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Water treatment taken on by state

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The Colby City Council approved a contract to treat groundwater at the "Superfund" treatment plant downtown for two more years at its meeting Tuesday evening, averting the need for the city to find another well.

Under the contract, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will provide the city \$400,000 a year for two years to operate the site. If the state money runs out, the city can choose to stop operating the site if it gives the department 90 days notice.

The department will also give

the city \$50,000 to operate the plant until the start of the state's fiscal year on July 1. The city needs written permission from the state to buy \$2,000 or more in equipment or let bids for purchases of over \$5,000.

Given the high costs for individual items at the plant, City Manager Tyson McGreer said, the city would have to plan its expenses carefully as it approaches the end of the contract. McGreer told the council beforehand that he and the city staff think it is worth continuing to run the plant to get the drinking water it provides. However, he said he does not think it would be feasible for the city alone to pay for it.

Of the 13 small wells dug around the plant to reach chromium-laden ground water and pipe it to the plant to be purified, McGreer said later, five or six run at any one time. Those wells usually pump just 50 to 100 gallons of water per minute, and that means the plant processes around 450 gallons per minute today. Under the new agreement, the city will probably be taking water from just two or three wells at a time, he said, which will probably produce 200 to 250 gallons a minute.

He told the council that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which had been running the

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Insurance deadline final next Monday

Time is almost out for those wanting to enroll in government-sponsored health insurance for this year, as the open enrollment period closes next Monday.

People who don't sign up during the open period may not be able to buy health insurance for the rest of the year, said Vernon Hurd, Farm Bureau agent in Colby. And those who do not meet the insurance requirements established by the Affordable Care Act will be taxed with a penalty of \$95, or 1 percent of their family's gross income, whichever is greater.

"That could mean a \$500 penalty for a family who makes \$50,000 a year," he added.

To sign up after the period closes, applicants must have a change in circumstances, called a "qualifying life event." Examples include having a baby, marrying, divorcing or moving to another state.

Without a qualifying life event, Hurd said, an applicant cannot sign up for coverage that starts any earlier than Jan. 1. That may leave an injured or sick person without any way to get insurance if he doesn't sign up for it before the end of this month.

Hurd is worried that many Kansans won't try to

sign up for insurance until they fear they need it — and then they won't be able to get it.

"I recently spent 2 1/2 days in the hospital in Wichita," he said, "and the bills are still coming in. So far, my hospital charges would have been over \$20,000 without health insurance. There's no way most people could pay that without insurance. I sure couldn't."

Consumer Reports estimates that 6.5 million Americans still did not have health insurance as of Feb. 10, and these millions may not realize they cannot sign up between open enrollment periods. After the current period closes, the next enrollment period does not open until Nov. 15, for coverage beginning Jan. 1.

Hurd urges Kansans to, at the very least, get informed by visiting with a health insurance agent or going to the website www.healthcare.gov.

"Then they'll have the peace of mind knowing how (the new law) is going to effect them and their families," he said.

New trustee starts as negotiations go on

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A new member with years of experience in administration and government finance joined the Colby Community College trustees at their monthly meeting last Monday.

Carolyn Armstrong, longtime Colby city manager, was named to fill a vacancy on the board by a unanimous vote. Other candidates were Clair Schrock, county road and bridge supervisor, and Ken Poland, a retired Gem-area farmer. She replaced Bill Shields, who resigned in January, citing increased work at his regular job.

Armstrong retired as city manager in the spring of 2012 after having held that job since 1992. Before that, she was the city manager for Ogallala, Neb., from 1987 to 1992. Her first meeting took place during a heavily-attended discussion on possible budget cuts for the college.

In other business, the board:
• Went into closed session for a total of 45 minutes with President Stephen Vacik to discuss negotiations and the president's evaluations.

• Voted to move the April meeting to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, from that Monday, which is part of Easter break.

• Discussed the student-trustee dinner, which will take place after the April meeting. The trustees plan to sit down with selected students and ask them about their experiences at the college.

• Discussed a dinner the trustees hope to hold with the Northwest Kansas Technical College board. Board President Arlen Leiker said the last meeting happened about five or six years ago.

• Voted to raise living costs by \$150 a year for students. George McNulty, vice president of student affairs, said this was to cover the college's decision to get rid of its coin-operated laundry machines and make laundry services free to students in the dorms.

• Voted to enter the college into the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Leadership Institute, at a cost of \$500 to the college. Dr. Vacik and Leiker had talked about this program this winter. They told the trustees there are a lot of things the institute can lead administrators who rise to the level of becoming president.

• Approved a new director of institutional development position after the discussion was tabled in January.

• Approved a leave policy, but tabled approval of the college policy manual until Armstrong could familiarize herself with it. Under the policy, effective at the start of July, employees accrue one sick day per month of employment, starting after they have been at the college for 90 days. They cannot

use their sick leave in their last week of employment or get paid for it after they quit their job. At Armstrong's request, the board changed the policy to say leave of less than half a day would be measured in time periods of a least an hour. The policy applies to administrators, administrative support staff and non-certified employees, but not faculty.

• Approved a new policy to recognize people who give to the college, which will recognize anyone who gives to the school and notifies the president in a list of contributors that will be published twice a year in the *Colby Free Press*. The college will also put up plaques to recognize those who donate at least \$100,000. Anyone who gives \$1 million or more or serves at the college for at least 15 years, is recognized by students, faculty, administrators and community members, and is approved by the trustees will be eligible for having a building named for them.

• Approved the resignations of nursing instructors Emily Strange and Cheryl Naub and veterinary technology assistant Colleen Marrison, who is retiring.

• Approved a new policy that would require a student to keep a grade average of at least 2.27.

• Approved a resolution for the payment of claims of \$1,167,475.

• Heard a report from Nick Wells, endowment foundation director, who updated trustees on the foundation's annual fund raising auction on Saturday, April 12.



