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## Embark building sold by city

Colby City Council members agreed at their meeting Tuesday to sell the 5,000-square-foot former Embark building at 455 N. Franklin Ave. for \$139,000, more than 30 percent less than the listing price.

The council voted to list the building in December for \$200,000, but City Manager Tyson McGreer told the council the building committee felt the offer is fair for the current market. The money will mainly go to the state, which paid for much of the renovations to the building through a grant, but the state has agreed to give the city \$37,258 of the proceeds, McGreer said later.

The purchase price includes the lot behind the building, along with a large standby generator and the fixtures and cubicles inside the building.

The new purchaser, Nittany Rentals LLC, is owned by Clay, Ken, Dave and Mike McCarty, co-owners of the McCarty Family Farms in Bird City, Rexford and Scott City.

Dave McCarty said the company purchased the building because it needs office space for the farm's administrative staff. Currently, the farm has a handful of administrative staff, which they hope to move into the building in the next month or so, but the farm hopes to use even more of the office space as it expands.

McCarty said the building interested the brothers because it was ready to move into without remodeling and they wanted to be located in downtown Colby.

McGreer said he will be glad to

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## Budget raises colleges' funds

TOPEKA (AP) — A House budget committee has accepted a subcommittee's recommendation to increase spending for Kansas public higher education by about \$44 million over the next two years.

The report largely follows requests by Republican Gov. Sam Brownback for spending at the Kansas Board of Regents, six state universities and state community and technical colleges.

The committee voted to accept the proposal today and could send it to the full House in the coming weeks.

Legislators would restore some funding for salaries that were cut in the 2013 session.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican, says the cuts were made in an effort to create more accountability over university spending.

## Superfund site losing fed funds

By Heather Alwin

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A plant that removes chromium contamination from groundwater under downtown Colby is losing financial support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's environmental Superfund, leaving it in the hands of the city and state.

City Manager Tyson McGreer told the City Council on Tuesday that the federal agency, which has paid for all of the "Ace Services" plant's costs by reimbursing the city, is phasing out of the plant.

McGreer said he thinks the city should keep the plant running even after the agency stops paying the bills, since there is still chromium present in the water. The plant removes the heavy metal, producing clean water which can be used in the city's drinking-water system.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will pick

up at least some of the operations costs, McGreer said. At worst, McGreer said, the city would have to pick up labor costs for plant operations.

The state agency thinks the plant should keep operating, too, said Bob Jurgens, a department representative. He told the council that the department considers the plant a high priority because the contamination, created by a former chrome-plating operation, affects the municipal water supply.

Currently, the city gets to use the clean water "out of the back end of the plant" for free, McGreer said, and it will continue to use the water after the government turns the plant over to state and local control.

Jurgens said his department's ability to help pay for the plant depends on the state Legislature.

"Is there any way to know how the legislature is leaning?" asked

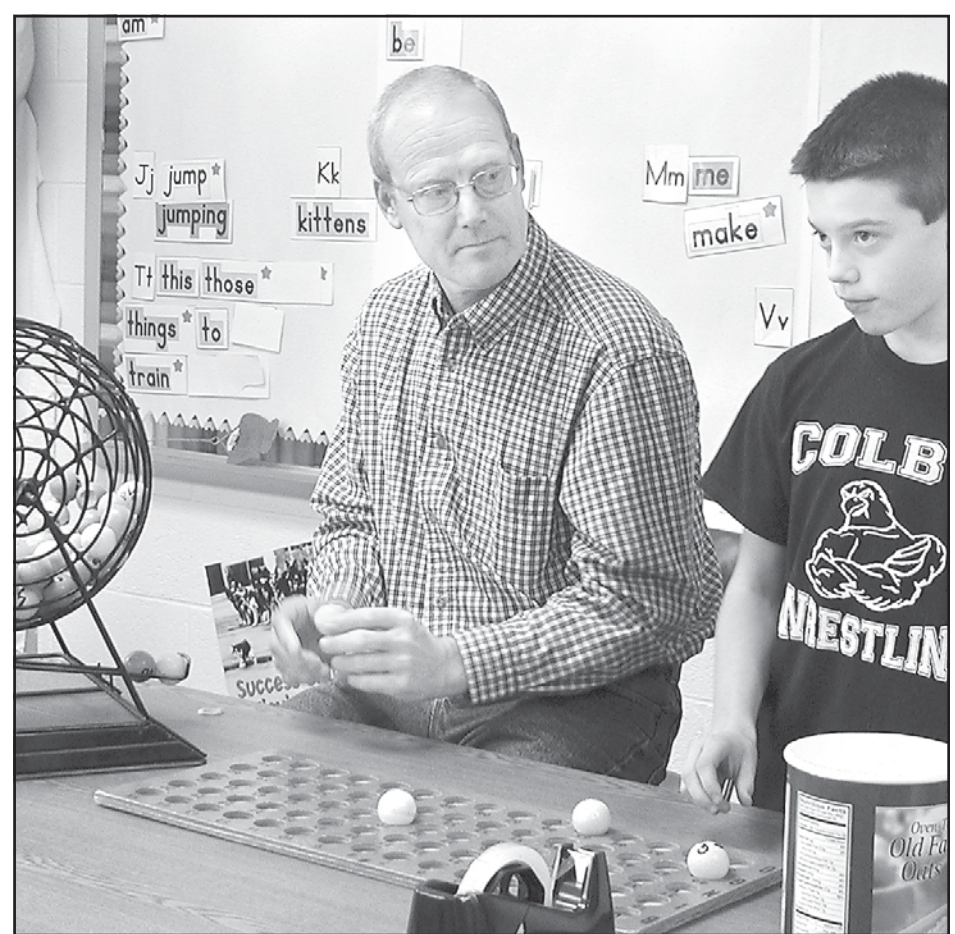
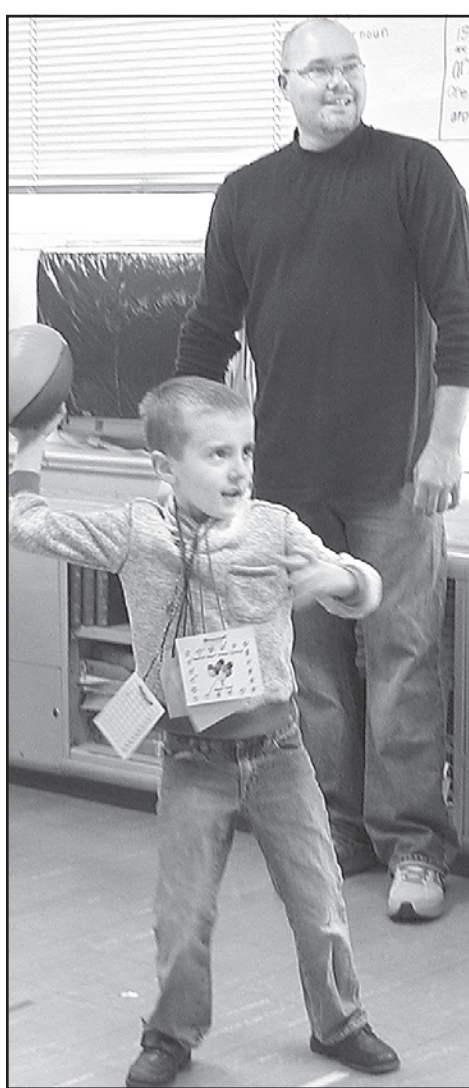
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## Raising fun for fund raiser



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press  
You're never too young to try winning a can of soda at the ring toss game (top), and this little one had a cheering section at the Sacred Heart Catholic School's annual fund raising carnival Sunday afternoon. Kids and parents turned out in crowds, and Principal Laura Schwartz (left) congratulated the kids who sold the most tickets for the carnival. With something for everyone, Charlie Dygert (below left) took aim for the football toss under the watchful eyes of volunteer Ryan Hale. Bingo (below) attracted a good crowd as well, with a team to call the num-



## Cattle prices soar as herd numbers bottom out

By Ladd Wendelin

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With the U.S. cattle herd at historic lows, cattle futures and the price of beef at grocery stores have reached record highs over the last few months.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture

reported Jan. 13 that choice beef cutout values were at a record high, \$216.94 per hundredweight, up from \$200.65 on Dec. 31 and \$194.09 on Jan. 13. Ten years ago, the annual average price was at \$84.68, and in 2000, cattle were at \$69.87, according to the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State.

"There's a lot of moving parts in what

drives cattle prices," said Warren Weibert, co-owner and general manager of the Decatur County Feed Yard. "When I came to Oberlin in 1977, there were about 135 million cattle in the U.S. Now, there's about 90 million head."

A Feb. 1 Reuters' article said that herds, as of early January, were at 89.30 million head, down 1.6 percent from last year,

and the smallest since 1952.

