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## Baseball, band get boost



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Traci Galli (above, left), with the Sons of the American Legion, acted as head chef Saturday morning at the group's biscuit feed to benefit the American Legion baseball team. He helped Matt Barnum with some dishes while Jessica Platt, 9, and her brother Aaron Platt waited for something to do. The group cooked biscuits, gravy, hash browns and scrambled eggs which the baseball team served to over 200 people at the Colby American Legion. Later the same day, Melinda Morton (far left), a member of the High Plains Lions Club, chatted with Gerald and Elaine Leitner Saturday afternoon at Orscheln's in Colby, where the club served ham and beans and corn bread to raise money for the Lions Band Camp.

## Superfund finance due to end soon

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The Colby City Council looked at a cost summary of what the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will charge to operate the Environmental Protection Agency water-treatment plant on east Fourth Street after the government pulls out April 16.

The department does not have a complete agreement added up, City Manager Tyson McGreer said March 4, and the council did not approve a contract to operate the plant, established through the agency's "Superfund." The initial cost summary says it would cost the city \$28,179 to filter chromium out of 131,400 gallons of water. He said that extra costs might add up quickly, however: a load of resin to clean the water, for instance, costs \$200,000. However, he added that the value of a clean water supply is much greater.

The city and state will have to take over operating the plant, which supplies water for the city system, purifying it of chromium which had been left there by the former Ace Services plating facility.

Councilman Mike Hake asked if the city could do without the

water. McGreer said it could now, although the city would want to look into acquiring another water right in that case.

In other business, the council:

- Approved bid specifications for this year's tree trimming project. The company trimming trees would need to notify residents a full day before any power outage caused by the project.

- Approved a request to close Franklin Avenue between Fourth Street and Fifth Street from 4:30 p.m. to 9 on Friday, April 18, for the annual spring Art Walk. The council also approved a request to close the streets around Sacred Heart School for the school's annual Fun Run from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.

- Tabled a request from Michelle Lippelmann for a new kennel license at 480 N. Riddle Ave. McGreer said he would like to have some guidelines for what a kennel owner can and cannot do in order to keep a license before approving any new license. Several council members and city employees agreed that there should be guidelines before they would want a kennel next to their house.

Councilman Lance Bolyard said he was most concerned that

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## Storm spotter class next week open to anyone

A class scheduled in Colby at the end of the month will teach people how to identify tornadoes, thunderstorms and other kinds of severe weather.

Meteorologists from the Goodland station of the National Weather Service will be offering a free storm spotter class at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in the Colby Community Building, the last of a series of classes across the region. The goal of the class is for people to be able to help the weather service spot severe storms.

"During thunderstorm season ... we rely on people to give us what is occurring on the ground, because radar just doesn't give us that," said Dave Floyd, warning coordination meteorologist for the Goodland station.

Much of the substance of the class stays the same year to year, Floyd said. He and other meteorologists will familiarize people with how the heavy storms that hit western Kansas each summer form by teaching them about the structure of storms and what dif-

ferent types of clouds signify.

"We're just trying to recruit a lot of eyes and ears in the field," Floyd said.

The weather service does not offer any certification for people who take the class, he said, although the meteorologists will take the contact information of people who come. The new storm spotters can call the weather service to report what they saw on the ground, and sometimes meteorologists will call them after a storm to ask what they saw from the ground.

Floyd said the class is open to the general public, including anyone with an interest in the weather, not just people who want to be storm spotters, Floyd said. Like all the storm spotter classes, this one is free to attend and should run two to 2 1/4 hours.

Two series of classes started March 3 in Leoti. There will be one in Oberlin on Wednesday, Oakley next Thursday and Atwood Friday, March 21. For a complete list of times, go to the weather service website at [www.crh.noaa.gov/gld/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gld/).

## Recycling costs reviewed

By Heather Alwin

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Thomas County is getting more than its share of recycling services, according to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization, and the county commissioners are trying to find ways to address that concern.

The recycling organization's report says all seven of its counties get services like pickup of baled and presorted materials, baling of some items, providing supplies and boxes and processing aluminum, glass, books and clothing. However, Thomas County currently gets additional services like emptying and sorting bins

six days a week, emptying and sorting trailers parked in Brewster and Rexford, serving customers during the organization's office hours at their Colby location and baling cardboard at their Colby location.

The organization, which is currently funded at \$4 per person based on each county's population, is short on money and looking for ways to bring in additional revenue. It also receives money from the sale of recyclable materials, e-waste fees, donations and grants.

The organization wants more money or help to increase manpower, maintain their equipment better, add storage materials and create a new area for cardboard processing.

According to organization reports, Thomas

County paid \$31,600 in membership dues last year, 27 percent of the organization's total dues payments. Other counties in the organization are Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott and Sheridan counties, each paying from 8.8 to 17 percent of the total dues payments.

Thomas County also pays \$6,000 extra per year to fund Saturday collection so that the recycling bins do not overflow on the weekends, said Commissioner Paul Steele.

The organization estimates it was over budget in Thomas County by \$23,447 in 2013. It is also over budget in the other counties, ex-

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## Indictment charges bank fraud

A former Kansas legislator was indicted Wednesday for using some of the money he borrowed from a Colby bank for political purposes.

A federal grand jury in Wichita is charging Trent K. LeDoux, 40, Holton, with three counts of bank fraud and two counts of money laundering, according to U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom. While a member of the Kansas House of

Representatives, he took out three loans, for \$106,000, \$175,000 and \$183,000 from Farmers and Merchants Bank in Colby.

LeDoux told the bank he would use the money to buy cattle which would serve as collateral on the loans, the indictment alleges, but planned to use some of it to repay other debts for his political account. According to the indictment, he transferred \$15,000 into his political account on Dec. 31, 2011, and \$12,000 on Aug. 1, 2012.

Brent Wiedemann, president of Farmers and Merchants, would

not comment on the indictment because the case is ongoing.

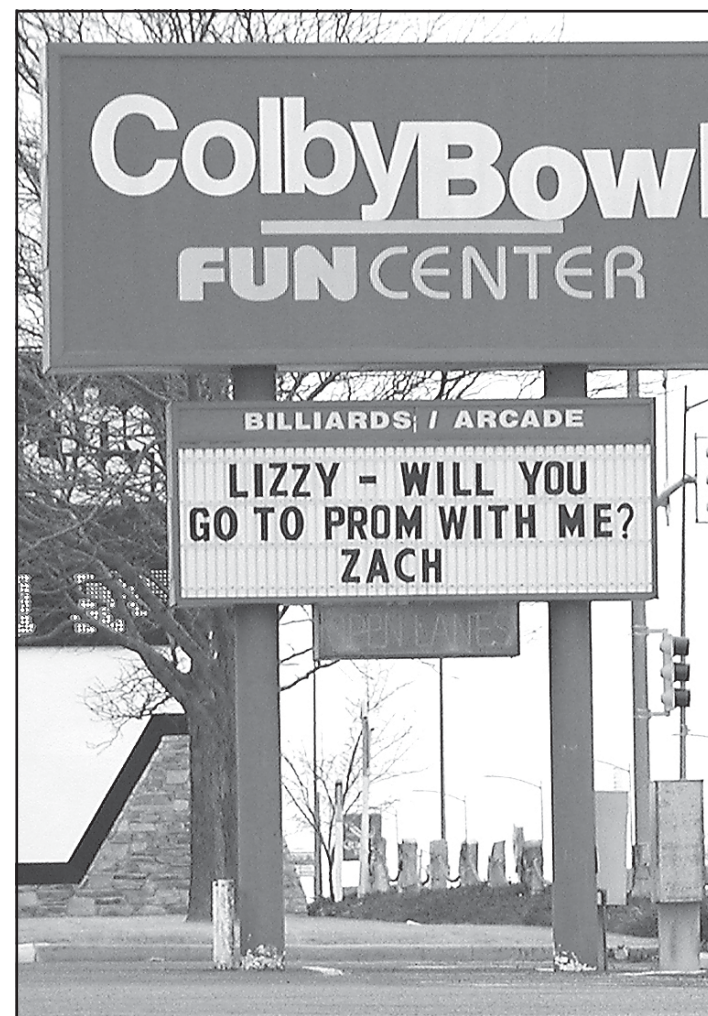
The indictment seeks a monetary judgement of \$465,100 against LeDoux, the total amount of the loans he got from the bank. Jim Cross, spokesman for Grissom's office, said a judge would decide who that money goes to. If convicted, LeDoux faces up to 30 years in federal prison and a fine of \$1 million for each count of bank fraud and 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each count of money laundering.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case and

assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Hathaway is prosecuting, according to a press release from Grissom's office.

