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## Snow falls again but goes quickly

An overnight snow storm closed the Interstate outside Colby along with area schools this morning. Though temperatures remained in the upper 20s, crusty ice and snow-packed roads, sidewalks and windshields created difficult conditions.

Private citizens and city and county workers were kept busy this morning after about 2.8 inches of snow fell here last night. Colby Public Schools were closed for the day, along with Oakley, Brewster, Golden Plains and Oberlin School districts, Heartland Christian School and Sacred Heart School. Goodland, Atwood and Hoxie schools were delayed for two hours this morning, according to the Rockin M Radio website, and St. Francis was

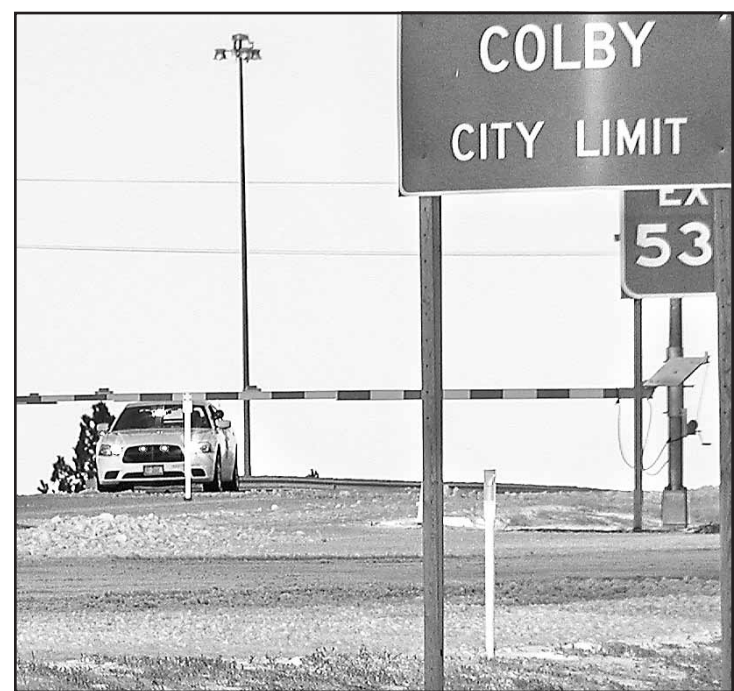
delayed for one hour.

Traffic was stuck in Colby for several hours this morning as well. The Kansas Department of Transportation closed both lanes of Interstate 70 at 4:30 a.m. from here to Burlington, Colo., due to poor weather conditions and visibility issues, then extended the closure to WaKeeney at 6:45. The highway opened back up at 8:15.

Two inches of snow fell in Brewster and west of Oakley, and one and half inches fell in Goodland. The National Weather Service predicts windy but mostly clear skies into the weekend and day time temperatures in the 40s and 50s, but a slight chance of snow Saturday night.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press  
Caleb Mattix (top left) shoveled the sidewalk in front of the First Presbyterian Church this morning after an overnight storm dropped close to three inches, while shovelers aided by a Bobcat (top right) cleaned up along Third Street east of Franklin. City workers got the big machinery rolling (above) to clear Fifth Street in front of the Community Building. This Highway Patrol trooper had a chilly start to his day as he watched over the roadblocks barring Interstate 70 to traffic. The road reopened before 9 o'clock.



## Antelope herd blamed in spread of noxious weeds

By Sam Dieter

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A Sherman County farmer claims pronghorn antelope are wandering onto his land, spreading noxious weeds, but state wildlife officials he talked to won't let him shoot them. Game managers see things a little differently.

Chuck Ihrig, who farms south of Goodland, said he has seen dozens of antelope on his land in recent years, and along with them, an explosion of bindweed and Canada thistle. He said the animals seem to gravitate to patches of thistle on his land, adding that they are relatively recent visitors to the area he farms. He said he has received only limited cooperation from government officials, and feels the state has been going out of its way to accommodate the animals because the produce hunting revenue.

On Jan. 10, Ihrig said, he invited District Wildlife Biologist Wes Sowers and biology technician Kurtis Meier, along with some neighboring farmers, to inspect some of the thistle-infested land. He said he took the tract out of the Conservation Preserve Program about three years ago. Sowers gave him "depredation permits" to shoot five deer, he said, but he feels the antelope are the source of

his problems.

