



Courses to follow career paths

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The Colby School Board approved new career-related high school courses Monday night.

A total of four new career-based high school course "pathways" were approved for next school year, one in agribusiness, one in criminal corrections and two in teaching. The district Coordinating Council approved the recommendations at the end of last month.

During the January board meeting, Curriculum Director Diana Wieland, representing the council, told the board about pathways.

The school already had classes related to agribusiness and power, structural and technical systems, she said. Now it will also teach classes related to agriculture sciences, animal science, biotechnology in agriculture, food products and processing systems and plant systems. A new teaching pathway, Wieland said, would encourage students to take up teaching in Colby, and these teacher might be

more likely to stay here long-term.

The board agreed to the new agribusiness pathway when it approved course recommendations at the January meeting. Wieland was not at this month's meeting to explain the other pathways.

The career courses the board approved last month included 36 individual pathways broken down into six areas: environment and agriculture; business, marketing and management; human resources and services; health sciences; industrial, manufacturing and engineering systems; arts, communications and information; and 16 smaller categories. The state comes up with the pathways, she said, and then the high schools decide which ones to teach to.

In other business, the board:

- Voted to extend Superintendent Terrel Harrison's contract through 2015. The board then went into two closed sessions with Harrison for a total of 45 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel. No action was taken at the end of either of the two sessions.

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Tower facelift to start in May

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Colby's "spider" water tower will get a facelift, thanks to a \$466,322 contract City Council members approved at their meeting Tuesday.

Utility Service Co. Inc., based in Atlanta, will begin the eight-week maintenance project in May. Residents should not experience any interruptions or changes in service during the project, said city Public Works Director Omar Weber.

Renovations and repairs will include pressure-washing the exterior, repairing rust spots, painting inside and out, cleaning the interior with an abrasive blast, installing an overflow screen and replacing a roof vent and interior ladder.

The proposal had been presented to the council members at a previous meeting, but performance bond language had to be added into the contract by state law, said City Manager Tyson McGreer. The bond requirements raised the price of the contract, said McGreer, but were required because of its size.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a contract for electrical service from Midwest Energy Inc. McGreer said the new contract is not "wildly more expensive" than the previous one, but that prices will vary based on the market costs of power.

Ordered cleanup of a "motor vehicle nuisance" at 750 N. Franklin Ave. on property owned by Wheat Lippelmann. City Building Official Terry Overton reported the six vehicles located on the property are not operational and do not have current tags, violating the city's code against junked motor vehicles parked on private property. The council's order gives Lippelmann 10 days to appeal the decision or fix the problem.

Heard a report from McGreer that the police department is looking for a new officer after one resigned and that he is organizing pool staff for the summer. Discussed the popularity of the city's walking trail. Mayor Gary Adrian said the trail was "full" when he visited it Saturday. McGreer said he plans to discuss restrooms for the trail at a future meeting. The city budgeted \$50,000 for the project this year but a re-design could change the costs, he said.

Received a little over \$39,000 from the Thomas County Coalition to pay for a consultant to help the city develop a master plan for walking and biking trails. McGreer said that money should pay for almost all of the study's cost.



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Colby High School boys basketball players (above) had pink T-shirts to warm up for their "Pink Zone" games Tuesday night to raise awareness of cancer and its effects on the community. A silent auction was set up to help 18-year-old Alisa Finley (center) cross a few items off her "bucket list," she has a terminal brain tumor. Colby and Goodland High students joined to form a circle of support as area cancer survivors were honored (below left) between varsity games. Cotton candy was also part of "Pink Night" for cancer awareness, and these two youngsters (bottom right) were certainly enjoying the treat.

Friends help senior out

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A Colby senior is checking items off her "bucket list," thanks to help from dozens of community members.

Eighteen-year-old Alisa Finley, daughter of Robert and Teresa Finley, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in July 2012 after bouts of nausea and not being able to see well out of her right eye.

Her tumor is aggressive and doctors have reached the limit of what they can do.

Now, Alisa has a list of 48 things she wants to do while she's alive and the community is coming together to help. Fund raisers are being held and volunteers are signing up to make her dreams happen.

A kiss from actor Channing Tatum tops Alisa's list, followed by indoor sky diving, throwing a big

party, traveling, swimming with dolphins and more.

Some of the items on her list are things she can do here, like learning to shoot a gun. The Colby Police Department is planning to help her check that one off her list.

This weekend, she'll check another one off: tasting every cheesecake flavor at the Cheesecake Factory restaurant.

Originally, doctors thought her illness might be sinus trouble, but a CT scan revealed the tumor. Alisa was quickly sent to Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colo., where she underwent more diagnostic tests and surgeries.

During her first surgery, doctors removed about 90 percent of the tumor, drained much of the fluid from a cyst on the tumor and inserted a port in her chest where she could receive medications instead

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Snowy roads blamed for semi rollover

Two Colorado men were hurt Thursday morning when their semi-trailer rig rolled after trying to pass a snow plow on a snowpacked section of Interstate 70.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Robert S. Ayers, 54, of Morrison, Colo., was

headed west on the freeway in a 2013 Freightliner at 9:14 a.m. He apparently lost control on the freshly-packed snow while trying to pass a Kansas Department of Transportation plow a mile west of Quinter. The semi rolled off the north side of the road and hit a fence.

Ayers and his partner, Rodney G. Achen, 52, Lakewood, Colo., who were both wearing seat belts, were taken to Gove County Hospital, where they were examined and transferred. Hospital staff would not say where they had been sent.



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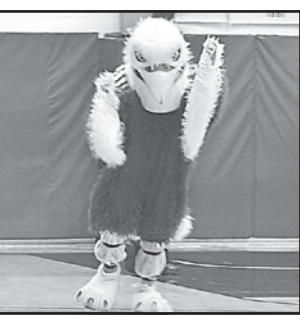
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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon.

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 42.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Thursday: High, 41; Low 22

Precip: Thursday None

Month: 0.14 inches

Year: 0.44 inches

Normal: 0.93 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 7:27 a.m. 6:29 p.m.

Last quarter moon at 11:16 a.m.

Sunday 7:26 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

Moon: waning, 39 percent

Monday 7:24 a.m. 6:31 p.m.

Moon: waning, 28 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby pharmacist to move

Pharmacist Mike Larmer is leaving Colby for "greener" pastures...

Larmer started working at Palace Drug Store in 1987, straight out of pharmacy school...

Although the store is looking for a replacement, Smith said there will be no changes to the services they offer their clients...



Mike Larmer

prescriptions and administering immunizations.

Smith said Larmer enjoyed interacting with customers and liked to keep track of them personally.

A store Facebook post says "We wish him lots of luck and all the best in his endeavors in Garden City. We will miss you!"

Courses follow career paths

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Recognized board members for attending the Kansas Association of School Boards leadership training program over the last year.

Approved an academic calendar for the coming year.

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Accepted the resignation of Jessica McCoy as assistant debate coach, effective at the end of the year.

Discussed letters that were exchanged between the school district and the teachers' union, the Colby unit of the Kansas National Education Association.

Friends help senior out

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of constantly needing an IV line.

She was released from the hospital nearly a month later but was not able to return home, instead starting radiation treatments five days a week for six weeks and chemotherapy once a week for more than eight months.

Less than a year later, another test revealed the tumor was back.

After another surgery and more radiation, the tumor continued to grow back.

helps slow its growth.

Alisa has headaches but is otherwise able to do most of the same things her classmates do.

Alisa is on target to reach one of her big goals: graduating with her classmates.

After graduating, Alisa hopes to work at the high school or attend Northwest Kansas Technical College, a change from her former plans that had included going to a university.

When the doctors told Alisa

there was no more they could do for her, she almost started to cry, said Teresa.

Teresa said the family does not want the doctors to estimate how long Alisa has left to live, since only God knows.

"She's a special girl," Theresa said. "Through all this treatment, Alisa has not complained, only smiled and laughed."

To help with this cause, go to the Help Alisa Facebook page, which is the hub for all the bucket-list efforts, or contact Brandi Wark at wark03@hotmail.com.

Olympics different on TVs across world

By David Bauder AP Television Writer

In Sweden, commentators have fun with Norway's misfortunes. The Dutch can't get enough of their speedskaters.

There's only one Winter Olympics. But in reality, for television viewers around the world, the Sochi games are a different experience depending on where you tune in.

Some 464 channels are broadcasting more than 42,000 hours of Sochi competition worldwide, easily outdistancing previous Olympics, according to the International Olympic Commission.

So let's look at Wednesday around the world. It demonstrates one thing above all: A single day's viewing from different outposts offers an intriguing window into national passions, prides and peculiarities.

SWEDEN "This is Sweden's Olympic games, full stop," commentator Per Forsberg said on TV3 after Stina Nilsson sprinted past German Denise Herrmann on Wednesday for a bronze medal in cross-country skiing, an event that barely attracted notice elsewhere.

