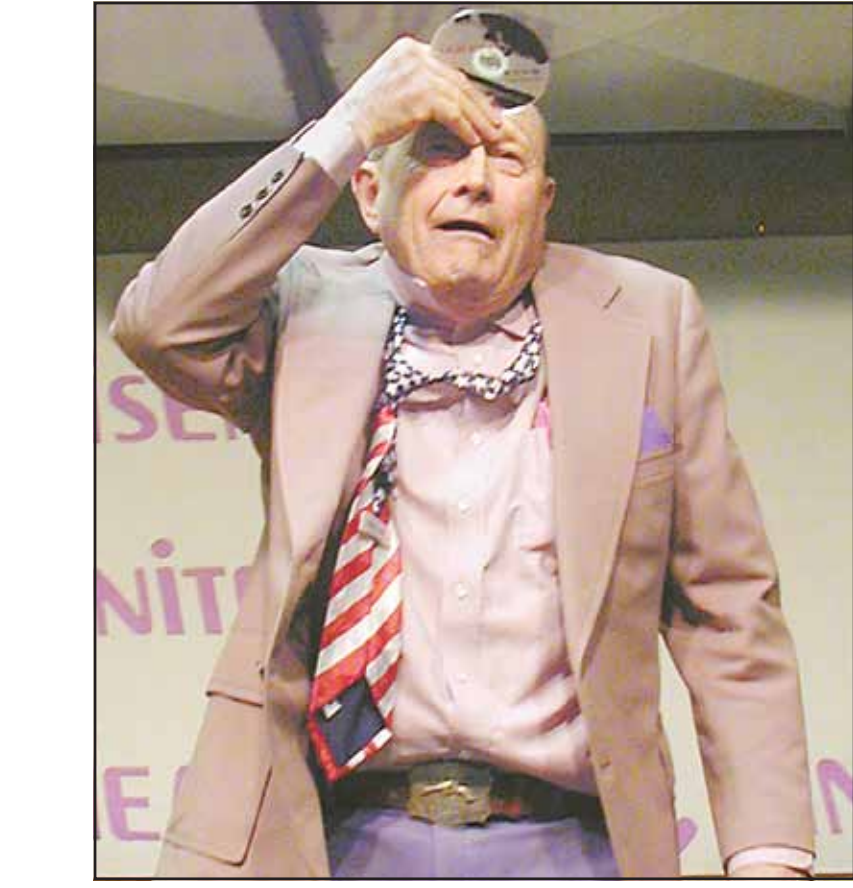




Whodunit strikes again

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Rich Hawkins (above) played Martin Bother, chief executive officer of Disembark United Healthcare, at a dinner-theater play, "Dead 2 Rights," Saturday night at Pioneer Memorial Library. Bother was murdered (bottom left) with a titanium "ninja CD" by one-time Disembark tech worker Lesley Morris (right), played by Moriah LeFlore, who was almost electrocuted to death herself while setting up a presentation during the annual meeting for the hapless company. At the meeting, shareholder Anna Stratton, played by Ashley Bridgeman (bottom right), claimed to have a report that will show the company's true financial vulnerability, making her a prime suspect. Peggy Saddler (below) tried to guess the identity of the victim during the intermission.



Traffic stop starts chase on Sunday

By Kevin Bottrell
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A 45-year-old Hays man took off during a traffic stop on Interstate 70 Sunday afternoon and led state troopers and sheriff's deputies on a 30-minute chase down county roads, ending up in the hill country along the Logan-Wallace county line.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Richard William was booked into the Sherman County Bastille on charges of possession of a hallucinogen, possession of drug paraphernalia, fleeing and eluding, reckless driving and speeding.

Trooper Tod Hileman, public resource officer for the patrol in Hays, said a trooper stopped the vehicle, a red sports car, about 2:40 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday because one of its headlights was out. It had been going eastbound on I-70 near milepost 15. The trooper reported an odor of drugs in the car and was about to search it when the suspect got back in the car and took off.

Hileman said the vehicle got off the Interstate at Exit 17 in Good-

land and headed south on K-27 for about two miles. From there, it zig-zagged southeast on county roads, traveling at 70 mph or faster on the sandy rural roads.

The Thomas County and Logan County sheriff's offices sent deputies to assist while a Sherman County deputy remained the lead vehicle in the chase. Wallace County deputies set up a roadblock at a bridge on the Smoky Hill River, but the vehicle turned off the highway. A trooper coming from Oakley reported slick roads. A Highway Patrol airplane was also called out to assist.

The chase went south and east toward the corner of Sherman County. After it crossed into Wallace County, the driver went into a ditch and got a flat tire, but continued on a ways. It ended at 3:15 p.m. on the Logan County line when the Sherman County deputy pushed the suspect's car into a ditch. The suspect tried to get the car out of the ditch but was unsuccessful, and after a short standoff, officers were able to take him into custody.

No injuries were reported in the chase.

Courthouse fix approved

The Thomas County courthouse should get a bit safer when work begins on the loose blocks of stone atop the building's chimneys while, at the same meeting, county commissioners moved ahead with plans to find land for a new jail or judicial complex.

At their end-of-the-month meeting Friday, county commissioners approved a \$14,775 bid to remove loose stones from Mid-Continental Restoration Co. Inc. of Fort Scott.

The firm plans to begin the 90-day project around April 15, removing loose portions of the building's limestone chimney capstones.

This was the second round of bids for the project, and Mid-Continental, the company recommended by engineering firm Walter P. Moore, was the only bidder. After a previous request for bids, the commissioners rejected the only bid as too high at \$16,000.

The county re-advertised in hopes of getting additional bidders, sending out requests and publicizing the call.

Engineers had estimated the project's cost at \$5,000 to \$8,000, and the commissioners hesitated as they approved the \$14,775 bid.

"I'm still not satisfied that either our engineer was way off in making the estimate of the project or something," said Commissioner Mike Baughn after the vote. "This still came in way over what the engineers estimated even though it is less than the original bid."

"This is probably as good as its going to get," replied Commissioner Paul Steele.

Later in the meeting, commissioners held a 30-minute closed-door session with architect Glen Strait and County Attorney Kevin Berens to discuss buying land for construction of a new judicial

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Services Wednesday

With Ash Wednesday this week, area churches will be opening their doors for evening services on Wednesday.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have Ash Wednesday services at 8:15 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Other Thomas County churches that contacted the *Colby Free Press* include: the Colby First

Presbyterian Church, at 7 p.m.; Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brewster, at 6 p.m.; Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church, at 5:30 p.m.; and the Colby United Methodist Church, at 7 p.m.



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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain before midnight, then a chance of rain, snow, and freezing drizzle. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow and freezing rain before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 50. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

Friday: High, 52; Low 12
 Saturday: High, 12; Low -2
 Sunday: High, 7; Low -2
 Precip: Friday Trace
 Saturday Trace
 Sunday None
 Month: None
 Year: 0.49 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:12 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 15 percent
 Wednesday 7:11 a.m. 6:41 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 23 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Courthouse fix approved

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complex.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Convened as the County Board of Health to declare a home in Menlo to be a nuisance because of its condition. The City of Menlo previously refused to address the home's disrepair, according to the county health director, so the commissioners ordered the homeowners to clean up the property within 30 days or face fines.
- Received from Sheriff Rod Taylor a list of people interested in serving on the Criminal Justice Strategic Planning Group. Baughn said he, too, had received some positive responses to his requests for people to serve and was still pursuing someone to serve as the group's chairman.
- Approved tax abatements for \$737 to Kriss and Lisa Schroeder for taxes on a truck that had been traded in; \$358 to CoBank because the bank was taxed for severed minerals it did not own; \$74 to Romano Cressoni

for taxes paid on a vehicle now registered in another state; \$488 to Ken Christiansen for taxes on a truck that was traded in; and \$101 to Kenneth Wilkening for taxes paid on a trailer now in another county.

- Discussed a \$5,277 proposal from S&T to provide an emergency alert button system and security monitoring for courthouse offices. The commissioners tabled a decision on the issue until department heads can weigh in on optional monitoring available from S&T.
- Heard an update from Baughn on road projects at Sewell and Willow streets in Colby which are to be paid for by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the city. The agencies had asked for about \$80,000 of county money to help with the projects, but Baughn said he does not feel the county has the money to spend. Steele said he had met with the city manager and suggested he use Economic Development money instead.
- Approved the health department's application for a recur-

ring \$83,689 grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

- Approved the hiring of a part-time nurse at the health department at the rate of \$25 per hour with no benefits.
- Approved accounts payable of \$13,087 for the noxious weed department, \$70,599 for the road and bridge department, \$203,654 for the general fund and \$286,804 in payroll.
- Renewed a contract with Computer Information Concepts for \$1,820 for one year of software licensing and support for the county's People Ware software program.
- Declared April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month and tabled a decision on which child should represent Thomas County in a photograph at the state house.
- Heard a presentation on supplemental insurance from Will Arthur of Family Heritage who will be allowed to offer insurance products to county employees at group meetings.

Walk Kansas to begin soon

Walk Kansas, an annual program designed to promote activity and better health, begins March 16.

The program, in its 13th year, has grown from 500 participants to an average of 18,000 statewide over the last five years.

