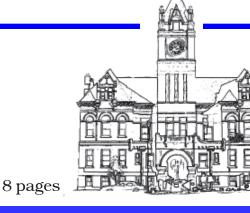
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Snow falls again but goes quickly

An overnight snow storm closed the delayed for one hour. 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 in Goodland. The National Weather Service Oberlin School districts, Heartland Christian predicts windy but mostly clear skies into the School and Sacred Heart School. Goodland, weekend and day time temperatures in the 40s Atwood and Hoxie schools were delayed and 50s, but a slight chance of snow Saturday for two hours this morning, according to the night. Rockin M Radio website, and St. Francis was

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

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 and given him the same sort of

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.

bothering them," Ihrig said of the state agency.

The agency, the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, he farmers shoot deer out of season, 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."

the conservation officer, or game telope permits for the state each warden, for Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties, has been dom drawing. 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 options for dealing with animals The problem has gotten worse 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 "They want you under their and I have conversed many times," thumb and they don't want you Hopper said. "I've tried offering solutions to Chuck, just like I have with other landowners."

The depredation permits let 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 He also said that Mike Hopper, of muzzleloader and firearm anyear. These are given out by ran-

> 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.



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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.

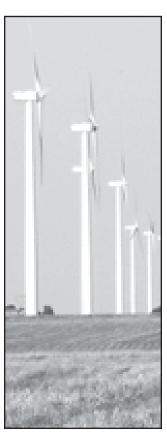
Several of the members mentioned the need to worry about the college's financial situation. Others mentioned keeping up with the times, or offering the right educational programs to their students.

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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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the evening.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the morning

Saturday Night: A slight chance of snow between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

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

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Wednesday: High, 59; Low 27 Precip: Wednesday 0.03 inches Month: 0.14 inches 0.44 inches Year: Normal: 0.93 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Friday 7:28 a.m. 6:28 p.m. Moon: waning, 60 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

SHOW

Twilight-Dawn



KATHRYN BALLARD **Colby Free Press** Unlike today's storm, the snow that fell earlier this month met temperatures cold enough to stick around for a while. This creative snow sculpture of a knight from a chess set was the creation of Konnor Kriss in the yard of his grandparents, Ken and Sukey Idol, on School Ave.

Your move

Antelope blamed for weeds

From "ANTELOPE," Page 1

Natural Resources Conservation Service, a program of the Farm Services Agency, would not reenroll it. He started plowing the land right away rather than let it sit idle, adding that he has other land still in the conservation program, and just added about 100 acres. He said he's spent \$32 an acre on weed killer.

During the visit, Sowers said, the two mainly talked about Canada thistle and deer on his land, rather than a possible antelope problem. He said he heard about Canada thistle but not bindweed, and he saw no proof that antelope caused the problem.

As for bindweed, Peek said its seeds spread mostly in the wind. Antelope only eat small amounts of the plant, generally when the seeds are not hard enough to make it through the animal's system intact. Studies have found that only about 6 percent of the seeds make it through their digestive tract able to sprout, he said.

The seed can stay dormant for 30 years before sprouting, Peek said. It only takes a couple of inches of root to grow a new plant, and the roots can grow 20 to 30 feet deep.

He said most complaints about antelope he hears in passing, not formally. The animals can damage fences, he said, because, unlike deer, they crawl under a fence instead of jumping over it.

'They're going to end up taking a couple strands of wire with them," he said, adding that this can happen to temporary electric fences. The best way to make sure they don't run off with part of a fence is to make sure the lowest strands are about 16 inches off the ground, which is low enough to keep cattle from crossing.

them deal with an infestation from any kind of animals, issu- has probably heard anywhere ing permits, trapping them on a farmer's land or lending the complaints about wildlife each farmer propane cannons and other noise-making devices to scare them away free of charge. He also takes landowners' contact information to give to hunters who want to go after antelope or deer on their land, he said, but he can't give farmers permission to do whatever they want.

"I feel like I've got a good working relationship with a lot of landowners," he said."I don't make every landowner happy." Hopper agreed that antelope gather in large herds this time of year, but said that he has never found evidence that they spread

noxious weeds. Since he became the conservation officer in Sherman and Wallace counties in 2001, Hopper said, the antelope population has stayed steady while the number deer has probably gone down in the last five or 10 years. "I grew up in Kansas," Hopper said, "I killed my first deer eral more times since then up when I was 12, and I'm 46 years old."