LeDoux's political career lasted just two years. The *Topeka Capital Journal* reported that he was chosen as the representative from the 50th congressional district to replace Rep. Rocky Fund, who died during the 2011 legislative session. Then he lost a primary election to Rep. Richard Carlson of the 61st district after the house district boundaries were redrawn and they were put into the same district.

Give the guy a break?



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Colby Bowl and Fun Center kept this bold prom invitation up on its marquee all week, and the management there confirmed today that Lizzy took her classmate up on the offer.



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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain before 2 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Thursday: High, 54; Low 18. Precip: Thursday None. Month: 0.04 inches. Year: 0.53 inches. Normal: 2.11 inches. (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Friday 7:57 a.m. 7:50 p.m. Moon: waxing, 96 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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cept Cheyenne and Gove.

Wayne Horlacher, a county representative to the recycling board, and landfill supervisor Larry Jumper joined the commissioners for their discussion Monday.

Jumper said Colby's expansion has brought many larger businesses but no correspondingly significant increase in materials dumped at the landfill, likely because of recycling efforts. It is very important, Jumper said, for the county landfill to keep its average dump rate low, below 20 tons per day, to maintain the special legal status that allows it to operate with fewer expensive regulations.

regulations.

"We can spend a few dollars now (by paying more to the recycling organization) and save money later," he said.

Horlacher said the organization's state funding is dwindling and the money brought in from selling recyclables varies. Currently, cardboard costs more to collect and send for recycling than it generates in revenue.

"I think we're headed in the right direction," Horlacher said. "It's just that growing pains are the problem. And it's a good problem to have."

Steele invited the organization to submit a proposal for the commission's 2015 budgeting discussions scheduled to take place this summer.

Superfund finance to expire

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he learned on Facebook Lippelmann is selling boxer puppies for \$2,000 a piece. Without the new license, she is limited to keeping three animals there now, he said, instead of the six she could have.

If anything, McGreer said, he is more concerned about the city not having enough kennels, but he pointed out there is nothing in the language of the license to say Lippelmann could not just use it to keep six dogs in her house.

Approved a determination on an order of violation of the city code for Wheat Lippelmann's property at 750 N. Franklin Ave. The determination gives Lippelmann 10 days to clean up old

cars on the property before the city can start taking them away.

Approved this year's Geometric Improvement Grant request with the Kansas Department of Transportation to repave the middle two lanes for Fourth Street (U.S. 24) from Range Avenue to near the west city limits.

Looked at a review of the fire department. The department has six full-time and 24 volunteer fire fighters. The fire station houses two class-A pumper, one rural pumper, two rural tankers, a ladder truck, a command trailer and two staff vehicles. It also has a fire safety and education trailer, the Regional Incident Command Response trailer and a Hazmat Response trailer.

Tax roll corrections approved

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The county commissioners approved 21 tax roll corrections at their meeting Monday, resulting in a \$15,067 reduction in county revenue.

Corrections to real estate tax records were: \$1,181 returned to Aaron and Elisa Horinek for a change in the value of a building; \$224 to John and Jeanne Schroeder for acreage changed from CRP to pasture; \$1,234 to Kansas Quick Lube for a reduction in lot value caused by combining lots; \$1,811 to Kathleen O'Neal because of improper depreciation on a parcel's two commercial buildings; \$316 to David and Regi Wieland for a change from irrigated to dry cropland; \$3,853 to Willard

and Peggy Miller for a downward adjustment in a building's value, a change in lot value, and an acre-feet value error; \$203 to Joe and Anita Powell for a downward market value based on comparable properties; \$281 to Dan and Janet Schroeder for acreage changed from CRP to pasture; \$4,160 to The Bank for property sold last year; and \$1,527 to Michael and Nicole Weigel for improvements that should have been placed in the neighborhood revitalization program.

Severed mineral corrections were: \$51 returned to Timothy and Patricia Schippers since they own the land itself and, thus, should not have been taxed separately on the minerals; \$77 to the James Schippers estate which should not have been charged after being settled; \$33 to Timothy Schippers for taxes charged on incorrect interest amount; and \$66 to Timothy Schippers for minerals improperly taxed on two other pieces of property that he also owns.

One \$51 personal property correction was approved for Barry Lucas on a golf cart he discarded in 2012.

In other business, the commissioners

Discussed purchasing a new building to relocate the road and bridge department, including a possible location currently for sale on Sunflower Drive near

Country Club Drive and the interstate. Commissioner Paul Steele asked the other commissioners to look at the property which includes a large building with concrete floors suitable for parking maintainers inside. The list price for the building under consideration is \$387,168.

Approved a \$2,695 bid from Mid-Continental Restoration to provide masonry services for the invasive engineering inspection scheduled for Friday.

Approved accounts payable of \$27,507.

Agreed to renew the county's membership in the Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group which provides groundwater potability services.

Received the February work report from the road and bridge department which said crews produced sand and gravel, built shelves at the county office complex, helped the weed department bait prairie dogs and maintained area roads.

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Reviewed a landfill report listing 13.1 average tons of waste per day comes into the landfill.

Cattle rustler caught

ST. JOHN (AP) - Authorities say a man suspected of stealing 23 cattle also apparently stashed a lot of stolen property in central Kansas.

Stafford County Sheriff Jeff Parr says the man was arrested last week in the cattle theft from a county ranch. He says investigators on Monday found items such as a recreational vehicle camper, car trailers, a backhoe and other equipment in a pasture

in the county.

The suspect's name has not been released. The sheriff says he used to live in Great Bend but now has an Oklahoma address.

The Hutchinson News reports (bit.ly/1gcVdQ4) the trail to the suspect began when Oklahoma authorities found some of the cattle and a stolen trailer near Cushing, along with other equipment. The man was arrested in Hays on an Oklahoma warrant.



Saturday Evening March 15, 2014

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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.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment scheduled

A kindergarten pre-enrollment and parent meeting for the 2014-15 school year will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. Call the grade school office at 460-5100 for questions.

Form team to Walk Kansas

Warm weather is coming and so is Walk Kansas! Gather a group of six and register your team by Friday, as Sunday, March 16, is the first day of the program. Go to www.thomas.ksu.edu or pick up a packet at the Thomas County Extension Office, 350 S. Range. For information, call 460-4582 or go to www.walkkansan.org

CHS serving spaghetti for Genesis effort

The CHS Colby Agronomy Center will have a benefit spaghetti dinner (meat and vegetarian) and bake sale from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Colby American Legion Hall for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Michele Lorg at 462-6880.

Dance Team tryouts start March 25

Colby High School Dance Team tryouts for next year will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 and 27, in the high school gym. Tryout packets can be picked up in the middle school and high school offices. Call Coach Denita Rodgers at 269-7908 with questions.

Pickin' to have St. Patrick's Pub Party

Proceeds from a St. Patrick's Day Pub Party on Saturday 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.

Brewster church plans feed for chimes

The Brewster United Methodist Church plans a biscuit-and-gravy feed from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The offering will help updating the church's outdoor chimes. For information, call the church at (785) 694-2645.

Divorce recovery class offered at church

A 10-week divorce recovery class for women will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings from next week to May 19 at the Colby United Methodist Church. For information, contact Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 or lynetteball@yahoo.com.

Commodities to be given out here March 17

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first served; you may send a signed permission slip. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include creamed corn, carrots, apricots, tomato soup, cereal and canned chicken. For questions, call 462-6744.

Sacred Heart enrolling kids for preschool

Early enrollment is now open for Sacred Heart Catholic School's preschool and pre-kindergarten classes for the 2014-2015 year. For more information or to pre-enroll your child, call Sharon Shirley at 460-2813 before 8:30 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Red Cross plans blood drive here

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Community Building. Ham and beans will be served. Call (800) 733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Conservation district has trees to sell

The Thomas County Conservation District is taking orders for conservation-grade and potted trees until Wednesday, March 26. Costs range from \$1.65 to \$80 each for pines, junipers, shrubs, shade and fruit trees and eastern red cedars. For windbreak design, wildlife habitat or help selecting trees, call at 462-7482 or stop by the office at 915 E Walnut. The district also offers weed-barrier fabric, fabric pins and drill irrigation supplies. Delivery of trees is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, weather permitting.