More than a million of winter sports-crazy Sweden's 9.5 million citizens watch popular disciplines like cross-country live during working hours, says Wayne Seretis, TV3 spokesman. It's even more on the weekends, where 2.5 million people watched Swedish men win gold in a cross-country relay.

RUSSIA Wednesday was a plain lousy day for the host country, where Russia's men's hockey team was shown live at 4:30 p.m. Moscow time being eliminated from medal contention by Finland.

JAPAN Japan's figure skating star Mao Asada had a tough day, too. The Vancouver silver medalist finished 16th. That was big news back home, where broadcaster

NHK began showing skating warmups just before midnight Tokyo time, and stuck with it live until 4 a.m. Thursday.

With Japan six hours ahead of Sochi, many of the high-profile events are shown live overnight, although NHK rebroadcasts much of it the next day. The Japanese broadcasters rely heavily on former athletes for Olympic coverage, with former figure skater Shizuka Arakawa, former tennis star Shuzo Matsuoka and Nordic combined gold medalist Kenji Ogiwara all in Russia.

Canada's national obsession was evident Wednesday, when the prime-time telecast opened with 40 minutes on the men's hockey team's tense 2-1 victory over Latvia to reach the gold medal game, even though many Canadians stopped work to watch it live during the day.

"What a game," the CBC's play-by-play man Jim Hughson said. "It wasn't supposed to be this hard."

"Never in doubt," commentator Glenn Healy joked. The CBS also CBC devoted 40 minutes to the women's bobsled, where that country's team of Kailie Humphries and Heather

Moyses came from behind to win gold. About half of that time was spent on a studio interview with the two-time Olympic champions, who talked about patching up a previous falling out.

"What a day it was!" Canadian commentator Ron MacLean said as the camera showed Humphries holding flowers. "The sweet smell of success. Congratulations. Blew them away."

UNITED STATES The focus was on the bobsled finals was different across Canada's southern border, where the silver medal-winning U.S. duo of Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams's fall from first place.

Briefly

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.

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.

Sorority serving soup for preschool

Kappa Upsilon sorority will hold its annual soup supper to raise money for Puddle Duck Preschool at the regional wrestling meet, 5 to 7:30 p.m. today in the Community Building.

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.

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.

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.

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 Frahm Theatre of the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College.

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.

Coffee talks cover conservation programs

An Ag Programs Coffee Shop talk will be held at 2 p.m. 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.

Lions start March by serving up soup

The Gem Lions Club will have its annual winter soup day, featuring vegetable, chili and potato soup, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Gem Community Building.

Murder mystery tickets on sale now

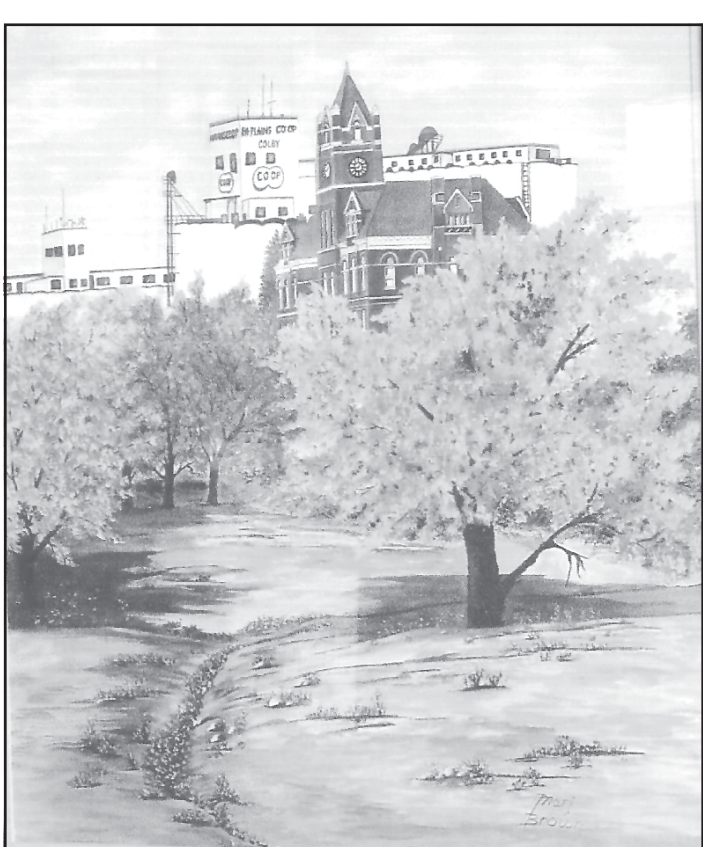
The 10th annual murder mystery at the Pioneer Memorial Library will be "Dead 2 Rights." For \$25 per person, you can help solve a mystery while dining in style.



Table with columns for Monday Evening and February 24, 2014, listing various TV channels and their programming schedules.

Advertisement for Davis Docking, Governor Lt. Governor, featuring a date of February 22 and contact information for Pioneer Memorial Library.

Advertisement for Woofter Pump & Well Inc., 1024 Oak Ave. Hoxie, KS 67740, offering irrigation, domestic, geothermal, and environmental services.



This 30x40 inch painting of the Thomas County Courthouse by Marj Brown won first place in the High Plains Art Club's show in October. Tickets for it will be on sale March 6.

Video on glass blower to be shown by art club

The High Plains Art Club will show the video, "Chihuly in the Hot Shop," about noted glass artist Dale Chihuly, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The club will furnish refreshments at the free event. Tickets will be on sale for a chance to win an original painting of the Thomas County Courthouse by Marj Brown, which won first place in the club's annual show in October. Chihuly was born in 1941 in Tacoma, Wash., and studied at the University of Washington, going on to the Rhode Island School of Design. He started a glass program at that university and taught there for more than a decade. After receiving a Fulbright Fellowship, he worked and studied in Venice to learn the approach there to glass blowing. In 1971 he co-founded the Pilchuck Glass School in Washington. He has taught and dem-

onstrated glass blowing and design all over the world. Chihuly's awards including 12 honorary doctorates and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. More than 200 museum collections hold his glass art. Works he completed in 1995 in Finland, Ireland, and Mexico were installed over the canals and piazzas of Venice as "Chihuly over Venice." Because of an eye injury and other health problems, Chihuly can no longer create glass works, but he still teaches and works with helpers, called gaffers, to continue his work. The video was filmed in 2006 when Chihuly was reunited at "The Museum of Glass," in Tacoma with 11 of his original head glassblowers, with whom he had created 13 of his earlier series. For information, contact Marlene Carpenter at 462-7656.

Security freeze offers ID theft protection



Derek Schmidt
• Attorney General

Recent high-profile data breaches by large retail chains have many Kansas consumers on alert for identity theft. It's important to check your bank and credit card statements every month for suspicious charges. However, another option to guard personal information is to put a security freeze on your credit report.

A security freeze prohibits the credit bureaus, with certain exceptions, from releasing your credit report or any information on it without your express authorization. Under Kansas law, victims of identity theft can obtain a security freeze for free by submitting documentation of the identity theft, such as a police report, to the credit bureaus. If you are not a victim of identity theft, the credit bureaus can charge you up to \$5 for placing the security freeze.

All requests for a security freeze should be made in writing, whether by mail or online. The credit bureaus must place the freeze on your report within five days of receiving your request. While a security freeze is in place, it will be difficult for anyone - including you - to open new accounts in your name. If you wish to apply for a new loan, open a new credit card or bank account while the freeze is in place, you

will need to contact the credit bureaus to temporarily lift the freeze. This will require giving them the password or PIN number you received when you put the freeze in place. For non-identity theft victims, the credit bureaus can charge you another \$5 fee each time the freeze is lifted or put back in place. Another way to protect your identity is through a credit monitoring service. These services will continuously monitor your credit report and send you an alert if there is any activity, including opening a new account or a change of address. When a large data breach occurs, companies often offer these services for free to affected consumers. Target recently announced that it is offering a free year of credit monitoring to its customers. You can sign up for Target's free monitoring service at creditmonitoring.target.com/.

To learn more about security freezes and other ways to prevent identity theft, visit the Attorney General's Consumer Protection website at www.InYourCorner-Kansas.org.

Accounting firm names new senior manager here

Michelle Ryan, a certified public accountant with the firm of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, has been named senior manager of the firm's Colby and Atwood offices. Ryan joined the firm in 2008 and received her certified public accountant designation in March 2010. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2007 and a Master of Accountancy in 2008, both from Kansas State University. Ryan is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Colby Rotary Club, and a board member for the Colby/

Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. In her free time, she enjoys reading, being outdoors, playing sports and spending time with family and friends. Ryan lives in Colby with her husband Josh. Adams, Brown, provides a range accounting and consulting services to clients throughout Kansas. Founded in 1945, the firm maintains 13 offices throughout the state. For information, go to www.abbb.com.