Training helps work

From "WORK," Page 1

Sechrist also advised the trustees to make sure they share power evenly with President Stephen Vacik. The trustees do not necessarily have to like of the meeting on Monday, each other, Sechrist said, but he pointed out what could happen if they did not trust and commu- had been set at 5:30 to give for-

nicate with each other. "If you absolutely hate the get there. The trustees met at 5

In his time here, he said, he from three or four to two dozen year. Last year, he said, he got between eight to 10 complaints from farmers about deer and two or three about antelope. Sowers said he has gotten around 30 complaints about deer and five about antelope during the same time in the nine northwestern counties he oversees.

The department can hardly accommodate people who want to wipe out the antelope, Peek said, because it has no intention of doing that. In fact, it's been doing just the opposite. It's conducted a restoration program for the animals, which were all but wiped out along with buffalo and elk on the High Plains.

The animals were all but gone from the state by 1964 when they were first released in the department's unit 2, which includes Wallace and Sherman counties south of Interstate 70, Peek said. They have been released sevthrough the 1990s, including a release in Gove County in 1979.

why they should not want the

public there. He went over reasons they have closed sessions during their meetings.

In other business, the trustees: • Decided to change the start March 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dr. Vacik said the start time mer trustee Bill Shields time to





The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

School Carnival coming on Sunday

The Sacred Heart School Carnival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the school. Come enjoy games, food and a drawing. For information, call Laura Schwarz at 460-2813.

Church invites everyone to sing hymns

If you like the old hymns, make plans to enjoy an evening of nothing but hymn singing at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Berean Bible Fellowship Church. Anyone and everyone is invited. For questions, call the church at 460-2763 or Rich Epp at 443-1994.

Sorority serving soup for preschool

Kappa Upsilon sorority will hold its annual soup supper to raise money for the Puddle Duck Preschool during the regional wrestling meet from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday in the basement of the Community Building. The women will serve chili, chicken-noodle and vegetable-beef soup and desert for a donation. For information, call Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Baptists invite all to enjoy free lunch

Bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Pet Wash scheduled Saturday

Students in the Veterinary Technology program at Colby Community College plan a pet wash from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center on campus. Charges for dogs range from \$8 to \$14, depending on size. Cats are \$10 each. Proof of vaccinations is required. Proceeds benefit the Student Veterinary Technician Association. For an appointment, call Colleen Maison at 460-5462.

Legion to serve up biscuits and gravy

There will be a breakfast feed from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth St. Make a donation, eat biscuits and gravy, hash brown and scrambled eggs, and support their programs. For information call Tracey Galli at 462-0450.

Orchestra plans concert Sunday at college

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "Dial 'M' for Music," conducted by Beverly Rucker, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For information, call Mary Shoaff, 462-2159, or Janet Hopson, 462-5102.

Chili cook-off kicks off speedway fund

Help the Thomas County Community Foundation build the new Speedway Improvements Fund at the Chili Cook-Off and Daytona 500 Party from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Participate for a \$10 entry fee or make a suggested donation of \$5 to eat. Proceeds will go to improvements such as lights for the track, concessions and restrooms in the pit area. For rules and contest information, contact Jeff Carney at 443-0284 or go to www.thomascountyspeedway.com.

Coffee talks cover conservation programs

An Ag Programs Coffee Shop talk will be held at 2 p.m. next Thursday in the conference room of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, sponsored by the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams and Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development. Ross Sloan, Lynn Thurlow and Curtis Meyer will have information on farm programs, the Wetland Reserve Program, the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program and Hunting Access and Conservation Habitat programs. For information, call Duane Cheney at 443-1405.

Lions start March by serving up soup

Gem Lions Club will have its annual winter soup day, featuring veggie, chili and potato soup, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Gem Community Building. They serve soup, cornbread and cake, your donation serves community betterment. Remember to bring eye glasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Hopper said the department will talk to landowners to help

person across the table from p.m. for the training. you," he said, "you're not gomember."