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Sunday Evening March 16, 2014

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# Online veterinary technology two years old, with 100 enrolled

From the Bronx of New York City to the islands of Hawaii, Colby Community College is educating students through its Distance Learning Veterinary Technology Program.

This program, which is the college's first online program, began offering courses on March 8, 2012, and has had 100 students from 21 different states enroll in prerequisite and core program courses. Students in the program acquire the education and skills needed to become a credentialed veterinary technician.

These online students complete their general education prerequisite courses from EduKan, a consortium of community colleges in western Kansas of which Colby is a member, or directly through the college before joining the program. These students are 14 percent of the college's EduKan enrollment, helping the college to reach students far beyond its 14-county service area.

The college was awarded a \$960,000 National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant in September 2010 which has been used to launch and fully fund this program to date. Dr. Jennifer Martin serves as the distance learning and on-campus veterinary technology



JENNIFER MARTIN/Colby Community College

Dr. Shad Clymer recorded a video for the Distance Learning Veterinary Technology Program students, while Dr. Beth Fenton demonstrated the procedure and Melissa Vogt restrained the patient.

program director.

This program will have an accreditation site visit by the American Veterinary Medical Association

Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities in September. The first class is anticipated to graduate in May

2015. Dr. Shad Clymer, Dr. Beth Fenton, and Melissa Vogt are instructors.

# Poet's visit inspires both readers, writers

I don't know about you, but those who heard the Poet Laureate speak last week during our *Booked for Lunch* were inspired.

We appreciate the Kansas Humanities Council for enabling her to speak to us. One person in the audience said that Wyatt Townley has the ability to demonstrate and share poetry through her voice, inflection and movement. Another said it helped the listener grasp the poems' beauty and meaning.

Wyatt shared one her poems that had some breathtaking thoughts of Kansas.

### "Centering The House"

All night Kansas the lungs of the continent takes a sip of the galaxy

swirling stars and barbed wire sofabeds and willows books and doors banging open

signs disappear whole towns ditch themselves in the countryside I stir the coffee to center the house

the place our mothers and fathers and theirs and theirs passed through their aprons strung on telephone wires

this tunnel of wind this trial makes trees throw back their heads and hair on our arms stand up

we're nothing but breath on its way through the woods

— from "The Afterlives of Trees" by Wyatt Townley (Woodley Press)



## Melany Wilks

### • Library Links

Wyatt emphasized that the poetry is not about meaning as much as experience and allowing the message to soak deep within our soul. Others in the audience, when asked by Wyatt, said that poetry is about sharing observations, moments and solitude.

When asked why poetry is not as popular as it use to be, one person in the audience said that we are not quiet or still enough. We are just too busy. Wyatt agreed and said that poetry does take time. She suggested posting a poem we want to read or memorize in a place we often visit, like our bathroom or refrigerator.

Whether we write or read poetry she encouraged us to allow us to feed our souls. Members of the audience wanted to begin working on shaping a poetry group. I said this was more than possible and that those who could stay for the Poetry Workshop could discuss this further.

Those who attended the Poetry Workshop, which was supported by the Patricia A. Embree Trust through the Thomas County Community Foundation, are still talking about it. What happened at the workshop? Wyatt shared with us that the American Cinquain is a five line poem with different numbers of syllables on each line, the first has two syllables, the second four, the third six syllables, the fourth eight syllables and the fifth and last again has only two syllables. She gave us examples then asked us to use the concept of home to write about.

Wyatt asked each one to close their eyes and envision a room in their home. Write down for five minutes what we see in the room — not just things, but essences and feelings, too. Then we were challenged to take some of these descrip-

tions we wrote down and form a poem.

Some were so talented and expressive. I learned that sometimes the simpler or more restricted the subject, the greater the impact it can make on the listener. I still need to go back and work on my poem and write additional pieces.

Those in the group gave her some of their poems, while some delivered them to me for later. We are doing this because the Poet Laureate has a call out to "All Poets and Poets-To-Be" with Kansas roots (be they long- or short-time roots) to send in poems with a theme or concept that concerns home. If you are interested you can pick up a handout from the library. She does not have them posted to her Facebook page yet.

In her handout she asks, "What is home? Where is it?" She then proceeds to describe "Home as body;" "Home as house;" "Home as land;" and "Home as sky." Then she invites us to write an American Cinquain poem and submit it to her at HomeWordsKS@gmail.com. A person can submit a poem but then needs to wait four months to submit another. I think this is so she will not get overloaded, but also to encourage the writer to work and think about their poem, let it marinate a bit, tweak it and then send it.

There are no prizes, payments or advantages to submitting poems. The only advantage is that your poem may be one of those submitted to newspapers to publish around the state.

I hope you have been inspired to try your creative hand at writing. Be your best encourager not critic.

Come in from the cold, enjoy our comfy chairs. Remember our normal winter hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

## Deaths

### Clinton E. 'Ike' Griffin

Clinton E. "Ike" Griffin, 84, a retired truck driver from Colby, died today, Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the Deseret Health and Rehab Center in Colby.

He was born Dec. 28, 1929, in Thomas County, the son of John E. and Grace M. (Chadwick) Griffin.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce E. Griffin, Santa Ana, Calif., and Tim E. Griffin, Hemet, Calif.; a daughter, Arlene D. Griffin, Arlington, Texas; a brother, Gary Griffin, Greeley, Colo.; three sisters, Thelma Hiebsch, Goessel, and Ruby Feess and Connie Towey, both of Colby; and five grand-

children.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with Pastor Tom Peyton officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Gem Lions Club or the Gem Community Building, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.kersbrockfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kersbrockfuneralchapel.com).

## Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The Solomon Valley 4-H club held its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 10. The 29 members present answered roll call with the color of their rooms. Special guest Lesley Wagoner, a Colby school teacher, spoke about the danger of drugs, their effects and the steps members could take to avoid them.

Lisa Stramel awarded the club members who sold the most pizzas: Trey Stramel, who received \$20 for first prize, and Anna and Nathan Stramel who

each received \$10 in a tie for second and third place.

The club welcomed four new members: Ernie, Amanda and Joe Leija and Kinlie Miller.

Julie Schroeder gave a project talk about photography. Brett Schroeder showed how to formulate grain mix for steers and goats, and Brianna Thummel talked about the lessons she has learned about goat breeding.

The club's next meeting was to be Monday.

—Laura Schroeder, reporter

# Financial scholars video contest open

The Kansas Securities Commissioner is looking for creative videos that highlight the importance and value of informed, long-term investing. The winning video will be featured on the Securities Commissioner's website and Facebook page, and students participating in the winning entry will each receive an iPad mini. The classroom teacher of the winning entry will also receive an iPad mini.

The contest will be held in coordination with Financial Literacy Month in April. Organizers and financial experts involved in the promotion of Financial Literacy Month in Kansas say it is essential to ensure that Kansans are well prepared to manage money, credit, investments and debt, and that personal financial education among today's youth will contribute to the financial stability of tomorrow's workforce and to the prosperity of the Kansas economy.

New this year is a People's Choice Award which will be held online at [www.facebook.com/KansasSecurities](http://www.facebook.com/KansasSecurities). The public will be able to vote for a select number of student videos by "liking" their favorite ones. Creators of the most-liked video will each receive a \$200 savings bond.

Students who are working toward or who have received EverFi Financial Literacy Certification through participation in the Kan-

sas Financial Scholars Program are invited to produce a 30 second to 2 minute video which creatively demonstrates the value of investing. All videos must be received by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Winners will be announced Wednesday, April 30.

The Kansas Financial Scholars Program is a six hour web-based curriculum. The course is aligned to the Kansas State Standards and offers programming aimed at teaching, assessing and certifying students in financial topics.

Teachers who have not yet signed up for the Kansas Financial Scholars Program may contact the Securities Commissioner's office for information on how to sign up and participate in the program this school year. The program is offered for free to all public, private and home school high school-aged students in Kansas. Parents or grandparents who are interested in having their children participate can also contact the Securities Commissioner's office to individually sign up their students.

Complete contest rules can be found at [www.ksc.ks.gov](http://www.ksc.ks.gov).