Groups of six people work toward a common goal. Typically, teams aim to meet the minimum recommendation for physical activity, walking a total of 150 miles per week to walk 423 miles over the eight-week period. If members meet this goal, their team will have walked a distance equal to the entire length of the state of Kansas.

"Walking reduces stress, combats depression, improves heart health and helps fight off unwanted

ed pounds," said Sharolyn Jackson, Walk Kansas state coordinator, "and you feel better, almost immediately, after getting some physical activity."

Participants can walk anywhere - outside, on a treadmill, at a fitness center or wherever they want.

"The key is to do the walking and let your team captain know weekly how many minutes you walked," Jackson said. "The website converts the time walked into miles."

Thomas County Wellness Challenge participants are automatically entered in Walk Kansas, but others can form teams or join as individuals by registering online at www.walkkansas.org.

Military school trial to begin

By Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press

WICHITA (AP) - For years, a Kansas military boarding school has quietly settled multiple lawsuits alleging cadet abuse outside of courtrooms.

This week, St. John's Military School goes to trial in federal court over claims made by 11 former students who contend its practice of giving higher-ranking cadets the power to discipline younger ones encourages physical and mental abuse.

The former cadets - who hail from California, Florida, Tennessee, Colorado, Texas and Illinois - filed a lawsuit in 2012 alleging that higher-ranking students, called "Disciplinarians," abused younger students, even in the presence of faculty members. The plaintiffs claim

negligent failure to supervise, intentional failure to supervise, as well as both negligent and intentional emotional distress.

The 126-year-old Episcopalian boarding school in the central Kansas town of Salina has denied a culture of abuse exists, saying it is confident the jury will decide in its favor.

The trial, set to start Tuesday before U.S. District Judge John Lungstrum in Kansas City, Kan., could provide a rare public airing of the allegations against the private, quasi-military program. It is expected to last three weeks.

Plaintiffs have long contended that at least nine other abuse-related lawsuits have been filed against the school since 2006, but an Associated Press examination of federal and state court filings found at least 14 lawsuits

filed since 2003 by cadets and their families.

Neither the school's president nor the attorney for the students returned email messages seeking comment Monday.

St. John's has noted that each student is required to sign an anti-hazing pledge and has cited its efforts to curb abuses by installing surveillance cameras and conducting regular bruise checks of students.

Among the plaintiffs in the lawsuit on trial is a boy from Auburn, Calif., who says he was tormented by adults and students after suffering two broken legs in separate incidents during the four days he attended the school in August 2012. Other alleged incidents include: a Tennessee student claiming his stomach was forcibly branded as a rite.

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.

Relay for Life needs volunteers for event

Committee members and teams are needed for the Thomas County Relay for Life, planned for Saturday, June 7. Come to an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 620 N. Range. For information, call Christy Gugelman at (308) 362-7122.

Legislators to stop Tuesday in Colby

State Sen. Ralph Ostmeier, Rep. Ward Cassidy and Rep. Don Hineman will hold a "town hall" meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex. They seek your ideas on issues in the 2014 Legislature, and will update people on what is going on in Topeka. Everyone is invited.

Poet laureate to speak at library lunch

Booked for Lunch will be at noon Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The guest will be Wyatt Townley, poet laureate of Kansas, on "Coming Home to Poetry: The Notion of Home." From 1:30 to 3 p.m. Townley will conduct a free workshop on writing poetry through the format the American Cinquain. For information call the library at 460-4470.

Art Club offers film on glass artist

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

Once a Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to all who come the second Saturday of each month. No reservations. For questions, call Leisa Hansen at 460-2710.

Ham and beans will send kids to band camp

The High Plains Lions will serve ham and beans, corn bread and dessert from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Orscheln's in Colby. Donations will help send kids to Lions Band Camp. For information, call Roger Hale at 462-1172.

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 at the Colby Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Make a donation; enjoy biscuits and gravy, hash browns and scrambled eggs; and support the 2014 youth baseball season of more than 30 games. For information, call coach Brian Quagliano at 443-0226.

Save money on a formal; support food bank

Buy a gently used formal dress for \$20 and support Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank. Sale will be from 5 to 8 p.m. next Monday to Wednesday, March 12, at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. For information or a special appointment, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

Human resources group to meet

The monthly meeting of the Colby Human Resource Management Association will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Montana Mike's. At noon, Tom Lippert of Fort Hays State University will talk on "How to Have Tough Conversations." To attend as a guest, make reservations by noon Monday, March 10, with Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com. For information, call Phyllis LaShell at (785) 577-4610.

Corrections board to meet March 13

The board of Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services and Northwest Kansas Community Corrections will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Educational Service Center, 703 W. Second St. in Oakley. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call Brenda Ulery at (785) 475-8113.

Pickin' to have St. Patrick's Pub Party

Proceeds from a St. Patrick's Day Pub Party on Saturday, March 15, at the City Limits Convention Center will go to the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival. Wine and beer tasting will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. DJ Justin Meitl will provide music from 8:30 to 9 p.m. and you can dance to the Mama's Boys from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 each for the tasting party or the dance, or \$30 for the whole evening. Tickets are available at the Chamber office. For information, call 460-3401.

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Tuesday Evening												March 4, 2014																	
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CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT

Wednesday Evening												March 5, 2014											
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Abby Friesen and Allie Friesen

Piano-playing sisters compete at region, state

Two Colby High girls went to regional and one to state piano competition this last month, earning high marks for their performance.

Sisters Abby and Allie Friesen played at the state High School Activities Association Regional Piano Festival Feb. 8 at Fort Hays State University. They competed against over 40 students from about 20 schools across northwest Kansas.

Allie Friesen, a sophomore, played "Andantino" by Aram Khachaturian, while Abby, a senior, played "La Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin," French for "the girl with the flaxen hair," by Claude Debussy.

The girls are the daughters of Steven and Marilyn Friesen of Colby. Both took private lessons from Pat Ziegelmeier, a music instructor at Colby Community College.

Abby received a "I" rating, the highest out of five possible scored, Ziegelmeier said, and qualified for the state competition Feb. 22 at Wichita State University. She won a I rating again at state, getting a medal for both performances.

Allie earned a II rating at the regional festival - one of five held in the state.

A total of 194 students qualified for the state competition.

Bury some seeds to beat March lion

It's absolutely amazing! No sooner do we recover from our encounter with a ground hog, but we enter the season of lions and lambs. It seems that Americans are never without their animals this time of year and before we know it, it will be raining cats and dogs, we hope, and the "zebras" will begin to ride herd on the Jayhawks, the Wildcats, the Buffaloes and the Shockers. (ever see one of those dangerous Shockers?)

It must be getting closer to spring. Not quite yet. But there is an intensely interesting project available to us right now that I'm looking forward to. It's time to bury a few seeds, indoors, and reap rich benefits from our efforts.

I'm about to plant a few perennial flower seeds. I will mainly plant a few of the NEW seed offerings of perennials that have caught my eye in the seed catalogs. Vegetable transplants will come later, but the flowers need to be started soon because of their slower growth pattern. Most of the ones I start will bloom this year if I can get some good early growth inside.

I love columbines, and I have chosen a new one called Origami Red and White. I will attempt to grow a few transplants starting this weekend. They will, hopefully, produce two- to three-inch blooms this first year in the garden. I'll also plant a new snapdragon called Snap Daddy Pink. Snapdragons do well outside in my area of the world and this new variety looks gorgeous..

For years now, I've started my own annual petunias, or at least most of them, and will do a few again. Ever since the Wave series of petunias has been available, particularly the Tidal Wave, I have been attracted to them and raise a few transplants for several



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

patio containers. This year, I will also try a new one named Cha Ching Cherry, a spreading, boldly colored petunia that is a real eye catcher.

I will add to my list of indoor starts as I prepare for planting times of the vegetable transplants toward the end of the month. As mentioned, perennial flower transplant development is much slower than the vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers, so it's high time to move.

Let me be among the first to strongly urge you to try your hand at starting a few of your own transplants, before "dirty hands time" actually arrives. It can be a gratifying gardening project for anyone who loves gardening. But your greatest reward will be to successfully grow some of the newest forms of plant life that will not be available elsewhere for several years. It can be a simple challenge to carve a new notch in your belt of garden successes, accomplished before the outdoor gardening season begins.

All the materials you need for growing your own can be found at your favorite garden center. Next week in this space, I will give you a step by step, play by play schedule of how I do this, for whatever it may be worth, as well as a list of materials you will need.

Maybe it's time to try something different in your gardening like, and above all, beware the Ides of March!

You can contact Kay Melia at vkmelia@yahoo.com.

Deaths

Mary Rozella Ostmeier

Memorial services for Mary Rozella Ostmeier, 84, Olathe, formerly of Colby, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell, followed by

inurnment in the church's cemetery.

Mrs. Ostmeier died Feb. 1, 2014, in Olathe.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.mcgilley-frye.com.

Terrence L. 'Terry' Goscha

Terrence L. Goscha, 53, Selden, a construction foreman for APAC, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, in Selden.

He was born July 2, 1960, in Logan, the son of Jerome and Jeanne (Riedmiller) Goscha. He grew up in Logan and attended Logan High School.

On June 26, 1982, he married Gloria Koerperich in Selden, where they lived.