Up to 40 antelope use that land, he said. They seem to rest in the same places where the thistle grows, using the denser thickets of weeds as a parking space.

"I've seen antelope that's entirely covered with Canada thistle," he said. "They lay down in it."

The problem has gotten worse over the years, Ihrig said, adding that he has only been seeing antelope and deer on his land in the last 15 years. Recently, Ihrig said, he saw a herd of perhaps 100 antelope along K-27 about six miles south of Goodland.

"They want you under their thumb and they don't want you bothering them," Ihrig said of the state agency.

The agency, the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, he said, puts seed on Conservation Reserve land for plants that entice the animals to graze there. Ihrig said he feels the department's main goal is to bring in more revenue from hunters.

"It's not a playground for hunters," he said. "We have to make a living off of it."

He also said that Mike Hopper, the conservation officer, or game warden, for Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties, has been uncooperative in his dealings with him on this issues.

You can only get two or three firearms antelope permits in this area, he said, and these are given out by drawing. Many tags are given out for other weapons, including bows and muzzle-loading firearms.

Hopper said he has met Ihrig and given him the same sort of options for dealing with animals that he offers to other landowners. Both Hopper and Sowers said they have never found direct evidence of antelope spreading noxious weeds, and both say that there are many other ways for the plants to move from field to field.

"Over the last nine years, Chuck and I have conversed many times," Hopper said. "I've tried offering solutions to Chuck, just like I have with other landowners."

The depredation permits let farmers shoot deer out of season, he said, but the department does not give out-of-season antelope permits. The department issues unlimited tags to hunt antelope with a bow and arrow, Hopper said. A seven-person panel of farmers, bankers and business owners, none of them department employees, sets the number of muzzleloader and firearm antelope permits for the state each year. These are given out by random drawing.

This year, 184 of those permits were given out statewide, said

Matt Peek, a research biologist at the department's Emporia office, as opposed to only 130 of them 10 years ago. With over 500 archery permits being sold, the number permits given outdoor antelope has more than doubled in that time.

For his part, Sowers said later he saw no proof of that antelope were spreading any kind of weeds. "I have a hard time believing that it's because that's where they were laying down," he added.

While it is possible that animals could spread weeds, he added, the weeds are probably on Ihrig's land because he did not wait long enough before plowing it after taking it out of the conservation program. That land should have been treated with weed killer and planted with a cover crop for a year before it was tilled, he said. Land that was used for the program will still have a lot of seeds in it when it is converted back to farmland, and these can sprout when that ground is tilled.

He added that weed seeds can spread in many ways, including wind, birds, other wild animals, livestock, people and trucks. Farm machinery especially can kick up mud with seeds in it.

Ihrig said he has other land in Conservation Reserve, but took this field out because the U.S.

## Training helps trustees' work

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The Colby Community College trustees had a training session at their monthly meeting Tuesday night and talked about what they need to work on as a board.

Gary L. Sechrist with the Kansas Association of School Boards told the trustees to reflect on why the board exists and to look at different areas the board needs to focus on. He said the trustees should keep their vision and standards aligned among the board members, and to assess their standards. He added that this doesn't do much good if the climate, or culture, of an organization is not suitable.

"If you don't know where you're going, you're going to wander in your work," Sechrist said.

The trustees should pay attention to their main goals, he said, because if they do not focus on the most important jobs, they will spend too much working on other people's goals. If people have complaints about something, Se-

christ told them to keep in mind that all of these complaints will probably sound convincing. They should remember that even if a complaint is legitimate, that does not necessarily change the priority for fixing it, he said.

He noted the number of trustees who talked about the budget when he asked the board members what they thought the board's idea of continuing improvement should be, and several other times during the training.

Several of the members mentioned the need to worry about the college's financial situation. Others mentioned keeping up with the times, or offering the right educational programs to their students.

Trustee Kenton Krehbiel said the college should continue to improve each day, month and year, prompting Sechrist to say the trustees had the same opinion of continuous improvement, Krehbiel's was just more general.

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## Other Viewpoints

### Fingerprinting teachers reasonable

Requiring public school teachers and administrators to be fingerprinted to facilitate background checks is a reasonable way for the state to protect the safety of Kansas students.

It's understandable that state teacher groups would oppose this policy, which the state Board of Education decided to pursue this month, but the concerns voiced by teachers have to be weighed against the importance of identifying school employees who might pose a physical or emotional threat to students.

