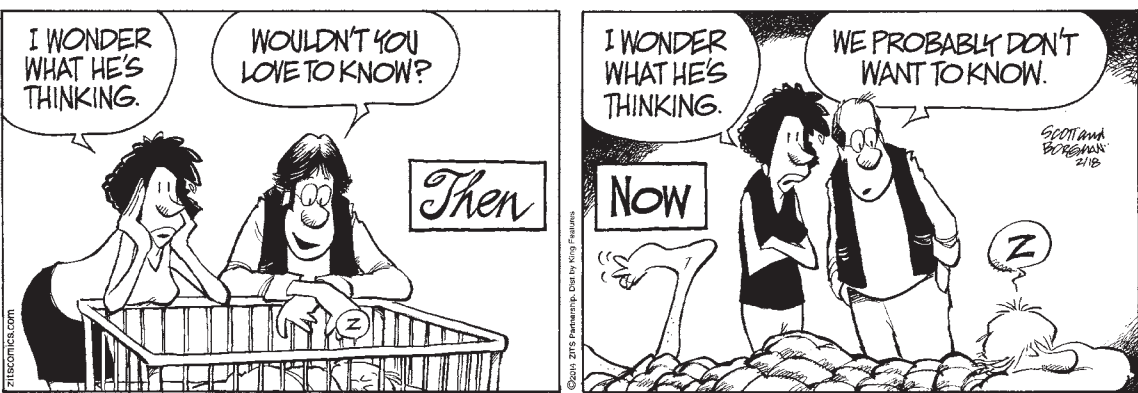
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• Antiques and Collecting

**President's Day not official name**

Presidents' Day this year is today. It's set by law as the third Monday of February. But it's officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. George Washington's Birthday, a national holiday, used to be celebrated on Feb. 22. Abraham Lincoln's birthday was Feb. 12 and was not a federal holiday. Washington's Birthday celebration was moved in 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to add more three-day weekends to the annual calendar. The holiday was not officially renamed Presidents' Day because Congress could not agree on changing the name, but the day was said to also honor Lincoln and other presidents.



Some states still celebrate individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, most stick with Presidents' Day even though that's not the holiday's legal name. For many people, the holiday becomes a day off work and one with great sales, especially of new cars. While there are virtually no souvenirs of Presidents' Day, there are many pictures, pieces of pottery, textiles, pieces of furniture, medals, coins, signs and other advertising, sheet music, toys and much more to collect if the memory of George Washington or Abraham Lincoln is your focus.

This 1884 badge is a valuable rare memento honoring President Abraham Lincoln. The picture is a ferrotype (a photograph, often called a tintype, made on a thin sheet of iron) mounted in a 5/8-by-1/2-inch brass frame on an eagle-shaped hanger. The badge could be pinned on a suit or a dress. Heritage Auctions of Dallas sold it for \$1,375 in November 2013.

**Q: I have two birthday greeting notes mailed to my father-in-law by President Dwight Eisenhower. They shared the same birthday, Oct. 14. I have one of the franked envelopes the greeting was mailed in, too. The envelope, postmarked Oct. 17, 1967, was mailed from Gettysburg, Pa. Do the greetings have any value? What bothers me is the Eisenhower signatures on the notes are identical.**

**A:** President Eisenhower sometimes used an autopen to sign his name before, during and after his presidency (1953-1961). If you have two signatures exactly alike, they were no doubt signed by autopen. After Ike left Washington, D.C., he retired to a farm in Gettysburg. If the note with the franked envelope had Eisenhower's real signature, it could be worth more than \$400. A note signed by autopen is a nice family souvenir. (c) 2014 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 4  
 ♥ 8 6 3 2  
 ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ K J 9 5 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 8 7 6 2  
 ♥ 7 5  
 ♦ 7 3  
 ♣ 10 8 6 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ A K J 9  
 ♥ K J 10 9 4  
 ♦ J 9 8 4  
 ♣ —

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 10 5 3  
 ♥ A Q  
 ♦ 10 6 5 2  
 ♣ A Q 7 3

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ 2 ♣  
 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 3 ♥ Dble  
 4 ♥ Pass 5 ♣ 5 ♠  
 Pass Pass 6 ♣ Pass  
 Pass Dble  
 Opening lead — six of spades.