Ready – set – mow

SAM DIETER and HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press

Mark Beringer, owner of Beringer Hardware, showed Billy Jones (above) the ins and out of a riding lawn mower Sunday at the Home and Garden Show in the Community Building. Joe Heskett's chilean rose tarantula *Esmerelda* (below) was a big hit at the show this weekend, as a representative of Hinkle Termite and Pest Control. Todd Freeman and his daughter Eryn represented Cleary Buildings (bottom), while crafts, including this table filled with soaps (right), were displayed in the basement.



Pilot safety day in April

Representatives of both the government and the aviation industry in Kansas will talk to area pilots about aviation safety at a special presentation next month.

The Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team will put on "Super Safety Saturday," a set of presentations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at Colby's Shalz Field Municipal Airport. The event is about safety, but is open to anyone with an interest in aviation. A hot lunch will be provided, free of charge.

The meeting will include discussions about aircraft ownership and maintenance, control-tower operations, automation and special-issuance licenses

for pilots with minor medical problems.

Mark Ostmyer of MC Aviation Services, manager of the airport, will give one of the presentations. The other three speakers include two industry representatives, David Dewhirst, Michael Scheiman, and James Lamb, a member of the agency's safety team. Ostmyer said he especially would welcome anyone from the International Flying Farmers club, which has a convention in town that weekend.

This will be the first safety day here in several years, Ostmyer said, although he tried to have them every year in the past.

MC Aviation, Great Plains Spraying, CBK Flyers and Dillons are sponsors for the event.



Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 19. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 52. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Breezy.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers after 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy.

Thursday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 73.

Friday: High, 55; Low 25
 Saturday: High, 30; Low 8
 Sunday: High, 46; Low 16
 Precip: Friday None
 Saturday 0.01 inches
 Sunday None
 Month: 0.08 inches
 Year: 0.54 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:40 a.m. 8:01 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 32 percent
 Wednesday 7:38 a.m. 8:02 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 21 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Brewster couple named masters in farm and home

Brewster's Phillip and Sharron Knox have been named one of six Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers for 2013.

These couples, identified as leaders in farming and in their communities, were honored at a banquet March 11 in Manhattan.

The award recognizes excellence in farming, homemaking, environmental stewardship and rural citizenship. The program, begun in 1927, is sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and *Kansas Farmer* magazine.

The couple owns AgSun, a producer of steam-flaked corn for feedlots and dairies, as well as Knox Farms Inc., a family-owned feedlot, and part of a commercial feedlot in Goodland. The Knox operation focuses on employing community members, the couple says, and most employees are full-time, salaried managers who are responsible for cattle, dryland production, irrigated production or spraying operations. They produce wheat, corn and beef cattle.

The farm had an early commitment to no-till methods and uses a confined feeding operation manure management system with application to the no-till crops.

Phil Knox earned a doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and taught at Colorado State University.

Sharron Knox, a public health professional, worked for nearly 30 years as a nutritionist with the Women, Infants and Children program. She helps manage the business and accounting side of



Phillip and Sharron Knox

the farm.

The couple served as 4-H leaders and have been active in church and school groups. Phil is a member of the Brewster Lions Club.

The couple has three children, Stephanie (Matt) Ford, Daniel (Vickie) Knox and Timothy Knox.

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plant, always had more money to run it. The agency established the plant because a former chrome-plating facility let some of the metal leak into the ground water.

City Attorney John Gatz pointed out that the contract requires the city to provide the labor. The city probably will not need a full-time employee to run the plant, McGreer said. Someone from the city's four-person water department may work there for 15 hours a week, but could be doing other work at the same time, such as spotting leaks in the water system.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a semi-annual review of the Johnson Controls energy services performance contract. The company installed new meters for the city's water system. The report shows the city's water revenue going from \$553,292 in an average year to \$623,004 in the current year. Sewer revenues went up from \$496,030 in an average year to \$551,860 in the current year after the project was done.
- Voted to authorize Mayor Gary Adrian to sign a letter of intent to consider issuing up to \$3,000,000 in taxable industrial revenue bonds to help Woofter Construction and Irrigation finance an office, warehouse and fabrication facility. McGreer

said this is a one-year extension of a letter the city first signed several years ago, and that Woofter would be responsible for repaying the bonds. The letter remains valid through April 2015.

- Approved a request from Boy Scout troop 140 for overnight camping at Ferguson Park north of town on April 11, with a back-up date of May 2.
- Approved a new computer network and email use policy for the city. Technology Director Mike Albers said the policy was updated because of changes in email and computers over the years.

Flood insurance hikes coming

By John Milburn

Associated Press

TOPEKA (AP) - Some Kansas officials, real estate agents and homeowners say the changes to the National Flood Insurance Program, which is drowning in debt, don't match reality in the rarely flooded state.

For years, the federal government offered subsidized flood insurance on homes and businesses constructed in the days before there were numerous rules about building close to the water. But the premiums collected haven't been sufficient to

cover the payouts, leaving the program \$24 billion in debt.

Congress acted in 2012 to make the insurance rates match a property's true flood risk, though after much criticism, legislators in Washington pulled back a bit this year. Now, instead of facing onerous increases immediately, affected homeowners could see annual premium increases as high as 18 percent year after year. Owners of businesses and second homes face 25 percent increases annually until they drop out of the program and get a new rate based

on the actual risk of flooding.

Of the more than 5,500 policyholders in Kansas, 40 percent will likely see rate increases. The state has received a little more than \$86 million in claims in more than 40 years from the program, a figure that pales in comparison to the billions to states such as Louisiana, Florida and New York.

Errol Wuertz, a real estate agent in Hays, said Washington should be more realistic in its approach.

"We have not had a flood here in over 20 years."

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.