Questions about the contest or participation in the Kansas Financial Scholars Program can be directed to Shannon Stone, director of investor education at Shannon.Stone@ksc.ks.gov or by phone at (913) 652-9164.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

#### Feb. 24

- 7:40 a.m. — Welfare check.
- 8:51 a.m. — Walk through at schools.
- 11:45 a.m. — Caller reported subject yelling and making threats.
- 3:50 p.m. — Traffic control.
- 4:07 p.m. — Burglary, theft: caller reported recovered items.
- 4:42 p.m. — Assisted sheriff's office and Department of Children and Families.
- 4:58 p.m. — Caller reported smelling marijuana. Not found.
- 5:48 p.m. — Possible scam, provided information.
- 6:12 p.m. — Caller reported fight.
- 8:47 p.m. — Callers reported semi broke down. Provided traffic

### control.

- 10:48 p.m. — Walk through at Wal-Mart.
  - 11:07 p.m. — Caller requested an ambulance.
- ### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
- #### Feb. 24
- 12:55 p.m. — Walk through at Golden Plains School, Rexford.
  - 1:07 p.m. — Vehicle-deer accident Feb. 23 at U.S. 83 and County Rd. I.
  - 1:07 p.m. — Amanda Rose Rivera arrested on warrant.
  - 1:07 p.m. — Travis James Graves arrested on warrant.
  - 4:24 p.m. — Took inmate to Norton County Sheriff's Office.
  - 4:42 p.m. — Helped Department

of Children and Families at residence in Menlo. Report filed.

6:15 p.m. — Helped police on fight call at college.

#### Feb. 25

- 10:29 a.m. — Vehicle identification number inspections at Denny's Auto Repair.
- 12:09 p.m. — Brought prisoner from Scott County to Colby.
- 2:46 p.m. — Keith Kuder arrested on warrant in Sherman County.

#### Feb. 26

- 8:15 a.m. — Accident rollover at County Rds. 7.
- 11 a.m. — Funeral block at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 35.
- 11:15 a.m. — Warrant served on Eldon Williamson.

#### Feb. 27

- 8:55 a.m. — Accident in the 1800 block of County Rd. 15.
- 10:55 a.m. — Disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, obstruction, possession of meth, marijuana and paraphernalia report filed on incident at County Rd. 11.
- 10:31 p.m. — Caller reported flat tire I-70 mile 50 westbound.

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Ken Ptacek; second, Sarah Jane Barrett; third, Faye Goeken; fourth, Joy Davis; fifth, Dave Ulmer; sixth, Barb Ulmer; seventh, Billie Keck.

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## Other Viewpoints

# Complexity marks school funds ruling

The Kansas Supreme Court's long-awaited Gannon decision unraveled the school-finance formula for complexity, disappointing districts impatient for a fix and partisans itching for a fight. But Kansans can hope Gov. Sam Brownback and other state leaders will take seriously the court's 110-page ruling and the responsibility it lays out for them to address the inequities in state public school funding between rich and poor districts.

For the court, that necessitates full state funding by July 1 of equalization provisions (capital outlay and supplemental local option budget aid), which would amount to about \$129 million. For the Legislature and governor, that would seem to mean tapping state reserves or rethinking some of the budget decisions already made during the session's first half — though it was troubling that Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and other GOP leaders suggested that fixing the inequities might not require any extra funding.

The ruling "did not attach a particular number to that," Schmidt said.

In Friday's unanimous opinion, the court described its "test for equity in public education finance" this way: "School districts must have reasonably equal access to substantially similar educational opportunity through similar tax effort."

That part of the ruling effectively blames not only Brownback but also former Gov. Mark Parkinson as well as multiple legislatures for responding to the Great Recession by making cuts that aggravated wealth-related inequities between school districts.

"My commitment is to work with legislative leadership to address the allocation issue identified by the court. We will fix this," Brownback said Friday — setting a welcome tone in sharp contrast to the defiant comments about the court in his State of the State address.

But the biggest, most contentious and potentially most costly question about the state's school funding — whether it's adequate — remains unanswered for now. The court asked the three-judge panel that heard the case in 2012 to take another look at that issue, which means the Gannon case is far from over.

That defers the remedy sought by the Wichita Public Schools and the other suing districts, which have closed schools, dropped programs and cut jobs in response to state per-pupil funding cuts since 2009.

But Brownback and lawmakers should not expect the final determination of adequacy by the Supreme Court, whenever that comes, to be vastly different from the court's 2005 view that the state was falling far short of its constitutional obligation to "make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state."

That said, the high court's move should deter legislative efforts to strip the authority of the Supreme Court to rule on school finance, to change how justices are chosen or otherwise undermine the court. Lawmakers also would be wise to hold off on bills meant to rewrite the school-finance formula, including trying to redirect money from elsewhere in the formula to address the funding inequities.

But it's some comfort that the constitutional crisis over school funding may have been postponed.

— *The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*

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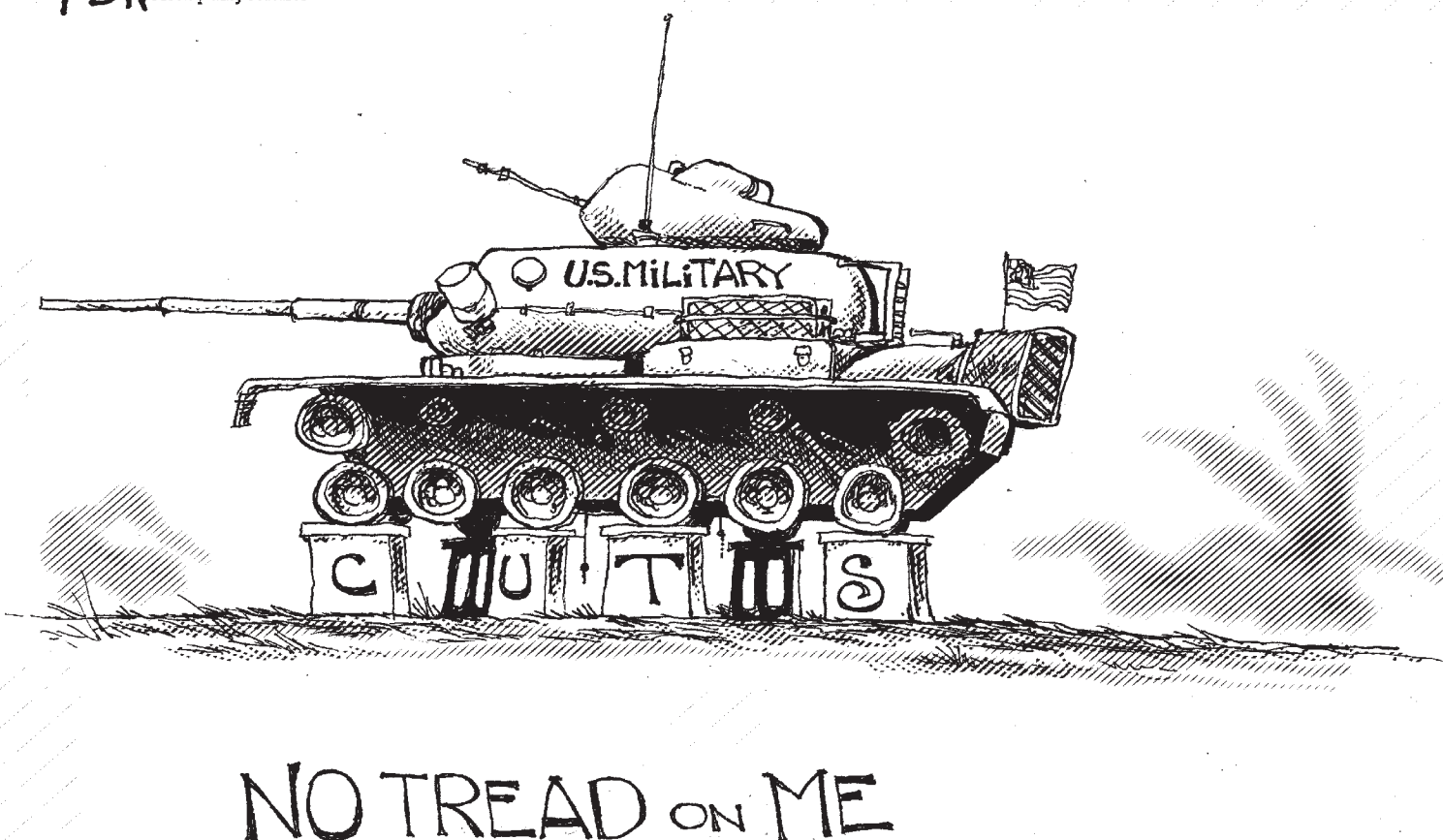
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# Deaths point to need for dust warnings

Northwest Kansas weather forecasters are unhappy that three people died in a fiery pileup near Rexford earlier this year despite a forecast for high winds and the possibility of blowing dust.