Sechrist also reminded the trustees that any meeting where clinical affiliation with Univera quorum of them show up sity of Colorado Health-Memoneeds to be open to the public, rial Health System in Colorado adding that there is no reason Springs.

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• Approved an agreement for

Murder mystery tickets on sale now

The 10th annual murder mystery at the Pioneer Memorial Library will be "Dead 2 Rights." For \$25 per person, you can help solve a mystery while dining in style. Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1. Seating is limited, but tickets are available now. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

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Family

April wedding planned in Oakley

Kandy Dea Schertz and Andrew Curtis Kwapnioski plan to marry on Saturday, April 5, 2014, in Oakley.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy and Tom Schertz of Winona and the granddaughter of the late Lyle and Alma Atkinson and Bill and Florence Schertz, all of Winona.

She is a graduate of Colby Community College and has a degree in floral design from South Florida Center for Floral Studies. She works at Steve's Floral in Manhattan.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Debbie Lambert of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Frank and Susan Kwapnioski of Lincoln, Neb. He is the grandson of John and Bernice Nietfeld of Marysville and the late Isidore and Helen Kwapnioski of Tarnov, Neb.

He is a graduate of Kansas State University and holds a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He founded Preferred Crop Solutions, a crop consulting company, and is a Hoegemeyer Hybrids distributor covering western Kansas.

The wedding will be at the Church of Christ in Oakley with a reception, dinner and dance to follow at the Cooper Barn in Colby.

The couple plans to live in Manhattan.

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Dec. 27 to Jan. 27

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds: • Dec. 30, quit claim deed; Paul M. and Ann Palmer to Michael and Emily Palmer; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 16, T6, R35.

• Jan. 2, quit claim deed; Ronald G. Crampton Trust to Ronald and Meri Crampton Trust; SW/4 less tract of Sec. 15, T6, R35.

• Jan. 3, Donald Whelchel to Donald E. and Robin R. Whelchel; Lots 1 and 4 less west 56' and Lots 5, 8 and 9, Block 17, Original Colby

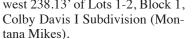
• Jan. 3, sheriff deed, Thomas County Undersheriff Marc Finley to Farmers and Merchants Bank; Lot 16, Block 4, Colby Pioneer Subdivision.

• Jan. 3, Dale C. and Heather I. Dixon to Dawn M. Hopper, Lot 9, Block 3, Colby Metzler Subdivision

• Jan. 3, Nico Inc. to Western Kansas Mexican Foods Inc.; tract of SW/4 of Sec. 7, T8, R33.

• Jan. 3, quit claim deed, Earl and Janet K. Treat to Earl H. and Janet K. Treat; Lots 9-13, Block 39, Eaton's Third Gem Subdivision.

• Jan. 6, Raymond J. Schindler to Jordan Florian and Randa LLC to Vertie Lance Bolyard; Lot Lashelle Spresser; south 68' of Lots 4-5, Block 50, Colby South 23, Original Colby. View Addition.



• Jan. 8, James Matt and Misty Mildenberger to James Matt and Misty Mildenberger; SW/4 of Sec. 13, T10, R32.

• Jan. 9, Craig J. Curtin to Wyatt Ashley; Lot 4, Block 6, Colby Swartwood First Addition.

• Jan. 9, Joann S. and Lawrence K. Curtin to Wyatt Ashley; Lot 4, Block 6, Colby Swartwood First Addition.

• Jan. 9, Paul M. Steele Trust to Jean Paul Steele; N/2 of Sec. 19, T8, R34.

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• Jan. 9, Paul M. Steele Trust T10, R33. to Jo Ellen Kraus; N/2 of Sec. 19, T8. R34.

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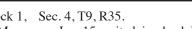
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ard D. Henry to Rory S. and Lacey

Henry; SE/4 of Sec. 1, T7, R34. • Jan. 15, Norman L. and Betty J. Behring to Shane P. Ruff; west 7' of Lot 1 and east 53' of Lot 2, Block 10, Colby Pine Hill Addition

E. Flanagin to Calvin Joseph Temaat and Teresa Christine Sparks-Temaat; Lot 1 Block 4, Colby Harvest Ridge No. 2 Subdivision.

• Jan. 21, Julienne M. Jensen,

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erington; Lots 24-25, Block 21, Original Brewster.