He attributes the high prices to several factors, including low profitability and a series of droughts over the years across a good part of the nation which forced farmers and ranchers to reduce their herds.

"The shortage of the number of cattle available drove demand," said Weibert,

"but just because the numbers are down doesn't mean the supply of beef is lower. The demand stayed good, the price of hay

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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Areas of freezing drizzle after 9 p.m., mixing with flurries after midnight. Patchy freezing fog before 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Tuesday: Areas of flurries and freezing drizzle before noon, then a chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 27. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 7.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 42. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 24.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 7.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 19.

Friday: High, 51; Low 20
Saturday: High, 47; Low 20
Sunday: High, 27; Low 17
Precip: Friday None
Saturday Trace
Sunday None
Month: 0.14 inches
Year: 0.44 inches
Normal: 0.93 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:23 a.m. 6:32 p.m.
Moon: waning, 18 percent
Wednesday 7:21 a.m. 6:33 p.m.
Moon: waning, 10 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Embark Health building sold by city

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see the building in use and no longer the city's responsibility.

The city "purchased" the building for \$210,000 in November of 2010 by giving up its own lien rights to the property after Embark Health went out

of business. The city had spent \$271,567 in sales tax money through the Economic Development Alliance for renovations.

The state, which had been involved in renovation of the building for Embark, approved the sale and will reimburse the city \$37,258 for expenses in-

curring since the foreclosure, such as utilities and cleanup expenses, plus paying the \$8,340 real estate commission, said McGreer. The state provided Embark Health with a \$485,000 community development block grant through the city to help renovate the building.

The city will pay closing costs for the current sale, which McGreer estimated at \$1,100 to \$1,200.

"This was a fair deal to both parties," he told the council.

The purchase contract sets the closing date on or before Monday, March 17.

Superfund site is losing federal funds

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Mayor Gary Adrian.

Jurgens said it was impossible to tell, but his department is committed to providing at least \$400,000 per year for the next few years to the plant regardless of funding, covering much of the cost of the resin used to remove the chromium.

Jurgens said the department's contribution could be higher if it gets a larger budget, but the department is prepared to pull money off other projects to put toward the Ace Services plant's operations.

Although the federal agency estimates two to three years of additional cleanup are

needed at the site, Jurgens said his department thinks it will take more than five years. Cleanup may take longer if the plant's pumping operations have to be slowed to match a lower budget.

McGreer said the plant now runs with a full-time staff member but could be backed down to part-time operation by pumping less water per minute to prolong the life of the expensive resin.

"Every load is 200 grand," he said.

One council member asked Jurgens what would happen to the plant if the city doesn't agree to pay some of the operating costs.

Jurgens said his department signed a contract with the federal agency to keep run-

ning the plant for at least 10 years after the government withdraws, so the agency might take the department to court. However, there are issues with the contract, he said, because of some design flaws in the plant.

Jurgens said the department plans to find a way to keep operating the plant as long as possible. If state money is inadequate, the department would use money set aside for mining sites in Cherokee County, which would bring those sites to a standstill.

McGreer said he would run a cost-benefit analysis of the value of the "free" water versus the labor costs of operating the plant and present it at a future council meeting.

Cattle prices soar as herd numbers bottom out

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went up and record high prices resulted.

"Then the opposite happened. Good prices came around, people wanted to sell instead of keep them. Low prices led to selling cattle, and now high prices lead to selling cattle."

With corn prices at a near 40 percent lower compared to last year, he said, the cause of the spike in cattle prices boils down to simple supply and demand.

"Cattle today are much larger than they were in the late '70s," he said. "They're more efficient to feed. Texas had a tremendous drought for several years and cattle herds diminished," said Weibert, who recalled seeing trucks from the Dakotas hauling hay and feed down to the starving herds in the Lone Star State.

A Jan. 30 Reuters' article on the high cattle prices said the Texas drought, which lasted from October 2010 to September 2011, brought the driest year in the state's history and caused over \$3 billion in losses to livestock. The drought and other factors caused Midwest grain prices to surge the following year as well.

Another factor in the drop in cattle herds is the number of cattle being slaughtered for beef versus those being held back for calving purposes.

Greg Lohofener, a consultant and president of Market

Steer count down 10 percent for year

The number of cattle in Kansas has dropped slightly from last year, the state reports, mainly because of a decrease in the number of steers.

The Kansas Agricultural Statistics cattle report released Jan. 31 said there were 5.8 million head of cattle in the state at the start of the year, down 1 percent from a year ago.

A 10 percent drop in the number of steers weighing 500 pounds or more - this year's number is 1.77 million - seemed to be responsible for the decrease. The numbers had risen for almost all other types of cattle.

The number of cows and heifers that had calved stood at 1.55 million head, for instance, a 6 percent increase from last year. 1.74 million heifers, up 2 percent; 90,000 bulls, up 6 percent; and 650,000 calves under 500 pounds, up 2 percent, adding up to the 5.8 million total.

Beef cows were at 1.41 million, up 6 percent from last year, and there were 136,000 milk cows, up 3 percent. Altogether, there were 2.13 million cattle on feed in all, down 5 percent from last year. The overall calf crop last year was 1.28 million, up 2 percent from 2012.

State statistician Jason Lamprecht said that the county and district reports for cattle - which would otherwise go out on May 8 - will be delayed until later that month as the state prepares to release its agricultural census. Revisions to January 2013 agricultural information that was gathered at the end of 2012 will be released on Thursday for the first look at the agricultural census data.

The service's preliminary report for cattle showed 57,000 cattle in Thomas County, with 27,000 on feed.

Data Inc. of Oberlin, said that the number of cows producing calves is at a 60-year low. Calf prices are at a high as well, he said, and with low corn prices right now, the situation is very attractive for the cow producer.

The Department of Agriculture reported Jan. 23 that about 32 million head of cattle were slaughtered in 2013, down 1.5 percent from 2012, which had been down 3 percent from the previous year.

All these components in the cattle price equation come down to the consumer, and as any Kansas homemaker could tell you, there's no potatoes without meat, no matter what the cost.

Chauncey Stagemeyer, a butcher at Raye's Grocery in Oberlin, said that hamburger prices are sky high right now as a result of the high cattle prices, and that demand from consumers has slowed some at the store. Currently, he said, 80/20 mix ground beef at the store is \$4.49 per pound. The price of ground beef has risen about \$1 per pound every year, according to a Feb. 18 article in the Des Moines Register.

"We've been making our own extra-lean burger, because the beef we normally get is so expensive, it doesn't sell as well," he said. "We have been grinding whole muscle meat and we still

have to charge \$4.69 per pound for it. It's crazy right now."

Will the current high prices hold out for the remainder of 2014? Don't hold your breath, said Weibert.

"Weather and cattle prices are very difficult to predict," he said, "but due to the law of supply and demand, the highest prices for this year are already here, but I don't believe that will last. Prices are so high, people hate not selling cattle, but you have to retain a herd somewhere along the way. Based on the current cattle prices and decent moisture, I expect the herds to start rebuilding."

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Coffee talks will 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. 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.

Emotional eating talk part of Challenge

Tranda Watts, a K-State Extension specialist, will speak on emotional eating, its effects and techniques to avoid it at 5:30 p.m. next Monday at the Colby Community College Student Union. The presentation is part of this year's Thomas County Wellness Challenge. Contact Watts at 443-3663.

Lions start March by serving up soup

The 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 at the Gem Community Building. They will serve soup, cornbread and cake. Your donation will go to community projects. Remember to bring used eye glasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

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. Seating is limited, but tickets are available now. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Art Club offers film on blown-glass artist

The High Plains Art Club will show a video, "Chihuly in the Hot Shop," at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Glass artist Dale Chihuly had work in more than 200 museums. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Marlene Carpenter at 460-7656.

Breakfast will benefit Legion Baseball team

A breakfast feed to support the Colby American Legion Baseball Team will run from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Colby Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Make a donation; enjoy biscuits and gravy, hash brown and scrambled eggs; and support the 2014 youth baseball season of over 30 games. For information, call coach Brian Quagliano at 443-0226.

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Tuesday Evening February 25, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing various programs like 'The Bachelor', 'NCIS', 'The Voice', etc.

Wednesday Evening February 26, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing various programs like 'Middle', 'Survivor', 'Law & Order: SVU', etc.

# Sons of the Pioneers to perform, give a workshop at Oakley High

The Sons of the Pioneers will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Oakley High School Auditorium, and the group will present an educational workshop prior to the show at 4:30 p.m. in the high school vocal room.

Both events are sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association, with support from Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Kansas Creative Arts and Industries Commission and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Sons of the Pioneers built a new genre and a library of music, an American original which has become synonymous with the American West and the cowboy. This music has continued to enthrall generations of audiences, and although others have followed and emulated them, the Sons were the first and the best.