Dave Floyd, warning coordinator for the Goodland weather station, said the National Weather Service had the forecast right, predicting winds high enough to raise dust and issuing a warning more than two days ahead of the storm.

Still, dozens of people drove into a dust cloud that blotted out visibility west of Rexford on Jan. 16. Three died in the fiery 11-vehicle mashup that resulted.

What were they doing on the road? And why did they all just keep driving when they couldn't see a thing?

While there could be more questions than answers, one is that people tend to go about their business unless they hear of actual danger. If the weather service issues a tornado watch, for instance, indicating tornadoes are possible today, we don't go home and wait. School classes continue. Work goes on. Trips are made. We just keep an eye on the clouds and an ear on the radio.

With a tornado warning, signaling imminent danger, it's different. Sirens sound. Most of us head for the basement or a nearby shelter. School kids gather in safe places and hunker down. Even then, more often than not, nothing happens on our block, and of course, that's part of the problem.

Floyd pointed out that no one has died in a



**Steve Haynes**

• Along the Sappa

tornado in northwest Kansas in the last decade, but five people have been killed in dust storms. However, neither the warning system nor the terminology used is the same between the two types of storms.

People here are used to the lexicon of tornado watches and warnings. We have severe thunderstorm warnings all the time, tornadoes most summers. Dust storms are less frequent, and the technology to detect them on the ground isn't as advanced. Weather radar today can show a tornado, but dust storms can form under the radar, as it were.

In the case of the Rexford storm, only a couple of miles of highway downwind from some open fields were involved, but by the time a dust warning could have been issued, it was too late.

One partial answer might be to align the terminology. A high wind warning doesn't sound life threatening. A tornado warning does. Would a dust storm warning, accompanied by instructions not to drive into a dust cloud, be more effective? Should a "dust storm watch" be issued with a high-wind warning, aligning the terminology?

Tornado and severe-thunderstorm warnings today include instructions to take cover. Would a dust-storm watch or advisory include a caution not to drive into a dust cloud?

Teaching people what to do when facing a dust storm is vital. Most people really don't know. Most just keep driving and pray, and sometimes, that doesn't work. You can't stop without the threat of being run into, and you can't go on without the threat of running into something you won't see.

The best advice we've heard came from the Sherman County sheriff's office, where an officer advised us that the only safe thing to do is to turn at right angles to the road and proceed slowly until you feel the fence. Turn your lights off and wait out the dust.

Driving on a dusty day, it may be hard to tell when to get off the road, but it's critical if you want to live.

Above all else, when it's apparent that lives are in danger, the service should be able to send a message to all cell phones in an area urging people to take action. To some extent, that's possible today, but warnings have to be limited to immediate danger.

If we're to get a beep on our phones every time a child is kidnapped, then why not get one when we might be about to die, telling us to get out of harm's way?

*Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers. When he has the time, he'd rather be reading a good book or casting a fly.*

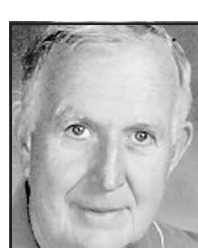
# School finance tops news in Topeka

There was only a two day legislative session last week. The big news came from the state Supreme Court on Friday morning, when its ruling in the school-finance case was posted.

The high court ordered a three-judge district court panel to consider whether the Legislature, by session's end, can eliminate disparities in funding school district Capital Outlay and Local Option Budget supplemental funds. The basic idea is that wherever the students are, they should have a suitable and equitable education. Equalizing those two funds together would be about a \$130 million cost to the state, far less than many had expected.

The issue puts the three-judge panel squarely between the Legislature and school districts. Most districts want the money, but they are aware that if the panel rejects the Legislature's efforts, they would lose lots of dollars, because the panel was ordered to freeze funds if the inequities are not solved.

My belief is that if the Supreme Court would have ruled for a \$440 million settlement,



**Ward Cassidy**

• This week in Topeka

which was the figure most thrown around, there would have been tremendous unrest between the Legislature and courts. I also believe our leadership would have just said no to the courts. This week should give us a good indication on how the governor and Legislature will deal with the additional expense.

School lawsuits have gone on in Kansas since 1972, and it would be wonderful if a lasting solution could be found. I have said all along that western Kansas education is not a problem. Everything I have seen shows me higher graduation rates, attendance rates and outstanding student achievement from our

area. Unfortunately, there is only one school finance formula.

Issues are heating up and it will become interesting in Topeka the next few weeks. There is no doubt that the upcoming election will play a big part in how leadership proceeds.

A good news item: Kansas exports grew by more than 6 percent in 2013 to \$12.45 billion, the second highest total in Kansas history. The three biggest areas we export to: Canada, China and Mexico.