**Famous Hand**  
 This deal was played in the 1930s, which accounts for some of the bids that led to six clubs doubled. The declarer was Waldemar von Zedtwitz, whose name was closely associated with every facet of contract bridge from the time the game was invented in 1926.

West led a spade to East's king, and East returned the jack of hearts. Von Zedtwitz finessed the queen and led the three of clubs. When West followed with the deuce, von Zedtwitz played dummy's four!

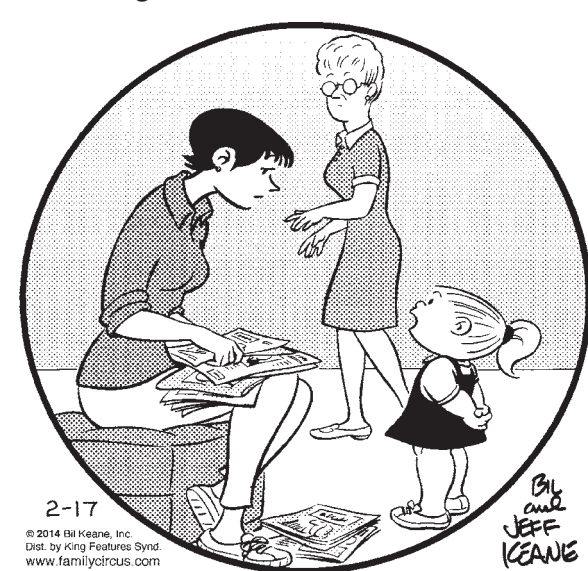
After the club finesse succeeded, as seemed likely from the bidding, declarer had smooth sailing. He cashed the ace of hearts, led a diamond to dummy, ruffed a heart with the club queen, led the seven of clubs to dummy's nine, ruffed dummy's last heart with the ace and trumped a spade in dummy.

The K-J of clubs drew West's two remaining trumps, and the A-K of diamonds won the last two tricks to give von Zedtwitz a score of 1,090 points.

Subsequent analysis showed that the slam could not have been made without the deep trump finesse at trick three. Finessing the four of clubs was by no means just a fancy play — it was absolutely essential.

West could have thrown a spanner into the works by playing the six of clubs at trick three instead of the deuce, but this does not diminish the luster of von Zedtwitz's play once he got the chance to finesse the four. Taking advantage of defensive slips is an important part of the game. (c)2014 King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Mommy, I forget what it was we weren't goin' to tell Grandma about."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/17

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.

**Cryptoquip**

C M C S X F K F S K F F X F X R V  
 Z C B I V O R R F K G V O K X A V Y  
 Z O I E L B K M Z C R F S B C I, A V L F  
 O A F X R L F E V Z G V A R V Y Y B E F.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE YOU STILL DIDN'T SPELL THAT COMBINING WORD FORM CORRECTLY, WILL YOU REFIX THE PREFIX?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals F

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

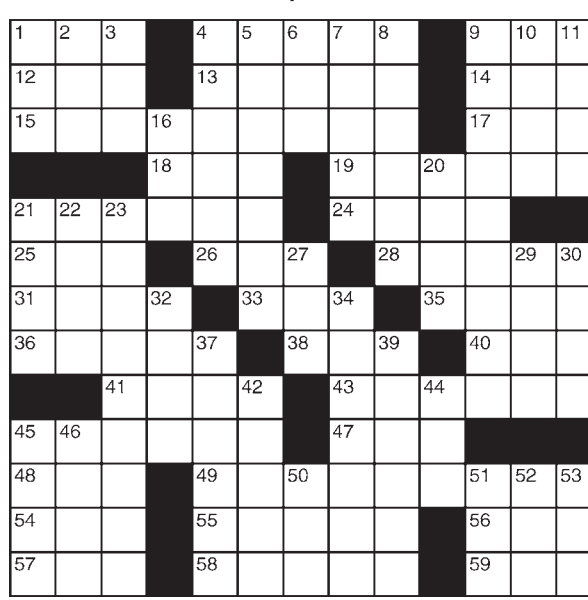
1 Moon-shine container  
 4 Oust from the ABA structure  
 9 Crow's cry  
 12 Alias abbr.  
 13 Banish  
 14 Bear (Sp.)  
 15 Learned by rote  
 17 "— Abner"  
 18 Huge  
 19 Isolated  
 21 Happen to  
 24 Wound souvenir  
 25 Cheer-leader's call  
 26 Conclude  
 28 Omit in pronunciation