The Sons of the Pioneers

Think of "the West" and you think of natural beauty, a cultural mind-set and a distinctive type of music. The term evokes the singing cowboy and songs that paint pictures of "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "Cool Water," "Tall Timber" and "That Strawberry Roan."

The West has always had its heroes, but a distinct type of music was not part of Western lore. The film and radio industry changed all of that forever starting in the early 1930s.

From the earliest days of the film industry, the cowboy has been a favorite subject. Westerns

became the bread and butter of most early studios. When musical segments were added to broaden a movie's interest, the "singing cowboy" was born. It created stardom for people like Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Tex Ritter and Rex Allen.

Enter the Sons of the Pioneers in 1934. While some screen stars sang traditional sweetheart songs, the Sons actually sang about the West. The Pioneers' songs painted images and stories of horses, cattle, cowboys, "night herds, forests, canyons and prairies.

Those original compositions,

freshly penned by the original members Bob Nolan, Tim Spencer and Roy Rogers, created a whole new library of music, and in turn led to numerous radio shows, major-label recording projects, and later, television appearances.

Performing now in Branson, Mo., the group still has sellout crowds and standing ovations.

Admission to this is Western Plains season ticket, or at the door, adults \$20 students \$10. Anyone who wants to attend the workshop should contact teacher Shane Stephenson at the high school, (785) 671-3241.

## Deaths

### Frances G. Schleicher

Frances G. Schleicher, 87, Colby, died Saturday Feb. 22, 2014, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Services are pending at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

## Colby High Plains Lions Club

The Colby High Plains Lions had a biscuit and sausage gravy dinner at their meeting Feb. 10, courtesy of Caroleta Herl, who was host at her home.

Following the dinner a club meeting was held.

The club will put on a ham and bean feed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Orschelm Farm and Home store. Corn bread, drinks and dessert will also be served.

Donated proceeds will go toward scholarships for local band

members to attend the Lions' state convention this spring. Several area students reportedly want to attend, and may also attend the Lions' International Convention in Ontario, Canada.

The club is inviting everyone to attend the feed, enjoy ham and beans and help these students.

The next meeting was to be at 7 p.m. this evening at the Colby Community College Student Union.

—Roger Hale

# World Day of Prayer service on March 7

World Day of Prayer will be observed by area churchwomen with a luncheon and program Friday, March 7, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Women will prepare and serve a luncheon, beginning at 11:45 a.m., with the worship and a program to follow.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together each year on the first Friday in March. Women from a different country write the worship service each year.

This year, the women of Egypt drew from the books of Isaiah and John for their inspiration, choosing the theme "Streams in the Desert." The women wrote the program and worship service near the beginning of the revolution in Egypt. Christians are among those experiencing additional suffering as a result of the conflict.

Women from several Colby churches will present the program.

An offering will be taken for the luncheon, as well for World Day of Prayer projects.

Contact Millie Horlacher at 462-3104 for information.

# Radishes an overlooked powerhouse

Peter Garnham operates a 60-acre garden-farm near Amagansett, N.Y., in the Hamptons, toward the north end of Long Island, with easy access to Louse Lake and Wood Tick Road. Garnham's farm is nestled in between lush golf courses and beautiful old New York homes, and he finds time to write garden articles regularly for *Horticulture* magazine. He is a master gardener.

And he writes very well, thank you. In the July-August edition of 2013, he wrote lovingly about radishes. That may be about the only thing Garnham and I have in common. We both really enjoy radishes. He has a 60-acre garden and mine is about 70 feet by 60 feet, but we both like radishes because they are one of the earliest and easiest garden vegetables to grow, and offer one of the most unique flavors of all the things we grow.

The radish is a member of the brassica (cabbage) family, and is often dismissed as mere decoration. However, they offer decent



Kay Melia

## The Gardener

quantities of potassium, folate, vitamin C and fiber, and the leaves when picked early and cooked as a green vegetable are delicious and even more nutritious.

Garnham says the range of shapes and colors of radishes are just amazing — red, pink, purple, white, yellow, red and white — and even black. The Chinese red meat radish is green on the outside and red on the inside, like a tiny watermelon. Then, there is the rat-tail radish — despite its name, Garnham says it is delicious. I'll take his word for it.

As Garnham says, there are not many vegetables that are so easily successful in the garden and the kitchen as radishes. He grows many long rows of just about all the radishes you might see in your

average garden catalog. He is also a member of the Seed Saver's Exchange, and as such, has access to old and unusual varieties we never see. Garnham says the market for radishes is good right now and they seem to be in great demand.

Garnham says we may be missing the most important flavor and healthful aspects of radishes by throwing out the tops. When picked young, he enjoys the leaves sliced into green salads. Indeed, the spicy flavor can add a different essence to a spring salad. He also cooks the young tops for a unique flavor of greens not found in spinach and chard.

Radishes are also fast growing and can be used to mark a row of carrots which are notoriously slow to germinate. Most of the radishes will be harvested by the time the carrots are emerging.

You must keep an eye out for those miserable little hopping flea beetles. I dispatch them at first sight with a pyrethrum compound called 5 percent Sevin Dust.

Garnham, an organic gardener, admits to using Sevin as a last resort to save his radish crop, although he calls it "an extreme measure." I call it extremely effective.

My favorite variety of radish is an oldie called German Giant, a dependably large red globe with true radish flavor. It is never hot, never pithy, always productive. Another excellent choice is Fire 'n Ice from Burpee. A 3- to 4-inch long radish that is red on top and white on the bottom.

Radishes, to me, are the first true taste of spring. Anyone can grow them successfully, and you'll be enjoying them only 30 days after planting. Do it!!

You can contact Kay Melia at [vkmelia@yahoo.com](mailto:vkmelia@yahoo.com).

## Corrections

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

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.75
Corn (bushel)	\$4.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.55
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.85

## Cleo Clarence Case

Cleo Clarence Case, 92, Passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays, KS

Cleo was born March 2, 1921, on a farm located near Paradise, Kansas, in Osborne Co. to Clarence Thomas Case and Carrie Ellen Brown. The family moved to Western Kansas in 1922.

Cleo attended Brownville Consolidated School and graduated in 1940. During his high school years he played and lettered in basketball. In September, 1940 he attended the University of Kansas. This one semester proved to Cleo the importance of a college education. His family notes that Cleo spent from 1960 to 1971 putting his children and wife through college. After completing the one semester at KU, Cleo married Keela Irene Jones in 1941, and they lived on a farm located 12 miles south of Levant. They became the parents of three children; Colleen, Colin and Carol Wayne. The family moved to the San Luis Valley in Colorado in 1948, came back to Kansas in 1950 where they ran the store and post office in Halford, KS. In 1953 they moved to a farm south of Gem where they lived until 1965 when they moved to Colby.

Cleo discovered an aptitude for sales work at the Halford store and continued in sales until retirement. This he did along with managing a farming operation. He worked for Bill Dougherty at Dougherty Implement until 1969 selling farm machinery. He sold Ford automobiles for George Tubbs from 1969 until 1988. During this period he received many honors as Outstanding Salesperson for Ford Cars and Trucks. He finally got out of the farming operation in 1998.

A home was of utmost importance to Cleo. From the time of their arrival in Western Kansas, his parents moved the family at least 22 times by the time he was 15 years old in the three counties of Logan, Sherman and Thomas Counties. His early years were not always comfortable. He saw to it that his family always had a roof over their heads, food on the table and warm clothes. Even though Cleo was a homebody, because his children lived from coast to coast, he traveled to both coasts and Texas. He got to fish in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as well as mountain streams. A meat and potatoes man at heart Cleo was not afraid to try new foods. He even tried deep fried soft shell crabs. He wasn't sure that it wasn't a spider on his plate.

Those who knew Cleo knew him to be at times a happy go lucky individual who loved to joke and enjoy music. He had an ear for music and played the harmonica and accordion. The practice on the harmonica was gained when he was 10 to 12 years old when he spent time on horseback herding cows for neighbors. He said that this helped him to pass the time. He was born under the sign of "Pisces" with two sides to his personality. Cleo was known to be "set" in his beliefs about politics and the government in general. He spent many hours with friends having coffee and discussing the news of the day. Some discussions became very heated. The fun part of Cleo and competitive part loved playing cribbage and pinochle. In fact, he won the last two games of cribbage that he played with his daughter. While in the hospital, his last words to her were "the only way to go out - "a winner". Cleo took up golf in his later years and had many games with friends and his son Colin. His sons, Colin and C. Wayne enjoyed pheasant hunting with their dad and playing cribbage.

Cleo was a man who cared deeply for his wife and children; for anyone who was in need of food or shelter. He believed in giving all of his energy to a job. It had to be done well as it was with his farming. His kids and wife learned early on that there was only one way to work a field - no weeds to be left standing when completed.