J. Behring to Jessica Jones and • Jan. 9, Paul M. Steele Trust to Brandon Ashford; Lots 2-4 and S/2 of adjoining land vacated by Union Pacific Railroad, Block 4, Colby South Park Addition.

• Jan. 24, John W. and Rosalie Jacobs to John W. and Rosalie J. Jacobs; east 115.5' of Lots 18-20, • Jan. 10, TNT Auction LLC to Block 76, Colby West Addition.

> Skyview LLC; tract of Block 4, Colby Lunsway Subdivision. Jan. 27, Lois Doreen Menden-L. Dixon; Lot 15, Block 7, Colby

New science fiction tops library's new books stack

I have chosen a few books to report on I believe I've not mentioned.

The first is a science fiction novel, "The Fifth Wave," by Rick Yancey. This is the first in a series. Yancey grabs the reader in the prologue by discussing the invasion of aliens to earth through birth – pregnant women need not read this book or prologue. Not a good idea.

After this, the author introduces 16-year-old Cassie who has been alone for four years since the first wave of invasion, also known as the arrival. She trusts no one, living in a tent in the woods, until she meets a young man named Evan Walker. Their relations develop and seem the only bright spot at first glance. It is a dramatic book that envelops you into an intriguing and exciting writing style.

The second book is also science fiction, "The Last Dark," by Stephen Donaldson. This is No. 4 of the Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant series.

Driven to despair by leprosy, Covenant delves into a magical realm known as "the Land." He meets Lord Foul's Bane and others but is skeptical of all that is happening in this mystical place. However, he admits his leprosy has disappeared. Covenant is naive when he enters this land; he learns he wears a ring that has magical powers. Hence, both Lord Foul the Despiser and Lord of the land seek his assistance. This book takes time to reveal the details in a world of fantasy, but the reader will enjoy the intrigue.

If you are not into science fiction, you might want to pick up the tome "Just One Evil Act," by War at Home," by Randy Mills.



Elizabeth George. This book is the size of most Stephen King novels, No. 18 in the Inspector Lynley series. I wonder how the author has had time to write 18 books in the series, since this item alone is 719 pages of reading.

Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers teams up with Inspector Thomas Lynley to investigate the disappearance of her friend's daughter, Taymullah Azhar. The mystery takes Lynley and Havers from England to an Italian market place. Barbara must go against protocol and continue looking for the young girl. This is her friend's daughter and she will not stop even if it costs her.

Other items we have added are: "Fifteen Minutes," by Karen Kingsbury; "The Signature of All Things," by Elizabeth Gilbert; Unspoken," by Dee Henderson; "Schoolhouse Brides," by Wanda Brunstetter, JoAnn Grote, Yvonne Lehman and Collen Reece; and "A Patchwork Christmas Collection," by Judith Miller, Nancy Moser and Stephanie Grace Whitson.

"Plantiful: Starting Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow and Overwinter," by Kristin Green; "Fibromyalgia Basics: A Beginner's Guide," by Pati p.m. Saturday ant 1 to 4 p.m. Sun-Chandler; and "Troubled Hero: A Medal of Honor, Vietnam, and the

We have also added a slew of junior fiction items: "Steelheart," by Brandon Sanderson; "Son," by Lois Lowry; "Counting By 7s," by Holly Goldberg Sloan; "Infinity," and "Invincible," both by Sherrilyn Kenyon; "The Selection," and "The Elite," both by Kiera Cass; "Hattie Ever After," by Kirby Larson; "The Beginning of Everything," by Robyn Schneider; and "The Year of Billy Miller," by Kevin Henkes.

If you have not come in to see the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library silent auction, "Chair-ish Your Library," items please do. Come enjoy the creativity of the specially decorated and painted tables and chairs. Each item is unique and would be a great gift. All you need to do to bid is sign up for a number. Then you can quietly begin bidding on the item you cannot live without either keeping or giving as a gift!

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Andrew Kwapnioski and Kandy Schertz

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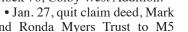
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• Jan. 23, Ricci J. Welter to Da-

• Jan. 24, Norman L. and Betty



Lots 1-2, Block 28, Colby South Park Annex.