Hospital plans classes on healthy living

Citizens Medical Center will offer a six-week course of "healthy living" classes for people managing a chronic disease, focusing on nutrition, exercise and stress management, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays from April 14 to May 19 at the hospital. For questions, call Courtney McCarty at 462-7511 or education director Jeanene Brown at 460-4850

Dance Team tryouts Tuesday, Thursday

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

Conservation district tree sale ending

The Thomas County Conservation District is taking orders for conservation-grade and potted trees until Wednesday. 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 and drill irrigation supplies. Delivery of trees is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, weather permitting.

Business after 5 to be Wednesday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is having Business after 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Farm Bureau Financial Services, 550 N. Franklin. For information, call Brette Hankin at 460-3401.

Economic Development board to meet

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For question, contact Kayla Faus at 460-4511.

Cookies, coffee offered at 'health event'

Join the Beta Club at the Brewster Community Health Event with cookies, coffee and information from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Hunter Hall. Topics include respiratory care, cardiac rehab and more. For information, call (785) 694-2645.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment scheduled

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

Puddle Duck plans enrollment open house

Puddle Duck Preschool will hold enrollment and an open house for the 2014-2015 school year from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. Puddle Duck is for kids 3 to 5 and welcomes all denominations. For information, call Amy Jennings at 460-8388.

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 through May 19 at the Colby United Methodist Church. For information, contact Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 or lynetteball@yahoo.com.

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 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.

Church collecting toys, cloths for kids

Colby Wesleyan Church is seeking donations and clients for Kid's Closet, a ministry that lets parents shop for free children's clothes, toys and supplies. For information or to donate, contact Heather Alwin at 269-7603.

Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their families, is taking applications. Services, including education, nutrition, health, disability services and family support, are free to families that qualify. Children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Head Start at 460-6067 by Tuesday, May 20.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Tuesday Evening March 25, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	S.H.I.E.L.D.		Goldbergs	Trophy	Mind Games		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles	Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		About-Boy	Fisher	Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Brooklyn	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barry'd	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Rocky IV				Game of Arms			Game of Arms		
ANIM	Raised Wild		Monkeys		Raised Wild			Raised Wild	Monkeys	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Dating Rituals		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Atlanta	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Ron White: Salute Troops		Salute to the Troops 2013			Them Idiots		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		CNN Special Report		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll		Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Tosh.0
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Clash of the Ozarks		Amish Mafia	Clash of the Ozarks		
DISN	Cloud 9			Liv-Mad.	Jessie	Win, Lose	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	El News	The Soup	Total Divas		Total Divas		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Update	Wm. Basketball			Olbermann		Baseball	
FAM	Abduction		Twisted		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Abduction	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chopped	
FX	Real Steel				Justified		Justified		Justified	
HGTV	Hawaii		Beach	Beach	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip It to Win It		Beach	Beach
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Kim of Queens		Kim of Queens		Dance Moms	
MTV	Are You the One?		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Are You the One?		Are You the One?	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Jim Henson's		Face Off		Jim Henson's	
SPIKE	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan		Holmes	Conan
TCM	Carson	Carson	Carson	Cross-Lorraine			Black Hand			
TLC	Little People, World		Little People, World		The Little Couple		Little People, World		The Little Couple	
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
TOON	Uncle Gra	Adventure	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Andrew Zimmern's		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Andrew Zimmern's	
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Soul Man	The King of Queens	
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Chrisley	Chrisley	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Chrisley	Chrisley
VH1	All About Benj.				Fabulous Life		Basketball Wives LA		Single Ladies	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		The Matrix				Salem		How I Met	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Dark Shadows		Girls		REAL Sports Gumbel		VICE	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire		
MAX	Ocean's Twelve				Pitch Perfect					
SHOW	The Impossible				Lies	Comedy	Shameless	Gigolos	Canyons	

Wednesday Evening March 26, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Mixology	Nashville		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	South Pole Heroes		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago PD		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Jaws						Jaws 2			
ANIM	Mermaids-Body				Mermaids: New		Mermaids-Body			
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Flipping Out		Happens	Flipping Out		
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Mrs. Doubtfire							Cops Rel.
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Death Row Stories		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
COMEDY	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Broad Cit	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Work.
DISC	Naked and Afraid		Survivorman & Son		Ice Cold Gold		Naked and Afraid		Ice Cold Gold	
DISN	16 Wishes			Dog	Liv-Mad.	ANT Farm	Win, Lose	Good Luck	The Thirteenth Year	
E!	The Soup	RichKids	Total Divas		The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		Olbermann	
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Three Men and a Baby				The 700 Club		Daddy	Daddy
FOOD	Save My Bakery		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Iron Man 2				The Americans		The Americans		The Americans	Americans
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	Americans
AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Vikings		American Pickers	
LIFE	Preachers' Daughters		Preachers' Daughters		Bring It!		Bring It!		Preachers' Daughters	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		The Real World		The Real World		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Men in Black		Pirates-Worlds							Lost City
SPIKE	The Expendables				Rambo					Next-Kin
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Deal With	Conan	Holmes	Conan
TCM	Little Women						Meet Me in St. Louis			Red Dust
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		Hoard-Buried		Girl- Half- Face		Hoard-Buried		Girl- Half- Face	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		Dallas		The Mentalist	
TOON	Steven	Regular	King/Hill	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Toy Hntr	Backroad	Extreme Bunkers		Food Paradise		Toy Hntr	Backroad
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Soul Man	King	King
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Psych		Psych After Pshow		Chrisley	Mod Fam
VH1	Fabulous Life		Fabulous Life		Fabulous Life		You Got Served			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Parks	Parks	Parks	P				

Devoted gardener can take next step to Master Gardener

As I speak today, there are dozens of devoted gardeners in our area and others who are spending valuable time in the classroom.

There are housewives, retired businessmen, and maybe a few bachelors, all studying hard to learn more about their favorite hobby or pastime. These people will soon become known as Master Gardeners. They are spending these 45 to 50 hours of intense study, not only to increase their knowledge about the art of growing things, but also to give themselves a "heads up" on ways that they can help other people.