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Deaths

Pauline Dorothy Baird

Pauline Dorothy Baird, 94, Goodland, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at the home of her son Jim (Sue) Baird in Goodland. She was born March 17, 1919, in Colby, the daughter of Gurna William and Lydia Caroline Frances (Theimer) Lewallen. After grade school at Saline Country School, 11 miles north of Winona and two miles north of their farm, she graduated from Winona High School in 1937. On July 24, 1937, she married William Robert Baird. They lived on the Baird farm north of Brewster in Rawlins County. Later, they lived in Salem, Ore., returning to Goodland 20 years ago. A member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Brewster, she enjoyed cooking, fishing, gardening, playing cards and traveling with her husband in their motorhome. Preceding her in death were her husband and parents; a son, Perry Rae Baird; a daughter, Dorothy Jannette Davis; a grandson, Brian Da-

vis; an infant sister, Jean Lewallen; four sisters, Louise Palmgren, Maxine Dawes, Doris Knox and Allie Helin; and a brother, Francis Lewallen. Survivors include, in addition to her son, a brother, Robert Lewallen of Winona; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. (Central Time) Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with Pastor Perry Baird officiating and burial in the Brewster Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. (Central) until service time at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to Gideons International or to the church in Brewster, in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735. Condolences for the family may be left at www.koonsfuneral-home.com.

Three of Clubs

Members of the Three of Clubs gathered at the library last Friday. Hostess Kathy Calliham presided, opening with the flag salute and club collect. During the business meeting, members were reminded the next month's meeting will be held by the Shakespeare Club with Cindy Schnelle presenting a program on her trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. Calliham introduced two Colby High School students, Brooke Wark and Bridget Bickner, who attended last summer's Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership workshop on scholarships from the club. The pair said former Shakespeare Club member Donna Henry encouraged them to apply. The students were split up and placed on different teams during the workshop, participating in leadership activity stations to help them relate to different personality types. They also listened to talks from professors, lawyers and other professionals and were given a personality trait test. Both students were challenged to give 100 hours of service each year to benevolent organizations, and Wark said she was able to fulfill her hours in two months. The ladies showed off the decorated T-shirts they wore for their teams and their "warm fuzzy" necklaces they made to spread good will, warmth and happiness when they added a fiber to someone else's necklace. The pair said they enjoyed the seminar so much they tried to apply to go as junior counselors this summer but the spaces were already filled.

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-Amie Kendrick

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Wheat (bushel) | \$6.84 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$4.49 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$7.63 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$12.73 |

First responder training aims at grain facility incidents

Kansas State University, in partnership with Purdue University, will offer a workshop featuring an overview of basic first-responder training for incidents at grain facilities from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Omaha. The training is designed to instill basic awareness of hazards during grain-dust incidents to reduce the risks of injuries to first responders. It will be held at the CenturyLink Center, 455 N. 10th Street.

Participants will learn how to safely respond to a crises at an elevator or other grain-handling facility and to improve the safety culture of their facility. The program is paid for through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Pre-registration is not required. For information, contact Brandi Miller at bmmiller@kse.edu or (785) 532-4053.

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercersory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Pastor Paul Brigham, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday's. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reverend Andrew Sonneborn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

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Other Viewpoints

Open affidavits would help public

A bill before the Kansas Legislature seeks to make public the “probable-cause” affidavits that support arrest and search warrants, which have been sealed since 1979.

The family behind the legislation has good reason for pushing the change in the law. In April 2012, Johnson County sheriff’s deputies in full tactical gear raided the home of Leawood residents Robert and Adlynn Harte and their children, then 7 and 13 years old. During the raid, Robert Harte was held on the ground while an officer kept an assault rifle trained on him. The fruitless raid was based on information from the Missouri Highway Patrol that the Hartes had visited a hydroponic store and left with a bag of indoor gardening merchandise. While the heavily armored and armed officers expected to find marijuana, what they found were two scared kids, some tea leaves and tomato and squash plants.

When the Hartes sought to uncover why the police needlessly raided their home, they met resistance, and it took nearly a year for the couple to learn that the baseless raid was founded on their visit to the gardening store and the three times police dug through their trash cans and found tea leaves they believed were marijuana.

House Bill 2555 would force law enforcement to open their supporting affidavits behind search and arrest warrants.

But more importantly, it would shine light on the work of law enforcement agencies and require them to prove to the public that they have built enough of a case to justify violating someone’s home or putting them in jail.

The issue is more important than ever before as technology continues to advance in ways that allow law enforcement to remotely track and monitor people.

The law-enforcement community has responded that opening the records would add another layer of review and slow the time between investigations and court proceedings. That, however, is of little concern to families like the Hartes, who were the victims of a careless and weak investigation that never should have ended with a full-blown crack-house-style raid in a suburban neighborhood.

The concerns of law enforcement do not trump the constitutional rights of the individual. And in an era when Americans have learned more about the extent and scope of domestic surveillance, we’ve also learned that the processes in place to protect us against unlawful search and seizure are not adequate.

Frankly, Kansans have no idea if supporting affidavits are even produced, whether judges critically review those documents or if legal authorities simply accept the word of an investigator who is in a hurry to make an arrest.

One sure protection is to force law enforcement to become more open and accountable to the public. In the process, Kansas will end up with more thorough, complete investigations and less likelihood that innocent people will be targeted or that guilty people will be able to exploit weak investigations that never see the light of day until trial.

— The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press

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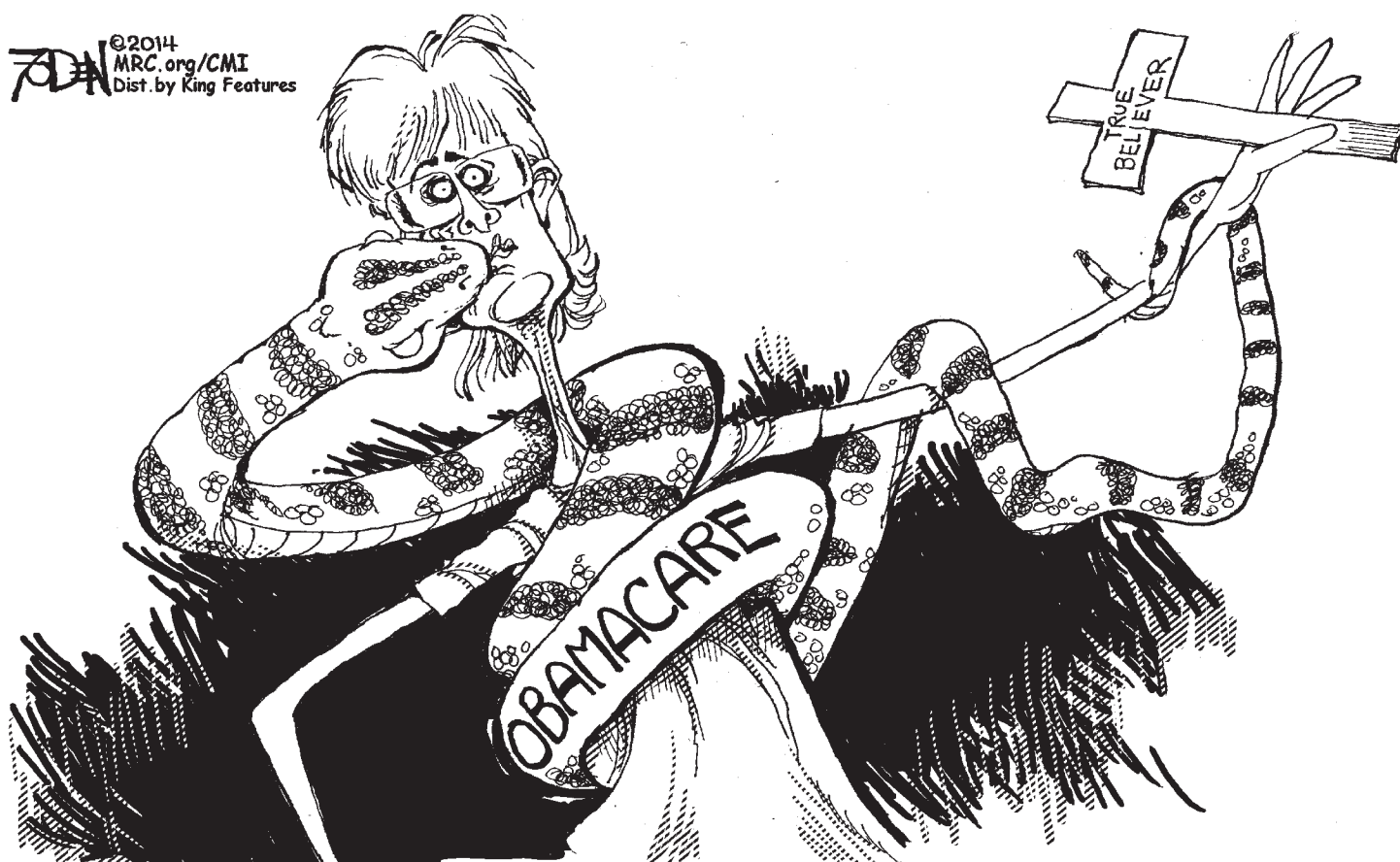
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Animal quality of life matters to farmer

Farmers and ranchers have always adhered to sound principles of animal care for their livestock. Society’s views on animal welfare, on the other hand, continue to evolve.