**DOWN**

40 Navy newbie (Abbr.)  
 41 Coral  
 43 Mire  
 45 Black eye  
 47 Inmate  
 48 Oz VIP, for short  
 49 Turned to gas  
 54 Exist  
 55 Overact  
 56 Rd.  
 57 Foundation  
 58 Believer of a sort  
 59 Church seat

2 Luau music-maker, briefly  
 3 Group of whales  
 4 Ridicule  
 5 Requiring immediate action  
 6 "That's show —"  
 7 Baldwin and Guinness  
 8 Lessen  
 9 Conversion from black-and-white  
 10 "Yeah, right!"  
 11 Red Riding Hood's pursuer

16 Japanese sash  
 20 Body powder  
 21 Some unmentionables  
 22 Sunrise site  
 23 Speculated  
 27 Scooby-Doo  
 29 "Phooey!"  
 30 Gaelic animals?  
 32 "So be it!"  
 34 Team  
 37 Annoyed  
 39 Broccoli piece  
 42 Physique  
 44 Numerical prefix  
 45 Mop  
 46 Employ  
 50 Taro recipe  
 51 Use the microwave  
 52 Night before  
 53 Morning moisture



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## Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, food, visits, and love shown me after my recent surgery. God's blessings on all. -Joan Albers  
---2/13---2/19---

## Notices

**Two Day Sale! Children's Clothing & Equipment Consignment Sale:** Friday & Saturday, March 21-22, Colby 4H Building. Interested in selling your high-quality, gently-loved children's and maternity items? Deadline to sign: March 12th. Contact thechildrenscloset@yahoo.com, Denise at 785-221-2659 or on Facebook.  
---2/17---2/21---

**Struggle with fine lines and wrinkles, discoloration, uneven skin texture, enlarged pores, aging or loose skin,** NeriumAD can help you. Featured on CBS, The View, and The Doctors, NeriumAD can help you. NeriumAD Open House Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1, 3 and 5 p.m., Sunday Feb. 23 at 2 and 4 p.m., 1150 S. Franklin, Lot #12 or call 785-443-1458.  
---2/17---2/21---

**Plum Creek Ltd. - Colby** Winter Clearance 40% OFF - New Spring Arriving Daily!  
---2/14---3/6---

**Brule, Neb. Gun Show.** Brule Activity Center. February 22 and 23. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Drawing for 2 Ruger handguns. Call 308-287-2528 for more information.  
---2/7---2/20---

**Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner.** Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673.  
---12/15---TFN---

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---3/1---TFN---

## Help Wanted

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---2/13---2/26---

## HELP WANTED

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Contact Chris Kraft at 785-460-6746; 1-800-369-3673 or fordcars@st-tel.net.

## Help Wanted

**City of Winona needing full time** help with city maintenance work. Send application to City of Winona P.O. Box 262 Winona KS 67764. For any questions phone 785-846-7442.  
---2/17---3/14---

**Looking for a way to increase** your income working a few hours a week from home. Ask me about the Nerium opportunity and I can help you get started. Call 785-443-1458 or visit www.mitch2014.nerium.com.  
---2/17---2/21---

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---2/14---2/27---

**Great Benefits - The Colby Housing** Authority is seeking applications for a full-time position in the Maintenance Department. Applicant must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent; have a valid Kansas Driver's License and a driving record free of convictions for at least one year, and no felony convictions. We offer great benefits including optional health, dental, and life insurance, sick leave, vacation, and KPERs retirement benefits. Applications are available at the Colby Housing Authority office, 600 S. Mission Ridge, Colby or call 785-460-6763 to request one by mail. This position will be open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer.  
---2/12---2/17---

**Registered Nurse, Full-time** position available; night shift; twelve hour shifts. Successful applicants will possess a positive attitude, strong communication skills, and basic computer knowledge. Holiday and weekend rotation required. Cheyenne County Hospital offers competitive wages, paid CEUs, support for educational growth, and a comprehensive benefit package. Call or go online to learn more! www.cheyennecountyhospital.com; 785-332-2104 ext. 116-Human Resources.  
---2/12---2/24---