Master Garden trainees learn about lawn care, seed selection, weed control, fertilizer application, and soil building. And that's just a few of the facets of gardening that they learn. The program is available to all individuals whether they are active gardeners or not.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

All anyone needs is a desire to learn more and to help others. In Kansas, the cost is about \$90 for the entire course.

For less than a hundred bucks, these trainees are getting an absolute wealth of information that is not available elsewhere. The Master Gardener training program is offered and supervised by the various state Research and Extension services. Here in Kansas, it is administered by Kansas State University in Manhattan, and in Colorado by Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Here in Kansas, the Extension Service conducts the training

classes in late winter at several alternating locations each year. This year in Kansas, the training is being conducted in Oakley, Liberal and Salina, among other locations in the east. In Colorado, the training is conducted online at different times. Your Colorado Extension office has details.

Here in the Sunflower State, some of the University's finest talent are conducting the course, including Ward Upham and renowned floriculturist, Alan Stevens.

One of the most valuable assets of the Master Gardener training program is the handbook all trainees receive. It is a huge three-ring notebook stuffed with every facet of the good things about learning how to do the right thing in gardening. It is truly the Bible of gardening, and contains just about every subject pertaining to plantlife.

It is available nowhere else! I took the Master Gardening program 10 or 12 years ago and hardly a day goes by without my referring to it. Ward Upham is the man who put it together, and still appears each year at the various sessions of the training program.

After receiving the Master Gardener designation, each graduate must give several hours of their time each year to help others in their effort to become a more efficient gardener. Becoming a Master Gardener is very simply the most significant 40 hours I have ever spent, and it came after the age of 70. I invite you to call your Extension office soon to find out where and when next year's training begins.

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

Startup weekend aims at new business ventures

Fort Hays State University will hold its second Hays Startup Weekend from Friday to Sunday, April 4 to 6. Led by the university's college of business and entrepreneurship, Startup Weekend is an event designed for entrepreneurs to meet, share ideas and launch new businesses.

The three-day event is open to anyone with a great idea and the desire to make that idea a reality.

Startup Weekend "is a 54-hour, hands-on experience where anyone interested in starting a business can find out if startup ideas are viable," said Henry Schwaller, instructor of management and marketing and leader of the weekend.

"Beginning with open mic pitches on Friday, attendees bring their best ideas and inspire others to join their teams," he said. "Saturday and Sunday focus on developing the business idea and building a viable product. On Sunday evening, teams demo their prototypes and receive valuable feedback from a panel of experts."

Fort Hays held its first startup weekend in November and the response was overwhelmingly positive, he said, with 31 participants pitching 15 business ideas and forming teams to transform those ideas into six unique businesses.

Participants must register. Partial scholarships will be available on a competitive basis for college students. Participant presentations will be open to the public free of charge at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. Judging and awards will begin

at 6 p.m. Events will take place in McCartney Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus.

Ticket prices range from \$25 for student non-technical, designer and developer participants to \$50 for non-student developers, designers and non-technical participants.

Developers are software engineers, coders or developers or anyone who wants to participate by writing code. Designers are anyone with a background in design, and the non-technical category is for people whose backgrounds are in business, marketing, public relations or who have other non-technical expertise. Students in these categories must present valid student ID.

A \$25 ticket is also available for people who only want to attend Sunday's demonstrations.

For information and registration, go to hays.startupweekend.org/

Startup Weekend is a global grassroots movement of active and empowered entrepreneurs who are learning the basics of founding startups and launching successful ventures. It is the largest community of passionate entrepreneurs with over a thousand past events in 110+ countries around the world.

Startup Weekend is a global non-profit organization based in Seattle, Wash. Local organizers around the world sponsor Startup Weekend events that follow the same pattern - 54-hour weekends of entrepreneurial innovation.

Antique appraiser in McCook

Do you know the value of your great-grandmother's china? What about Grandpa's old pocket watch?

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 11, and make plans to attend one of two antiques and collectibles appraisal sessions in McCook, featuring Tom Bassett of Bassett Appraisals, Lincoln, Neb.

The first session will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Nursing Home, 308 W. Seventh St., and the second will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the High Plains Museum, 413 Norris Avenue.

Bassett's events have been developed over a period of years out of his admiration and respect for the popular *Antique Road Show* on PBS. They have been well-received by audiences throughout the Midwest.

Bassett is the only Nebraska member of the New England Appraisers Association and conducts appraisals for banks and law firms.

In addition to teaching classes on antiques and coins at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, he is a regular guest on the KFOR radio talk show, "Problems and Solutions," helping listeners evaluate antiques and collectibles.

Bassett is also a motivational speaker and humorist so even if you don't have an item you want to have appraised, you will enjoy his program. Admission is \$5.

The cost for an appraisal is also \$5 with a limit of two items per paid admission.

For information, contact Pam Harsh, Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation, (308) 345-4600, or foundation@hillcrestnh.org.

Wind, wheel festival in Leoti

The second annual Wind and Wheels Festival returns to Leoti on Saturday, April 19. This all-day event at the Wichita County High School will celebrate the area's abundance of wind.

The festival will feature kite demonstrations and open kite flying, a car and motorcycle show, live music and food. Professional kite flyers from as far away as Chicago will demonstrate kite flying techniques and show off their giant kites.

Wind energy presentations, model rocket launches and an Easter egg hunt are planned.

The day will kick off with a 5K, supporting the fund raising efforts for a high school track.

All are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and kites. Vendors will be selling kites, food and drinks.

"We are very excited to host this event again," said Simone Cahoj, event coordinator and Wichita County Economic Development director. "The professional kite flyers that will be attending are excited to come to Western Kansas. We are all working together to make this the premier kite flying event in the Midwest."

Interested car enthusiasts and participants for the 5K can email windandwheels@gmail.com or call (620) 375-2182 to get a registration form. For more information go to www.windandwheels.org.