The requirement for fingerprinting and background checks has been in place since 2002 for new teachers applying for their initial licenses. The new rules will simply extend that requirement to teachers who had obtained their licenses before 2002. That will affect an estimated 35,000 educators across the state.

Among other things, the Kansas National Education Association objected to the fact that it would cost teachers about \$50 to meet the requirement.

That's not a huge amount, but maybe school districts could consider sharing the expense. Instead of making teachers schedule and complete the fingerprinting process on their own time, maybe districts could make the process more convenient by bringing technicians to the teachers, perhaps at an in-service training event.

The kind of checks that will be required of teachers aren't much different than those being required by many companies of their employees these days, and it's important, for the sake of our children, that schools be able to check the backgrounds of teachers and administrators.

It's unfortunate, in a way, that school districts and other employers see a need for this kind of check, but especially for people who are responsible for children in public schools, the fingerprinting requirement doesn't seem out of line.

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## Social Security fix would benefit all

For many media pundits and politicians, pitting the elderly against the millennial generation has become all the rage.

The narrative is that the huge amount of federal money that will be spent on Social Security and Medicare in the coming decades will leave no money for spending aimed at creating a more prosperous future for our nation's young people: investments in renewable energy, research and development, job training, renewable energy and infrastructure.

This popular theme is not only divisive, it also distracts Americans of all ages from coalescing around progressive policies that most would support. Furthermore, making Social Security and Medicare solvent for the distant future would be a boon not only for today's elderly, but also for "millennials" who want to avoid the cruelties of poverty when they are no longer able to work.

Instead of allowing themselves to be sucked into the old-vs.-young trap, young adults should support expanding Social Security by raising or eliminating the cap on income subjected to the tax. Such an action could make the program solvent into the distant future.

And, given the fact, that 401(k) and other defined-contribution savings plans have proven to be an unworthy substitute to traditional defined-benefit pension plans, millennials should also support viable alternatives that are



Andy Heintz

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more conducive to supplementing Social Security income. Such a stance would be to the advantage of people throughout America's age spectrum.

Teresa Ghilarducci, a senior fellow of the think tank Demos, has proposed a Guaranteed Retirement Account, which would supplement Social Security income by offering a universal system of individual accounts where investments are managed in pool savings with low fees and safeguards for individuals during downturns in the stock market. While I haven't immersed myself in all the particulars of the program, surpassing the current 401(k) plans in helping people secure a stable retirement wouldn't be too difficult.

Research has shown fees charged by 401(k) plans and mutual funds are often inflated beyond the actual costs of managing investments because financial firms have an interest in raising these fees that directly conflicts with the interests of their investors.

Unfortunately, most people don't know about the hidden costs of their 401(k)s because fees are taken "off the top" of investment returns or share prices. However, a research paper by Robert Hiltonsmith of Demos, which was featured in a Frontline documentary called the "Retirement Gamble," found that a median income, two-earner family will pay \$155,000, all told, in 401(k) fees. That represents about 30 percent of the total this family would have had, if it weren't for the fees.

Since the traditional employer-defined pension plans have attenuated over time and defined-contribution plans have become much more prominent, the failure of the 401(k) experiment reaffirms the need to expand Social Security and reform our private retirement system.

Americans, both young and old, have a stake in making sure they have a decent quality of life after they retire.

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## Wrestling takes plenty of teamwork

As I stepped into the college wrestling room for the first time, I was greeted by posters hung all around the walls that I assume were supposed to motivate us.

Oh, there were the usual ones like, "No pain, no gain." But there were a few like "Second place is only another name for the first-place loser," for which I questioned the motivational value.

When it was time to begin, Coach walked in holding a clipboard.

"To start each practice," he said, "we will begin with the roll call sit."

The big heavyweight groaned. "Oh, man, I hate that part of practice."

"Did you say something, Williams?" Coach asked.

"I was just saying that I think I could live without it."

Coach then told Williams to demonstrate it. He sighed, but walked to the wall and obediently sat against it as if he was sitting in an invisible chair. Coach then ordered us to do the same. We did so, and I soon realized why the older wrestlers hated it. My calves and hamstrings started begging for mercy. As we stayed in that position, Coach informed us that we would stay there each day until roll call was over. He then started. After he called each name, the wrestler would quickly answer "here" to move things along. But Coach was in no hurry and would take his time getting to the next name.