Woofter Construction & Irrigation, Inc. is looking for a full time **Welder/Mechanic**

*Benefits include:*  
Vacation, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aflac, 401K  
Application is available online at [www.woofter.com](http://www.woofter.com) or pick one up at 1965 Thielen Ave., Colby, KS



## HELP WANTED

**Part-time Registered Nurse** position available at the Thomas County Health Department, Colby, KS. Must have current KS RN license. Nurse would be responsible for clinical and community nurse practice supporting a busy health department. Duties include patient assessment, counseling, maternal and child health, immunizations, women's health and disease investigations. Also providing health education and promotion services. 19 hrs/wk. No benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Call 785-460-4596 or visit 350 S. Range, Ste 2 Colby, KS to apply. TCHD is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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**The Team at Kansasland Tire** of Norton has an immediate opening for a service truck operator/general service person. Must have a valid drivers license. Competitive wages, 401k, insurance, & uniforms. Experience preferred, but not necessary we will train. Please stop by at 11101 Rd E1, Norton and pick up an application or call 785-877-5181 EOE.  
---2/12---TFN---

**The Sheridan County Long Term** Care Unit has an opening for a night RN or LPN. Apply to Becky Tate, RN at 785-675-3281 Ext. 146.  
---2/13---2/19---

**Office of the State Fire Marshal** is seeking a FT Deputy Boiler Inspector. See requisition #174750 at <http://jobs.ks.gov>. Ad paid for by State Agency EOE, VPE  
---2/17---2/28---

**CDL truck driver** tanker required, local area, home every night. If interested call 620-874-0971.  
---2/5---2/24---

**Needed, CDL route/delivery drivers** in the Colby area. Benefit package available after 60 days. For more information, contact Rick at 308-627-6815.  
---2/5---2/17---

**Electrician with 3 years experience** or journeyman's license needed for service technician, pump and pivot irrigation work. Apply at Hitchcock, Inc. of Goodland or call 785-899-5628 for more information.  
---1/22---2/17---

**Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc.,** 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all shop positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire, service call, and alignment technicians. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100.  
---1/8---TFN---

**PSI Transport, LLC,** is always looking for good company livestock and grain haulers as well as shop mechanics. Competitive pay life/health/dental benefit and bonus program available. EOE (785) 675-3477  
---7/13---TFN---

## Pump Rig Operator 50K & Benefits

Apply at Western Sprinklers, Inc., 1100 S. Range Ave, Colby, KS.  
*Drug testing required.*



## Loan Officer

Farm Credit is accepting applications for a full time position for a loan officer. Position requires a four year college degree in Agriculture, Business, Accounting, Economics, or related field. Prefer a minimum of 3-years agriculture lending, financial statement analysis, accounting or equivalent combination of education and experience. The successful applicant will have an understanding of agriculture production in Northwest Kansas and will display strong communication and computer skills. Salary to be determined based upon qualifications, with benefit package provided. To apply submit letter of application and resume to Farm Credit of Western Kansas, PO Box 667, Colby, KS 67701 attention Mark Winger or email to [mark.winger@fcwk.com](mailto:mark.winger@fcwk.com). Applications accepted until position is filled.

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---3/21---TFN---

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**Downtown office space for rent,** corner location, utilities included with rent. Call Thomas County Insurance 785-462-8246.  
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**Storage rentals 10x25.** Discount for multiple months. Call 785-443-3261.  
---1/24---2/20---

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**2 room efficiency apartment** includes utilities. No pets. Call 785-443-3261.  
---1/24---2/20---

## Houses for Sale

**Historic home - Grinnell,** 2014 sq. ft, double size corner lot, 4 BR, 2 bath, garage, workshop area, lawn shed, fenced. Cheryl 785-462-0027 email for pics [csolberg@nkesc.org](mailto:csolberg@nkesc.org)  
---2/14---3/6---

**For sale or trade.** 3 bedroom home in Brewster, 106 Nebraska. \$39,000 OBO. Contact Kenny at 719-740-1072.  
---1/30---3/19---

## Misc. for Sale

**Refrigerators, electric stoves, air** conditioner, under-counter dishwashers. We do not buy appliances. 785-694-8013.  
---2/10---3/7---