Artist to teach in Logan

Wheatland, Wyo., artist Barbara Schaffner will teach a four-day painting workshop Wednesday through Saturday, April 9 to 12, at the Dane G. Hansen Museum, 110 W. Main, Logan.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. with a one hour break for lunch. Cost of the workshop is \$140, with discounts available for Hansen Museum members. Intermediate and advanced artists may call (785) 689-4846 for information or to register by phone. The class is limited to 20 students.

Schaffner studied at West Texas State University. She will be instructing her second

oil painting workshop for the museum. Schaffner's western scenes and wildlife paintings have hung in galleries in six western states and Canada and success has come to her through numerous shows and top awards.

Schaffner received the Wyoming Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year 2003 award and the purchase award in 2005 at the Two-Shot Goose Hunt Art Show in Torrington, Wyo. Schaffner enjoys living close to the mountains to view and photograph the wildlife she depicts in her work. Her studio "Wyoming Trails Gallery" is in Wheatland.

Technology, resources help caring at a distance

Bradford Wiles, assistant professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University, will be a breakout session speaker at the upcoming "Full Circle - an Aging Expo," where he will discuss using technology, information and resources to care for aging family members at a distance.

In many instances, Wiles said, caregiving is being arranged for parents who are geographically dispersed from their children and might even live in other states. Nearly everyone will have to care for an older family member, be affected by it or know someone going through it.

With advancements in medicine and technology, he said, people on average are living longer and cognitive and physical health can decline over a much longer period of time.

"Whether it is happening to you now or not, someone you know is probably going through this or has gone through this," Wiles said. "The best we can do as extension professionals is to provide the support, structure, and information through extension and other outlets to help families make good decisions."

Having the conversation about caregiving with that aging family member before he or she actually needs the care is important, Wiles indicated. Moving forward from that, the caregiver should organize and set up a support system wherever the loved one lives.

"For example, you always

want to have the local directives in place," Wiles said. "You want to be able to contact perhaps the next door neighbor if the adult is living on his or her own, or other service providers such as the mailman who has training in identifying older adults who might need more care than they are currently receiving."

The National Association of Letter Carriers' Carrier Alert Program, www.nalc.org/comm/alert/index.html began in 1982 and is a community service program where mail carriers monitor the well being of elderly and disabled individuals. Wiles said there are also places such as grocery stores and pharmacies that train workers to make sure older adults are getting their needs met.

Many older adults will not discuss problems on the phone, Wiles said, and those problems might not come to light unless the caregiver spends time with them. The caregiver should make sure the older adult knows how to do simple everyday tasks, which might include being able to cook, being able to clean, brushing teeth and doing laundry.

"People have a hard time admitting they aren't able to do those things," he said. "It really is an indicator of declining performance. We, as able-bodied and able-minded people, can tackle those things. As we get older and our physical and cognitive functioning starts to decline, those things become much more difficult. It is up to the long-distance caregiver

Deaths

Wendell A. 'Bud' Rogers

Wendell A. "Bud" Rogers, 91, a Selden cattle buyer, died Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the Decatur Health Systems in Oberlin.

He was born Nov. 28, 1922, in Sheridan County, the son of Roy L. and Eva (Cole) Rogers. He grew up in Sheridan County, where he attended a country school.

During World War II he served in the Army.

On March 7, 1942, he married Tressie M. Bailey in Colby. They lived in Selden until moving in 2013 to the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. He was a member of the Baptist church and the Masonic Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Wilbur Rogers, Virgil Rogers, Ranard Rogers and Kenneth Rogers; and a sister, Violet Pinkard.

Survivors include his wife,

Oberlin; two sons, Roy (Deb) Rogers, North Platte, Neb., and Terry (Sue) Rogers, Lincoln, Neb.; a daughter, Shirley (Gary) Emigh, Selden; two sisters, Wilburma (John) Gage, Powell Buttes, Ore., and Lyla Johnston, Olympia, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, with burial in the Selden Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and after 8 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. 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.

Aging expo's theme caring at a distance

An estimated 34 million Americans are caregivers for an older family member, and of that number, 15 percent live one or more hours away from their loved one, according to the National Alliance for Caregiving (www.caregiving.org/pdf/research/milesaway.pdf).

In addition to recommendations for taking care of aging family members at a distance, speakers at an upcoming one-day conference will cover a variety of topics, such as healthcare, estate planning, protecting elderly individuals from crime and bridging technology gaps.

The conference will be Friday, April 25, at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays. K-State Research and Extension will sponsor the event: "Full Circle - an Aging Expo." The conference is open to older adults, their families and

caregivers.

Keynote speakers will include Jeff Burnett, assistant professor at Fort Hays State University, who will give a talk on being realistic about your health at any age, and Angel Shaver, the 2013 Ms. Wheelchair Kansas, who will speak on maintaining a positive and thankful attitude.

Registration is \$25 per person or \$40 for two family members, and the pre-registration deadline is Thursday, April 17. Registration at the door is \$35 per person and will take place until 9:15 a.m. the day of the event. The program will be from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration fees cover lunch.

Go to www.northwest.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=98 for registration and program information or call the Northwest Area Extension Office at 462-6281.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Bob Renner; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Margaret Denneker; fourth, Katie Melvin; and fifth, Pat Erickson.

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Other Viewpoints

Protect the people from copycat bills

When Kansas Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook introduced a bill to crack down on volunteer health-care “navigators,” the Shawnee Republican wasn’t responding to a real issue. Like a dutiful puppet, she was responding to the political masters who are blanketing states across the nation with mostly conservative obstructions to a rational and civil society. Indeed the Kansas bill is not unlike one introduced in Arizona and other states.

Sound familiar? An earlier Kansas House bill to advance “religious freedom” by allowing gay discrimination among retail vendors in the wedding industry parroted legislation in as many as 18 states. One met a veto in Arizona – a veto by a Republican governor no doubt pressured by business interests who, to their credit, didn’t think such a law was a good idea.