A. Premer 2011 Trust, Chad T. Premer 2011 Trust and Marci L.

Writing contest theme is 'Kansas Plains'

The Kansas Book Festival ing as a creative outlet." Writing Contest, which began this month, runs through Wednesday, April 30. Winners will be contacted by Thursday, July 31, and announced at the 2014 Kansas Book Festival Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Kansas State Capitol. The contest is open to students in third grade through high school in the state of Kansas.

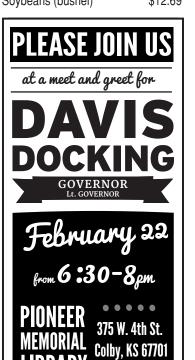
"The writing contest is in its third year and is thriving as we see the talent level of our future Kansas authors continue to grow," said Mary Brownback. "It is our hope that this writing contest will help spark a love for reading and writing among children across the state and inspire them to use writ-

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creative story depicting that life. There will be a first and second place winner in each grade level fifth grades, sixth through eighth grades and high school.

For information go to kansasbookfestival.com.

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HAILEE SPRESSER/Golden Plains High School

Leea Juenemann (left) and Kynndra Rush helped lead the Golden Plains Little Girls Dance Camp performance which included Tylor Todd, Kassie Miller, and McHaley O'Neal. The camp was Jan. 27 and the girls performes at a high school basketball game Jan. 28.

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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.

- Lawrence Journal-World, via the Associated Press

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Opinion



Social Security fix would benefit all

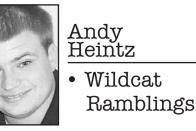
For many media pundits and politicians, pitting the elderly against the millennial generation has become all the rage.

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 interests of their investors.



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

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

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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

Other **Opinions**

Daris Howard Life's Outtakes

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 what seemed like an hour before returning and 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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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, Kovels.com. And you can join the Association of Game & Puzzle Collectors, AGPC.org, which publishes a quarterly newsletter for collectors.

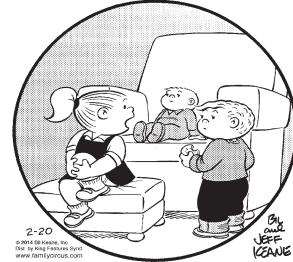
Q: I have an antique chandelier with lots of glass prisms. It is dusty and I am afraid to clean it. Any suggestions?

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.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Your English isn't very good, Jeffy. You don't say, 'My chair was tooked.' ... You say, 'My chair was tooken.'

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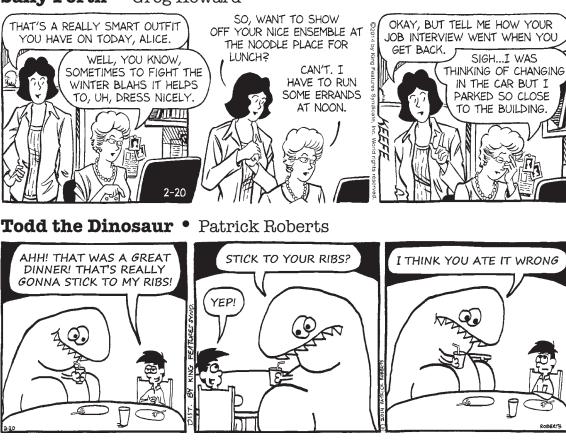
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It's So Easy to Go Wrong

There are hands where declarer must do everything exactly right in order to make the contract. 17 This is one of those cases.

Normally, you wouldn't see the East-West 18 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 24 taking advantage of a few lucky breaks here and 27 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.

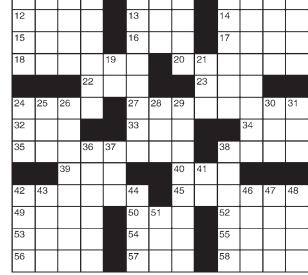
South next leads the eight of hearts (not the deuce) to dummy's ace and finesses the jack of diamonds. He then cashes the king of hearts, leads the deuce to dummy's four and finesses the queen of diamonds to finish with all the tricks.