**Colby Community College**

Colby Community College is accepting applications for part-time **Bus Drivers**. Must have CDL and a good safety driving record. Applications are available in the Administration area located in Thomas Hall. Send application to Colby Community College, Attn: Lisa Faila, 1255 S. Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701. Job to remain open until filled. CCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversifying its work force and encourages applications from women, members of minority groups, individuals with disabilities and veterans.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Estate of TERRY HUBBARD, Deceased

Case No. 2014-PR-8

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:  
Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Two (2), Township Nine (9), Range Thirty-seven (37), Sherman County, Kansas

Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to All of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Twelve (12), Range Thirty-eight (38), Wallace County, Kansas

Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section One (1), Township Eight (8), Range Thirty-five (35), Thomas County, Kansas

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are hereby notified to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 11, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Colby, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Rita K. Witt, Petitioner

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In the Matter of the Estate of BERTILLA MARIE WILSON, Deceased

Case No. 2014-PR-7

### NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 10, 2014 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated March 18, 2009 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Lonnie D. Wilson be appointed as Executor and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 11, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Colby at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Lonnie D. Wilson, Petitioner

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# Tough weekend for Trojans

Despite dramatic game-tying comebacks in both games, Colby Community College's softball team saw visiting North Platte, Neb., score 13 last at-bat runs for an 11-9, 19-13 sweep on Saturday.

The Trojans trailed 6-2 through six innings of their opener until a four-run seventh forced an extra frame.

However, the North Platte College Knights promptly plated another five and survived Colby's three-run rally to earn this victory.

Game two featured another deficit of 8-1 for Colby, which was no problem when the Trojans unleashed an eight-run, fifth-inning barrage to lead 9-8.

Yet once again, the Knights were ready to retaliate. They took an 11-9 lead, watched Colby tie them again at 11-11, then touched home another eight times to secure their eventual 19-13 triumph.

"We showed a lot of heart, fight

and determination today," North Platte coach Janelle Higgins remarked on the college's website. "Our hitting kept us alive, which showed all our hard work this winter paid off. We were able to play six hours today and still have gas in the tank."

The Knights (2-0 record) knocked four home runs out of Carl Adams Field with Siara Velasquez crushing two.

Colby's Sarah Churchwell sent a shot to the heavens early in game one for her first home run this season. Other individual Trojan stats were not available before today's press deadline.

The Trojans (0-2) play another home doubleheader when Lamar, Colo., Community College visits Tuesday afternoon.

First pitch is set for 3 p.m. with game two scheduled at 5.

**Men's basketball**  
The Trojans tallied 56 second-

half points but could not overcome a 53-31 halftime deficit.

Jeremiah Ingram tallied 24 points while Branden Williams hit four three-pointers to follow up his 29-point effort against Hutchinson Community College on Saturday.

Barton County (18-7 overall) countered with 30 points from Darius Gibson and Raheem Johnson's 25 on 12-of-14 shooting.

The Trojans (9-18 overall) return home to try and break this 11-game Jayhawk West Conference losing streak against Dodge City Wednesday evening.

**Colby (87)** — Jeremiah Ingram 24 points, Branden Williams 17, Terry Starks 13, Joey Meyer 12, Ramon Johnson 10, Justin Talley 8, Kyle Summers 3. Three-point goals: Williams 4, Starks 2, Summers. Rebound leaders: Johnson 7, Ingram 6, Talley 6. Assists: Starks 5, Ingram 5. Blocked shots:

Ingram 3.

**Barton (97)** — Darius Gibson's game-high 30 points paced the home team.

**Women's basketball**  
Freshman guard Deja Cato's career-best 24 points, six rebounds and six assists highlighted the opening game with Barton County.

Colby alum McKenna Ortner added eight points as she continues her return from a recent concussion.

**Colby (55)** — Deja Cato 24 points, McKenna Ortner 8, Amanda Miller 7, Deandra Williams 6, Tori Biddle 4, Loren Evans 2, Ariel Hutchinson 2. Three-point goals: Ortner 2, Biddle. Rebound leaders: Evans 6, Cato 6. Assists: Cato 6. Steals: Five Trojans each swiped one. Blocked shots: Evans 2.

**Barton (85)** — Cheyenne Edrington's 18 points led Barton.



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Freshman Morgan Worthington (3) touched home with Colby Community College's first run of the 2014 season during a home doubleheader against North Platte, Neb., College on Saturday.