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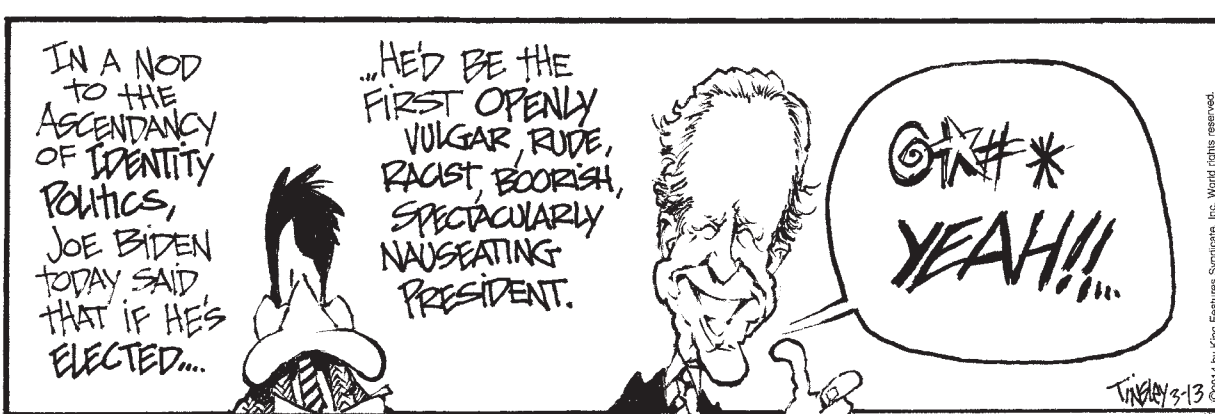
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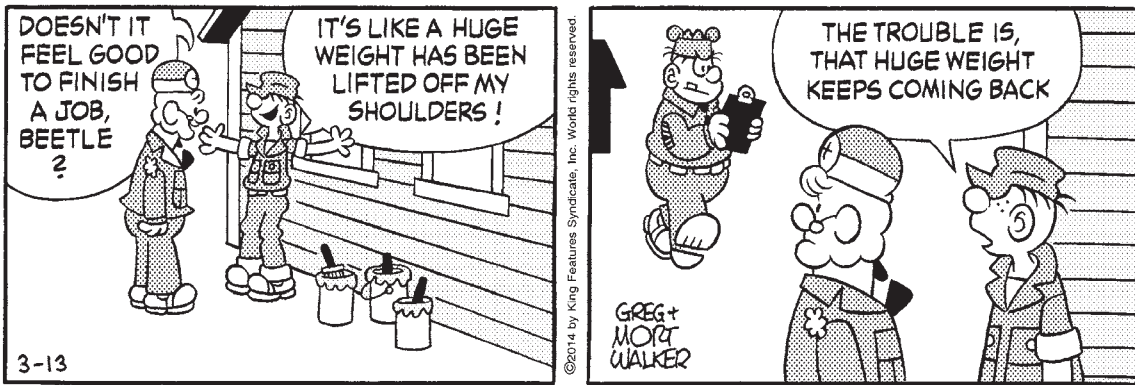
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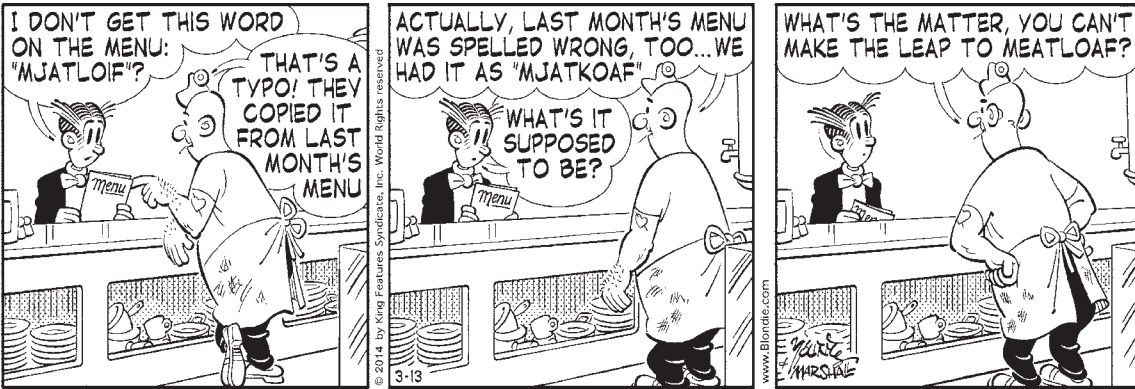
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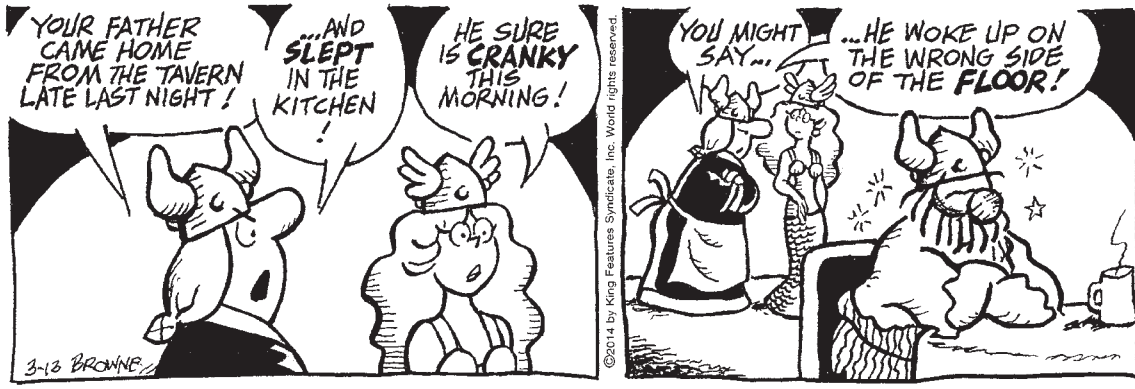
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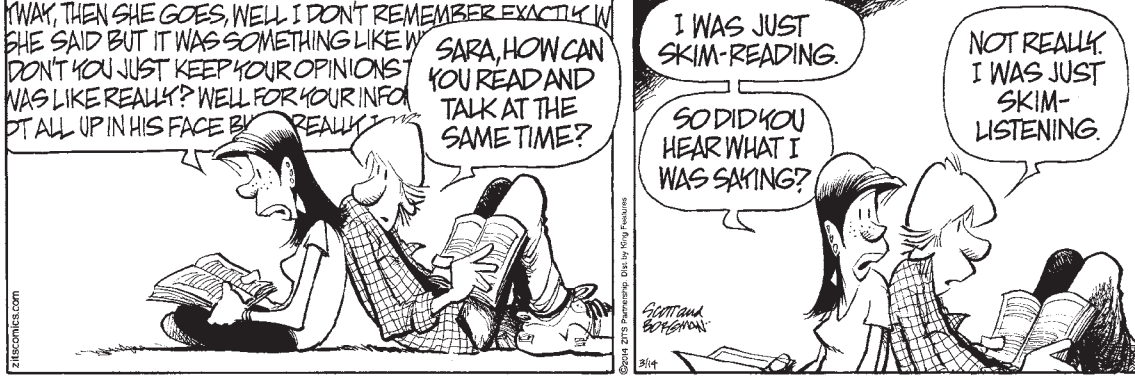
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**Q:** I have four bentwood chairs that came from an old seminary. Underneath the seats there is a label that reads "J.S. Ford Johnson Co., New York, N.Y., 33 East 47th St., Chicago, Ill., San Francisco, Calif." They were patented in March 1910 and are in good solid condition. Can you tell me something about the history?

**A:** J.S. Ford Johnson Co. was founded in 1867 by John S. Ford and Henry W. Johnson. The company started in Columbus, Ohio, moved to Indiana a year later and moved to Chicago in 1872. The company made Mission furniture, including some pieces similar to Stickley furniture. It was one of the largest manufacturers of chairs in the U.S. The company went bankrupt in 1913 and was sold. Your set of bentwood chairs is worth about \$600 if the chairs are in excellent condition.

**Q:** Is a rectangular yellow planter marked "Cookson 923" of any value?

**A:** Gerald Cookson founded Cookson Pottery Co. in Roseville, Ohio, in 1945. Garden ware, planters, vases and florist ware were produced. Cookson's molds were made by Ungemach Pottery, another Roseville company, and the glazes were applied at Cookson Pottery. Cookson's son took over the business in 1966. The business was sold in 1982 but continued to operate until 1995. Value of your planter: about \$20.

**Q:** I have a pewter stein marked "F & M" over "N." It's 11 inches tall and has raised decorations of classical figures picking grapes from a vine. Can you tell me who made it and what it's worth?

**A:** The mark was used by Felsenstein & Mainzer, a pewterer in Nuremberg, Germany. The company was founded by Simon Felsenstein and Sigmund Mainzer in 1886. Gebruder Bing bought the company in 1918 and made Felsenstein & Mainzer products until the 1930s. Their steins have sold at auction recently for \$85.

**Q:** My Brownie Target Six-20 camera is in excellent condition, never used, with the original box. The camera is metal and the front is black and white with vertical lines. I'd like to find out how old it is and if film still is available. And how much is the camera worth?

**A:** Eastman Kodak Co. made the Brownie Target Six-20 from July 1946 until May 1952. The front of your camera is known as the Art Deco face. The camera originally came with a roll of 620 film. The film was discontinued in 1995, but rolls may be available from sources for out-of-production film. You can also use a roll of 120 film rewound onto a 620 spool, which is larger than a 120 spool. It takes two 620 spools to do this and must be done in a darkroom or darkbox so that no light touches the film. You can buy spare 620 spools online. The camera originally sold for \$3.50. Today it sells online for \$10-\$25 without a box and \$15-\$40 with the original box. (c) 2014 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

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♥ 8 5 3 2  
♦ Q 9 7 4  
♣ A 8 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 10 9 3  
♥ Q 9 7 4  
♦ 5  
♣ Q 10 7 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8 6 2  
♥ —  
♦ A K J 10 6 2  
♣ K J 9 4

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3 ♥ 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♦  
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This deal from a team match produced a huge swing when one declarer made better use of the available clues than did his counterpart. At the first table, South became declarer at six diamonds doubled after the lengthy auction shown.

West led a heart, ruffed by South. Declarer drew trumps, then led a club to the ace and another club back and finessed the jack after East followed low. The finesse worked, but when West showed out, declarer still had to lose a club trick. Since he also had to lose a spade, he went down one for a loss of 200 points.

At the second table, the same contract was reached after identical bidding. Again a heart was led and ruffed and two rounds of trumps were drawn. South then also played a club to the ace and a club back.

But when East followed low, declarer finessed the nine! Another club finesse was later taken, and as a result South made the vulnerable slam for a net gain of 1,740 points on the deal.

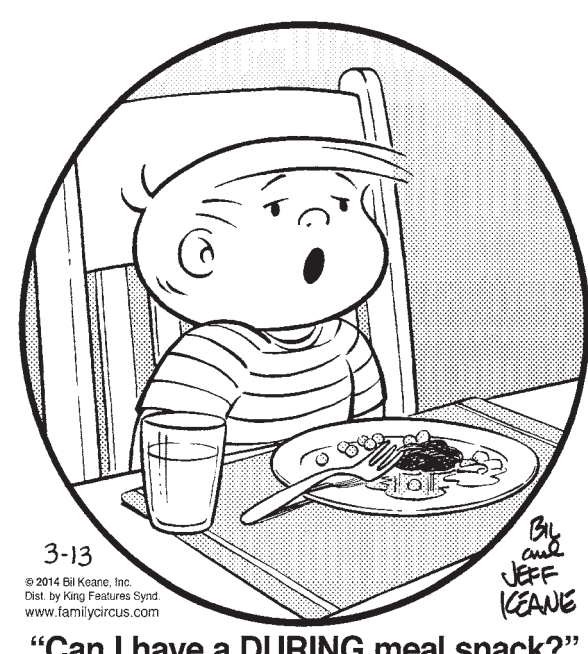
The second South's line of play illustrates how an attentive declarer can take advantage of the bidding to achieve the optimal result.