Because of Cleo's early childhood when food was scarce, he developed a real concern for hungry children which was why Thomas County Genesis was chosen for his memorial. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Cleo is survived by his wife, Keela Irene, daughter, Colleen (Colby); sons Colin (Linda) (Peoria, AZ); C. Wayne (Kathy Jensen) (Prescott, AZ). He had 6 grandchildren: Keela Lee, Lissa, Kirby Joe, Teresa, Christina and Kelli; 4 great grandchildren: Dallas, Taylor, Brock Casey and Tanner.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with inurnment in Beulah Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Genesis Food Bank, in Care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Condolences: [www.kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com)

This is a poem Cleo wrote for his retirement from Tubbs & Sons to express his feelings:

*Thirty years have come and gone,  
My how time does fly;  
Now I've got to leave this job,  
Before I up and die.  
I've looked back over the many years  
And wondered have I been a success?  
Or did I spend all this time  
And leave nothing but a mess.  
And then it came to me,  
I haven't done too bad,  
And the people I have worked for  
Are the best friends I've ever had.*

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## Other Viewpoints

# Expand Medicaid to be pro-business

If Kansas truly wants to be a pro-business state, it would take advantage of the federal government's offer to expand its Medicaid guidelines.

Why? The cost of health insurance is sinking small businesses. Fifteen years ago, about 84 percent of those employed at small businesses received health insurance through their employers. Today, the number is about 75 percent.

Increasingly, small businesses have been forced to slash their participation in health insurance because of higher costs and the burden of administering the benefit.

On the flip side, for many employees, their company's health insurance program eats up too much of their paycheck, so they don't participate or they work too few hours to qualify for a company's program.

If Kansas were to participate in the Medicaid expansion, more residents could receive tax credits to apply to their health-insurance premiums. And the more people enrolled in health insurance, the more secure the payments to area hospitals and clinics.

Under the expansion, a family of four could earn up to \$35,355 and receive Medicaid benefits. That number is equivalent to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Once that family earns above that level, it can qualify for tax credits to apply to its premiums. The credits are figured on a sliding scale based on income.

But, because Kansas has said no to the expansion, the same size family is shut out from receiving either Medicaid or tax credits if its annual income is above \$7,770 – the state's upper cap for Medicaid for a family of four – or below \$23,550, the poverty level.

The Affordable Care Act was designed to help the category of people that Kansas chooses to discriminate against – the working poor. If Medicaid is not expanded, an estimated 78,400 will fall into this Medicaid Gap.

State legislators have the opportunity to take advantage of this win-win proposal. Our bet is if proposed, area businesses and citizens would rally their support.

It's worth a try.

– The Iola Register, via the Associated Press

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UKRAINE TAKES the BRONZE

# Students prefer printed textbooks

American university students this spring are still using printed textbooks far more than eTexts. In 2010, it was predicted that eTexts would rise from 2 percent of college course materials to over 18 percent after 2014. It didn't happen.

In the study "Student Reading Practices in Print and Electronic Media" to be published in the journal *College & Research Libraries* in September 2014, researchers tracked the reading habits of juniors, seniors and graduate students at the College of New York. Although students used electronic media for non-academic reading, they relied on paper for academics.

There are "a lot of misconceptions about Millennials" as a digital generation, according to researcher Nancy Foasberg who led the study. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported on Foasberg's research: "Several students in Ms. Foasberg's study expressed a distaste for digital textbooks. Some who had used e-books said they would not use them again because they found the embedded links distracting and because they could not interact with the content as they could with print texts – highlighting or taking notes in the margins, for instance. And since the students found themselves printing out digital texts, whatever money they had saved by not buying printed copies was largely lost to printing costs."

Another writer, Ferris Jabr, details the extensive research over the last two years that confirms the science behind students' intuitive preference for printed text. In the November 2013 issue of *Scientific American*, Jabr lays out



**John Richard Schrock**

## Education Frontlines

the shortcomings of reading from screens in "Why the Brain Prefers Print." Summarizing recent research from Tufts University, Indiana University, University of Stavanger (Norway), Karlstad University (Sweden), Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, University of Leicester, University of Central Florida and San Jose State University, the downsides of reading on-screen are piling up.

Research indicates that the brain treats words as physical objects which have a placement on a page but are fleeting on screen. Measures of brain activity are high when a student writes letters by hand, but not when they are typed. Many of us experience "drifting away" while scrolling. Research shows that scrolling promotes shallow reading and reduces comprehension. Text provides us with both "deep reading" and context.

Reading printed text is "less taxing cognitively" and provides us with "more free capacity for comprehension." Reading on the Kindle "ink" format that imitates paper is less taxing than reading the backlit screens of other readers, cell phones, tablets and computer screens. Indeed, most readers report higher levels of stress, eye strain and scrolling that "drains

more mental resources." Researchers found that screens promote browsing, taking shortcuts and scanning. Readers of print are much more likely to re-read and check for understanding.

For college students, the bottom line is: "Will the format affect my test scores?" Researchers found that "...volunteers using paper scored about 10 percentage points higher ... students using paper approached the exam with a more studious attitude than their screen-reading peers..." Under both modes, students could superficially "remember" but those studying printed text "knew with certainty," a trait likely related to the deep-reading of print.

Will the next "digital generation" avoid this difference and be better adapted to screens? Even with young children, researchers found the screens got in the way. Children were distracted into fiddling with the knobs on the device and otherwise being distracted by the technology.

Despite a decade of hype, American college students appear to agree with the survey of students at the National Autonomous University of Mexico where 80 percent of students preferred print to screen in order to "understand with clarity."

You will probably agree as well. After all, you are reading this complex summary – in print.

*John Richard Schrock, a professor of biology and department chair at a leading teacher's college, lives in Emporia. He emphasizes that his opinions are strictly his own.*

# What would Lincoln say about Obama?

President Barack Obama's favorite president, as is the case with so many Americans, is Abraham Lincoln, who now shares a national holiday – Presidents Day – with George Washington. But the Obama/Lincoln bond certainly could not be because of shared political ideology. Lincoln was for the free market and decidedly against socialism – just opposite of President Obama. He saw nothing in the Communist Manifesto, published in 1848, worthy of emulation.

On the ownership of property Abraham Lincoln's feelings were especially strong, he said, "Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprises" (The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume VII, pp. 259-260). To him there was no need to take by force the wealth of those who produce and give it to those less productive. The "share the wealth" philosophy and "envy politics" so articulated by Obama would have been foreign ideology to the Civil War president.

The answer to ending poverty is not class envy, first identified by Aristotle some 2,500 years ago as being the natural inclination of those with less, a philosophy implemented by Lenin in Russia when the communists identified those holding property as enemies of the state and liquidated some four to eight million farmers, the "Kulaks" ("The Russian Kulaks," InDepthInfo.com). Then they wondered why the country had such a horrific famine in 1921-1922, when millions starved.

No money was set aside for, or provided to,

## Other Opinions

### Harold Pease Liberty Under Fire

any class or special interest group in our Constitution. The power distributed benefited all equally and at the same time. The federal role was as referee only. Our Constitution does not redistribute wealth; it leaves the individual to do that by his work ethic. It remains the fairest way. Will income inequality be the outcome? Yes.

Free men are not equal and equal men are not free. But all will have more than had we instead forced income equality by taking from those who produce and giving it to those who do not. We remain anxious to share our wealth-producing philosophy with our less prosperous neighbors and the world so that all can have more, but individuals stealing it from us, or using the government to do it for them – legalized plunder – is just wrong.

Lincoln's answer to the poor, from which he sprang himself: "Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him labor diligently to build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence..." Unfortunately, many in our society have forgotten the "labor diligently" part of his phrase and have come to expect the government to provide, from the industry of others, their every need.

On that score Lincoln also had words. "You toil and work and earn bread, and I will eat it." He viewed this principle as a form of tyranny to those who work. Today 47.5 percent of the adult population pays no federal income tax; many actually receive benefits for which they have paid nothing.

Watching others acquire wealth was, in fact, a sign of a healthy economy for Lincoln. "I take it that it is best for all to leave each man free to acquire property as fast as he can. Some will get wealthy. I don't believe in a law to prevent a man from getting rich; it would do more harm than good." Nor would he have supported the hundreds of laws that we have today that take the incentive from trying to acquire wealth.

Lincoln might have added, "When has a poor man ever created a full time job for anyone?" Hate the Wal-Marts or the McDonalds all you want, but they provide the poor thousands of jobs. Do not bite the hand that feeds you, then wonder where the jobs and prosperity went as did the early Russian socialists.

The "share the wealth" philosophy, which Lincoln opposed, and Obama endorses, has never brought long term general prosperity for any people, any place, or any time.