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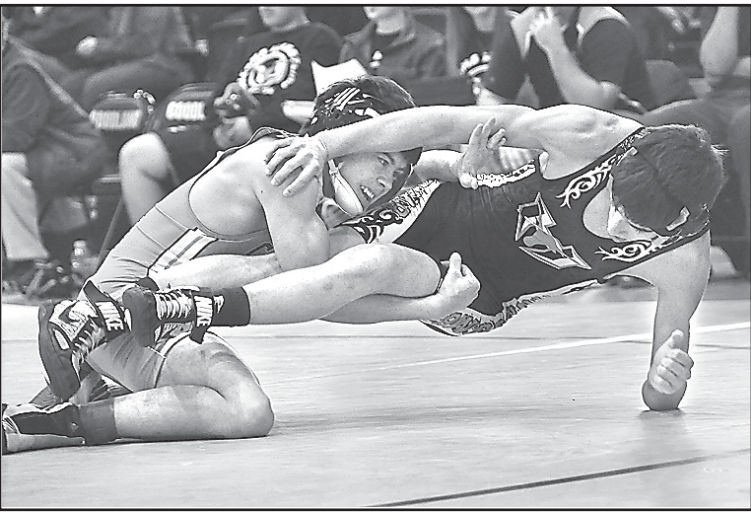
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Colby High freshman Ernie Leija attacked this Holcomb opponent during the recent Great West Athletic Conference meet. Now it's time for the Eagles to be home for this weekend's all-important 4A regional/state-qualifying tournament.

# Eagles roaring into regional

Colby High's Andrew Voss trounced through five matches on Saturday to take home the Bill Voss Novice Invitational 138-pound championship.

Sophomore Brady Slinger also went undefeated (3-0) to capture a 195-pound title in this tournament featuring freshmen and sophomore wrestlers.

Voss showed why the Eagles have great depth at many weights. He earned three pins on Saturday against Oberlin, Scott City and Oakley opponents with no match making it through two full periods.

His final match was perhaps his most dominating performance, as Voss scored a 20-5 tech fall over Garden City's Dylan Unger.

Slinger went a full three periods to beat his first two foes 6-3 and 7-2. He capped the perfect day by pinning Phillipsburg's Jon Mahathey in just 2:29.

Other Eagle medalists on Saturday were freshmen Ernie Leija (second at 106), Tanner Reed (second at 113), Colyn Gugelman (second at 220), Tyler Schritter (third at 126) and Chase Holzmeister (fourth at 170).

Meanwhile, the Colby High wrestlers gained some more winning momentum going into this weekend's 4A regional meet at Colby.

On Friday night, the Eagles conquered this season's final dual by a 57-15 final count in Hoxie.

Connor Edmundson's first-period pin of his 170-pound match highlighted a dual filled with open weights.

Eagle teammates Kaiden Summers, Alex Young, Brady Holzmeister, Bryce Arnberger, Matthew Pieper, Andrew Taylor, Slinger and Austin Hart all won by forfeits.

Brett Schroeder did deliver one more win on the mat, a 5-2 decision over Hoxie's Drake Rowh.

The Indians provided some challenges like 3A-2A-1A No. 1-ranked 126-pounder Tristan Porsch.

Porsch displayed great prowess

by pinning Schritter at the 2:48 mark.

Heavyweight Mark Schippers finished a :40 victory over Gugelman. Bryce Bacon earned a 6-2 decision against Leija at 106.

The Eagles will get their top lineup ready for this weekend's all-important 4A regional meet which determine state tournament spots.

A total of 14 teams will be competing in Colby's Community Building on Friday and Saturday.

Leading the field will be 4A No. 4-rated Goodland, No. 6 Lindsborg-Smoky Valley and No. 9 Abilene along with No. 8 Colby. Matches begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and resume at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Finals are set for 6:30 p.m.

# Titans shoot down 'Hawks

By R.B. Headley

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Non-stop turbulence greeted the Thunderhawks of Wheatland-Grinnell when they visited Triplains-Brewster Friday evening.

From the opening tip, these 'Hawks were doomed as they flew into traps created by relentless Titan pressure.