Once, he called a name for which no one answered. He acted like he was going to mark it down, but then stopped. "Can you believe it? The lead in my pencil is broken."

He casually walked to the other end of the room to see if he could find another one, keeping an eye on us to make sure we didn't change positions. He rummaged through his stuff for what seemed like an hour before returning and

### Other Opinions

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finally marking the absence. By the time he did, everyone was in extreme pain, and there was some mumbling among the wrestlers about making the absent person have a punishment of his own the next day if he came.

Coach eventually called the next name as if he didn't have a care in the world. By the time we finished the roll, and he told us to sit, my legs were locked into a permanent charley horse.

"As you can see," Coach said, "wrestling is all about discipline and teamwork. You may have thought wrestling was an individual sport, but it is far from it. The decisions you make, like deciding to skip practice, affect everyone."

"And I would suggest you don't even think about being late," Williams said.

"Good point, Williams," Coach said. "But is it me that metes out the punishment?"

"No, Sir," Williams replied.

"Who does?" Coach asked.

"The team does, Sir."

"As they do for pretty much everything," Coach added.

I wondered what the team punishment was, but I was definitely not anxious to find out. But, unfortunately, a few days later I was to learn about it. I arrived at the dressing room on time, but forgot my lock combination. By the time I was able to get it from the athletic office and get dressed, I was late. When I stepped

into the wrestling room, roll call was over, and I could see by the look on everyone's face that they were not happy with my absence.

They all stood in a line and spread their legs. I had to crawl through the tunnel of legs, and they all got to whack my backside. When I got to Williams, he hit me so hard that I rolled end over end twice, all the way to the wall.

While those at the end of the line complained they didn't get to whack me, Williams just grinned. "I took care of it for all of you." He then turned to me. "Don't you just love that part of practice?"

I thought I personally could have lived without it.

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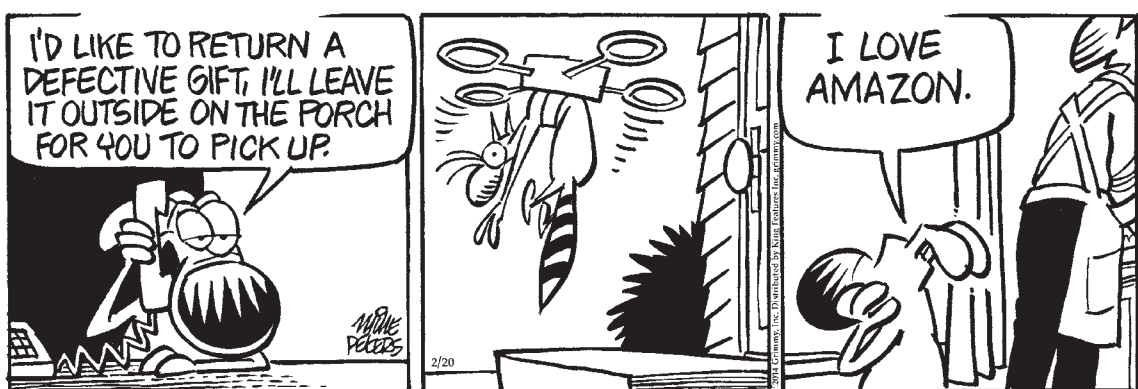
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• Antiques and Collecting

**Wood cabinet worth hundreds**

**Q:** We have a wooden filing cabinet that has a flat work surface with two cupboard doors below and drawers above. There are 15 small drawers over six larger drawers with brass plates for labels and a horizontal glass door on top. There is a brass plate on top that says "Yawman & Erbe Mfg. Co., Rochester, N.Y." The drawer pulls have a logo with "Y and E" on them. Can you give me an idea of the value of this piece?

**A:** Philip H. Yawman and Gustav Erbe started working in partnership in 1880. At first they made microscopes, but they soon began manufacturing specialty equipment for other companies. In 1898 they began making and selling office equipment under the name Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Co. The company held several patents for filing systems and other office equipment and was one of the largest producers of office furniture and equipment in the world in the early 1900s. Your filing cabinet would sell for \$500 to \$800.

**Q:** While cleaning out a storage area in the home where my husband and his brothers were raised, we found a box of old board games dating back to the 1930s and early '40s. Most are in good shape with all of their pieces. We wonder if they have any value. The games include Monopoly, Dog Race, Touring Auto, Game of Football and Baseball, and some card games like Pit and Rook.