Today, people are becoming more concerned for the animal’s quality of life. While there are fringe groups, “activists” if you will, many people have honest questions and concerns about the quality of life for food animals.

Who are these people?

Some are like you. Others may be like me.

They are not opposed to eating meat. They just want to know that while that sow is going through the production cycle she has a reasonable quality of life.

Consumers want to know animals are not abused or subjected to inhumane conditions. They believe animals should be well cared for and the people who care for them honestly care.

Farmers and ranchers cannot single out anyone and place blame for these changing



John Schlageck

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societal views. Instead, the agricultural sector must view this as our culture and society coming to terms with new types of social issues. It just so happens that animals have become integrated into this process.

One reason for this new interest in animal welfare may be that Western European, Japanese and U.S. consumers do not have to worry about where their next meal comes from.

U.S. citizens have time to contemplate the quality of life for animals in this country, but few of us want to change our own lifestyles.

Farmers and ranchers – those people who

provide our food – will have to continue to accept and use sound animal husbandry practices. If they honestly show they are putting effort into meeting a standard of care that’s beneficial and conducive to a healthy living standard, the public will accept and embrace those who raise and care for livestock.

Agricultural producers must stay tuned to societal and consumer concerns and be responsive industry wide while enhancing the well-being of their livestock.

That said, today’s consumers will continue to regard agriculture highly and embrace a food which they enjoy and feel good about.

John Schlageck of the Kansas Farm Bureau is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. He grew up on a diversified farm near Seguin, and his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Co-ops not just concrete and steel

If someone told Billie Chesney or Rebecca Hall they needed to meet this guy or talk to that person, they’d track them down no matter how far apart or the amount of time it took.

They recorded their journeys across the state, shot through the bug-spattered windshield with a small video camera, a few “selfies” thrown in, the camera held at arm’s length to frame their smiling faces like a pair of parentheses around a towering grain elevator jutting toward the clear blue skies of Kansas.

But that in itself was only a part of their story. Some of the rest was laced through their five-minute video, something they half-jokingly called their what-we-did-on-our-summer-vacation movie, grain elevators in Delphos and St. Francis and Goodland and Larned and others, interspersed with grainy historic photos shot through the rear-view mirror of time and accompanied by the ukelele-driven “Over the Rainbow” rendition by Hawaiian crooner Israel Kamakawiwo’ole, which in retrospect was charmingly relevant to the Sunflower State.

Their presentation, based on their Kansas Co-op History Research Project sponsored by the Chapman Center for Rural Studies at Kansas State University, was shown to members of the Kansas Farmers Union during the organization’s annual convention in Topeka in early January. With them was Tom Giessel, honorary historian for the union, and president of the Pawnee County Farmers Union, who spoke on early co-operative history and the role the group played in organizing farmers in the early 20th century.

Dubbed “skyscrapers of the plains,” grain elevators and co-operatives have a colorful history in Kansas.

Farmer cooperatives were brought about by a series of national events and legislation in the late 1800s and early 1900s, triggered in part by an economic depression throughout the farming community due to an unequal playing field with big businesses such as J.P. Morgan and Carnegie, Chesney said. From their beginnings, co-ops were more about people than business. One early co-op pioneer said, “Co-ops work because of the people.” Their success lay in working together toward a common goal and vision at a local rather than national level.

On a national level, cooperatives weren’t le-

Other Opinions

• Tom Parker
Kansas Farmers Union

gal until 1912. Kansas, however, got an earlier start in 1878. At roughly the same period, the National Farmers Union rose from the ashes of the Farmers Alliance, first in Texas in 1902 and then spreading across the South. Like its predecessor, the group believed in cooperatives and worked to improve cooperative laws. The organization reached Kansas in 1905, by which time regulations had improved dramatically, Giessel said.

Those early co-ops were different than what we know today.

“We think of co-ops as grain elevators, but a lot of them were founded to bring in groceries or ship in hay,” Giessel said. “Grain handling was just one aspect of it.”

It soon became apparent farmers needed both a local co-op and a regional co-op, not only for grain marketing but for grain purchasing. In 1915, the Farmers Union formed a jobbing association to buy from its own co-ops, a move supported by the state Legislature.

As word got out of the benefits of co-ops, more communities wanted information. The union stepped in with lecturers and organizers, Giessel said. The former would go out and preach the gospel of cooperatives and the latter would follow up to organize local co-ops.

“It was all very structured and effective,” he said. “KFU was very good at co-op development.”

At the time the group was printing 28,000 newspapers weekly to spread the news. Competition, however, didn’t take the union intrusion lightly. One article in 1916 claimed that some grain buyers for independent and old-line elevators offered stockholders in the union elevators a half-cent more for a bushel of wheat than what the union elevators were paying.

“These buyers are not bidding on your wheat,” the author wrote, “they’re bidding on

your loyalty. Would you sell it for that much?”

The organization fell on hard times during World War I. It was undercapitalized and struggling to stay afloat. At the 1918 convention in Wichita, it was proposed that the organization disband. According to a newspaper report, there were men with tears in their eyes, distraught over the idea, so distraught that they raised the needed capital to keep the union viable.

By 1920, the organization was on the rebound. An article in *Country Gentleman* magazine stated that “Cooperation not only helps the cooperators, it helps the community.”

“I really love that quote,” Giessel said. “Those people had a real strong sense of community. They knew that if they didn’t do it themselves, it wasn’t going to happen. They struggled and they didn’t always succeed, but they always kept coming back and trying. My jaw drops when I read stories about those early co-ops.”

Those same co-ops were the focus of Chesney and Hall as they made their way across Kansas. Their car was stuffed with cameras and video recorders and scanners and laptops, enough cables to stretch from border to border and a dog named Ivan that they considered a four-legged field assistant. Their focus was on century co-ops, those at least 100 years old, but what they didn’t fully understand until somewhere in the middle of the project was just how big the state was.

“We’d show up at the car dealer twice a month to get an oil change,” Hall quipped. “They’d look at us and say, ‘wow.’”

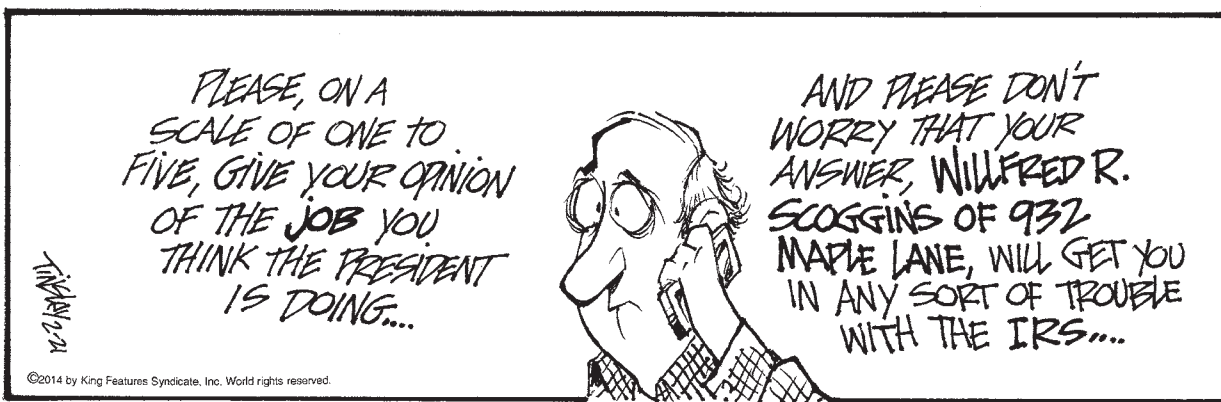
An article in a Manhattan newspaper during the 1920s asked if Kansas was the greatest state for co-ops. The question was part hyperbole and part boosterism, but it reflected the explosive growth witnessed by organizations like Farmers Union. Cooperatives would become the norm rather than the exception, and there was no turning back. Those prairie skyscrapers would stand tall and proud over every town, no matter how small or remote.

Still, it’s important to remember those early days and what they signified, Giessel said.