A member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, he worked for APAC Kansas-Missouri as a foreman and heavy equipment operator.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his stepmother, Ruth Becker; a brother, Timothy Goscha; and a brother-in-law, Eric Kintigh.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Micah Goscha, Selden; a daughter, Michele (Kev-

in) Laumann, Smith Center; two brothers, Thomas Goscha, Hays, and Todd (Stacey) Goscha, Logan; two sisters, Diane (Michael) Van Diest, Prairie View; and Denise (Shawn) Mogg, Mission; and a grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating and burial in the Selden Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Leoville with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Patrol training academy schedules camp for kids

High school students interested in law enforcement have a chance this summer to see what law enforcement training and careers are like through the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy, put on by the Kansas Highway Patrol, and sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Cadet Law camp this year will be from Sunday to Friday, June 8 to 13.

The goal is to give teens an opportunity to learn more about what law enforcement jobs entail - the duties, training and discipline that go along with a career in the field. It teaches high school students about leadership and coming together as a team.

"The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Kansas Highway Patrol are looking for students who not only excel in the classroom, but who are of the highest moral integrity," said Patrol Recruiter Lt. Amy Ayers. "After a week of participation ... they will understand the personal character and leadership it takes to enter this demanding profession."

Students will be coached by troopers, who spend the week in Salina encouraging the students and helping them develop. College students who have attended

the patrol's Collegiate Law program will help mentor the high school students.

Throughout the week, cadets have a rigorous schedule to follow, similar to that of actual trooper recruits. This includes classroom instruction and some real-world activities a trooper faces. Cadets go to the firing range, practice pursuit driving, fly with the patrol's pilots and practice car-stop scenarios. Physical training and attention to detail are emphasized throughout the week.

To be eligible, students must be in the summer between their junior and senior years of high school, have a "C+" academic average and be medically fit to participate in all activities. Students fill out an application, including a brief essay on why they would like to participate.

Contact the Legion at (785) 232-9315 for an application, due by Monday, March 31. A \$300 sponsorship fee is paid by the student's home American Legion Post or Legion Auxiliary. Lodging, food and a uniform are provided.

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Meeting scheduled for KanCare members

The state Medicaid program has scheduled Health Homes meetings for KanCare members and their families, including those with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma or mental illness in Colby and 15 other Kansas cities this month.

In Colby, meetings will be at 1 and 6 p.m. Wednesday in Room 109 of the Colby Community College Student Union. Another set of sessions will be held Thursday at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

Health Homes is not a building, but a comprehensive, intensive method of care coordination which will begin under KanCare starting in July. The program integrates and coordinate all services and support to treat each person.

In KanCare, Health Homes will be a partnership between one of three managed care organizations and the health home partners, which can include doctors, clinics, community mental health centers and developmental disability organizations.

These free meetings offer an opportunity for KanCare members with chronic problems to learn about Health Homes and ask questions.

Those not in KanCare or who don't have a chronic condition will not be in a Health Home. Providers will have separate webinars and conferences on implementation of this program.

Members needing special assistance for a meeting (like a sign language interpreter or handouts in Braille) should contact Cindy at (785) 296-4753 or e-mail HealthHomes@kdheks.gov.

At each location, there will be afternoon and evening meetings. Members should only attend one.

KanCare, the new Medicaid program in Kansas, began Jan. 1, 2013, providing integrated medical services for all Medicaid patients. Home- and community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities were integrated with KanCare on Feb. 1.

Colby man receives animal health award

Brady Rundel of Colby, son of Pam and the late Bob Rundel, received a \$1,000 Merck Animal Health Ralgro "Wheels for Bucks" Kansas Livestock Foundation scholarship at the Kansas Livestock Association annual convention in Wichita. Rundel was one of 14 students awarded a total of \$16,000 in scholarships through the foundation.

Rundel is a junior at Kansas State University majoring in agribusiness. He maintains a cow-calf herd on his family's operation. Rundel was active in 4-H and FFA, serving as president of both

organizations. He is a member of the College of Agriculture Student Council, National FFA Organization, National Agri-Marketing Association and Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Club.

This scholarship is awarded to any student entering or returning to a Kansas community or senior college and pursuing a degree in agriculture or a related field. Preference is given to K-State and Fort Hays State University students entering their junior or senior year and majoring in animal science with a career goal of livestock production.

Huge crowd applies for jobs

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - The odds were even longer than usual inside one Atlantic City casino last week. But that didn't deter more than 1,000 hopefuls from lining up before the sun rose and

standing in a queue that wrapped around the inside of the building.

They weren't at the Golden Nugget Atlantic City to gamble. They were betting that they could land one of the 50 jobs the casino planned to fill at what it called an "emergency jobs fair."

Corrections

A Briefly item, "Poet laureate to speak," on Page 2 of the Friday, Feb. 28, Colby Free Press, incorrectly listed both the date and the venue. The event will be Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. This was an editing error.

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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.

Colby woman to join international program

A Colby native will join an international women's leadership group this summer, spending several weeks in Lawrence and Washington.

Brittany Bange, 21, daughter of Paul and Tawna Bange of Colby, was selected for the Kansas Women's Leadership Institute in its inaugural year. She and nine other Kansas women, including her friend Alisa Reed, 18, Hays, will spend several weeks in the program with 10 women from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Mongolia, Zambia and Morocco.

The program will start in Washington, Bange said, but the core of the training will be in Lawrence, featuring key leaders from around the country. The Kansas women will each share a room with a foreign partner.

Bange and Reed are students at Fort Hays State University, where Reed is studying graphic design

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Other Viewpoints

'Common Core' deserves trial run

Local control. The meaning depends on your perspective. Putting aside all the politics and rhetoric about the so-called "Common Core" reading and math standards, lawmakers in Topeka ought to give Kansas school districts the opportunity to see what they can do with this new approach.

For the same reason they don't like Washington telling the states how to teach their kids, Kansas educators are none too happy about politicians in Topeka telling them to abandon the work they've done to shift to Common Core, which in the opinion of most is a more rigorous and innovative way of teaching.

In Kansas, it's actually called the "College and Career Ready Standards." And maybe if we started referring to it as that, we could get past the politics, because too many politicians have been fed the "company line" without even really examining the standards with their own critical eye. "Common Core," so the conspiracy theory goes, is a vast federal government left-wing plot to take over public education and indoctrinate kids.

The reality is that Washington had little to do with the development of Common Core. It was developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers and is not required by the federal government.

Kansas adapted its own version and is now nearly four years into implementation, with most educators saying they like the critical-thinking and holistic approach to teaching core concepts and the opportunity to break from "No Child Left Behind," which had left a bad taste in most educators' mouths.

Yet Kansas legislators persist in their efforts to undo it. The House Education Committee this week heard testimony on a bill that would repeal the new standards.

Besides the hypocrisy on the local control argument, conservative legislators have become unlikely opponents of Common Core, because they often are the ones most demanding higher standards for better performance from our public schools.

The legislators crying out for local control need to stop and listen to teachers on the front lines. While the saboteurs say Common Core standards dictate what should be taught, Wichita elementary teacher Cathy Granell told Wichita public radio that, for her, the new standards actually offer greater freedom.

"Before it was, here's your skills that they need to master, and it was, just do this, do that. And you were successful if ... they could follow those steps," she said. "Now it's a completely different way of thinking. I feel like I'm doing less thinking for them. I stop and I have to make myself be quiet and make them think, 'What would you do now?'"

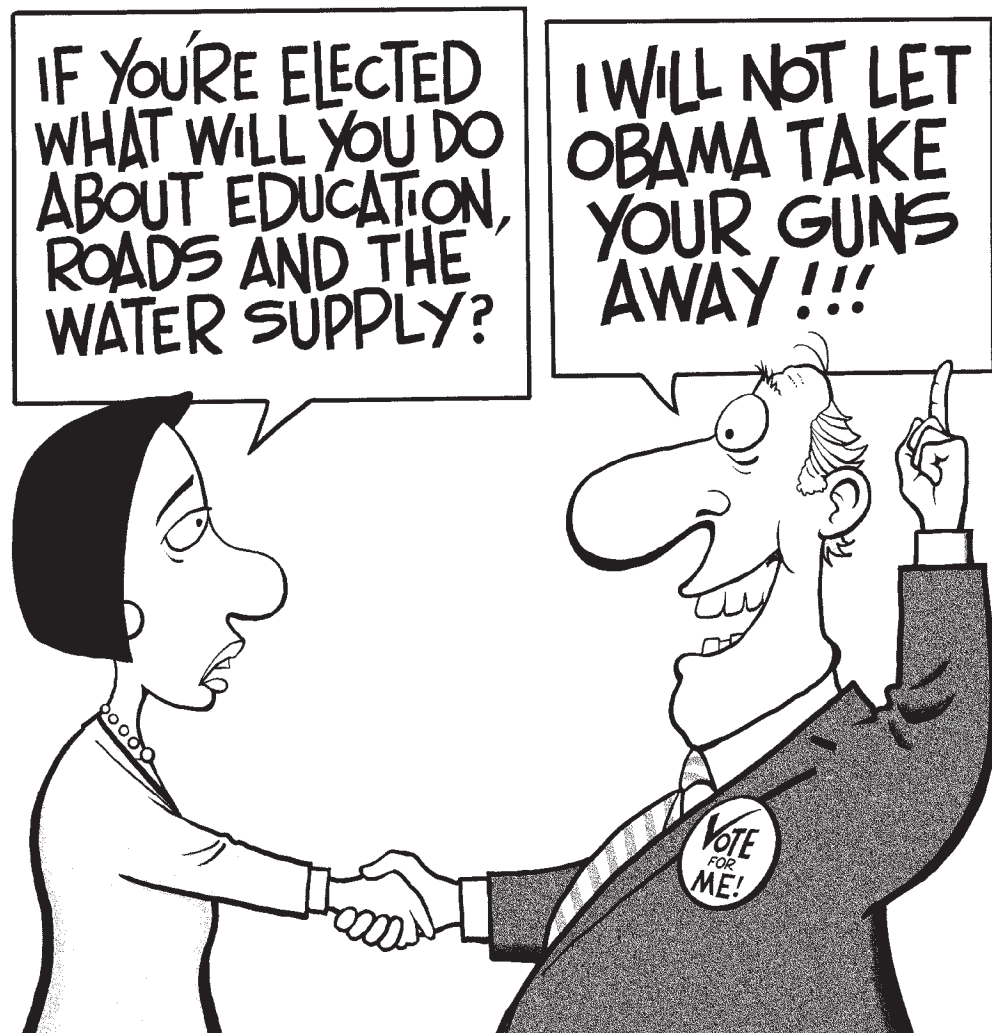
Andover language arts teacher Dyane Smokorowski told the Education Committee Kansas teachers "are moving in the right direction."