Coach Michael Collett's boys clearly had a hunger that no Valentine Day's chocolate was going to satisfy. It had been one full month since Triplains-Brewster tasted victory on Jan. 14 against Golden Plains, but that all changed with a 45-22 home victory Friday night.

Sophomore Coleton Rogge's game-high 14 points paced the Titans (6-8 record) throughout this happy holiday performance.

Home fans cheered their team to an early 16-5 lead that reached 14 points at 21-7 on Rogge's corner jumper.

The Thunderhawks (5-11 record) really never recovered. They saw the Titans constantly tip passes or create turnovers while only scoring seven points TOTAL after intermission.

Senior Nathan Jorgensen hit both of his trifectas during the second half to finish with eight points.

Classmate Seth Smith also tallied eight on "Seniors Night" at Triplains-Brewster.

The Titans had lost five straight before Friday night. Now they'll try to start a win streak tonight in



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Triplains-Brewster 6'2" sophomore Taylor Stramel fired up this shot Friday night over Wheatland-Grinnell's Thomas Heier (22) and Douglas Wisbey (25). The Titans stormed to a 45-22 win.

a rescheduled home game against St. Francis (8-8 record).

**Triplains-Brewster (45)** —

Coleton Rogge 14 points, Nathan Jorgensen 8, Seth Smith 8, Taylor Stramel 5, Jaden Schmdit 4, Ryan

Gfeller 2, C.J. Felzien 2, Justin Schmidt 2. Three-point goals: Jorgensen 2.

**Wheatland-Grinnell (22)** —

Douglas Wisbey's eight points paced the Thunderhawks.

# Longhorns rumble past Colby

The Colby High girls took a brief first-half lead Friday night, but there just too much Holcomb firepower during these Longhorns' 59-38 home win.

A combined 40 points from senior Haley Heydman (23) and junior Taylor Deniston (17) looks

# Holcomb outscores Eagle boys

Sleep returned to haunt Colby's defense as Trey Sleep tallied 17 points in the Holcomb Longhorns' 72-40 home win Friday evening.

The Longhorns showed super balance of a 14-3 team. Senior Heath Tucker added 15 points while freshman Cody VanCleave tallied another 14.

Senior Cameron Brown (12 points) was the lone double-digit scorer for Colby. The Eagles slipped to 2-14 overall entering Tuesday night's home game against rival Goodland.

Opening tip is set for 8 p.m. in Colby's Community Building.

A glance at all Eagle leaders during Friday's contest:

**Colby (40)** — Cameron Brown 12 points, Austin Russ 8, Marc Bremenkamp 7, Chandler Comfort 4, Ashto Russ 4, Luke Cox 3, Donte Whitfield 2. Rebound leaders: Bremenkamp 5, Cox 3, Austin Russ 3. Assists: Brown 3, Cox 2, Comfort 2. Steals: Comfort 2. Blocked shots: Brown 2.

Other upcoming area sports activity:

**Tuesday**

College softball: Lamar at Colby, 3/5 p.m.

Girls/boys basketball: Goodland at Colby, 6:30/8 p.m.

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impressive enough.

Yet also consider the 15-2 Longhorns got 14 rebounds from senior Kylee Amos while Deniston corralled 12 and delivered a game-high nine assists.

All those efforts were enough to keep the Longhorns a perfect 8-0 at home. They pulled away despite senior Haileigh Shull's 18-point, eight-rebound performance.

"She (Shull) is good," Holcomb coach Kenton Tennal told The Garden City Telegram. "We definitely could have done a better job on her."

The Eagles (6-10 overall) were definitely more competitive than

a 60-24 home loss to 4A top-five ranked Holcomb last month. However, they'll have to continue pursuing their first win since reaching the Orange & Black Classic championship game on Jan. 25.

Beating rival Goodland will be the Eagles' next goal. The Cowgirls (10-5) invade Colby's Community Building on Tuesday for a 6 p.m. varsity game.

**Colby (38)** — Haileigh Shull 18 points, Lara Stephens 6, Brielle McKee 5, Shailla Giebler 5, Brenly Terrell 4. Rebound leaders: Shull 8, Stephens 7, Terrell 6. Assists: Stephens 4, Terrell 2, Brooklyn Bange 2. Steals: Shull 2.