“When you think about a co-op, you can’t just think about concrete and steel,” he said. “You have to think about the people. That’s what it’s all about.”

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



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School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Monday: 4 p.m. seventh boys basketball vs. Holcomb; 6 p.m. Ft. Hays State Senior Recognition Program, High School Auditorium. **Tuesday:** 2 p.m. seventh grade musical, Grade School Auditorium; 4:30 p.m. basketball, Hays Thomas-More Prep; 7 p.m. first grade musical, Grade School Auditorium. **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. FFA Ag Mechanics, Goodland. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. seventh and eighth boys basketball, First Round Great West Activities Conference. **Friday:** Read Across America, Grade School Library; 10 a.m. state wrestling, Salina. **Saturday:** FFA Livestock, Newton; 7:30 a.m. forensics, Silver Lake; junior varsity forensics, Ellis; 9 a.m. state wrestling, Salina; 10 a.m. seventh and eighth boys basketball tournament, Scott City.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: cinn-a-minis, orange wedge, grape juice; lunch: barbecue chicken, tater tots, biscuit, jelly, cauliflower with cheese, applesauce. **Tuesday:** breakfast: biscuits and gravy, tropical fruit, orange juice; lunch: macaroni and cheese, meatballs, tossed salad with spinach, green beans, apricots. **Wednesday:** breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, apple juice; lunch: turkey and cheese sub, sun chips, lettuce leaf, tomato slice, broccoli with

cheese, banana. **Thursday:** breakfast: cereal bar, string cheese, orange juice; lunch: chili or chicken noodle soup, carrots, cherry tomatoes, cinnamon roll, fruit cocktail. **Friday:** breakfast: waffle sticks, syrup, cinnamon applesauce, grape juice; lunch: hot dog, bun, tater tots, baked beans, California blend vegetables, apples with cinnamon.
Sacred Heart
Activities: Sunday: 11 a.m. carnival.
Menus: Monday: hamburger on a bun, dark green leaf lettuce and tomato slice, sweet potato fries, fruit cocktail, rice krispie treat. **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh broccoli, strawberries and bananas, ranch. **Wednesday:** chili, whole grain corn chips, celery, cucumbers, cinnamon roll, orange smiles, ranch. **Thursday:** baked ham, two potato mash, green beans, kiwi, biscuits, jelly. **Friday:** mac and cheese, seasoned peas, baby carrots, whole wheat roll, jelly, apple wedge.
Heartland
Activities: Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. Triplains-Brewster, Senior Night. **Friday:** no school; state basketball. **Saturday:** state basketball.
Golden Plains
Activities: Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Northern Valley, Alma. **Wednesday:** ele-

mentary gifted seminar, Oakley; 8 a.m. Leadership Thomas County, Colby. **Friday:** end third quarter; registration deadline for April 12 ACT test.
Menus: Rexford: Monday: breakfast: little smokies; lunch: chicken patty. **Tuesday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: cowboy cavatini. **Wednesday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: Frito pie. **Thursday:** breakfast: breakfast pizza; lunch: ticerito. **Friday:** breakfast: turnovers; lunch: barbecue sandwich.
Brewster
Activities: Tuesday: 6:30, 8 p.m. high school basketball vs. Heartland at Colby. **Friday:** 6:30, 8 p.m. high school basketball, Alma; no school.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: hamburgers, tri-tater or fries, fresh vegetable mix. **Tuesday:** breakfast: grilled cheese sandwich; lunch: sausage pizza, corn, salad. **Wednesday:** breakfast: breakfast pancakes, sausage; lunch: chili, carrots, celery, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** breakfast: sausage cheese biscuit; lunch: beef and

noodles in gravy, broccoli, carrots, roll.
Colby Community College
Activities: Sunday: rodeo, Manhattan; softball, Oklahoma City; 11 a.m. baseball, Odessa, Texas. **Monday:** 5 p.m. massage therapy clinic, Thomas Hall. **Tuesday:** 6 p.m. SGA meeting, Fireside Lounge; 6 p.m. Kickball, Campus Gym. **Wednesday:** Identity Theft Prevention workshop; 2 p.m. baseball vs. McCook Community College; 3 p.m. softball, El Dorado; 6 p.m. women's

basketball vs. Cloud County; 8 p.m. men's basketball vs. Cloud County. **Friday:** equestrian team at Colby, (hunt seat); wrestling nationals, Spokane, Wash.; rodeo, Garden City.
Triplains
Activities: Monday: no school; 8:30 a.m. Yearbook Monday; 4 p.m. fifth through eighth music contest, Sharon Springs; 4 p.m. high school basketball vs. Western Plains, Ransom. **Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Heartland Christian

School, Colby. **Wednesday:** senior class meeting. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. parent-teacher conferences. **Friday:** 4 p.m. high school basketball vs. Northern Valley at Alma.
Menus: Tuesday: ham. **Wednesday:** chicken nuggets. **Thursday:** chili. **Friday:** hamburgers.
Send your calendar and menus to colby.society @ mwkansas.com or the Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Senior Progress Center

Tuesday will be canasta day at the Senior Progress Center.
 Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. shuffle-board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. canasta. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.
 Menus for the week: **Monday:** smokies, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, pears. **Tuesday:** cook's choice entrée, hash brown

casserole, California blend vegetables, fruit cobbler. **Wednesday:** oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, half banana. **Thursday:** chili, applesauce gelatin, crackers, cinnamon roll. **Friday:** pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, apricots.
 The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. A contribution of \$3.25 per

meal is suggested for seniors, \$6 for others.
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Red Barn
 Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** Ken Johnston, birthday; 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

Pet peacock shot for attack

HOUSTON (AP) - The suburban Houston caretaker of a pet peacock dubbed "Meanie" shot and killed his feathered friend after it attacked several women.
 The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the peacock attacked a woman last Friday while she was being questioned by a deputy in-

vestigating a complaint about the bird. The deputy first fired a stun gun at the peacock. The woman fled indoors and the peacock's caretaker shot the bird.
 The caretaker Riley Richards told KHOU-TV (bit.ly/1hkd7Yo) that the bird had previously attacked other female relatives.

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Thomas County Jail

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- Manuel Alex Munoz, 35, Chino, Calif., Jan. 7, possession of narcotic drug with intent to distribute, conspiracy, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Tuesday to other agency.
- Eldon R. Williamson, 53, Colby, Feb. 1, criminal threat, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released Feb. 12 on \$50,000 appearance bond.
- Joshua Jay Gould-Carney, 21, Houston, Mo., Feb. 12, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.
- Kyle Sage Hanson, 22, Licking, Mo., Feb. 12, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released same day with charges pending.
- Christopher Allen Holguin, 19, Raymore, Mo., Feb. 12, driving under the influence, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway patrol, released last Friday on recognizance.
- Scott Ryan Petty, 28, Brewster, Saturday, criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Sunday on recognizance.
- Charles Allen Shaw, 23, Colby, Saturday, driving with license suspended or revoked, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.
- Devin Christopher Keller, 24, Garner, Sunday, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, released same day on recognizance.
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Grace period is running out for truckers to renew their registration

TOPEKA – Time is running out on a two month grace period for heavy trucks and trailers to renew their registration in the new Commercial Motor Vehicle system.

Jan. 1, the state switched to a new registration system for commercial motor vehicles and the current grace period through Friday Feb. 28, for registrations that expired Dec. 31. Farm vehicle registration is not affected by registrations.

Since Jan. 1, more than 42,000 commercial motor vehicles have been registered at the 72 county and state offices offering the service. Starting March 1, commercial motor vehicles with expired tags could be ticketed by law enforcement.

"The last week of the month is always a busy time for county

treasurers as many drivers wait until the end of the month to renew their tags," said Vehicles Director Lisa Kaspar. "We are urging businesses whose commercial motor vehicle registration expired in December to not wait until the last moment particularly because their county treasurer might not offer commercial motor vehicle registration or they may need to register for a U.S. DOT number."

Motor carriers operating solely in Kansas as an intrastate motor carrier will receive a new license plate. The new white and purple plate marked "Commercial" will provide an easy reference for law enforcement. Kansas-based motor carriers that drive in Kansas and other states and have an apportioned tag will continue to receive the license plate that is white with

red marked "Apportioned."

The definition of a commercial vehicle is not changing; the federal rules have been in place since July 2000. The new system will help ensure that all commercial vehicles are properly registered and comply with existing federal and state laws. Currently, commercial vehicles should be operating under a U.S. DOT number; that DOT number will be used to set up the new intrastate commercial vehicle registration account.

A commercial vehicle is a non-farm vehicle used to transport property or passengers and:

- Has a gross vehicle weight or

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- Is designed or used to transport 15 or more passengers, including the driver, or

- Is used to transport hazardous material in a quantity requiring placarding.