Ordinarily, the second-round finesse of the nine of clubs with this combination would be a poor play. But South had no difficulty diagnosing the true situation. The bidding strongly indicated that West's distribution was 5-5-2-1. It hardly seemed likely that West would bid up to five hearts with 5-4-2-2 distribution.

Since West had already shown up with two diamonds when the critical decision in clubs had to be made, South had every reason to believe that West had started with a singleton club. The unusual double finesse therefore became the proper play.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/13

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.

**Cryptoquip**

AE SGVNWII V DITM QSL  
CAUWL TM S RAX AVSCASM  
AICSM L, IQW BAXQV QSUW  
RWM GAGWCD ENTB IAGACD.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU THINK THAT WARDEN MAKES PEOPLE DO REALLY HARD WORK? I GUESS THERE'S NO HARM IN TASKING.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals E

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Cock and bull? (7)  
4 Coffee middle name (7)  
8 Hendrix of rock (7)  
12 Eggs (7)  
13 Culture medium (7)  
14 Grand-scale (7)  
15 Tramp (7)  
17 — out (fall) (asleep) (7)  
18 Wall Street whiz, for short (7)  
19 When my prince will come (7)  
21 Hot time? (7)  
24 Abrade (7)  
25 Lennon's lady (7)  
26 Crimson (7)  
28 Station (7)  
32 Avian creature (7)  
34 Visibility hindrance (7)  
36 Dalai — (7)  
37 Precipitous (7)  
39 Bankroll (7)

**DOWN**  
1 Carpool abbr. (4)  
2 Actress Longoria (7)  
3 Algonquian chief (7)  
4 Talk quickly (7)  
5 Past (7)  
6 Moving trucks (7)  
7 Passion arguments (7)  
8 Wicked woman of the Bible (7)  
9 Apple product (7)  
10 "Dracula" heroine (7)  
11 Gross (7)  
16 Branch (7)  
20 Pie filling? (7)  
21 Weeps (7)  
22 Ump (7)  
27 Stock market name (7)  
29 Violinist Nicolo (7)  
30 Bad sign, maybe (7)  
31 — (7)  
33 Formal (7)  
35 Wander (7)  
38 Golf stat (7)  
40 Go (7)  
43 Alter the chart (7)  
45 "30 Rock" role (7)  
46 Gilbert of "The Talk" (7)  
47 British pound, slangily (7)  
48 Loosen (7)  
49 Host Letterman (7)  
53 Hair product (7)  
54 Diarist Anaïs (7)  
55 Wapiti (7)

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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## Area foes go 0-3 at state

Great West Athletic Conference teams and area sub-state tournament champions did not enjoy a great opening round on Wednesday at the Kansas state basketball tournaments.

### 1A Division II boys St. Johns-Tipton 64, Northern Valley 39

The top-seeded Blue Jays had little trouble with the eighth seeded Huskies, who reached state with a victory over Triplains-Brewster Saturday night.

The second and third quarters were the deciding factors. St. John's flexed its muscle in the second quarter out-scoring Northern Valley 16-7 in the second and 15-9 in the third. "Hopefully we can build some confidence off of this come out here on the big floor and just keep enjoying it," said St. John's-Tipton head coach Lance Bergmann.

Luke Eilert lead the Blue Jays with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Matt Stutsman led Northern Valley with 15. The Huskies end the season at 13-11.

### 4A Division II girls Holton 53, Hugoton 41

No. 6-seed Holton forced 20 turnovers and surprised No. 3 Hugoton at the Hartman Arena in Park City.

Ahead 23-18 at haltime, Holton shot head on freshman Ashlyn Weilert's 14 third-quarter points that featured four trifectas. She finished with a game-high 24 points.

The Hugoton Eagles (19-4) were coming off a substate championship at Goodland last week. These Great West Athletic Conference members defeated Colby twice this season.

### 3A Division II boys Nemaha Valley 76, Holcomb 66

On Wednesday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena, the Nemaha Valley Raiders got 24 cracks at the foul line in their quarterfinal clash with Holcomb. A mediocre free-throw shooting Raider team was lights out, sinking all 24 attempts to fight off the Longhorns, 76-66.

"Actually, we've struggled a bit this year with our free throws," said Nemaha Valley senior Caleb Meyer, who set a 3A state tournament record by hitting 17 of 20 free throws.

Holcomb (20-4 final record) of the Great West Athletic Conference was led by Heath Tucker's 21 points and another 12 from Trey Sleep.

The state tournament continues through Saturday evening with Golden Plains' girls playing at 4:45 p.m. today in Hays against Wilson.

# Colby kids reach Classic high places

Tucker Branum's championship highlighted a strong Colby Kids Wrestling Club team performance at the recent Western Kansas Classic tournament in Hays.

Branum pinned two opponents and beat two more by an 18-2 total score while winning the 12-and-under 115-pound title.

Hagan Booi, Declan Ryan, Rathe Aschenbrenner, Tanner Elias and Brett Schroeder all represented Colby by reaching their title matches. Several other Colby wrestlers earned third and fourth places.

Booi tallied 19 points to lead the Colby team at all age levels.

Complete results for all Colby Kids Club wrestlers who won matches:

#### Age six and younger

40 pounds: Kayden Davis placed third and scored 16 points. He pinned K. Rohrbough, Scott City, in :42; was pinned by L. Axelson, Chanute, in :57; pinned Rohrbough in :23; and pinned T. Tomlinson, Great Bend, in :52.

43 pounds: Nathan Cates placed fourth and scored 11 points. He pinned K. Fuller, Lakin, in 2:00; won 7-4 over B. Pfannenstiel, Hays; was pinned by N. Cates, Ogden's Outlaws, in 1:44; won 6-4 over D. Gregory, unattached; and lost 9-6 to A. Vargas, Salina.

46 pounds: Ryker Schindtberger scored three points. He was pinned by L. Juenemann, Hoxie, in 1:38; pinned B. Stein, Great Bend, in 1:52; and lost 15-0 to E. Webber, Sublette.

49 pounds: Talon Andreasen scored three points. He won 13-2 over T. Haub, Manhattan Optimists; lost 5-0 to C. Wellbrock, Salina; and lost 4-0 to S. Buffington, Manhattan Optimists.

55 pounds: Talon Wark scored two points. He won 5-3 over K. Vaughan, Salina; lost 5-2 to G. Mendenhall, Lakin; and lost 3-0 to P. Casteel, Abilene.

#### Age eight and under

52B pounds: Kaeden McCarty

scored two points. He won 3-0 over C. McClure, Hugoton; lost 5-4 to T. Weimer, Hoxie; and lost 7-4 to R. Fuller, Lakin.

58B pounds: Clayton Barton scored one point. He lost 14-2 to E. Redetzke, Hoisington; won 7-5 over A. Carter, Norton; and lost 13-2 to M. Sekavec, Southwest Grapplers.

64 pounds: Tucker Wark scored two points. He lost 16-0 to C. McDaniel, Scott City; won 5-0 over W. Hawkins, Sublette; won 2-0 over T. Reed, Smoky Valley; and lost 16-0 to K. Egan, Derby.

#### Age 10 and under

70B pounds: Tyler Voss placed third and scored 11 points. He won 9-0 over J. Woodrow, Lakin; lost 5-4 to E. Taylor, Manhattan Optimists; won 4-2 over R. Grafel, Oberlin; and won 4-0 over C. Armendariz, Scott City.

76B pounds: Roberto Loya placed fourth and scored five points. He lost 18-3 to M. Baalman, Hoxie; won 5-0 over M. Fawcett, Phillipsburg; and was pinned by A. Wolff, Ottawa, in :58.

79 pounds: Wyatt Tubbs scored four points. He lost 9-0 to M. Levin, Kansas Young Guns; pinned S. Miller, Salina, in :28; won 8-2 over B. Golden, Smoky Valley; and lost 7-0 to T. Kadel, Beloit.