These forces will take any opportunity, it seems, to attack Affordable Care, Medicaid expansion or gay marriage; any opportunity to restrict voters’ rights based on an overblown fear of identity “fraud;” any opportunity to boost the fortunes of major corporations at the expense of consumers and workers – that’s the way the so-called “bill mills” produce “model legislation” for the likes of Pilcher-Cook and her conservative colleagues in Kansas, Missouri and everywhere else.

The American Legislative Exchange Council is one of the best-known operators. It should come as no surprise that two Kansas legislative leaders, House Speaker Ron Merrick and Senate President Susan Wagle, sit on this group’s board.

Americans for Prosperity, one node of influence in the groups tied to the billionaire libertarian Koch brothers, is another.

Family Policy Councils in Kansas and other states, linked to the Focus on the Family organization, actively push the so-called “religious liberty” bills like the one introduced by Shawnee Republican Charles Macheers.

A report in January by Progress Missouri, a liberal advocacy group, laid out the scope of this kind of group-think:

“ALEC bills in Missouri include so-called “right-to-work” laws, bans on implementation of the Common Core State Standards, resolutions supporting the Keystone XL pipeline, an act relating to wireless communication towers, voter registration hurdles, a ‘parent trigger act,’ a ‘parents’ rights’ resolution, purely political resolutions ‘reaffirming 10th amendment rights,’ a ‘private attorney retention act,’ an Anti-Affordable Care Act ballot measure, a resolution opposing food and beverage taxes, an ‘asbestos fairness act,’ a resolution supporting the Electoral College, a ‘castle doctrine’ law, a resolution encouraging Congress to undermine Social Security, and a ‘private property protection act.’”

Preserving the right of gun owners to carry weapons on public college campuses? Sure, it’s now legal in Kansas and at least six other states. Send your thank-you notes to ALEC.

This kind of lawmaking seems like political desperation, a lockstep march in a well-funded culture war.

And remember, these are the small-government people.

The left, of course, has its issues and its legislative campaigns. But progressive lawmakers remain mostly on the defensive in the face of the right’s assault among the states.

Voters should keep close watch on how the sausage-factory works in their backyards. And legislators should spend less time on orchestrated schemes and more time helping to better the lives of Kansans, many of whom need protection from these cookie-cutter carpetbaggers.

– The Kansas City Star, via the Associated Press

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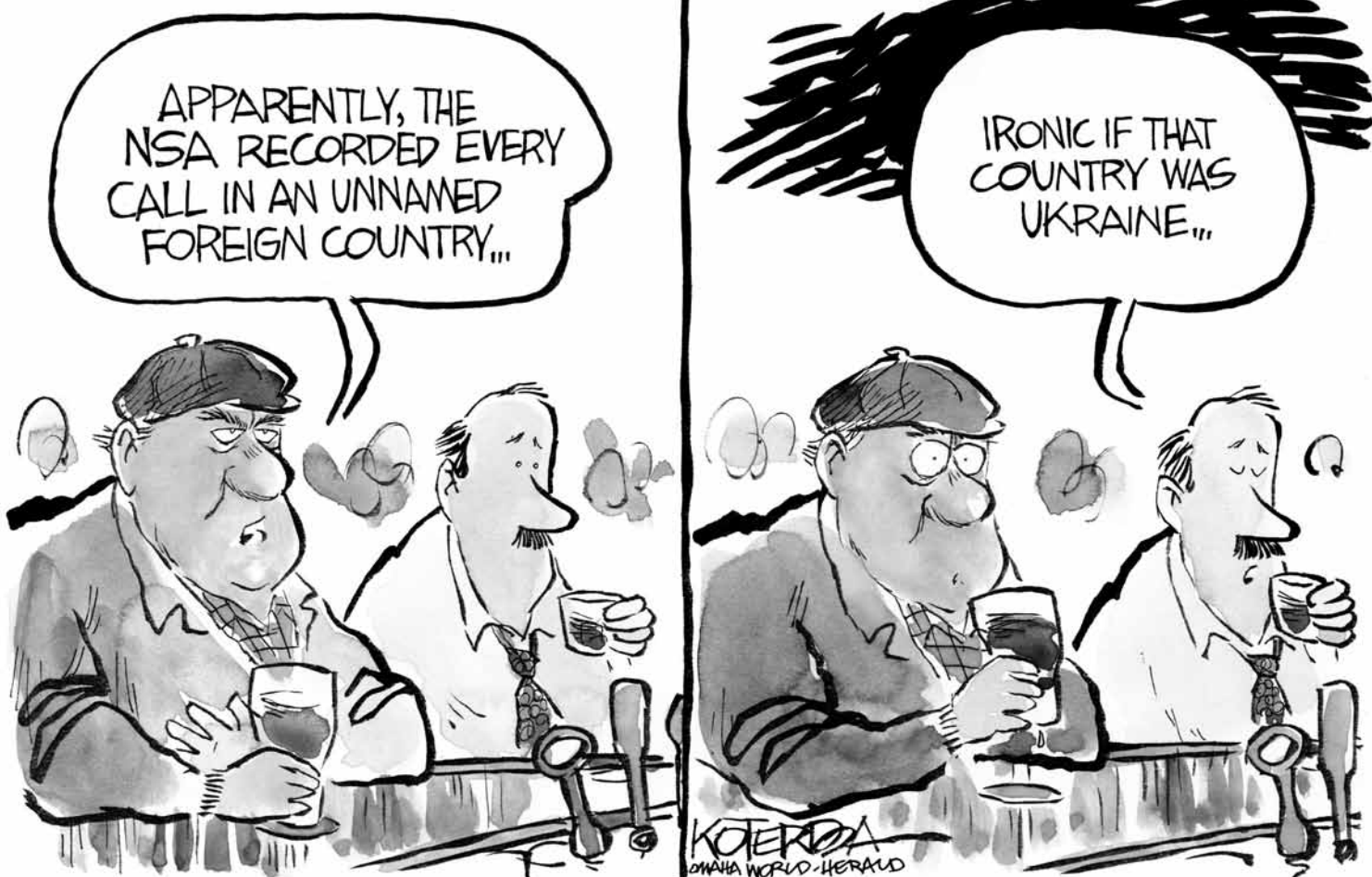
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Left and right both get Ukraine wrong

John McCain looks and sounds like American exceptionalism.