"Denying us this progression only reduces the possibilities for dynamic classroom experiences," she said.

It is OK, even good, that legislators question what is being taught in the public schools. However, how about we all relax, understand that Common Core isn't a federal takeover, and see what our educators - not to mention the state Board of Education, which has jurisdiction - do with Common Core?

Like any new standards, they deserve a chance. Yanking teachers from one set of standards to another is not good for education. Let's let them decide whether Common Core is too restrictive and top-down. And let's have this debate in five years, when we have some track record on educational outcomes to determine whether or not Common Core is effective.

- The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press



Reader reminisces about old jail house

Most of the research for these courthouse stories was done by Opal Linville at Colby's Prairie Museum of Art and History.



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

I had a phone call the other day from Debbie Burcin in Lampeter, Pa. She said she reads the Colby Free Press on her computer. She was born in Colby, but her family left when she was a child.

"Since you have been writing so much in the paper lately about the courthouse," she said, "I just wanted you to know that my grandfather, Fred Gilbert, was sheriff in Colby for a number of years. I remember that old jail house very well, because my grandfather used to tease us by locking all of us grandkids in it."

Burcin told me that her grandfather and his wife Reva lived in the little sheriff's house next to the jail and Reva cooked for the prisoners.

Burcin's mother, Janette (Gilbert) Wooten, went to school with my husband at Colby High School, class of 1951. She now lives in Mesa, Ariz. I was happy to get that call, because I knew all of those people except Debbie herself. It's always fun to hear about old friends.

Now, getting back to the courthouse history. In 1907, after all of the offices in the new Thomas County courthouse were filled with workers and their supplies, all they had to do was go about their daily affairs while the contractors completed the inside finish work.

Through the years, some changes have been made to the original building and offices have been moved around. Plumbing was updated several times and there now is a bathroom on every floor. Electricity and heating were up-

dated, too, and air-conditioning added. Susan Guill at the county clerk's office says a new boiler was added in 2011.

Work was done on the courtroom, making it more than adequate for today's use. Jim at one time served on a jury and said the jury room is adequate also.

Sue Taylor, director of the Prairie Museum of Art and History, reported in a Nov. 26, 2007, article in the Free Press commemorating the 100th birthday of the courthouse, that several reshingling jobs have been done. In 1993, three layers of shingles were removed, the roof was repaired, tar paper was put down and then the roof was shingled. Guill said the roof was also repaired and shingled in 2009. She added that they have updated the electrical as needed and have added a new breaker panel in the basement.

When the Law Enforcement Center was built, a parking lot was added to the south of the courthouse. They later added a wheelchair ramp at the courthouse by the south entrance, where an elevator was installed. Later, the parking lot on the north of the courthouse was enlarged.

Guill said the old fireplaces have been covered with metal plates and computers have been added everywhere. When my daughter

Linda worked in the treasurer's office, she used to decorate the old fireplace mantle for Christmas.

Through the years, not everyone has been enamored by the beauty of the courthouse. An Aug. 15, 1963, Colby Free Press-Tribune article said W.E. Cooper, a former Colby mayor and long-time civic booster, had told to the Colby Rotary Club he felt the old courthouse was inadequate.

The article quoted Cooper as saying petitions would be in circulation soon calling for a bond issue vote in conjunction with the 1964 general elections.

An organization was formed and Cooper headed the drive to get the petitions in circulation. Cooper wanted a one-story building costing about \$500,000 to be built on the then-vacant lot south of the courthouse. He thought the courthouse should be converted to a museum or demolished.

The article went on to report that Cline Curtiss, a licensed public accountant at that time, said the average yearly payment on the new building would be \$50,000. He added that the total 1963 valuation of Thomas County was \$24,039,973. Just for comparison, Guill says the 2013 valuation was \$103,297,507.

The vote on the courthouse in the 1964 elections never happened. Evidently the petitions didn't go well.

I will continue the history of the courthouse next time.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby for 62 years and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here. She says it's one of her favorite things to do.

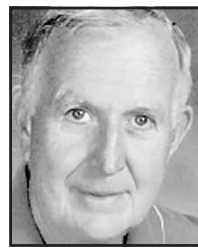
House busy with floor debate last week

Friday was "turnaround day," when all bills, aside from exempt bills, must be passed by the chamber where they originated to be considered in the other House in the "back half" of this year's legislative session.

Since this was the last chance to pass House bills, we spent the last three days of February debating many bills on the floor. Trust was broken last year, and no one is taking for granted any bill without thoroughly vetting it.

The minority leader is calling for a 70-day session, and I would have to agree. We could save the state money in case we have to return to deal with the pending school lawsuit.

A bill I liked and voted for, which passed the House last week, dealt with "ballot language." When constitutional amendments are placed on ballots, the legal language is often hard to understand. To help ensure voters are able to understand what an amendment does, HB 2518 allows for ballot language to be explained in plain English instead of legal jargon. The most recent example was in 2012,



Ward Cassidy

• This week in Topeka

when voters approved a change to property tax rules for boats. The language was much longer and more complicated than most believed necessary.

This bill will create ballot language statements that provide a "plain English" explanation. These would be available to read online and at the polling station and would accompany advance ballots, but only the legal language would be on the ballot itself. These statements would be approved by both the attorney general's office and secretary of state's offices and would be purely nonpartisan and unbiased. Here are some interesting items I heard in

committees last week: 18,000 people married in Kansas last year. The divorce rate is 56 out of 100. Each divorce costs the state an average of \$40,000. Ergo, a proposed law requiring eight hours of marriage counseling before you can tie the knot.

Most people don't remember, but the Department of Wildlife and Parks has added Tourism to its name and list of duties. Last year, Kansas had 32 million visitors, generating tourism expenditures of \$8 billion. Tourism provided for 14.4 percent of all state and local tax receipts.

Rep. Ward Cassidy of St. Francis represents the 120th District in the Kansas House of Representatives, covering the northwest part of Thomas County (including Colby), plus Decatur, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties. This is his second term in the Legislature, and he is chair of the Education Budget Committee and vice chair of the Education Committee. Send e-mails to ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov.