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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RESOLUTION NO. 1072

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERN-ING BODY OF THE CITY OF COL-BY, KANSAS DETERMINING THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING ES-TABLISHING A RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUS-ING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN SUCH PROPOSED DISTRICT: ES-TABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH MATTER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq. (the Act) authorizes any city incorporated in accordance with the laws of the state of Kansas (the State) with a population of less than 60,000 located in a county with a population of less than 80,000, to designate rural housing incentive districts within such city: and

WHEREAS, prior to such designation the governing body of such city shall conduct a housing needs analysis to determine what, if any, housing needs exist within its community; and

WHEREAS. after conducting such analysis, the governing body of such city may adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the establishment of a rural housing incentive district and providing legal description of property to be contained therein; and

WHEREAS, after publishing such resolution, the governing body of such city shall send a copy thereof to the Secretary of Commerce of the State (the Secretary) reguesting that the Secretary agree with the finding contained in such resolution; and

WHEREAS, if the Secretary agrees with such findings, such city may proceed with the establishment of a rural housing incentive district within such city and adopt a plan for the development or redevelopment of housing and public facilities in the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colby, Kansas (the City) has an estimated population of approximately 5,438, is located in Thomas County, Kansas, which has an estimated population of approximately 7,977, and therefore constitutes a Rural City as said term is defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City has performed a Housing Needs Analysis dated November 16, 2012 (the Analysis), a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, 585 N. Franklin Avenue, Colby, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City has heretofore adopted Resolution No. 1063 which made certain findings relating to the need for financial incentives for the construction of quality housing within the City, declared it advisable to establish a Rural Housing Incentive District pursuant to the Act and authorized the submission of such Resolution and a Housing Needs Analysis to the Kansas Department of Commerce in accordance with the provi-

sions of the Act: and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce, pursuant to a letter dated November 27, 2013, authorized the City to proceed with the establishment of a Rural Housing Incentive District pursuant to the Act (the District); and WHEREAS, the City has caused to be prepared a plan for the development or redevelopment of housing and public facilities in the proposed District in accordance with the provisions of the Act (the Plan); and WHEREAS, the Plan includes:

1. The legal description and map required

- by subsection (a) of K.S.A. 12-5245; 2. The existing assessed valuation of the
- real estate in the proposed District listing the land and improvement values separately;
- 3. A list of the names and addresses of the owners of record of all real estate parcels within the proposed District:
- 4. A description of the housing and public facilities project or projects that are proposed to be constructed or improved in the District, and the location thereof:
- 5. A listing of the names, addresses and specific interests in real estate in the proposed District of the developers responsible for development of the housing and public facilities in the proposed District:
- 6. The contractual assurances, if any, the Governing Body has received from such developers, guaranteeing the financial feasibility of specific housing tax incentive projects in the proposed District;

A comprehensive analysis of the feasibility of providing housing tax incentives in the proposed District as provided in the Act, which shows the public benefits derived from such District will exceed the costs and that the income therefrom, together with all public and private sources of funding, will be sufficient to pay for the public improvements that may be undertaken in such District, and WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City proposes to continue proceedings necessary to create a Rural Housing Incentive District, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and adopt the Plan, by the calling of a public hearing on such matters.

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Colby, Kansas as follows:

Section 1. Proposed Rural Housing Incentive District. The Governing Body hereby declares intent to establish within the City a Rural Housing Incentive District. The District is proposed to be formed within the boundaries of the real estate legally described in Exhibit A attached herein, and shown on the map depicting the existing parcels of land attached herein as Exhibit B. A list of the names and addresses of the owners of record of all real estate parcels within the proposed District and the existing assessed valuation of said real estate, listing the land improvement values separately, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Section 2. Proposed Plan. The Governing Body hereby further declares intent to adopt the Plan in substantially the form presented to the Governing Body on this the office of the City Clerk and be available for public inspection during normal business hours. A description of the housing and public facilities projects that are proposed to be constructed or improved in the proposed District, and the location thereof are described in Exhibit D attached hereto. A summary of the contractual assurances by the developer and the comprehensive feasibility analysis is contained in Exhibit E attached hereto.

date. A copy of the Plan shall be filed in

Section 3. Public Hearing. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Governing Body of the City to consider the establishment of the District and adoption of the Plan on March 4, 2014. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 585 N. Franklin Avenue, Colby, Kansas 67701; the public hearing to commence at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Governing Body can hear the matter. At the public hearing, the Governing Body will receive public comment on such matters, and may, after the conclusion of such public hearing, consider the findings necessary for establishment of the District and adoption of the Plan, all pursuant to the Act