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# Titan girls earn crucial win

By R.B. Headley

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With substate playoffs rapidly approaching, the Triplains-Brewster girls picked up their pace and rallied for a 45-34 home win over Wheatland-Grinnell Friday night.

"This was a big game for the substate pairings," coach Kent Gfeller declared as his Titans improved to 11-3 overall while Wheatland-Grinnell's now 11-5. "We have three games next week because of the snow (postponements), so we want that first-round bye."

Wheatland-Grinnell waved bye-bye to the first half by hitting a last-second bank shot off the glass.

The Thunderhawks led 18-17, but that second half belonged to Triplains-Brewster.

Junior Shayna Rogge shook off a rough first half as she scored eight of her 10 points after intermission.

Classmate Dara Roulier dominated inside for 12 more points. Guards Brittany Plummer and Alicia Barrie then hit the Titans' final four free throws to seal this win.

**Triplains-Brewster (45)** — Dara Roulier 12 points, Shayna



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Triplains-Brewster junior Shayna Rogge kept her focus on the goal despite pressure from three Wheatland-Grinnell defenders Friday evening. Rogge tallied 10 points in the Titans' victory.

Rogge 10, Brittany Plummer 7, 4, Kelly Lamb 3, April Mays 2. C.J. Lewallen 7, Alicia Barrie Three-point goal: Plummer.

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<b>Kansas Association of Counties</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
• Grant money was disbursed from the Kansas Statehouse Thomas County Map Fund for the Thomas County portion of the Statehouse Map project.	
<b>Kansas State University</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
• Rachel Juenemann received a scholarship from the Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship Fund.	
<b>Leadership Thomas County</b>	<b>\$1,996.45</b>
• \$1,187.90 was granted for the Youth Leadership Thomas County Class project to provide new physical education equipment to all Thomas County Schools.	
• \$808.55 was granted for the Adult Leadership Thomas County Class recycling project for 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms in Thomas County Schools.	
<b>NW KS Council on Substance Abuse</b>	<b>\$184,225.21</b>
• TCCF provided \$123,225.21 in funds through the Colby Walking Trail Fund for the Colby Walking Trail.	
• In addition, TCCF provided \$61,000.00 from the Pool Park Project Fund for the Poolside Park.	
<b>NW KS Foundation for Hope</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
• This grant was disbursed from the Frahm Farmland Employee Advised Fund.	
<b>NWKS Educational Service Center</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
• This grant was from the Directors Fund, and was used to purchase new vision screening devices.	
<b>Prairie Rose Sweet Adeline Singers</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
• This grant was disbursed from the Sharon Steele Memorial.	
<b>Pride of the Prairie Orchestra</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
• This grant was given from the Sharon Steele Memorial.	
<b>RSVP</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
• TCCF provided funds through the TCCF Director's Fund as a surprise grant to thank RSVP for volunteering at our annual Santa's Workshop.	
<b>Sacred Heart School</b>	<b>\$538.84</b>
• TCCF provided funds through the James and Betty G. Secrest Fund to supply literacy bags to the preschool class.	
<b>Shepherd's Staff</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>
• This grant was disbursed from the Directors Fund for the installation of flooring at the Rexford Café.	
<b>Smoky Hills Public TV</b>	<b>\$536.00</b>
• This grant was disbursed from the Patricia A. Embree Trust Fund to promote literacy leadership for children in Thomas County.	
<b>Thomas County 4-H Council</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
• This grant was for scholarships from the Bill Draper 4-H Scholarship Fund for Ben Baird and Jory Koon to attend the National 4H Congress.	
<b>Thomas County Extension</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
• This grant was given for the Master Gardeners from the Sharon Steele Memorial.	
<b>Various Nonprofits in Thomas County</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>
• TCCF provided funds to provide food for children suffering from food insufficiency from the Food for Kids Fund and the Jim Morrison Memorial Fund.	
<b>Western Plains Arts Association</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
• TCCF provided funds of \$800.00 through the Patricia A. Embree Trust Fund and the TCCF Director's Fund for the Marvelous Wonderettes performance.	
• TCCF provided \$800.00 in funds from the Patricia A. Embree Trust Fund for the Illusionist Craig Karges Show.	
<b>TCCF granted \$224,297.17 to Thomas County in 2013 thanks to the generosity of citizens and friends like you!</b>	
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