*Dr. Harold Pease has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers. He has taught history and political science for over 25 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, go to www.LibertyUnderFire.org.*

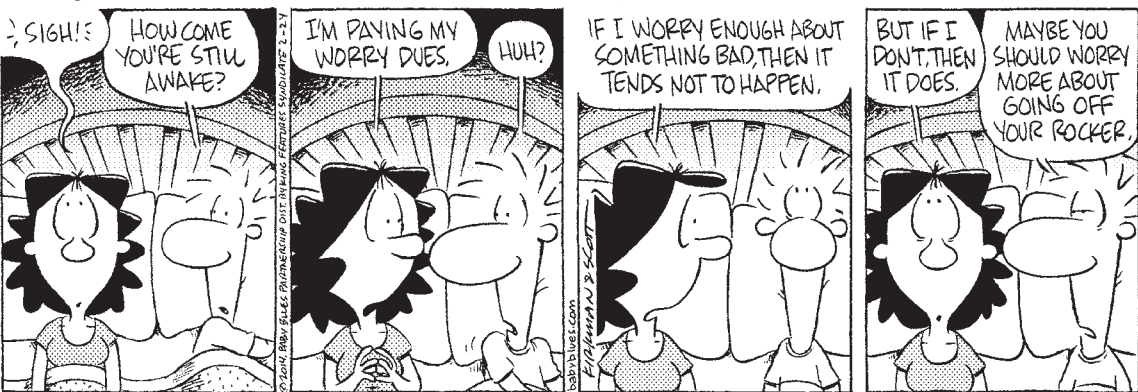
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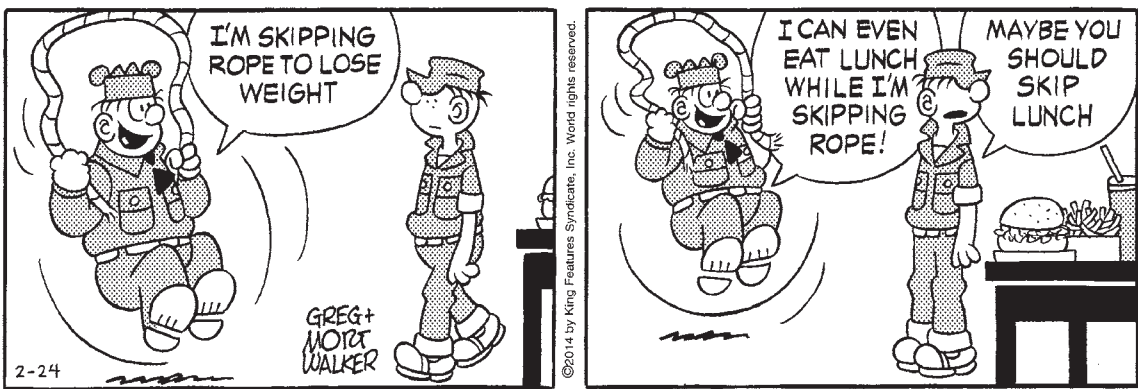


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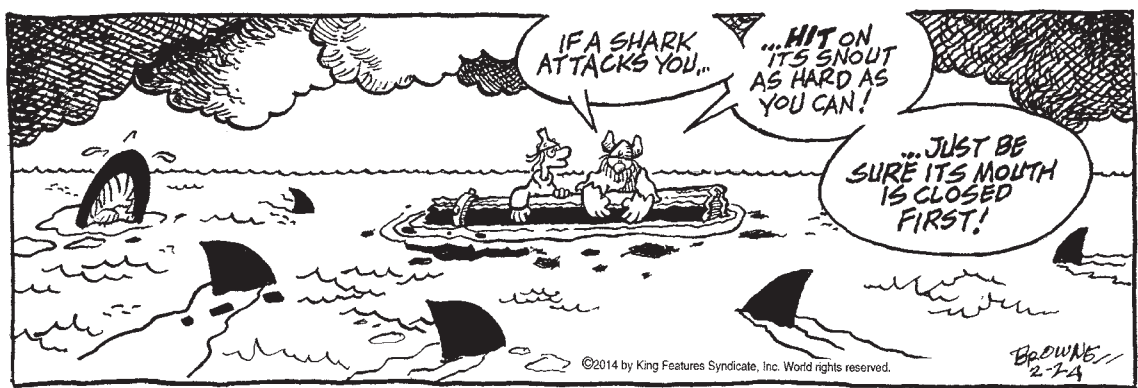
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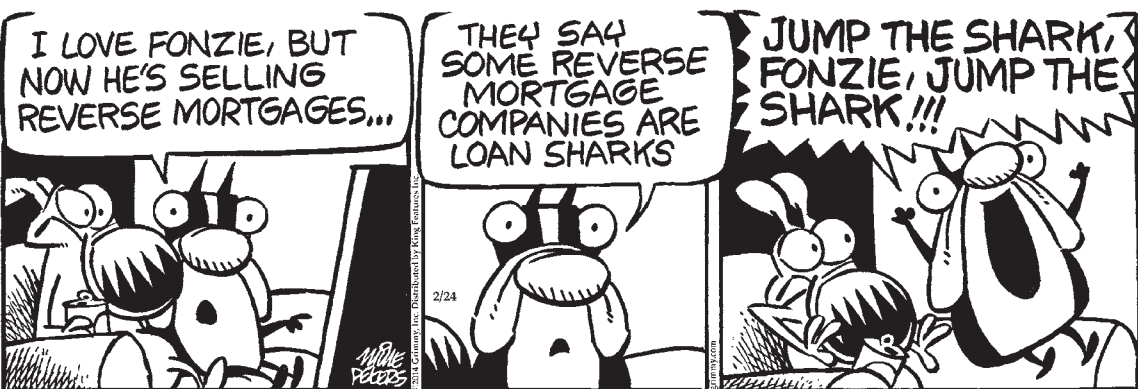
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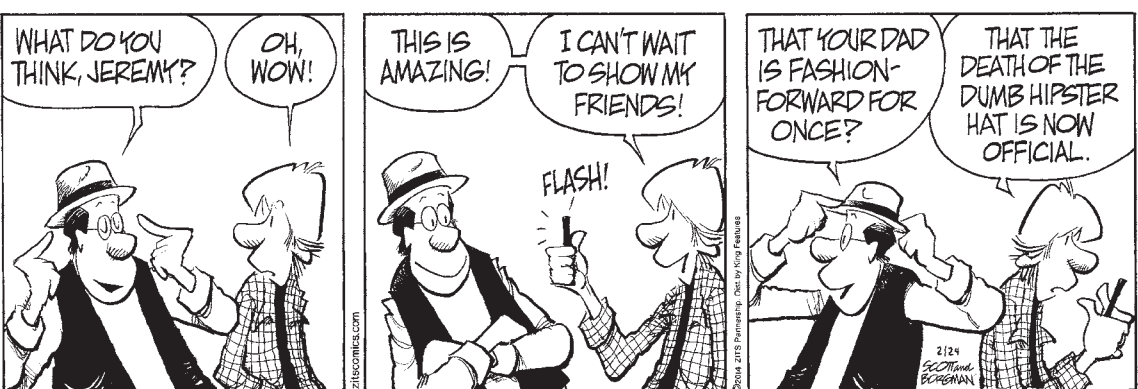
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• Antiques and Collecting

**Collectors seek 'younger' items**

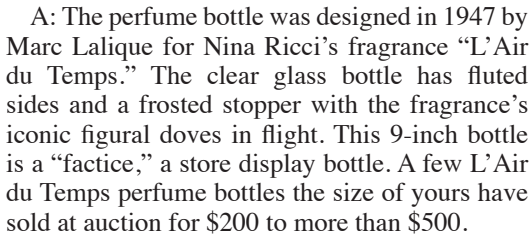
Collectors and collections are getting younger. So the old 1950s favorite, Chippendale furniture, has now been replaced by 1950s Eames pieces. And 18th-century English Staffordshire ceramics are not as wanted as much as Ohio-made 20th-century Rookwood pottery. Many galleries are holding special auctions that feature furniture, glass, pottery, jewelry and toys made after 1950.

A unique table made by Judy Kensley McKie (b. 1944) sold at a 2012 Rago auction for \$23,750. The artist started making furniture soon after she graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in 1966. She wanted to furnish her home, so she taught herself how to make one-of-a-kind pieces. By the 1980s, she was receiving national awards. Her tables were made of carved and painted wood, bronze, marble and even plastic. Many resembled animals, including horses, bears and rhinoceroses. They are imaginative, often humorous and very usable.