If a vehicle meets any one of the three criteria, it is considered a commercial vehicle.

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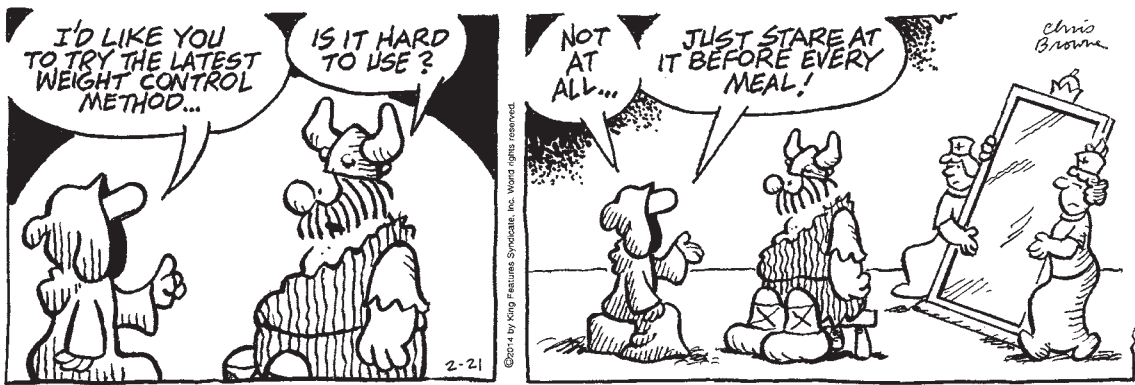
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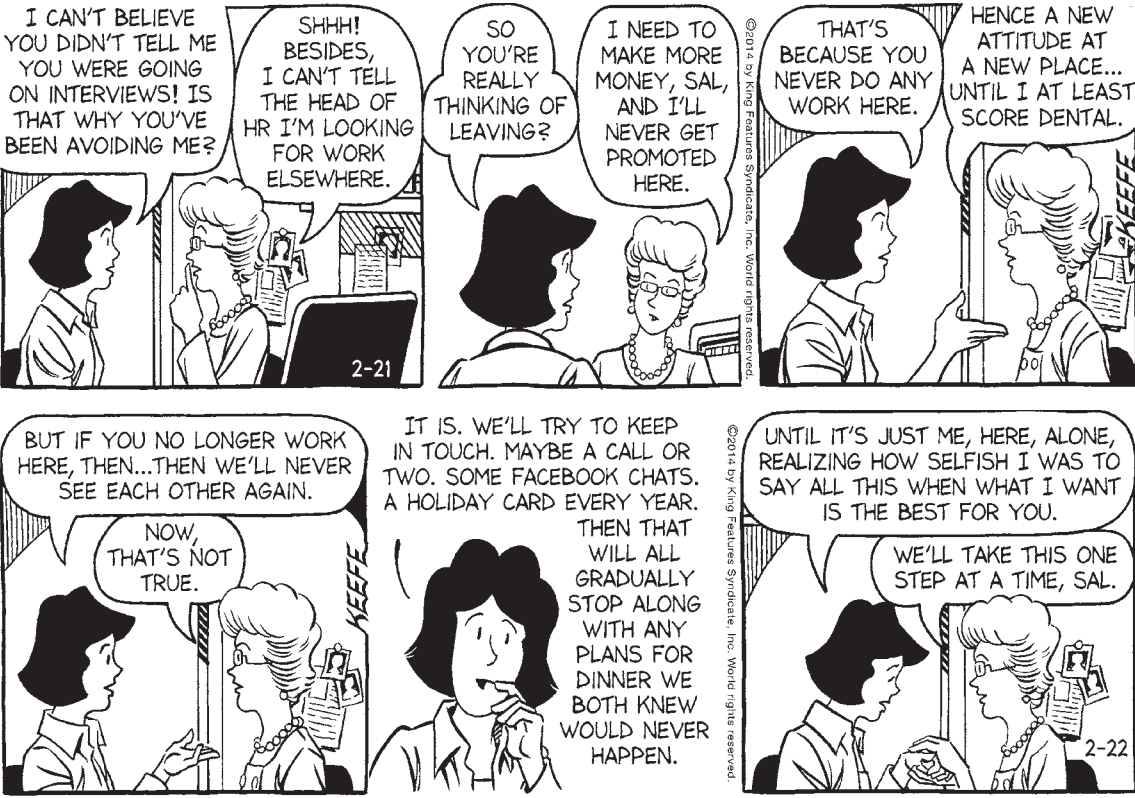
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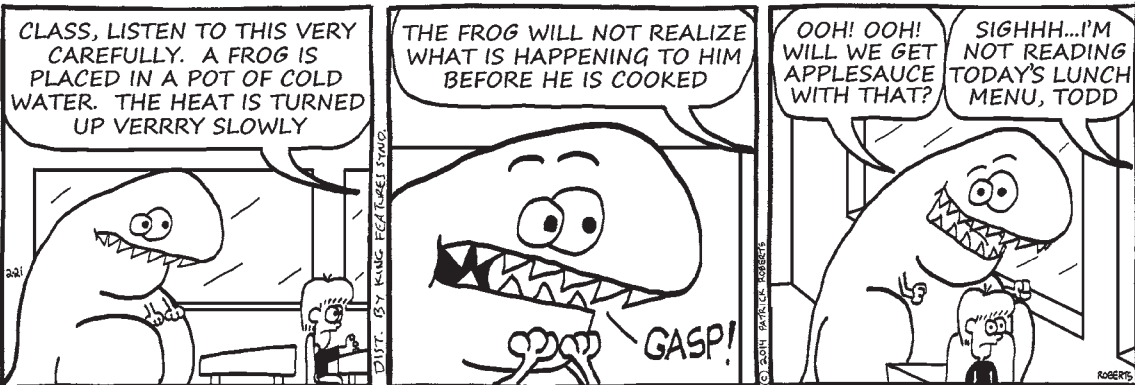
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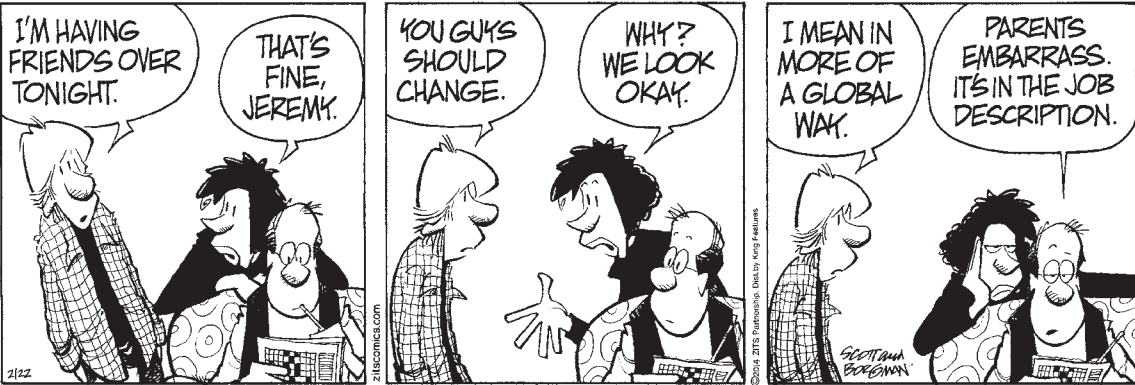
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Dental care starts with baby

Dear Readers: Dental care is important to all of us, not just adults. Parents should begin teaching their children about proper dental care at a very early age to help prevent lifelong problems. Here is some information and hints on how to take care of your children's teeth:

- Begin wiping your child's gums after feedings as soon as possible to get him or her used to the process.
- Once teeth break through, use a child's toothbrush to gently brush the teeth.
- Never let your child go to bed with a bottle or sippy cup full of milk or formula. This is a big no-no.
- Make sure children always spit out toothpaste and do not swallow it.
- Brush your children's teeth twice a day. After breakfast and before bed are two good times.

Follow these simple hints, and your children's smile will be beaming for years! – Heloise
 P.S.: Sing a song your child knows to let him or her know how long to brush teeth.

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Readers: Whenever you travel – especially abroad – staying in older hotels and bed-and-breakfasts can feel less secure than your own home. For added security, try carrying a rubber-wedge doorstop. When you shut your door for the night, place the wedge a few inches from the opening side of the door frame and press it in with your foot until secure. Please don't do this if you have a medical condition that may require help -- it can prevent help from reaching you if needed. What do you do to sleep more soundly when traveling? Write to us at: Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX, 78279-5000, or send an email to: Heloise@Heloise.com. – Heloise

QUICK FUNNEL

Dear Heloise: I learned a really neat trick years ago that I'd like to share. When you have to refill the windshield-washer fluid or any other fluid in your car, cut the top off a 2-liter, plastic soda bottle and use it for a funnel. Do this for each type of fluid, and mark them with a permanent marker to avoid cross-contamination. I keep one in my trunk, just in case. The best part is that if one gets lost, I just make a new one. – Pete in Staten Island, N.Y.