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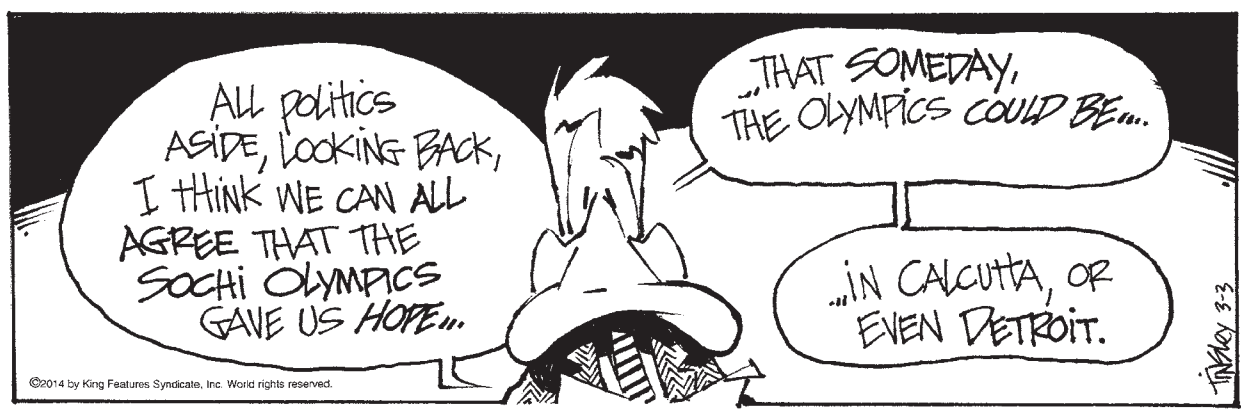
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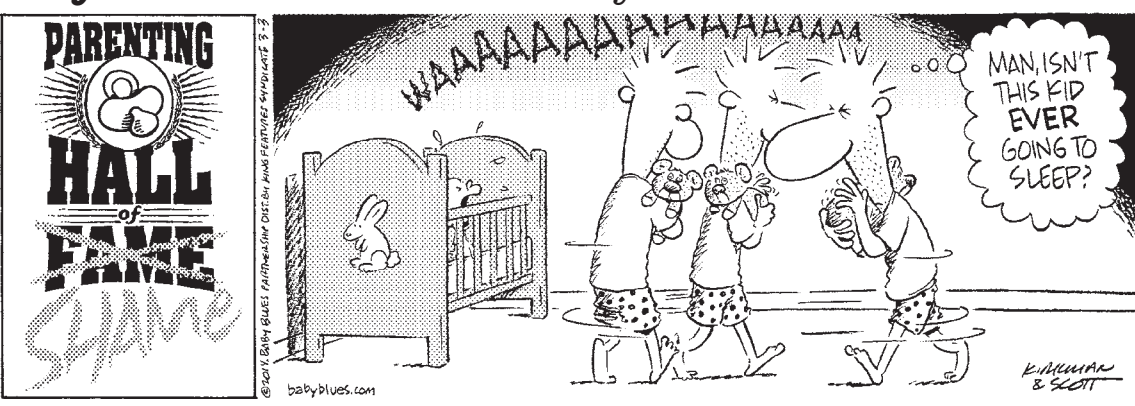
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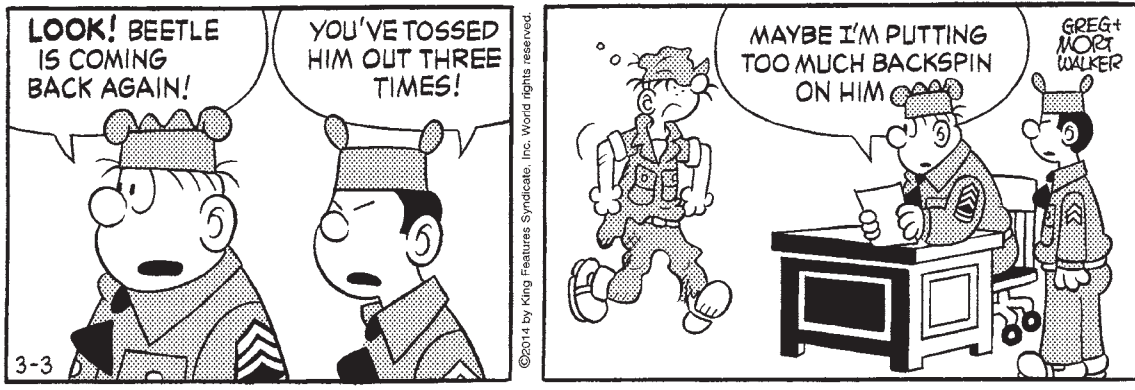
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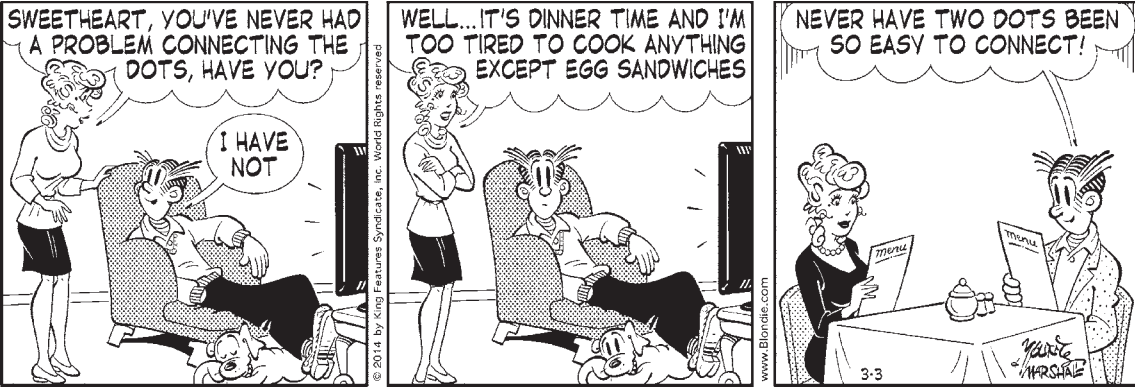
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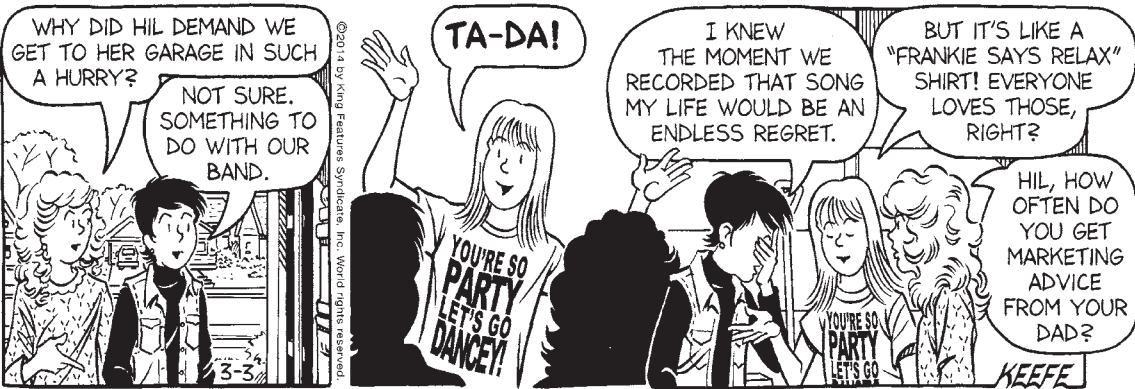
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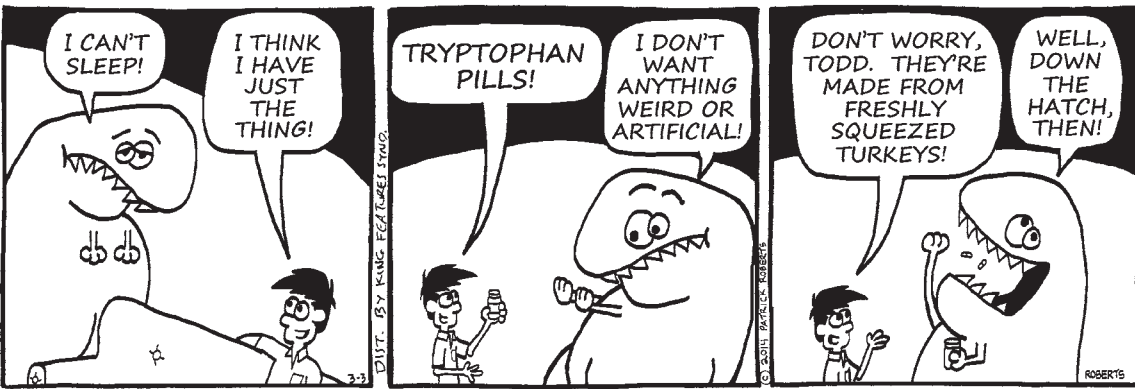
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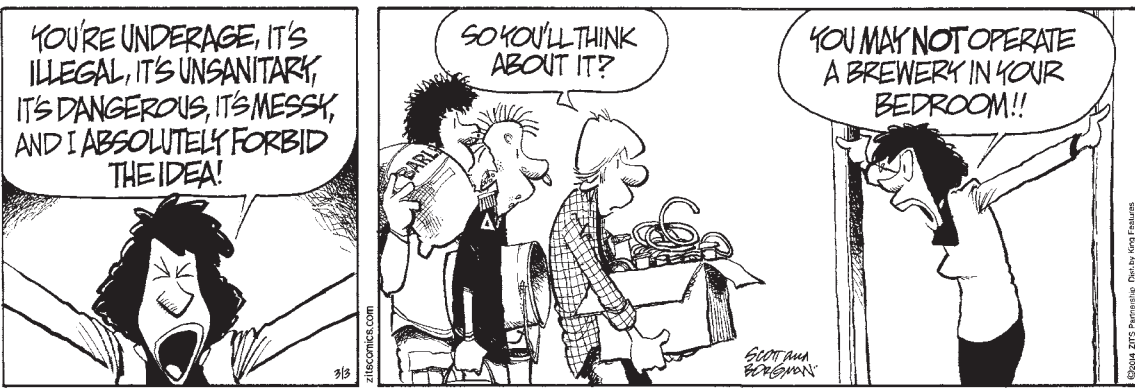
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Goat-drawn cart old, classic idea



Energy use and cost are big problems today, but our ancestors found some simple solutions.

Conestoga Auction Co. in Pennsylvania sold a goat cart in 2013 for \$236. Was it a toy? A farm tool? Animal power was important in past years. Of course, there were horse-drawn plows and wagons. But there were also dog- and sheep-powered treadmills used to help churn butter.