McKie is one of many studio artists working since the 1950s whose works are now included in museum collections. Collectors should look for quality in the almost-new as well as the old. **Q: My wife's estate included a one-liter Lalique perfume bottle that has two birds on the stopper. It is 9 inches tall and 6 inches wide and still is filled with perfume. Can you give me a value?**

**A:** The perfume bottle was designed in 1947 by Marc Lalique for Nina Ricci's fragrance "L'Air du Temps." The clear glass bottle has fluted sides and a frosted stopper with the fragrance's iconic figural doves in flight. This 9-inch bottle is a "factice," a store display bottle. A few L'Air du Temps perfume bottles the size of yours have sold at auction for \$200 to more than \$500.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 2/24

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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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOLK SONG FROM WAY BACK ABOUT A SPRUCE GUY WHO WANTED A PERSONAL TAILOR: "IF I HAD A HEMMER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Purse
  - 4 Autumn mo.
  - 7 Amorphous mass
  - 11 Moby-Dick's pursuer
  - 13 Gorilla
  - 14 Start over
  - 15 Not wrong (Abbr.)
  - 16 Holster occupant
  - 17 Vortex
  - 18 Over-advertised
  - 20 Couch
  - 22 Wd. modifier
  - 24 Japanese emperor
  - 28 Portrait on a \$20
  - 32 Landscaping tool
  - 33 Touch
  - 34 Annoy
  - 36 Family member
  - 37 Spa facilities
  - 39 Easter millinery
  - 41 Hi-fi setup
  - 43 Medic
- DOWN**
- 2 "Hi, sailor!"
  - 3 "The World According to —"
  - 4 Gripe constantly
  - 5 Piece of work
  - 6 Snake poison
  - 7 It can make your head spin
  - 8 Starred
  - 9 Peculiar
  - 10 Young fellow
  - 11 "Goldberg Variations" composer
  - 12 Initial success
  - 19 Dentist's deg.
  - 21 "A pox upon thee!"
  - 23 Task
  - 25 Fever and chills
  - 26 Fender bender
  - 27 Table scraps
  - 28 Pokes
  - 29 Blind as —
  - 30 Just adorable
  - 31 Gist
  - 35 Deity
  - 38 Stitch
  - 40 Present
  - 42 1950s song, e.g.
  - 45 Ailing
  - 47 Scrabble piece
  - 48 Satiate
  - 49 Cup-bearer of Greek myth
  - 50 Lingerie item
  - 51 Listener
  - 52 Mandela's party (Abbr.)
  - 54 Coloring agent



Saturday's answer 2-24

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

Case No. 2014-PR-7

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

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

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

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

Lonnie D. Wilson, Petitioner

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CASE NO. 2014-CV-7

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named Defendants and the known heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased; and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

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(the "property"), and you are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 9th day of April, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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# Eagles deliver plenty of regional wins

The Colby High wrestlers took fourth among 15 4A Regional teams with victories in 13 weight classes last weekend.

Complete Eagle results during this two-day event in Colby. Goodland won the team title with 160 points, fighting off a late charge from Abilene (149). Colby tallied 128.5 points.

**106: Tate Carney (33-4 season record) won the championship and scored 23 points.** He pinned Z. Tucker, Scott City, in 5:36; won 9-2 over A. Lustfield, Smoky Valley; and won 15-5 over T. Witherington, Goodland.

**113: Tanner Reed (3-8) scored one point.** He lost 8-2 to T. Cooper, Goodland; won 1-0 over N. Karber, Smoky Valley; and was

pinned by C. Kretzer, McPherson, in 2:29.

**120: Tanner Elias (21-19) scored four points.** Elias won 8-6 over B. Lemon, Chapman; was pinned by A. Avelar, Goodland, in 5:28; and lost by injury default to C. Sare, Smoky Valley.

**126: Travis Finley (25-10) scored four points.** He was pinned by L. Mendoza, Ulysses, in 4:49; won by forfeit over P. Ordenez, Hugoton; won 6-1 over T. Gastineau, Goodland; and lost 6-4 to J. Jurgens, Scott City.

**132: Alex Young (24-19) scored eight points.** He pinned N. Elliott, Buhler, in 3:15; pinned K. Schroeder, Russell, in 1:49; lost 3-2 to B. Archuleta, Smoky Valley; and lost 3-0 to A. Hernandez,

Goodland.

**138: Brett Schroeder (18-15) placed fourth and scored 11.5 points.** He won 18-2 over J. Gloria, McPherson; won 14-12 over C. Peterson, Buhler; lost 7-1 to C. Prester, Russell; won 13-5 over Gloria; and lost 7-2 to B. Anguiano, Abilene.

**145: Brady Holzmeister (22-16) scored five points.** He pinned J. Kirby, Hugoton, in :49; Ulysses; lost 6-4 to W. Kropp, Scott City; won 7-0 over G. Miller, Goodland; and lost by injury default to T. Graber, McPherson.

**152: Bryce Arnberger (14-7) placed fourth and scored nine points.** He won 8-7 over J. Anguiano, Ulysses; was pinned by S. Whitson, Buhler, in 2:28; won 7-1

over B. Daniels, Nickerson; and lost 10-7 to Anguiano.

**160: Matthew Pieper (17-22) scored four points.** He pinned A. Wampler, Smoky Valley, in 2:32; lost 6-3 to G. Ware, Clay Center; lost 2-0 to A. Henely, Abilene.

**170: Connor Edmundson (8-8) was pinned by A. Cook, Smoky Valley, in 1:37; and was pinned by M. Baxter, Nickerson, in 3:12.**

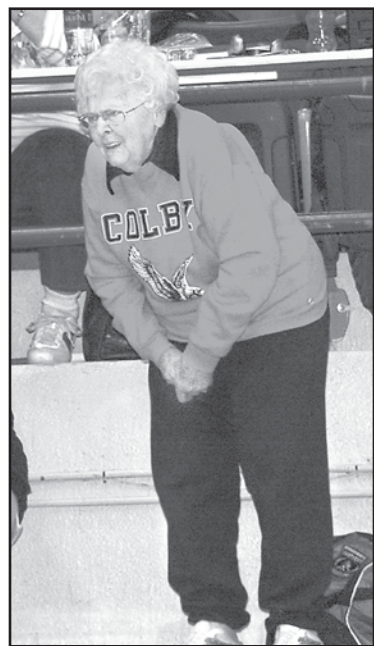
**182: Andrew Taylor (33-4) placed second and scored 18 points.** He pinned J. Christensen, Abilene, in 1:11; won 9-4 over G. Taylor, Goodland; and lost by injury default to S. Bird, Smoky Valley.

**195: Jay Ziegelmeier (27-10) scored eight points.** He pinned J. Oste, Russell, in 1:05; lost 2-0 to

E. Loder, Smoky Valley; won 5-3 over S. Hoch, Larned; pinned B. Lehman, Abilene, in :57; and lost 10-2 to B. Campbell, Hugoton.

**220: Austin Hart (36-8) placed third and scored 20 points.** He pinned N. Peterson, Smoky Valley, in 1:24; pinned E. Standlea, Clay Center, in 5:14; was pinned by J. Yates, Buhler, in 3:34; pinned S. Hutchins, Larned, in 2:00; and pinned K. Marks, Concordia, in :53.

**285: Ethan Jay (29-11) placed fourth and scored 13 points.** He pinned Z. Romo, Concordia, in :37; was pinned by B. Brickey, Smoky Valley, in 1:39; pinned B. Redenbaugh, Buhler, in 3:00; and was pinned by K. Reed, Larned, in 5:00.



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A Colby Eagles fan cheered on wrestler Connor Edmundson during Friday's 4A regional.

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# Lightest Eagle steps up large to win regional

By R.B. Headley  
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There are no gray areas in Colby freshman Tate Carney's ultimate goal — at least not until the cookies and ice cream are mixed together Saturday night. "That's what I will be going for. I think I have a good chance to win state, but I don't want to think too much about all that. Just take one match at a time."

Carney made crushed Oreos out of the 4A Regional 106-pound

title race Friday and Saturday at Colby's Community Building.

In fact, the long-time club wrestler only got stronger as he moved closer to a championship.

Some might have called his first-round win over Scott City's Zachary Tucker a little shaky, since Tucker (21-19 record) lasted almost the entire match before Carney finished a 5:36 pin.

Carney followed with a much sweeter 9-2 semifinal victory over Smoky Valley's Austin Lustfield, who brought an awesome 35-4 record into this regional.

Carney (33-4 record) then whipped Goodland's Tate Witherington, 15-5, for the final topping on his regional title Saturday eve-

ning. Witherington's early 2-1 lead barely bothered Carney, who threw his Cowboy foe down a couple of times while moving ahead 5-2.

Not even an accidental but painful-looking eye poke could hinder Carney's focus. He closed out his major decision with one more takedown.