This mindset is conspicuous every time he assails President Barack Obama for not doing enough about Syria, Libya, Ukraine or wherever the Arizona senator thinks America needs to flex its muscles and exact justice.

And, to be fair, when McCain takes the rounds on the news circuit or takes to the op-ed pages of America’s newspapers to make his case for more intervention, his words drip with sincerity. Whether you agree with him or not, McCain’s authenticity can’t be questioned: he believes with every fiber of his being in the altruistic nature of our country.

I don’t single out McCain because I have enmity for him – he seems to be, despite a few atypical decisions (Sarah Palin comes to mind), a principled man. However, McCain represents a weakened, still-influential bloc of politicians and media figures who vigorously promote an activist U.S. foreign policy despite the disasters this mindset has engendered.

Surprisingly, though the disastrous war in Iraq undermined this group’s influence, the opinions of the “we must do something gang” are still taken seriously by mainstream media.

So, when Russia illegally invaded Crimea, the foreign policy hawks were quick to excoriate Obama for not doing enough.



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

McCain complained that “nobody believes in America’s strength anymore” and his ally, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), said “We have a weak and indecisive president that invites aggression.” In addition, the hawkish *Washington Post*, in a critical editorial, warned that “Obama’s foreign policy is based on fantasy.”

The do-somethings don’t seem to understand that the U.S. cannot fix or become deeply involved in every conflict in the world. Nor do they acknowledge the double standard practiced by our country and some of our allies.

Meanwhile, some on the left have mirrored the do-somethings’ rigid views by overstating the allegedly fascist character of the Ukrainian revolution. Despite the Kremlin propaganda claims that Ukraine has been taken over by a fascist or Nazi regime, the truth is that neo-fascist groups represented a minority of those involved in the Maidan revolution against Ukraine’s corrupt, repressive former president

Viktor Yanukovich.

The revolution also included Jews, Muslims, Ukrainian veterans of the Soviet Red Army that invaded Afghanistan in 1979, Russians, college students, gay activists, working class people and feminists.

Where else have so many different groups rubber-banded together to overthrow a ridiculously corrupt regime? In a world bloodied by racial, tribal and religious conflicts, this diverse coalition models for unity and tolerance.

When segments of the left dismiss the revolution as fascist, they ignore the millions of Ukrainians who risked their lives to go up against a government that was all too willing to use excessive, lethal force to quell dissent.

While the do-somethings overstate the perpetual need for U.S. global dominance (while ignoring our double standard), many on the left have become so obsessed with U.S. imperialism that they’ve gotten soft on the imperialism practiced by Russia and its nefarious oligarchs.

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Conferences now will hammer out bills

Friday marked the deadline for all committee work for the 2014 legislative session. The Senate consolidated a majority of the week’s floor debate to Tuesday, allowing committees time to finish their work before the deadline.

We worked 25 bills Tuesday, all making it out of the chamber except for SB 320, which concerns the Medical Advisory Council of the Board of Emergency Medical Services. It would have authorized the board to issue subpoenas and investigate violations. The majority of members were concerned with expanding the board’s authority.

The next stage of the session is mainly reserved for the House and Senate to meet in conference committees. This is the process by which differences in bills are negotiated.

Members from each chamber present their bill and position along with what they like and don’t like about the other chamber’s bill. The top three members of each committee represent their chamber’s position in the negotiations. When both sides believe they have an agreement, they report back to their respective chambers and each body votes on the report.

If it passes both chambers, it is submitted to the governor for his signature or veto. If either house rejects the agreement, they go back to conference and resume the negotiations. The process is followed for each bill with differences between what the two chambers passed.

In the final two weeks of the regular session, focus will turn entirely to floor debate and conference committees. After April 4, the Legislature will break on first adjournment. We will return to our districts for the majority of April to visit with you on the key issues of the legislative session. Then we will return in May to consider any bills that were vetoed by the governor and finish any lingering discussions on the education budget, if necessary.

Highlights of the week

Mortgage Registration Fee: In what was anticipated to be a long debate on the floor, the Senate passed a bill which will phase out the



Ralph Ostmeyer

• State Senator

Mortgage Registration Fee. Substitute Senate Bill 298, over the next five years, will slowly phase out a tax imposed on home buyers using a loan to purchase property.

The tax is 26 cents per \$100 of the value of mortgages received and filed with the county register of deeds. In addition to paying the mortgage tax, buyers must pay various fees to the register to offset costs of recording the deed, mortgage and other documents. The mortgage tax is burdensome and does not offset the cost of any services or benefits to the buyer or county; more, it’s an unfair tax.

Most simply, the tax penalizes those unable to purchase a home with cash or through a farm credit organization. In fact, some referred to this practice as “the poor man’s tax” because of its unequal affect on home buyers in different financial situations. To even the playing field, the law would need to be changed to apply to all home buyers or simply eliminate the tax. Our choice was to eliminate the tax.

Originally, the bill wiped out the tax within a year of becoming law, but after testimony from many rural county officials concerned with its impact the authors struck a compromise to phase the tax out over five years.

During floor debate, an amendment was adopted to split the fee between the county treasurers and registers to offset costs by treasurers to collect the filing fees. Because of these adjustments, smaller counties that rely on the tax to operate these offices will actually generate more money as a result of the compromise.

Background checks for teachers: This week, the Senate passed a bill 30-4 requir-

ing school districts to conduct fingerprint and background checks for teachers recently hired or renewing licenses. The checks would be conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The bill would also require districts to develop drug screening for teachers and provide educational programs for employees testing positive for drug and alcohol issues.