**A:** Since the games are in good condition and have all their pieces, you have to take a look at their copyright dates and editions — an early date and edition is usually more valuable than later ones. Some games are rarer than others, too, and a game that relates to football and baseball also appeals to sports collectors.

You can find books on collectible games at your library and bookstore. You also can find prices and some photos of collectible games online, including on our website, Kovel.com. And you can join the Association of Game & Puzzle Collectors, AGPC.org, which publishes a quarterly newsletter for collectors.

**Q:** I have an antique chandelier with lots of glass prisms. It is dusty and I am afraid to clean it. Any suggestions?

**A:** If you are worried about electric shock, turn off the power at the fuse box or breaker panel. A hairdryer set on low heat can sometimes be used to blow away any dust. There are liquid sprays on the market made to clean glass chandeliers. Look for one at a nearby home improvement or hardware store. Follow the directions carefully. The spray drip-dries the glass, and the dirt is gone.

If you are brave, take a picture of the chandelier, then remove the prisms and other parts and carefully load them into the dishwasher to clean on gentle cycle. Use the picture as a guide to put it back together. We like to do jobs like this as a team because you will need help taking things apart while standing on a ladder. Good luck.

**Tip:** Bakelite jewelry was cast, not molded, so there are never seams or mold lines.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 7 4 3  
 ♥ A Q 4 3  
 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ 1 9 5 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 10 5 2  
 ♥ 10 9 5  
 ♦ 10 7 5 3  
 ♣ 7

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 8 6  
 ♥ J 6  
 ♦ K 8 4 2  
 ♣ K 6 4 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K  
 ♥ K 8 7 2  
 ♦ A Q J  
 ♣ A Q 10 8

**Assume you're declarer at Seven Notrump. How would you proceed after the queen-of-spades lead?**  
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**It's So Easy to Go Wrong**

There are hands where declarer must do everything exactly right in order to make the contract. This is one of those cases.

Normally, you wouldn't see the East-West cards and wouldn't know that absolute perfection in the play is required to be successful. But even if you had the advantage of seeing all four hands, you'd still have to mind your p's and q's diligently to avoid coming home lame.

The seven-notrump contract (certainly not recommended) is imaginary. But if that's where declarer lands, he should make the contract by taking advantage of a few lucky breaks here and there.

For starters, he wins the spade lead with the king and plays the seven of hearts (not the deuce) to dummy's queen. He next leads the jack of clubs and, after East follows low, plays the ten (not the eight) under the jack.

Declarer continues with dummy's nine of clubs, on which he plays the eight. (Alternatively, South could first have led the club nine, playing the eight, and then the jack, playing the ten.) This allows him to remain in dummy to lead a third club to the queen, successfully completing the first part of his mission.

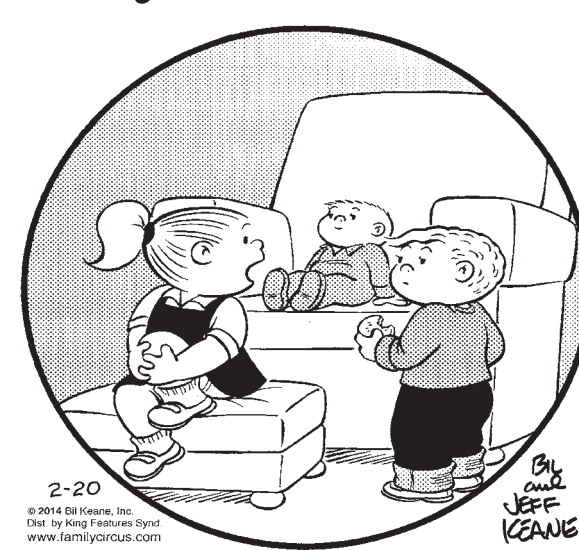
South next leads the eight of hearts (not the deuce) to dummy's ace and finesses the jack of diamonds. He then cashes the king of hearts, leads the deuce to dummy's four and finesses the queen of diamonds to finish with all the tricks.

Analyzing South's play, we find that he took five finesses with leads from dummy, even though dummy had only two obvious entries. By careful handling of his spot cards, declarer gained maximum mileage, entrywise, from dummy.

The importance of the entry problem must be recognized at the outset. One careless play and the contract goes down the drain. Even the best chef in the world can't unfry an egg!