Donkeys, mules – and, in other countries, elephants and camels – furnished power for farm work and transportation. But goat carts have been popular not only for pulling wagons of farm products, but also as entertainment for children. From the late 19th century into the 1930s, traveling photographers took goat cart pictures. A child sat in the cart and the photographer took the cute picture and printed a photograph or a postcard. Dozens of these vintage goat cart pictures, most from Midwestern towns, can be found on the Internet. Iron and tin toys made from about 1890 to 1940 are replicas of children or men in goat carts. This old idea may be coming back. There is now a dog-powered wheelchair for injured veterans.

Q: My dresser belonged to my mother. She gave it to me many years ago. One drawer is marked "Kroehler, world's largest furniture manufacturer, Permanized furniture." I would like to sell it, but I don't know how to go about it and how much to ask for it.

A: Peter E. Kroehler started out as a clerk at the Naperville Lounge Co. in 1893 and bought the company in 1903. He founded P.E. Kroehler Manufacturing Co. in Kankakee, Ill., in 1911. He merged the two companies with two other furniture manufacturers in 1915 to form Kroehler Manufacturing Co. The "Permanized" finish was advertised as moisture-proof. The company was sold in 1981. A new Kroehler double dresser and mirror sold for about \$175 in 1957. Value today, if it's in great condition, is about \$200.

Tip: To clean an old teddy bear, cover it with cheesecloth and vacuum it on the low setting. Use a small amount of foam carpet cleaner or foam from Woolite and water. Rinse. Let it dry out of sunlight. Vacuum again. Do not soak the bear in water. The stuffing will be ruined.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 7 6 4
♥ 2
♦ K 8
♣ 10 7 6 4

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4
♦ A Q 9 4
♣ 9

EAST
♠ A Q 8 3 2
♥ 8
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ Q 5 3

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K Q J 3
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A K J 8 2

The bidding:
North Pass East Pass South 2♣ West 2♥
All Pass!
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Famous Hand
It is usually not wise to bid a lot with a little, nor is it wise to bid a little with a lot. Both principles were clearly violated in this deal played in the 1972 Trials that determined which of two teams would represent the United States in the upcoming world championship.

At the first table, Lew Mathe opened the South hand with a theoretically game-forcing artificial bid of two clubs, and West, John Swanson, overcalled with two hearts. When this rolled around to Mathe, he decided to pass. Obviously, he concluded that under the circumstances his two-club bid was not forcing upon himself! (Swanson went down three, losing 150 points.) Mathe had bid a little with a lot!

At the second table, where Jeff Rubens was South, partnered by B. Jay Becker, the bidding followed an entirely different course:

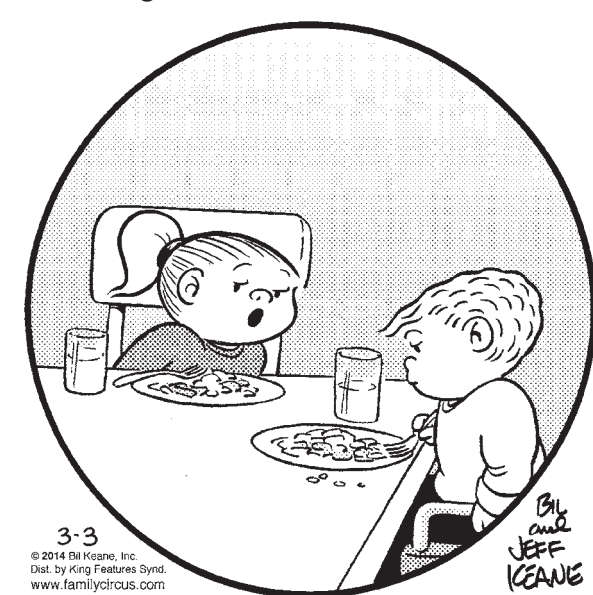
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♣ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♣

At this table, Becker bid a lot with a little! Even though he had only four high-card points, he never stopped bidding until game in clubs was reached. Rubens had no trouble making 11 tricks after West led the ace of diamonds, eventually ruffing a heart and a diamond in dummy to score 600 points.

If you study Rubens' bidding, you're bound to conclude that he, as did Mathe, also bid a little with a lot! His two-club bid was surely on the conservative side (it was not forcing, and neither was his opening one-heart bid). His three-club bid was also super-cautious (he could have held a much weaker hand for the three bids he had made to this point). But it all worked out in the end, thanks to Becker's unflinching persistence with his meager values.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"When Mommy says, 'Just eat it,' you know you're not gonna like it."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 3/03

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.

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

Cryptoquip

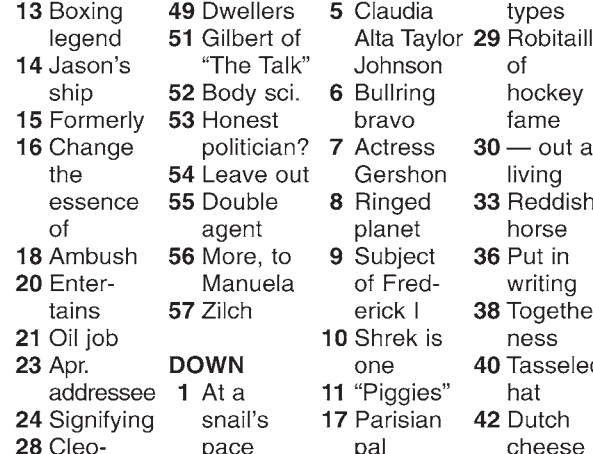
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RABIJKA NVA RDNWFE AGSAKL
RPAFALNV KNTTWVJLJAR LN
WRA: LDA UNVZ AGSBARR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PRODUCT IS INVENTED IN THE LAND SOUTH OF SLOVENIA, I SUPPOSE IT'S A CROATIAN CREATION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Barn neighbor, often
5 Journal detail
8 Dalmatian
12 LummoX
13 Boxing legend
14 Jason's ship
15 Formerly
16 Change the essence of
18 Ambush
20 Entertains
21 Oil job
23 Apr. addressee
24 Signifying
28 Cleopatra's river
31 Khan title
32 Sequence
34 Arctic diving bird
35 Reply to the Little Red Hen
37 Condemn publicly
- DOWN**
1 At a snail's pace
2 New Rochelle college
3 Charlie Brown's frenemy
4 Verdi master-work
5 Claudia Alta Taylor
6 Bullring bravo
7 Actress Gershon
8 Ringed planet
9 Subject of Frederick I
10 Shrek is one
11 "Piggies"
17 Parisian pal
- 19 Car
22 Finished
24 Author Brown
25 Swelled head
26 Country-wide
27 Mensa types
29 Robitaille of hockey fame
30 — out a living
33 Reddish horse
36 Put in writing
38 Togetherness
40 Tasseled hat
42 Dutch cheese
43 Nevada city
44 Fashion line?
46 Hunter's garb, for short
47 Ms. Brockovich
48 Destiny
50 Cagers' org.



Saturday's answer 3-3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13			14				
15				16			17				
18				19			20				
24	25	26				27		28	29	30	
31				32			33		34		
35				36			37		38		
				39			40		41		
42	43			44			45		46	47	48
49							50			51	
52							53			54	
55							56			57	

To place your classified ad, mail (155 W. Fifth), fax (785-462-7749), phone (785-462-3963), or stop by our office at 155 W. Fifth

Notices

The next 10 week course of Divorce Recovery for women will begin March 17, 2014 and go through May 19, 2014. Classes are held each Monday evening 6:30 - 8 p.m. At the Colby United Methodist Church Email lynetteball@yahoo.com for information. 785-675-8606
---2/21---3/13---

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---12/15---TFN---

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

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---2/27---3/12---

Kids Port is accepting applications for Full Time Lead Teacher. Competitive salary and benefits call 785-465-9110 for info.
---2/26---3/3---

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---2/24---3/21---

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---2/21---3/13---

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

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---2/13---3/7---

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---3/3---3/14---

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

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---1/8---TFN---

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---7/13---TFN---

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

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---10/3---TFN---

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---2/19---3/3---

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---2/14---3/6---

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

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---2/10---3/7---

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---2/26---3/3---

Vehicles for Sale

Call us before you pay your next insurance premium. American Family Insurance - Rita Peters Agency - Colby 785-462-8246.
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---3/3---3/19---

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---2/20---3/5---

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---3/3---3/10---

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---3/3---3/10---

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---5/13---TFN---

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---4/22---TFN---

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of TERRY HUBBARD, Deceased

Case No. 2014-PR-8

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:
Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Two (2), Township Nine (9), Range Thirty-seven (37), Sherman County, Kansas

Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to West Half (W1/2) of Section Eleven (11), Township Nine (9), Range Thirty-seven (37), Sherman County, Kansas

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

Undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section One (1), Township Eight (8), Range Thirty-five (35), Thomas County, Kansas

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

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

Rita K. Witt, Petitioner

Ken Eland
Attorney for Petitioner
SLOAN & ELAND
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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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

Case No. 2014-PR-7

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

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

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

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

Lonnie D. Wilson, Petitioner

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Position Description: Head Start Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. This contract includes case management duties.

Contact Person: For more information contact Shelby Hubert, Head Start Director, 785-672-3125 extension 160. Applications are available at www.nkesc.org or call 785-672-3125.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Completed file for candidacy must include the following:

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- Resume
- Completed NKESC Application for Employment
- Reference File - including transcripts, three (3) references less than two years old, and a copy of your current Kansas Teaching Certificate

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF COLBY, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

JEANNA S. CHENEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JEANNA S. CHENEY; AND MARY DOE AND JOHN DOE, OR OTHER UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS, DEFENDANTS.