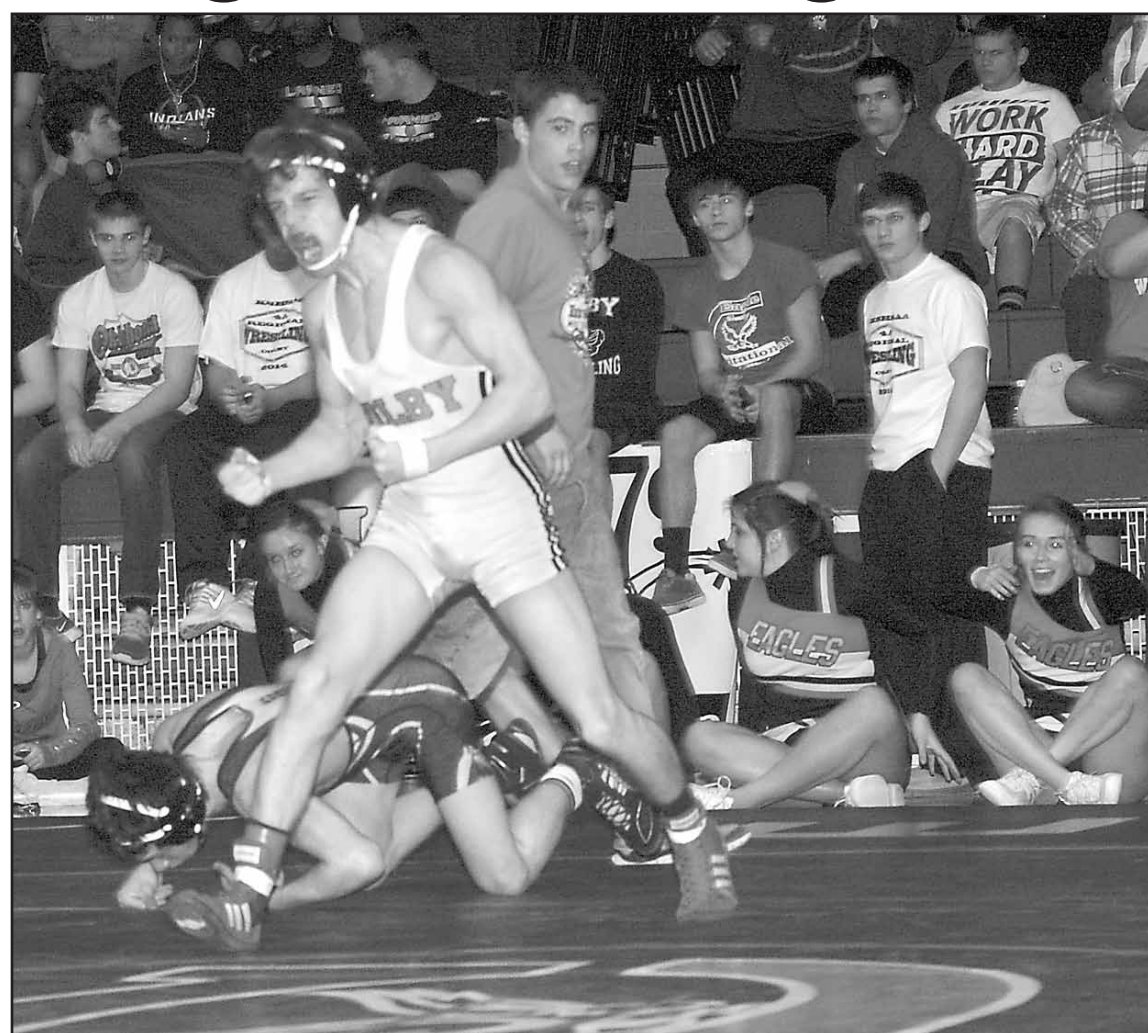
"This is the sixth time I've wrestled him, and I've beaten him every time. But the last few have been a little tougher," Carney said as Witherington has only lost nine times all season (33-9 record). "I feel I wrestled pretty well all weekend. Now it all comes down to next week (at state)."

Carney will take the highest seed among six Eagles qualified for 4A state starting on Friday.

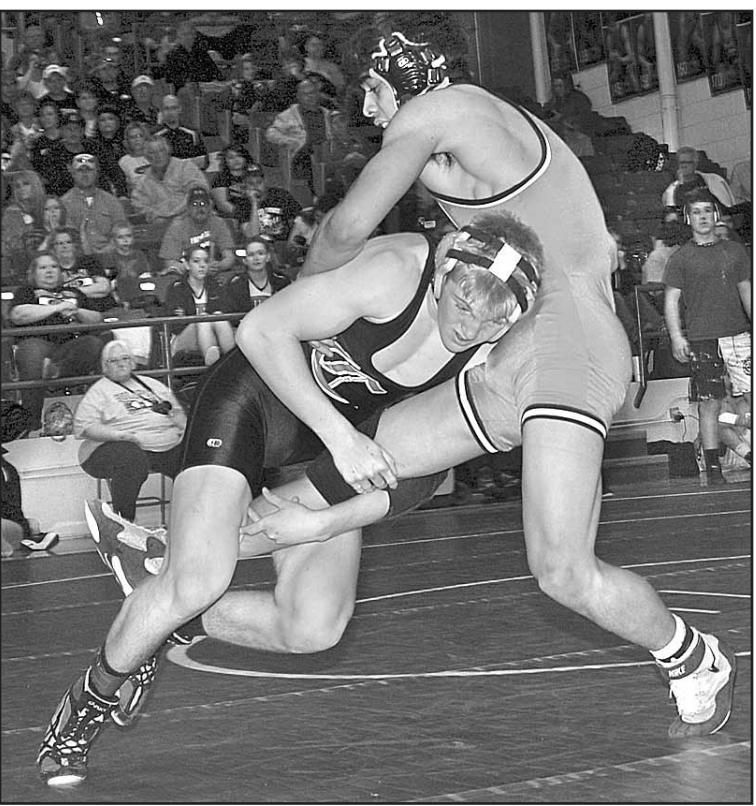
Senior Andrew Taylor (also 33-4 this season) will take the most experience after reaching last year's 4A state finals. Taylor will also likely take even more motivation after losing a tough regional final Saturday night to Smoky Valley's Spencer Bird.

Bird caught Taylor in an early headlock that some observers felt should have been stopped for safety reasons. Taylor appeared to briefly lose consciousness, and the win was awarded for Bird because of injury default.

So Taylor will take a No. 2 seed into the 4A state tournament. He'll be aiming for strong performances like his first two regional matches



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby High freshman Tate Carney finished his rampage through the 4A regional with a 15-5 final trouncing of Goodland's Tate Witherington Saturday night at the Colby Community Building.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby High sophomore Bryce Arnberger was on the attack while earning a state tournament spot during last weekend's 4A regional in Colby. Arnberger is one of six Eagle qualifiers.

## Injury, losses don't bother Eagle soph

By R.B. Headley  
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Younger brothers love to be different, and Colby High sophomore Bryce Arnberger's state path shares no resemblance with undefeated former Eagle state champion big bro Breck.

Yet it doesn't change how much pride was being felt when Bryce scored a 7-1 Regional 152-pound tournament win over Goodland's Garrett Miller Saturday afternoon.

Arnberger (14-7 season record) overcame a dislocated elbow that clearly hindered the first two months of his season.

"I didn't even wrestle any tournaments until Beloit (on Jan. 25)," he said. "I didn't know what to expect. But the coaches told me not to worry about it, to just keep getting better every week."

The feisty football linebacker continued improving, but suffered some setbacks like a Great West Athletic Conference tournament loss to Ulysses' Juan Anguiano.

When the 4A regional brackets were announced on Thurs-

day, Arnberger was once again matched up against Anguiano.

Just like the elbow, he ignored previous pain and focused on getting better.

The result: a thrilling 8-7 win over Anguiano on Friday in front of Colby fans and family.

"I knew that was my best chance to make state. I decided why wait until my junior or senior year? Getting to state has been my goal all year," he said. "Once I beat him (Anguiano), I knew I had a great chance."

Arnberger added that win over Goodland's Miller to clinch his state tournament spot.

Now he'll join another Eagle who stepped up when it counted most — junior Brett Schroeder — as two of Colby's six qualifiers.

"I have nothing to lose," he concluded about opening state against a regional champion.

Schroeder (18-15 record) reached state in the 138-pound bracket by scoring three impressive regional wins where he scored a total of 45 points. His state clincher was a 13-5 conquest of McPherson's Jose Gloria.

Getting bounced from the regional title hunt Friday night only meant big trouble for Austin Hart's opponents on Saturday.

Hart shook off a tough semifinal loss to punish his last two remaining foes while making the 4A state tournament again.

Within two minutes, Hart had pinned Larned's Seth Hutchins which clinched the state berth.

Yet he wasn't even faster in his next match against fellow state qualifier Kyle Marks from Concordia.