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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/20

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

ZJFKDFI J WYZ PBJEE RJLCYKP

XF VYL VJLHZXXH WEXXL

KVY XCYLJ PDFIYL COLRVJPHY

P XBY JLDJ LOIP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU CAPTURE SOME WIDESPREAD HORNED FOREST FAUNA, I'D SAY YOU COMMANDEER COMMON DEER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals R

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Soft mineral
  - 5 Weep
  - 8 Second-hand
  - 12 Colorful fish
  - 13 Pussy-cat's partner
  - 14 Nixed, at NASA
  - 15 Viral phenomenon
  - 16 Author Buscaglia
  - 17 Biblical kingdom
  - 18 Put forth
  - 20 Monet or Debussy
  - 22 Pond carp
  - 23 Superlative ending
  - 24 Active
  - 27 Lamb, for instance
  - 32 Altar affirmative
  - 33 Old Oldsmobile
  - 34 Discovery cry
  - 35 Huge
- DOWN**
- 38 Elbow counter-part
  - 39 Greek vowel
  - 40 Moving vehicle
  - 42 Make up your mind
  - 45 Baffler
  - 49 Leave out
  - 50 Plant beard
  - 52 Pacific island
  - 53 Unless, in law
  - 54 Sinbad's bird
  - 55 Head light?
  - 56 O'Neill title trees
  - 57 Powell co-star
  - 58 "Star"
  - 1 Big book
  - 2 High spot
  - 3 Genie's home
  - 4 Impudent
  - 5 Gls
  - 6 Have opposite bills
  - 7 United nations
  - 8 Restless
  - 9 Answer
  - 10 "Zounds!"
  - 11 Cupola
  - 19 "Absolutely not!"
  - 21 Michele of "Glee"
  - 24 Pen name?
  - 25 Ginseng relative
  - 26 Grammatical error
  - 28 Vast expanse
  - 29 Bankruptcy
  - 6 Have opposite bills
  - 7 United nations
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  - 28 Vast expanse
  - 29 Bankruptcy
  - 30 The girl
  - 31 Pirouette pivot
  - 36 Earache
  - 37 Blue piece
  - 38 Chess article
  - 41 Indefinite article
  - 42 Finished
  - 43 Expressionist
  - Nolde
  - 44 Count counter-part
  - 46 — gum (food thickener)
  - 47 Guy
  - 48 Uncontrolled
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## Eagles at Ulysses called off

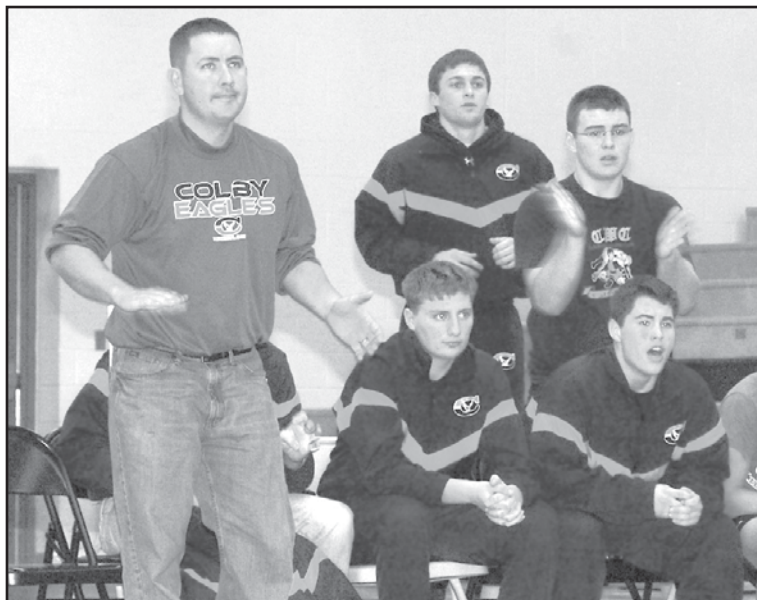
Snow and ice have forced a second postponement of Colby High's basketball games at Ulysses.

The Eagles and Tigers were re-scheduled to play tonight after winter weather wiped out their Feb. 4 contests.

Instead, the Great West Athletic Conference foes will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27. Girls' varsity is still set for 6:30 p.m. with boys following.

The only other area varsity games scheduled tonight were Heartland Christian at home against Goodland's C teams. No rescheduled date has been obtained.