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, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased; and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

The North One-half (N/2) of Lot Seventeen (17) and All of Lots Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Block Six (6), South Park Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, as recorded in the plat thereof;

(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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Attorney for Plaintiff

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State medalists lead Colby to 4A Top five

No need to hang any heads, because Colby Eagle pride was still flying high in Salina even after two tough state finals defeats Saturday night.

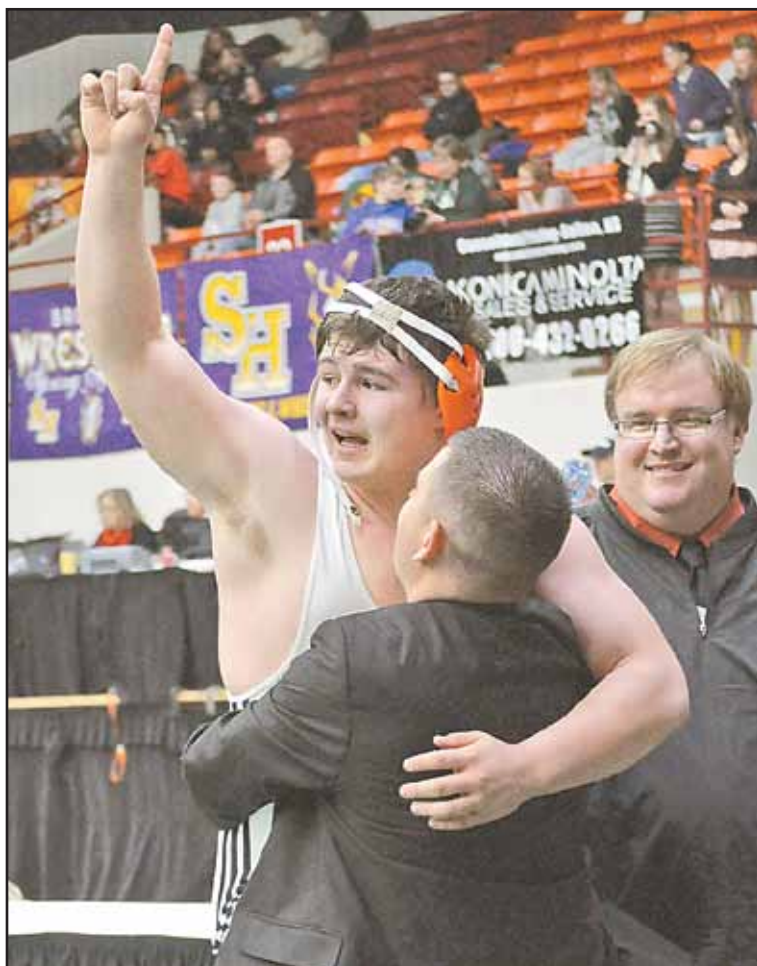
The entire tournament showed that — once again — coach Matt Sims' young Colby wrestlers could compete with any one of 4A's top teams.

With half as many qualifiers, the Eagles were Holton's closest 4A challenger through Friday. They knocked off an undefeated No. 1-ranked wrestler, captured three state medals and eventually secured a No. 5 final state ranking.

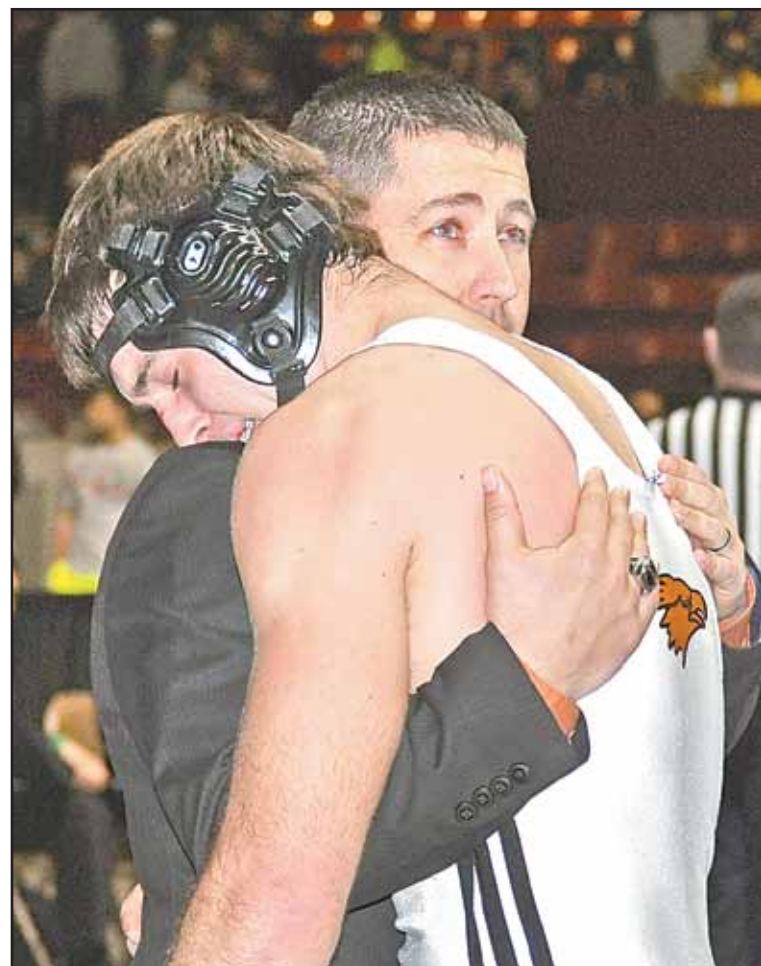
No. 5 among a field of more than 50 4A squads. Nearby rival Goodland outscored the Eagles while winning last weekend's regional tournament, but those Cowboys only finished 22nd at this ultimate final tourney.

Colby senior Andrew Taylor (182 pounds), freshman Tate Carney (106) and sophomore Austin Hart (220) led the Eagles' effort by scoring 54.5 of those 61.5 team points. They were only one point from passing Prairie View for fourth place overall.

After an "easy" 11-second pin, Hart showed his toughness when he knocked off previously undefeated quarterfinal foe Gus Farthing from Burlington (41-1 record). Yet Hart's 3-1 thriller was only the first of three dramatic state tournament victories. Hart (40-9 season record) fell



Joy and agony were on full display throughout the 4A state wrestling tournament last weekend. At left, Colby High sophomore Austin Hart celebrated his 220-pound consolation title with coaches Matt Sims and Rick Williams. At right, Sims hugged Colby senior Andrew Taylor after his tough 5-2 defeat in the 182-pound championship match. Taylor totaled nearly 140 wins in his career.



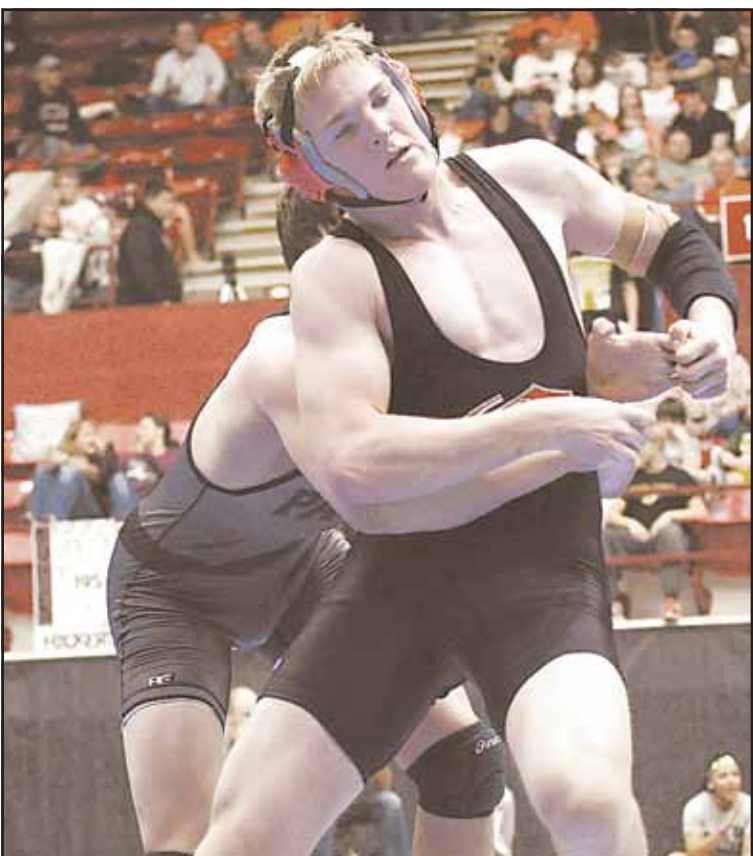
ADRIANE SIMS

into the consolation bracket when region nemesis Jon Yates from Buhler scored a 2:44 pin in Friday

night's semifinals. Since he'd already clinched his first state medal, Hart could

have lost his intensity when wrestling resumed on Saturday. Yeah, right. Tanktops and sun-

glasses were more likely to appear on this lovely three-weeks-until-spring Saturday.