HAIR-DRYER HELP

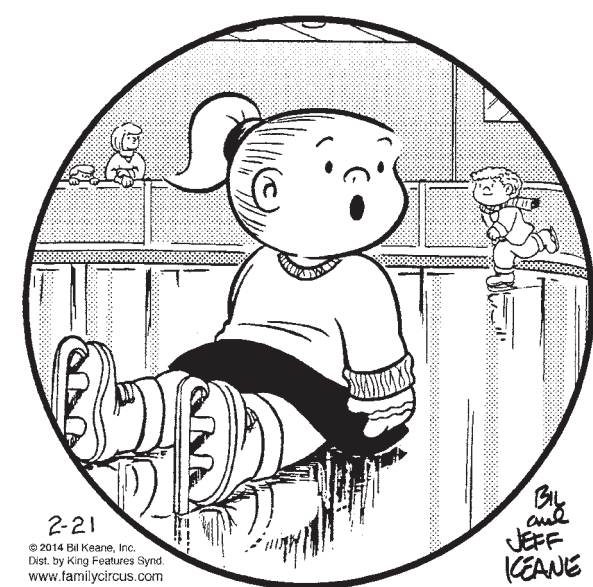
Dear Heloise: I had a magnetic photo album full of very old photos. I wanted to put them in a scrapbook but could not get them out without tearing them. A lady at a crafts store suggested that I use a hair dryer to release them. I did try it and was able to get most of them out without any problem. The ones that gave me trouble, I used dental floss on, and out they came. – Julia in Mechanicsville, Md.

COUNTER CAT

Dear Heloise: When we moved, our cat started jumping on our kitchen counters. We lined the countertops with foil, and she quickly learned her lesson. – Melinda W. in Georgia

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Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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.

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Cryptoquip

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"GU G XOR O XVA AVH."
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WANTING A FEW SMALL CARPETS ON HER HARDWOOD FLOOR, THE OPERA SINGER PURCHASED SOME ARIA RUGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Have a cow?
 - 6 Jazz style
 - 9 Witty one
 - 12 Where the elated walk
 - 13 Mellow
 - 14 Hasten
 - 15 Island near Java
 - 16 Old foot soldier
 - 18 Vow
 - 20 Part
 - 21 — Zedong
 - 23 Buck's mate
 - 24 Semi-precious azure stone
 - 25 Hollywood clashers
 - 27 Bachelor party VIP
 - 29 Sarge, e.g.
 - 31 Song
 - 35 Sixth President
 - 37 Ivy League school
- DOWN**
- 1 Barracks
 - 2 Blackbird
 - 3 Spool
 - 4 String instrument
 - 5 Went wrong
 - 6 Wisconsin critter
 - 7 Shrek is one
 - 8 Shell game
 - 9 Jubilant shout
 - 10 Garlicky mayo
 - 11 DNA bits
 - 17 Music award
 - 19 Accepted doctrine
 - 21 Chaps
 - 22 Earlier
 - 24 Gehrig or Ferrigno
 - 26 Frightens
 - 28 Beginning
 - 30 Praise in verse
 - 32 Swell
 - 33 Student at
 - 37-Across
 - 34 Roulette bet
 - 36 Increases
 - 38 Flops on stage
 - 39 Old market-place
 - 40 Kidney-related
 - 42 Out of practice
 - 45 1969 landing site
 - 46 Rue the run
 - 48 Kyoto cumberbund
 - 50 Last (Abbr.)
 - 51 Afternoon social

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 2-21

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

Girls/boys basketball: Palco vs. Triplains-Brewster at Winona, 6:30 p.m.

Girls/boys basketball: Wheatland-Grinnell at Golden Plains, TBA

Wrestling: Colby hosting Regional Tournament, TBA

Saturday

College baseball: Colby at Midland, Tex., 1 p.m.

College softball: Colby vs. Rose State and Cisco at Rose, noon

Women's/men's college basketball: Colby at Pratt, 6/8 p.m.

Wrestling: Colby hosting Regional Tournament, TBA

Girls/boys basketball: Heartland Christian at Hays Tournament, TBA

Sunday

College baseball: Colby at Odessa, Tex., noon

Monday

Girls/boys basketball: Triplains-Brewster at Western Plains, 6:30 p.m.

Paths are set for Colby's state hopes

Regional comes to the Community Building

By R.B. Headley

Colby Free Press
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Official seedings and first-round matchups for this weekend's 4A Regional wrestling championships in Colby were announced Thursday evening.

The Eagles will compete against 14 teams to decide who advances into next week's state tournament at Salina. Top four places qualify for each weight class.

Today's regional begins at 1 p.m. and resumes at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The complete lineup of Colby first-round matchups and who may be their toughest obstacles to reaching state.

106 pounds: Freshman Tate Carney (30-4) has earned a first-round bye. He'll meet the winner of a match between Scott City's Zachary Tucker (20-17) and Buhler's Jesse James (19-11). Other top records from Smoky Valley's Austin Lustfield (34-2), Abilene's Logan McDowell (27-3), Goodland's Tate Withington (29-7) and McPherson's Austin Eldredge (25-7).

113: Freshman Tanner Reed (2-6) meets Goodland's Tristen Cooper (27-12). Top records are Buhler's Chance Maynard (17-6) and Abilene's Hunter Kiser (15-9).

120: Sophomore Tanner Elias (20-17) has a bye. He'll face either Chapman's Brett Lemon (24-12) or Concordia's Brenton Edwards (4-10). Top records belong to Abilene's Zane Baugh (30-2) and Goodland's Aaron Avelar (32-7).

126: Freshman Travis Finley (23-8) has a bye. He'll face either Ulysses' Luis Mendoza (16-8) or Chapman's Cole Sutterfield (16-17). Top records belong to Abilene's Cayson Smith (28-5), Hugoton's Pedro Odronez (30-6) and Concordia's Cameron Miller (28-7).

132: Sophomore Alex Young (22-17) will face Buhler's Nathan Elliott (5-13). Top records belong to Smoky Valley's Brandon Archuleta (31-7) and Goodland's Aaron Hernandez (19-4).

138: Junior Brett Schroeder (15-13) will face McPherson's Jose Gloria (11-21). Top records belong to Russell's Chase Prester (24-4) and Goodland's Brook Bahe (32-10).

145: Sophomore Brady Holzmeister (20-14) will face Hugoton's Josh Kirby (2-9). Top records belong to McPherson's Todd Graber (21-9) and Abilene's Seth Strauss (15-3).

152: Sophomore Bryce Arnberger (12-5) will face Ulysses' Jan Anguiano (27-11). Top re-

ords belong to Goodland's Riley Milke (31-9) and Buhler's Scott Whitson (18-2).

160: Sophomore Matt Pieper (16-20) will face Smoky Valley's Alan Wampler (6-11). Top records belong to Goodland's John Peden (37-0) and Chapman's Stone Hayden (21-10).

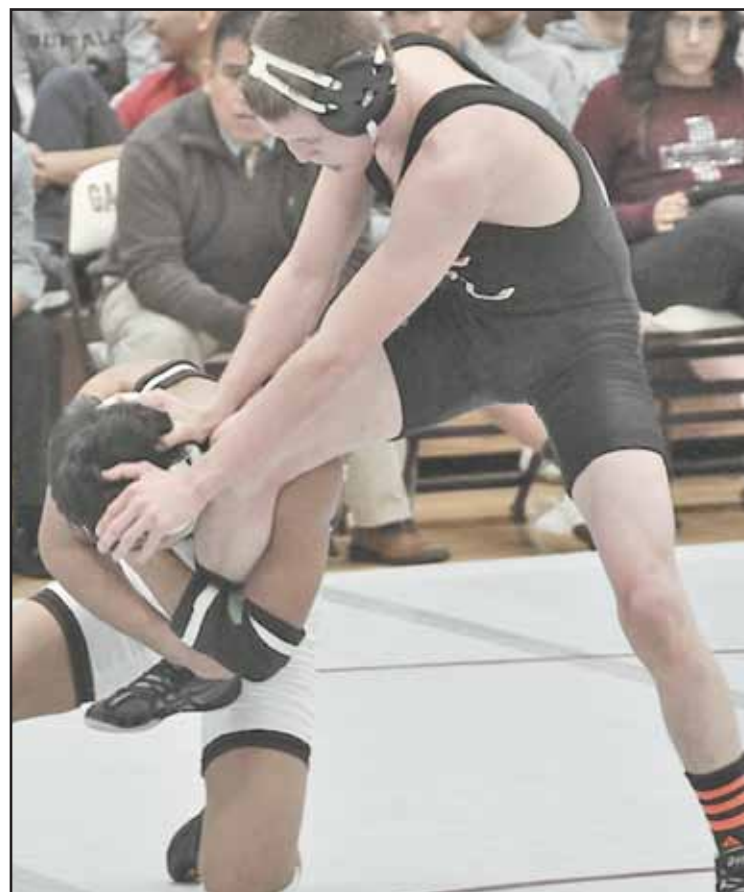
170: Sophomore Connor Edmundson (8-6) will face Smoky Valley's Austin Cook (37-0). Other top records belong to Goodland's Coletton Cooper (20-1) and Scott City's Warren Knopp (16-2).