Section 4. Notice of Public Hearing. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for notice of the public hearing by taking the following actions; 1. A certified copy of this resolution shall

- be delivered to:
 - A. The Board of County Commissioners of Thomas County, Kansas; B. The Board of Education of U.S.D.
- 315; and

C. The Planning Commission of the City

2. This Resolution, specifically including Exhibit A thru E attached hereto, shall be published at least once in the official newspaper of the City not less than one week or more than two weeks preceding the date of the public hearina.

Section 5. Further Action. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and the officials and employees of the City, including the City Attorney, are hereby further authorized and directed to take such other actions as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect after its adoption by the Governing Body. ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the

City of Colby, Kansas on January 21, 2014.

Gary L. Adrian, Mayor

Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk Seal

Attest:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1072 adopted by the Governing Body of the City on January 21, 2014 as the same appear of record in my office DATED: January 21, 2014

Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), and Eleven (11), Block One (1), Re-Plat of Davis Addition No. 1, and All of Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), Block Two (2), Re-Plat of Davis Addition No. 1, in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas.

EXHIBIT B MAP OF PROPOSED RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE DAVIS ADDITION RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

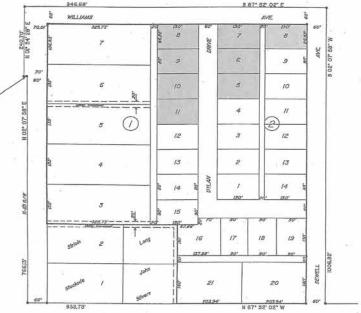


EXHIBIT C

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF ALL REAL ESTATE PARCELS WITHIN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT

Barbara Jean Schuette P.O. Box 80 Colby, KS 67701

WB Rural Housing, Inc. P.O. Box 705 Hoxie, KS 67740 Under contract on said property.

EXHIBIT D

DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT OR PROJECTS THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR IMPROVED IN THE PROPOSED RURAL HOUSING IN-**CENTIVE DISTRICT**

Housing Facilities

The housing facilities will be composed of eight single family homes. The homes will have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, unfinished basement and two-car garage.

Public Facilities

Public improvements will include acquisition of land and construction of infrastructure improvements located within the boundaries of the District, including street, water, sanitary sewer, and electric improvements. Infrastructure improvements will be

constructed concurrently with the project.

EXHIBIT E

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRACTUAL AS-SURANCES BY THE DEVELOPER AND OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

Contractual Assurances

The Governing Body of the City of Colby has entered into a development agreement with WB Rural Housing, Inc. This agreement, as supplemented and amended, includes the project construction schedule, a description of projects to be constructed, financial obligations of the developer and financial and administrative support from the City of Colby.

Feasibility Study

The City conducted a study to determine whether the public benefits derived from the rebate would be sufficient to pay for the public improvements to be undertaken in the District. The analysis estimates the property tax revenues that will be generated from the Development, less existing property taxes to determine the revenue stream available to support the costs of the public infrastructure. The estimates indicate that the revenue realized from the project would be adequate to pay the costs of the public infrastructure

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Road to state glory reaches Colby By R.B. Headley

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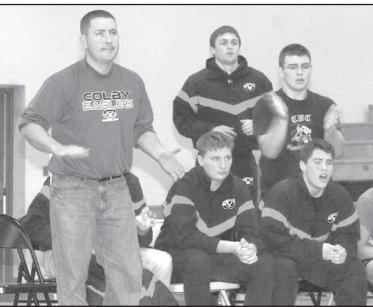
Eagles at Ulysses called off

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.



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.

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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 tour- open since none are rated in 4A's nament have been about since last top six. February: the 4A state tournament at Salina's Bicentennial Center starting one week from today.

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.

individual highly-rated wrestlers entering this regional:

106: No. 4 Tate Carney of Colby could fade No. 2 Logan Mc-Dowell 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.

just one spot (No. 5) above Hugoton's Pedro Ordonez (No. 6).