Hart (36-8 record) needed only 53 seconds to "stick" Marks, meaning he won't face a regional champ when 4A state begins on Friday.

Freshman Ethan Jay will face a regional champion heavyweight at Salina's Bicentennial Center, but that won't bother him for one second.

Even during Colby High's freshman season, Jay showed he could take on juniors or seniors and enjoy success.

He scored two more pins during regionals last weekend, clinching his state spot with a 3:00 win over Buhler's Braden Redenbaugh.

Jay (29-11 record) then battled powerful Kaiden Reed (33-12) from Larned on near even terms through most of their consolation title match.

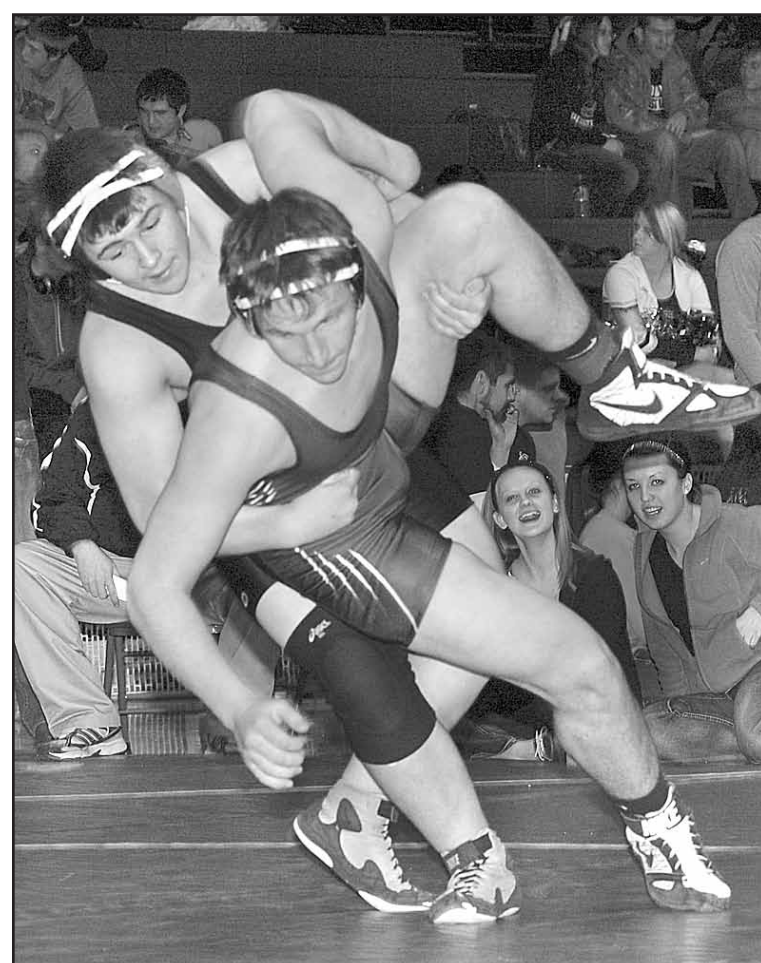
last weekend. Taylor needed just 71 seconds to pin quarterfinal foe Jaron

Christensen from regional runner-up Abilene. Like Carney against Witherington, Taylor resumed his

season-long dominance of Goodland's Garrett Taylor with a 9-4 semifinal victory.

## Eagle 'heavy' powerhouses ready to take on 4A's best

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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby High sophomore Austin Hart, left, took down this 220-pound foe during the 4A Regional tournament in Colby last weekend. Hart went 3-1 to earn his second state tourney spot.

Only one late mistake on a take-down allowed Reed to record the 5:00 pin.

Just another reason why Jay will be fired up when that first state match arrives on Friday.

"It (making state) means everything," he said. "I wasn't sure early on, but once I started pinning some seniors it give me a huge boost of confidence. I'll be ready for state."

## Colby's first state foes are set

Regional champ Tate Carney will start Colby's 4A state tournament at 10 a.m. on Friday in Salina's Bicentennial Center.

With his No. 1 seed, Carney will take on fourth-seed region finisher Rodney Longshaw from Towanda Circle.

Friday's state quarterfinals are set for 2 p.m. with consolation first round set at 4 p.m. Championship semifinal matches immediately follow.

Consolations resume at 9 a.m. on Saturday leading into the 3 p.m. consolation finals.

The Parade of Champions and 4A state championship matches follow 40 minutes after those last consolation finals.

Colby's complete first-round matchups on Friday 106 — Tate Carney (33-4) vs. Rodney Longshaw, Towanda Circle (16-14).

138 — Brett Schroeder (18-15) vs. Chase Cole, Chanute (31-4).

145 — Bryce Arnberger (14-7) vs. Paul Suhr, Andover Central (36-3).

182 — Andrew Taylor (33-4) vs. Cordell Dunlop, Prairie View (37-11).

220 — Austin Hart (36-8) vs. Doug Hartman, Andover Central (4-1).

285 — Ethan Jay (29-11) vs. Cooper Zeller, Holton (26-3).

## Colby girls win 50-30

By R.B. Headley  
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A brilliantly balanced attack featured four double-digit scorers in the Colby girls' 50-30 win over visiting Scott City Friday night.

Spotting Scott a 6-0 lead only seemed to fire up the Eagles' offense.

Senior Haileigh Shull delivered her usual productive performance that featured 15 points, 10 rebounds, three steals and three assists.

However, the exciting fact for coach Ryan Becker was how juniors Hannah Strange, Shaila Giebler and sophomore Brenly Terrell stepped up to tally 10 points in one game.

Together, they buried the Beavers with a 16-6 second quarter



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
All five Colby Eagles swarmed to the basketball Friday night with sophomore Brielle McKee, right, slapping it loose from a Scott City Beaver. Other Eagles from left are Lara Stephens, Brenly Terrell, Kelly Sloan and Shaila Giebler.

and 16-8 third period.

Other Eagles scoring points were junior Brooklyn Bange (three points) and sophomore Lara

Stephens (two).

In boys' varsity action, Scott City won 61-26 despite Colby senior Cameron Brown's 20 points.

## Painful finishes strike Eagles

While there were many great wins, not many teams experienced some painful lows like the Colby Eagle wrestling team during last weekend's 4A regional.

The Eagles qualified six wrestlers with unfortunate breaks stopping at least three other quests:

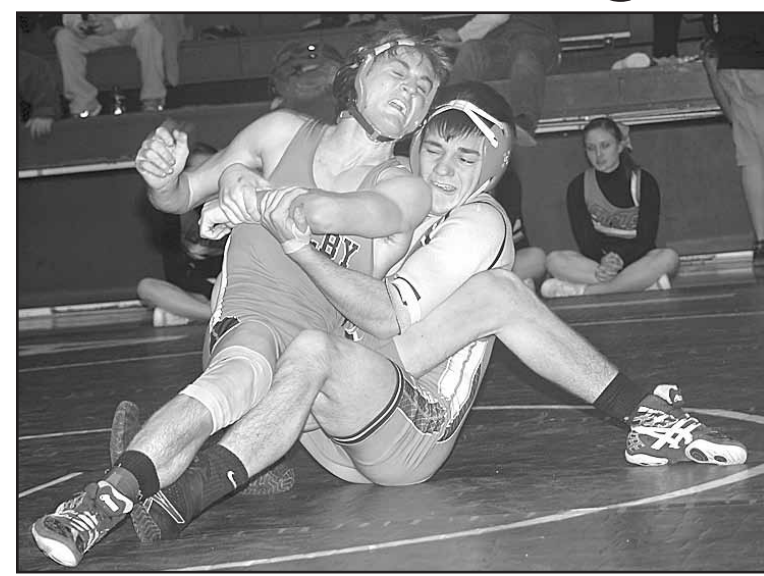
Sophomore Brady Holzmeister suffered a broken jaw which knocked him out of Saturday's state-qualifying match at 145 pounds.

Sophomore 120-pounder Tanner Elias built an 8-3 lead over Caleb Sare in his own make-or-break match.

Elias remained aggressive, but a couple of moves backfired and Sare also eventually prevailed 11-10.

Sophomore Matt Piper needed two more wins to qualify at 160 pounds. However, a controversial call prevented from getting either victory as Abilene's Alex Henely held on to his 2-0 win.

Pieper appeared to force a 2-2 deadlock, but referees disallowed



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby High junior Brett Schroeder, left, showed the intensity needed to break through for wins during last weekend's 4A Regional in Colby. Schroeder earned a state tournament spot.

his late two-point move. Coaches from both teams consulted rule books before this decision was finally accepted.

Other Eagles like junior Jay

Ziegelmeier sophomore Alex Young and freshman Travis Finley fell just short of making state. All three wrestlers earned 24 or more wins this season.