182: Senior Andrew Taylor (31-3) will face Abilene's Jaron Christensen (10-12). Other top records belong to Smoky Valley's Spencer Bird (28-5) and Goodland's Garrett Taylor (32-9).

195: Junior Jay Ziegelmeier (24-8) will face Russell's Joe Oste (12-14). Top records belong to Smoky Valley's Ethan Loder (29-2), Hugoton's Bradley Campbell (31-10) and Ulysses' Diego Maravilla (30-8).

220: Sophomore Austin Hart (32-7) will face Smoky Valley's Nils Peterson (14-20). Other top records belong to Ulysses' Otto Orosco (26-3) and Buhler's Jon Yates (28-5).

285: Freshman Ethan Jay (27-9) has a first-round bye. He'll face either Concordia's Zac Romo (20-19) or Nickerson's Dakota



REBEL JAY

Colby High's Bryce Arnberger fought off the single-leg takedown try of a varsity wrestling foe earlier this season. Arnberger will be among the Eagles pursuing 4A state spots this weekend.

Heim (6-19). Other top records belong to Smokey Valley's Brix Brickey (33-3), Chapman's Jason Zook (27-3) and Larned's Kaiden Reed (20-11).

The 4A regional continues through Saturday's championship round beginning at 6:30 p.m. All matches will be in the Colby Community Building.

One-point defeats end Bulldog season

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The boys' A team from Golden Plains Middle School came close to advancing in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament in Brewster last week, but missed by one point to continue their season.

The Bulldogs played Triplains-Brewster for the first round of the tournament. The Titans pulled ahead 6-4 by the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs were still searching for the basket in the second and allowed the Titans to lead 11-10 at the half.

The Bulldogs stepped up their defense in the third holding the Titans to six and allowing the offense to put in nine points. This narrowed the Titans lead to 23-19 to start the fourth quarter.

The Bulldog defense held tough and kept the Titans to only one point as the Bulldogs put in an additional four. It wasn't quite enough to make up for the first half, as the Bulldogs fell to the Titans 24-23.

"We had trouble getting our

rebounds," seventh-grader A.J. Camacho said.

Camacho scored 12 points in this season finale followed by Jacob Ritter's seven, Caleb Korte's two and another two points from Clayton Bange.

Devin Carter played tough defense throughout the game.

B team's season ends

The Golden Plains Middle School boys' B team also finished its season in the league tournament at Brewster.

The boys played hard having shown a great deal of improvement this season, but lost by one point, 13-12.

Dylan Spreser and Colby Lathrop each made four points for the Bulldogs with two each from Chuck Bailey and Bryce Ter Haar.

Nolan Ritter and Joseph Yanez contributed on defense throughout the game.

Editor's note: The Western Kansas Liberty League tournaments concluded on Saturday in Brewster.

Finals results were not posted on the Brewster school website as of Friday morning.



SHANIA FINLEY/Golden Plains schools

Golden Plains players (from left) Jeron Schutte, A.J. Camacho and Clayton Bange all battled Triplains-Brewster for this rebound during the recent Western Kansas Liberty League middle school basketball tournament in Brewster.

Golden Plains tops Titans in overtime

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs defeated the Triplains/Brewster Lady Titans, 55-52, in overtime Tuesday night to advance their record to 14-3 for the season.

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Titans (12-4 record) had met twice before this season.

Golden Plains won the contest in Winona in early January by three points and the Lady Titans defeated the Lady Bulldogs in the championship game by three points.

"The Lady Titans have challenged us this season," senior Hailee Spreser said. "But this close competition helps us to be better teams as the season progresses."

Spreser hit the first two points of the game.

The Lady Bulldogs continued to hold the lead over the Lady Titans and climbed their way to a 13 point lead 31-18 in the third.

Christensen then hit a shot and an and-one free throw but the Lady Titans answered with a three pointer and a couple of free throws to close the gap to one point 43-42 with 2:20 remaining in the game.

The pressure was on as the girls took a time out to regroup.

Another Lady Titan foul sent Kami Miller to the line, but she missed her shot.

Another Lady Bulldog foul sent C.J. Lewallen to the line for the Titans with 10.3 seconds for two bonus shots. She missed her first, but made the second to tie the game up at 44.

Miller threw the ball into Christensen for the Bulldogs. Christensen pushed the ball down the floor, but the Lady Titans knocked it loose as the buzzer sounded sending the game into overtime.

The Lady Titans knocked the ball out of bounds to give the ball back to the Lady Bulldogs allowing Christensen to hit another 3 with 20 seconds on the clock. Plummer attempted a three to tie it back up but it missed and the Lady Bulldog defense grabbed the ball and held on for the 55-52 win making this third game the girls have played within three points.

Christensen's eight overtime points helped her to a season high 24 points for the Lady Bulldogs. Spreser added 11 throughout the game. Additional points scored came from Kami Miller, Kynndra Rush, and MiKayla Lobato with 6 each and 2 from Rachael Ritter.

The Lady Bulldogs worked together for 14 assists and swiped 10 steals.

Titans fight off Golden Plains comeback

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played host to the Triplains-Brewster Titans Tuesday night in Rexford and dropped a 31-28 contest.

"We knew this would be a tough game as both teams know each other very well," coach Mike Doll said. "Defensively, both teams are very sound and try to force tough shots."

The Bulldogs struggled throughout the first half of the game only scoring five points in the first quarter. They contin-

ued to shoot the ball throughout the second but couldn't get anything to fall for them as the Titans leapt ahead. Finally, senior Zach Spreser sank a shot just as the buzzer sounded to go into the half trailing the Titans 14-7.

Following the break, and a hearty discussion from Coaches Mike Doll and Laura Rush, the boys came back onto the floor ready to turn the game around.

They quickly closed the gap to 13-16 by distributing the ball and taking smarter shots. They outscored the Titans 13-9 in the third to close the spread to 23-20.

The girls game earlier in the evening was close and the boys were determined to not give up. The Titans expanded their lead to 28-20 early in the fourth before Tristan Schwarz hit a couple to narrow the spread. The boys continued to work hard, but shots still wouldn't fall the way they knew they should.

As the clock ticked down, a basket by Shane Ryburn put the Bulldogs to within two points.

Domonic Luna answered with a bucket with 10.2 seconds on the clock to make the score 30-28 in favor of the Titans. A final free

throw from Seth Smith gave the Titans the 31-28 win.

Scoring for the Bulldogs came from Tristan Schwarz-10, Ryburn five, Kade Wessel four, Zach Spreser four, Luna two, Grant Spreser two and Koi Wessel one.

Scoring for the Titans were Nathan Jorgensen with 11 points, Seth Smith seven, Coletton Rogge six, Taylor Stramel three, Ryan Gfeller two and C.J. Felzien two.

"After our slow start our guys did a good job of scraping and competing to get back in the game and give us a chance at the end," Doll concluded.

Olympic medal chase hits home stretch

SOCHI (AP) — American teenager and Colorado native Mikaela Shiffrin took the lead in the first leg of the Olympic slalom today while fighting the effects of a cold.

Shiffrin handled the mix of soft snow on a steep slope best, and finished 0.49 seconds faster than defending champion Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany. Tina Maze of Slovenia was third fastest, trailing 0.67 behind Shiffrin's time of 52.62 seconds.

Austrian veteran Marlies Schild, Shiffrin's main rival for gold, was 1.34 back in sixth.

Schild, however, prefers icy conditions.

medals with almost three full days of competition remaining.

Norway leads in gold with 10 first-place finishes, while the Americans have earned eight.

The racers skied under floodlights in the fading late-afternoon light.

The second run is scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

"I'm not really worried about the lead right now," Shiffrin said. "I mean, actually, five-tenths isn't even that much."

At 18, Shiffrin would be the youngest Olympic slalom champion.

She would also be the first American women's slalom champion in 42 years, since Barbara Cochran won at the 1972 Sapporo Olympics.



JONATHAN SELKOWITZ

Mikaela Shiffrin of Vail, Colo., has taken an early lead in Friday's Olympic slalom event. Team U.S.A. has won eight gold medals.

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