85 pounds: Rojelio Loya scored four points. He lost 16-0 to J. Castillo, Leoti; pinned T. Schoenberg, Oakley, in :54; lost 3-1 to C. Gruber, Great Bend.

120 pounds: Hagan Booi placed second and scored 19 points. He pinned C. McCullough, Plainville, in :36; won 10-0 over I. Hernandez, Hugoton; and lost 9-4 to B. Standley, Russell.

150 pounds: Declan Ryan placed second and scored 12 points. He pinned M. Pulkrabek, Salina, in :25; pinned D. Speiss, Phillipsburg, in :27; lost 7-0 to N. Parker, Trailhands; and pinned R. Doyle, St. Francis, in :34.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Intense Colby Kids Club wrestling gets youngsters introduced to pretzel-like entanglements, but there are usually plenty of adults nearby for assistance.

#### Age 12 and under

72 pounds: Rathe Aschenbrenner placed second and scored 11.5 points. He won 6-2 over A. Roth, Ottawa; won 16-1 over J. Zwigart, Salina; and was pinned by W. Stroda, Abilene, in :45.

80B pounds: Braden Schritter scored four points. He pinned C. Schmidt, Kinsley, in :45; was pinned by D. Lee, Wamego Raiders, in :57; and pinned by Z. Hamel, Hill City, in 2:35.

84 pounds: Kurt Schroeder scored six points. He pinned T. Howell, Stockton, in 1:53; lost 4-0 to B. Wells, Derby; and lost 6-0 to J. Ortiz, Lakin.

84 pounds: Matthew Schritter scored five points. He was pinned by B. Lemuz, Larned, in 2:23; won by forfeit over Howell; won 11-8 over T. Lowry, WaKeeney; and was pinned by Konnor Griffin, Colby, in 3:38.

84 pounds: Konnor Griffin placed fourth and scored 13 points. He pinned Ortiz (time not

available); lost 15-0 to A. Mariche, Dodge City; pinned Matthew Schritter, Colby, in 3:38; and was pinned by Ortiz in 2:28.

92 pounds: Mason Wright placed fourth and scored 10 points. He was pinned by T. Medina, Southwest Grapplers, in 3:56; won 2-0 over Cade Lanning, Colby; was pinned by J. Conrad, Smith County, in 2:28; won 8-4 over B. Speiss, Smith County; and was pinned by C. Chard, Salina, in :18.

115 pounds: Tucker Branum won the championship and scored 15 points. He won 12-1 over M. Rains, Oakley; pinned J. Kaufmann, Junior Panthers, in 3:53; pinned D. Street, Lincoln County, in :24; and won 6-1 over K. Brownlee, Sabetha.

#### Age 14 and younger

80-85 pounds: Landon Reiley placed third and scored nine points. He pinned A. Clanton, Hays, in 2:42; was pinned by E. Totty, Burlington, in 2:01; and lost

9-7 to C. Hale, Hays.

115 pounds: Sean Rall placed third and scored 14 points. He won 7-2 over S. Pemberton, Linn County; lost 7-2 to M. Salas, Southwest Grapplers; pinned B. Brownlee, Sabetha, in :54; and won 6-5 over T. Kline, Linn County.

125 pounds: Rex Branum scored 7.5 points. He won 16-0 over M. Reyes, Dodge City; pinned J. Bloomdahl, Manhattan Optimists, in 3:34; lost 9-2 to I. Hileman, Smith County; and lost 4-0 to M. Mendoza, Hugoton.

125 pounds: Tanner Reed scored one point. He lost 6-0 to Bloomdahl; won 9-3 over Reyes; and was pinned by T. Agnew-Nash, Manhattan Optimists, in 2:59.

135 pounds: Tyler Schritter scored five points. He won 5-4 over M. Green, Atwood; lost 16-0 to I. Luellen, Rossville; pinned A. Laureles, Southwest Grapplers, in 2:27; and was pinned by C. Vajnar, Hays, in :54.

#### High School division

120-126 pounds: Tate Carney placed third and scored 13.5 points. He pinned T. Cooper, Goodland, in 5:41; lost 7-3 to A. Cavanaugh, Ogden's Outlaws; won 22-6 over M. Davis, Lakin; and won 5-2 over Cooper.

132 pounds: Tanner Elias placed second and scored 17 points. He pinned C. Gugelmeyer, Lakin, in :25; won 18-9 over V. Peralta, Liberal; and lost 7-3 to D. Owen, Hill City.

138 pounds: Brett Schroeder placed second and scored 18.5 points. He won 16-0 over E. Peralta, Liberal; won 13-3 over N. Kennedy, Ogden's Outlaws; and lost 4-3 to H. Howerton, Ogden's Outlaws.

138 pounds: Alex Young placed third and scored 17 points. He pinned E. Villa, Hugoton, in 5:25; won 3-2 over G. Hamel, Hill City; was pinned in 3:14 by Howerton; pinned J. Medina, Holcomb, in 1:48; and won 15-5 over Kennedy.

## Trojan earns all-league honor

Colby Community College sophomore basketball player Jeremiah Ingram was named to the Jayhawk West All-Conference First Team and All-Region honorable mention recently.

Ingram finished the season averaging 19 points per game which put him fourth in the league for scoring. He also pulled down 9.4 rebounds per game which put him first overall.

The 6'7" forward recorded 13

double-doubles on the year and etched his name into Trojan history more than once. He is now ninth overall in single-season scoring (570 points), fourth overall in career scoring leaders (986), and fourth overall in career leading rebounders (495).

"Jeremiah is blossoming into a great basketball player," Colby coach Rusty Grafel said. "He was and will continue to be a guy that gets you out of your seat with

all the athleticism he shows in a game. It's not every day you get to coach a young man who breaks records and implants himself into school history. He has a very bright future at San Jose State."

Ingram has agreed to continue his basketball career at the NCAA Division I San Jose State University Spartans next season. The Spartans just finished their 2013-14 Wednesday night in the Mountain West Conference tournament.



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Jeremiah Ingram dropped in two points against Cloud County during a Colby Community College home game this season.

## Broncos lose receiver to Jets

DENVER (AP) — Addressing an acute need on offense, the New York Jets agreed to terms with former Denver Broncos wide receiver Eric Decker, the team announced Wednesday night.

The deal is for five years and worth \$36.25 million with \$15 million guaranteed, a source told ESPN NFL Insider Adam Schefter.

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It is easily the Jets' biggest free-agent signing since John Idzik became the general manager 14 months ago as Decker was considered by some the top receiver on the free-agent market.

Decker arrived in New Jersey late Tuesday night and spent Wednesday meeting with team of-

ficials in Florham Park. He capped Wednesday by dining out with Rex Ryan and other team personnel.

"I'm very thankful for my four years in Denver," Decker told the Denver Post late Wednesday night. "I think it's one of the greatest cities to play in."

## Barton takes two from Colby

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Powerful Barton County Community College crushed five home runs among its 30 hits during an 11-7, 10-2 doubleheader sweep of visiting Colby Community College on Wednesday in Great Bend.

The Trojan bats were also dangerous, delivering 21 hits including 17 during that opening contest.

Colby blasted ahead, 3-0, as Sarah Churchwell singled home Michelle Starkey and Breta Alstrom doubled home two more runs.

Yet three homers during the next three innings put Barton ahead to stay. In fact, the Cougars' nine-run fourth frame turned that 3-0 deficit into a 10-3 lead.

The Trojans tried to rally behind Kaiya Canar's three hits and two RBIs. Alstrom later doubled again while Myria Riffel, Morgan Worthington, pitcher Natalie Elmgreen, Miranda Maiers and Starkey all ripped two hist apiece.

However, Colby stranded 12 baserunners and fell short despite matching those 17 Barton hits.



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Colby Community College shortstop Briana Roth (18) congratulated third baseman Kaiya Canar for a good defensive play during a recent home game. The Trojans are scheduled for two more home games today (3 p.m.) against McCook (Neb.) College.

Elmgreen (1-1 record) took the loss after pitching a brilliant 2-1 victory over Garden City in her previous start on Thursday.

Kassie Swisher worked 2 2/3 innings of relief. Elmgreen and Starkey both drilled doubles to go

with Allstrom's pair.

Game two was decided quickly as Barton unleashed an eight-run first inning. Colby produced four hits with one each from Riffel (run scored), Worthington (run), Canar (RBI) and Churchwell (RBI).

Amanda Geiger bought these sunglasses to wear on spring break. She wore them only once before she was killed by a drunk driver.

### Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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