By R.B. Headley

Trojans knock off

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Just as coach Ryan Carter ex-

pected, Colby Community Col-

lege's bats came alive with 10 hits

during a 6-3 triumph at McCook,

reached base five times to spark

the attack. He ripped three singles,

walked twice and drove home one

The Trojans (2-3 record) scored

in five of nine innings capped by

Ryan Ihle's eighth-inning home

Ihle two hits, two runs and an-

other RBI thanks to that solo blast

off McCook relief pitcher Logan

Neb., Wednesday afternoon.

Nebraska opponent

College

lege.

season.

Center fielder David Nelson the victory as he fanned five dur-

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

160: Goodland's John Paden The Colby 4A regional features 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 Tay-That idea leads to a rundown of lor 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 126: Abilene's Casyen Smith is wrestlers in No. 3 Jason Zook of Chapman and Smoky Valley's No. 5 Brix Brickey — which might be 132, 138 and 145 could be wide among the best wrestling names.

when Joshua Jones threw nine

shutout innings in a 4-0 triumph over Northeast Texas Community

On Wednesday, five Trojan

Reliever Spencer Deines earned

hurlers combined for 11 strikeouts

against McCook Community Col-

ing two innings that Colby built its

early lead. Fily Perez and Nelson

and Jorge Cruz all pitched score-

less frames. Ihle worked the eight

before Grant Buchanon took over and recorded his first save of this

Other leading Trojan hitters were Drake Biggins (double, run

scored), Cory Cyrus (hit, run,

both singled home Colby runs. Garth Helton, Jeremy Denton

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 plavers 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, R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Dodge City's now 15-13 over-

Regular-season victory chances

They will visit Pratt Col-

game against Cloud County next

Colby (79) — Jeremiah Ingram

27 points, Joey Meyer 17, Bran-

den Williams 11, Ramon Johnson

9, Kyle Summers 6, Terry Starks

5, Justin Talley 4. Rebound lead-

ers: Ingram 12, Meyer 12. Assists:

Starks 6. Steals: Meyer 2. Blocked

Dodge City (89) - E.J. Eaves'

game-high 34 points powered the

are down to two for coach Rusty

all, 4-8 in league play.

Wednesday evening.

Grafel's team.

shot: Ingram.

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.

Colby was coming off a strong RBI), Nolan Carter (hit, run) and pitching performance on Sunday, Matt Benn (hit, walk). Dodge downs Colby

Deandra "Dee Dee" Williams' 17 rebounds led the Colby Community College women during a



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

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 They slipped to 9-19 overall and weren't interested in surrendering 0-12 against Jayhawk foes. 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 lege Saturday before their final 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 visitors while Ameer Jackson talhave to wait another three nights. lied 20.

70-56 home loss to Dodge City Wednesday nights. Williams more than doubled

run.

run.

Peterson.

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

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

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

Colby (56) — McKenna Ortner 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: Ortner 3, Green 2, Biddle. Rebound leaders: Williams 17, Miller 7. Assists: Cordae McKelvy 2, Williams 2, Biddle 2. Steals: Williams 2, Ortner 2. Blocked shots: Miller, Cato.



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



Emotional underdogs shock No. 1 team

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — To the Orange's unbeaten season. a man, the Boston College Eagles was looking down on them.

time, 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

were convinced of one thing: D.K. us," BC coach Steve Donahue died last week after a two-year said after his first Carrier Dome Olivier Hanlan and Patrick win in eight tries against the Or- Tuesday, and the Eagles, who Heckmann hit 3-pointers in over- ange. "It's been incredible for often visited his apartment, were lantic Coast Conference), which these guys to persevere. We've wearing "DK" patches on their played well in a lot of games.

The Eagles came to town with

ball media contact and sports in- looking down on us. He's got us,"" "It was an emotional game for formation assistant Dick Kelley forward Ryan Anderson said. "It's battle with ALS. His funeral was uniforms.

"The patch on our chests, toheavy hearts and a good dose of ward the end of the game, it was leaves Wichita State as the nadetermination. Longtime basket- like, 'We can't be denied. D.K. is tion's last unbeaten at 28-0.

real emotional. It's really going to set in in a couple of hours.

Boston College (7-19, 3-10 Athad lost five straight, rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to pull off the improbable upset. It