# Road to state glory reaches Colby



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby High coach Matt Sims, left, and Eagle wrestlers cheer on a teammate during an earlier dual this season. The Eagles and 14 teams will compete at this weekend's 4A regional in Colby.

By R.B. Headley  
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Colby will be both a happy and sad place to visit this weekend.

Some might hang around town for a celebration, others probably leave fast enough.

Only one fact remains certain: for 15 prep wrestling programs across western Kansas, their ultimate goal depends on how favorite wrestlers perform in Colby Friday and Saturday.

The Colby Community Building will fire up with Friday's 4A Regional first-round matches beginning at 1 p.m.

However, most goals will not be achieved until Saturday's action resumes at 11 a.m. Championship showdowns are set for 6 p.m.

Top four placers in each weight division advance to what every

workout, practice, dual and tournament have been about since last February: the 4A state tournament at Salina's Bicentennial Center starting one week from today.

The Colby 4A regional features four of this week's 4A Top 10 rated teams led by No. 4 Goodland, No. 6 Lindsborg-Smoky Valley, No. 8 Colby and No. 9 Abilene.

While most coaches will say ratings mean almost nothing, it gives fans an idea of who will be favored during these two days.

That idea leads to a rundown of individual highly-rated wrestlers entering this regional:

106: No. 4 Tate Carney of Colby could fade No. 2 Logan McDowell from Abilene and Smoky Valley's No. 6-rated Austin Lustifield.

113: No. 6 Chance Maynard of Buhler is the one 4A top six-rated wrestler.

120: Abilene's No. 2 Zane Baugh leads this bracket.

126: Abilene's Casyen Smith is just one spot (No. 5) above Hugoton's Pedro Ordonez (No. 6).

132, 138 and 145 could be wide

open since none are rated in 4A's top six.

152: Buhler's Scott Whitson holds the No. 2 spot.

160: Goodland's John Paden appears to be a strong favorite as he's also rated No. 2 in 4A.

170: One of the toughest weights features No. 1 Warren Kropp of Scott City, No. 2 Austin Cook from Smoky Valley and Goodland's No. 4-rated Colton Cooper.

182: Colby senior Andrew Taylor remains a strong No. 1; Smoky Valley's Spencer Bird is No. 4.

195: Ulysses' Diego Maravilla has reached the top five, just ahead of No. 6 Skylar Hittle from Concordia.

220: Colby sophomore Austin Hart has been a strong top-five rated wrestler all season. He could collide with No. 4 Jon Yates from Buhler and No. 2 Otto Orosco of Ulysses.

285: Again, there are two rated wrestlers in No. 3 Jason Zook of Chapman and Smoky Valley's No. 5 Brix Brickey — which might be among the best wrestling names.

## Another team of Colby Eagles who love to attack



A look at Colby Middle School's seventh-grade boys basketball team after camera operator error prevented it from appearing in the Winter Sports section last month. The players politely lined up for this photo re-shoot before Wednesday afternoon's practice. From left, kneeling: Jalen Havel-Stephens, Jakob Tubbs, Kainin O'Malley, Tucker Branum, Gage Winger,

Heath Bolyard and Terrance Finley. Middle row: Max Davila, Nate Douglas, John Zerr, Aaron Platt, Kory Finley, Austin Reed, Seth Hutfles and Brett Morris. Back row: Tommy Cline, Trey Miller, Josh Olson, Jordan Schippers, Isaac Rosales and Carter Stanley. The Eagle seventh and eighth-grade teams' with Goodland today were postponed due to snow/ice.

## Trojans knock off Nebraska opponent

By R.B. Headley  
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Just as coach Ryan Carter expected, Colby Community College's bats came alive with 10 hits during a 6-3 triumph at McCook, Neb., Wednesday afternoon.

Center fielder David Nelson reached base five times to spark the attack. He ripped three singles, walked twice and drove home one run.

The Trojans (2-3 record) scored in five of nine innings capped by Ryan Ihle's eighth-inning home run.

Ihle two hits, two runs and another RBI thanks to that solo blast off McCook relief pitcher Logan Peterson.

Colby was coming off a strong pitching performance on Sunday,

when Joshua Jones threw nine shutout innings in a 4-0 triumph over Northeast Texas Community College.

On Wednesday, five Trojan hurlers combined for 11 strikeouts against McCook Community College.

Reliever Spencer Deines earned the victory as he fanned five during two innings that Colby built its early lead. Fily Perez and Nelson both singled home Colby runs.