ADRIANE SIMS

Colby High sophomore Bryce Arnberger showed some muscle while trying to break the hold of Andover Central's Paul Suhr in their 4A 152-pound state match on Friday at Salina.

Eagles soar above higher-rated teams

The final rundown of Colby's 4A state wrestling results at Salina on Friday and Saturday.

106 pounds — Freshman Tate Carney (36-5 final record) placed second and scored 19.5 team points. He won 15-0 over R. Longshaw, Towanda Circle; won 9-5 quarterfinal over T. Snow, Prairie View; won 2-0 semifinal over B. Garcia, Andale; and lost 18-7 final to C. Nirschl, Basehor-Linwood.

138 — Junior Brett Schroeder (19-17) scored 1 team point. He was pinned by C. Cole, Chanute, in 1:34; won 2-0 over G. Martin, Tonganoxie; lost 5-1 to B. Bahe, Goodland.

152 — Sophomore Bryce Arnberger (14-9) lost 15-0 to P. Suhr, Andover Central; and lost 7-2 to C. Patton, Paola.

182 — Senior Andrew Taylor (36-5) placed second and scored 19 team points. He won 10-1 over C. Dunlop, Prairie View; won 4-1 quarterfinal over K. Mick, Holton; won 6-5 semifinal over D. Jones, Clearwater; and lost 5-2 final to J. McDown, Columbus.

220 — Sophomore Austin

Hart (40-9) placed third and scored 16 team points. He pinned D. Hoffman, Andover Central, in :11; won 3-1 quarterfinal over G. Farthing, Burlington; lost 2:44 semifinal pin to J. Yates, Buhler; won 3-2 over T. Foulk, Osawatomie; and won 3-1 consolation final over C. Carter, DeSoto.

285 — Ethan Jay (31-13) scored 6 team points. He was pinned by C. Zeller, Holton, in 4:54; pinned T. Hodson, Wellington, in :12; pinned J. Burnett, El Dorado, in 4:47; and was pinned by J. Drybread, Chanute, in 4:05.

The final 4A top 10 teams and where other familiar foes finished among more than 50 that competed.

1. Holton 114, 2. Chanute 76, 3. Smoky Valley 72, 4. Prairie View 62, **5. Colby 61.5**, 6. Columbus 53, 7. Andale 51, 8. Pratt 50.5, 9. Ulysses 49, 10. Bonner Springs 48, 10. Buhler 48, 10. El Dorado 48, 10. Tonganoxie 48, 20. Abilene 38.5, **22. Goodland 33**, 25. Concordia 30, Bashor-Linwood 32, 24. Ottawa 31, 25. Baldwin, 39. Hugoton 15, 52. McPherson 1.

Trojans earn No. 4 finish nationally

With five of a team-record 10 national qualifiers earning places, Colby Community College's wrestlers finished No. 4 in the National Junior College Association tourney at Spokane, Wash., last weekend.

Hoxie native Calvin Ochs (165 pounds) and Jared Johnson from

Easton (174) both reached national championship matches to lead the Trojans through this two-day tournament.

Ochs, a freshman, was oh-so-close to winning his national title, losing the title match 3-1 against Dorian Coleman from Northwest College.

Johnson fell short 6-3 against Payne Hatter of national team champion Northeast Oklahoma A&M. The Trojans finished second at regionals behind only Northeast Oklahoma A&M Feb. 15.

Other excellent national efforts came from Ronald Wells,

who worked his way back from a quarterfinal loss to capture the 141-pound consolation title.

Colby High alum Konnor Kriss took sixth at 157 pounds while Trojans teammate Hunter Price finished eighth at 125. More details about the Trojans' national effort will appear Wednesday.

Young Eagles get big wins in state debut

Colby High freshman Ethan Jay waited, waited and waited some more for his second 4A state tournament match at Salina on Friday.

Nobody revealed the exact reason for this delay. But when Wellington heavyweight Tanner Hodson arrived, it was obvious he should have turned around and disappeared again.

Jay said "hello" by taking Hodson down to the mat and finishing a 12-second pin. Only sophomore Austin Hart (11 seconds) was faster among the six Eagles who earned victories Friday or Saturday.

The Eagle heavyweight conquered a much larger challenge when he took on El Dorado's Jason Burnett Saturday morning.

Burnett owned more height and probably more pounds than Jay. Yet after battling for more than two periods, Jay suddenly took Burnett down and recorded a 4:47 victory.

Although Jay eventually missed his state medal by one victory, those kind of efforts were other highlights during Colby's great state weekend.

Eagle first-time qualifiers Jay, junior Brett Schroeder and freshman Tate Carney combined for six victories before this tourney was finished.

Sophomore Bryce Arnberger also gained some great experience that should only make him stronger going into next season.

Schroeder's triumph was also all about determination against 138-pound foe Gabe Martin from Tonganoxie, where only two points were scored.

Tied 0-0 into the third period, Martin appeared ready to "rock" Schroeder into what would be one devastating cradle hold.

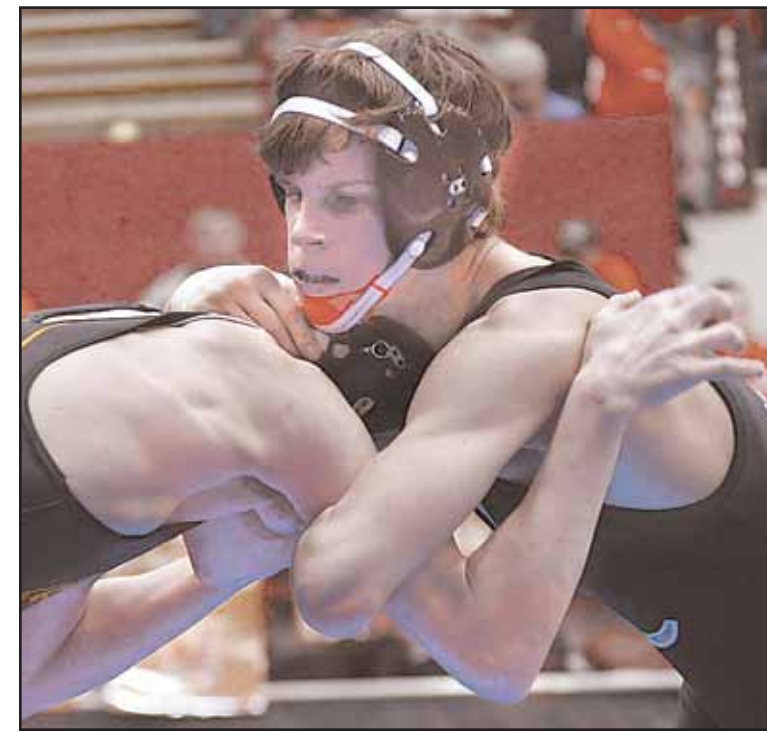
Instead, Schroeder broke the hold and shifted positions to get that crucial two-point reversal. He finished off this 2-0 victory that continued a strong late-season surge for this new varsity wres-



ADRIANE SIMS

Neither a chin push, above, nor anything else would stop Colby High freshman Ethan Jay from scoring two pins during the first 4A state wrestling tournament of his Eagles career last weekend. Jay was just one win from earning a state medal. At right, freshman classmate Tate Carney did reach the medals when he took second among all 4A 106-pound wrestlers. Carney took charge of this opening match against Robert Longshaw from Towanda Circle, winning a 15-0 opening decision. Carney reached the state championship round with two more wins.

ler. Meanwhile, region champion Carney was superb throughout his three state tourney victories en route to the 106-title match.



Butler brings end for Trojans

A 52-11 first half propelled top-seed Butler past the Colby Community College women, 81-45, in Saturday's Region VI first-round playoff game at Butler.

Ranked No. 6 nationally, the Grizzlies showed why they've won 30 of 31 games this season.

They outrebounded Colby, 43-26, delivered 14 more assists (22-8) and forced 24 Trojan turnovers along with only 14 made shots.

Ariel Hutchinson's 19 points highlighted the season finale for Colby's all-freshman team (2-29 record).

Guard Deja Cato added eight points and delivered five assists. Other Trojans scoring points were Amanda Miller (five), Deandra Williams (four), Tori Biddle (three), Cordae McKelvy (three), McKenna Ortner (two) and Loren Evans (one).

Titans sweep into sub-state

Traveling north on a winter weekend clearly didn't cool down the Triplains-Brewster Titans Friday evening.

Instead, the Titan boys caught fire with a fabulous fourth-quarter comeback to beat Northern Valley, 40-39.

The Huskies built a 34-23 lead through three periods only to see those red-hot Titans outscore them

17-5 during those final eight minutes in Almena.

Coach Michael Collett's boys (12-8 record) will take a seven-game into the 1A sub-state tournament starting later this week.

Meanwhile, the Huskies lost their trail much quicker against Triplains-Brewster's girls (16-4 record).

Senior Brittany Plummer blazed

20 points through the nets, and junior Shayna Rogge added 19 to spark a 69-51 victory.

Junior Dara Roulier also reached double figures (12 points) and ripped down a game-high 18 rebounds. Other Titans hitting shots were senior April Mays (six points), junior Alicia Barrie (six), senior C.J. Lewellan (four) and freshman Maddie Lamb (two).