Garth Helton, Jeremy Denton and Jorge Cruz all pitched scoreless frames. Ihle worked the eighth before Grant Buchanon took over and recorded his first save of this season.

Other leading Trojan hitters were Drake Biggins (double, run scored), Cory Cyrus (hit, run, RBI), Nolan Carter (hit, run) and Matt Benn (hit, walk).

## Dodge downs Colby

Deandra "Dee Dee" Williams' 17 rebounds led the Colby Community College women during a 70-56 home loss to Dodge City Wednesday nights.

Williams more than doubled any other player on the floor. Keshia Buckner's eight boards led Dodge (15-13 overall, 2-10 Jayhawk Conference).

Colby High alum McKenna Ortnier hit a trio of three-pointers and topped the Trojans with 14 points. Sierra Green went two-for-two from beyond the arc.

Kelli Tolar's game-high 27 points paced Dodge City.

**Colby (56)** — McKenna Ortnier 14 points, Deja Cato 10, Deandra Williams 9, Ariel Hutchinson 6, Sierra Green 6, Amanda Miller 4, Loren Evans 4, Tori Biddle 3. Three-pointers: Ortnier 3, Green 2, Biddle. Rebound leaders: Williams 17, Miller 7. Assists: Cordae McKelvy 2, Williams 2, Biddle 2. Steals: Williams 2, Ortnier 2. Blocked shots: Miller, Cato.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby Community College's McKenna Ortnier lined up a three-point attempt against visiting Dodge City Wednesday night. Ortnier scored 14 points.



Freshman Joey Meyer jumped around three Dodge City defenders to try for two more of his 17 points during the Colby Community College Trojans' 89-79 home setback Wednesday night. Meyer also pulled down 12 rebounds.

## Dodge City takes win from Trojans

The Dodge City Conquistadors weren't interested in surrendering any treasures to Colby Community College Wednesday night.

With E.J. Eaves finding gold in the form of 34 game-high points, Dodge City held off every potential Trojans rally during an 89-79 triumph in Colby's Community Building.

Colby sophomore and NCAA Division I signee Jeremiah Ingram delivered a double-double (27 points, 12 rebounds). Ingram will join San Jose State University of the Mountain West Conference after this season.

Freshman teammate Joey Meyer also reached double-double status with 17 points, 12 boards.

However, the Trojans' quest for a Jayhawk Conference victory will have to wait another three nights.

They slipped to 9-19 overall and 0-12 against Jayhawk foes.

Dodge City's now 15-13 overall, 4-8 in league play.

Regular-season victory chances are down to two for coach Rusty Grafel's team.

They will visit Pratt College Saturday before their final game against Cloud County next Wednesday evening.

**Colby (79)** — Jeremiah Ingram 27 points, Joey Meyer 17, Branden Williams 11, Ramon Johnson 9, Kyle Summers 6, Terry Starks 5, Justin Talley 4. Rebound leaders: Ingram 12, Meyer 12. Assists: Starks 6. Steals: Meyer 2. Blocked shot: Ingram.

**Dodge City (89)** — E.J. Eaves' game-high 34 points powered the visitors while Ameer Jackson tallied 20.

## Emotional underdogs shock No. 1 team

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — To a man, the Boston College Eagles were convinced of one thing: D.K. was looking down on them.

Olivier Hanlan and Patrick Heckmann hit 3-pointers in overtime, Lonnie Jackson made four straight free throws in the final 26.2 seconds, and lowly B.C. stunned top-ranked Syracuse 62-59 on Wednesday night, ending

the Orange's unbeaten season.

"It was an emotional game for us," BC coach Steve Donahue said after his first Carrier Dome win in eight tries against the Orange. "It's been incredible for these guys to persevere. We've played well in a lot of games."

The Eagles came to town with heavy hearts and a good dose of determination. Longtime basket-

ball media contact and sports information assistant Dick Kelley died last week after a two-year battle with ALS. His funeral was Tuesday, and the Eagles, who often visited his apartment, were wearing "DK" patches on their uniforms.

"The patch on our chests, toward the end of the game, it was like, 'We can't be denied. D.K. is

looking down on us. He's got us,'" forward Ryan Anderson said. "It's real emotional. It's really going to set in in a couple of hours."

Boston College (7-19, 3-10 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had lost five straight, rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to pull off the improbable upset. It leaves Wichita State as the nation's last unbeaten at 28-0.

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