During floor debate, an amendment was adopted outlining penalties for legislators testing positive for drug use. Last year, the Legislature passed a measure that would require drug testing for members based on reasonable suspicion. However, it did not define repercussions for a legislator failing a drug test. The amendment detailed a legislator who fails a drug test would have pay and expenses suspended until they attend a drug rehab program. If they fail a second drug test, pay and expenses would be suspended for a year and a third time compensation would be cut off permanently. The amendment passed unanimously.

Next week: The Senate will work all day on the floor Monday through Wednesday to debate any final legislation for the year. Look for discussion to focus on budget talks, including education and correction budgets, which have yet to be debated in the Senate.

Time is running out for the 2014 session. With the legislature approaching the last deadlines, I encourage you to stay informed of the issues we’re discussing. Committee schedules, bills and other information can be accessed at www.kslegislature.org. Do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. I always enjoy hearing from constituents and appreciate the perspective from outside the Statehouse.

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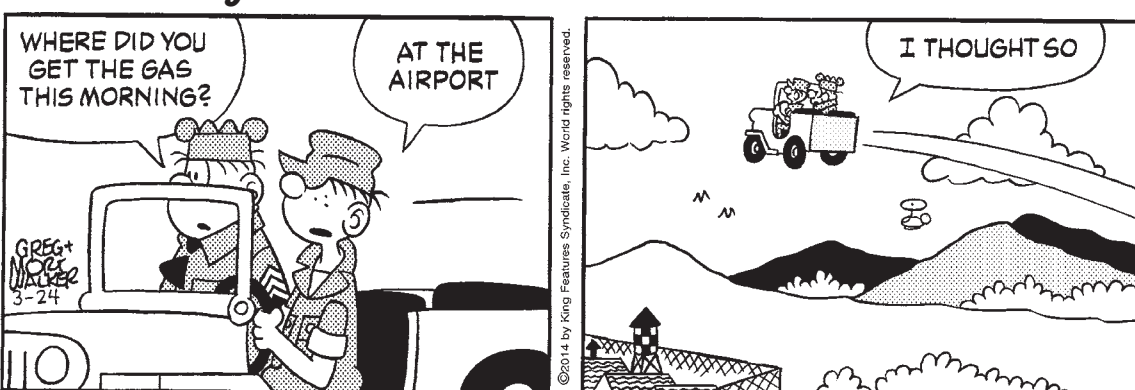
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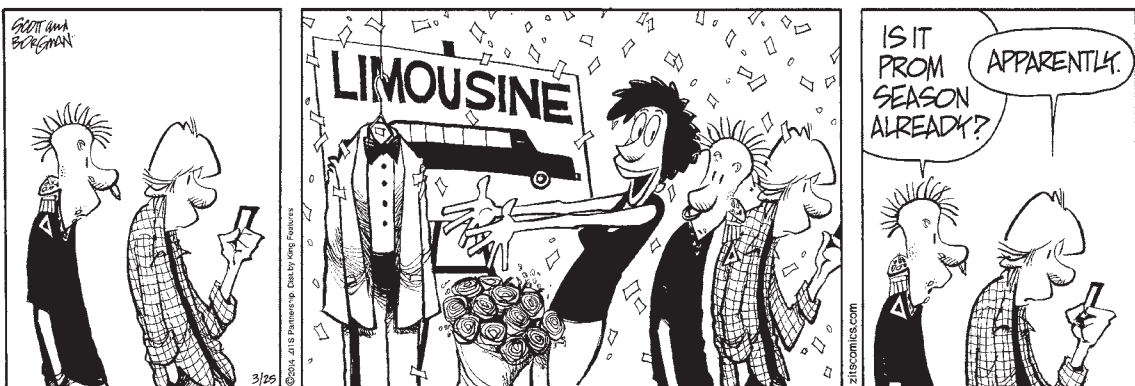
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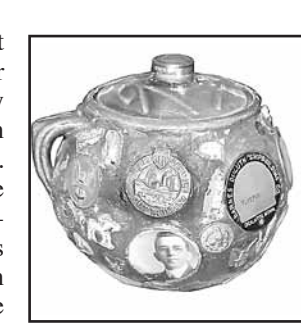
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Memory jars
unique to maker

"Ugly jar" is just one of the names for an antique memory jar - and it often is an accurate description. But a homemade memory jar is of interest because it tells a story. The jars can be any shape, but the most popular with collectors today are jars made from 19th-century jugs or bottles. The jug or bottle was covered with a sticky material. It could be plaster, clay, putty or mortar. New ones are often covered with modern epoxy glue. The creator placed small objects like stones, buttons, broken glass, small figurines, watch parts, jewelry, doll heads, coins or even framed daguerreotypes in the plaster. Since the original idea of a memory jug is said to have started in Africa and related to water spirits, shells have long been popular. Traditionally the shells are broken to release the spirit of the deceased who inspired the jug. Today the jugs are considered folk art and sell for \$50 to \$300 at shows, but a few exceptional antique examples have brought up to \$3,000. Most jugs can be dated by examining the things stuck in the plaster. Campaign buttons, coins and toy parts often suggest a date, but remember that new jugs can be made using old parts. A small percentage of old or new jugs are finished with a coat of gold paint or lacquer. Many are pictured online. They may be called forget-me-not jugs, memory vessels, whatnot jars or even by the French name "pique assiette."



A tobacco jar was used to make this memory jar. Decorating it are campaign buttons and badges, a war service ship-building medal, a china shoe, small anchor and other items from the 1930s. It sold at Old Barn Auction in Findlay, Ohio, for just \$72, probably because it had a chip on the lid.

Q: Years ago, my mother gave me two Roseville vases telling me they were a "find" and quite valuable. I kept them for sentimental value but I'd like to know more about them. Each is a cornucopia standing on its end with a day lily on either side. They are marked on the bottom "Roseville, USA, 203-6." What is their history and value?

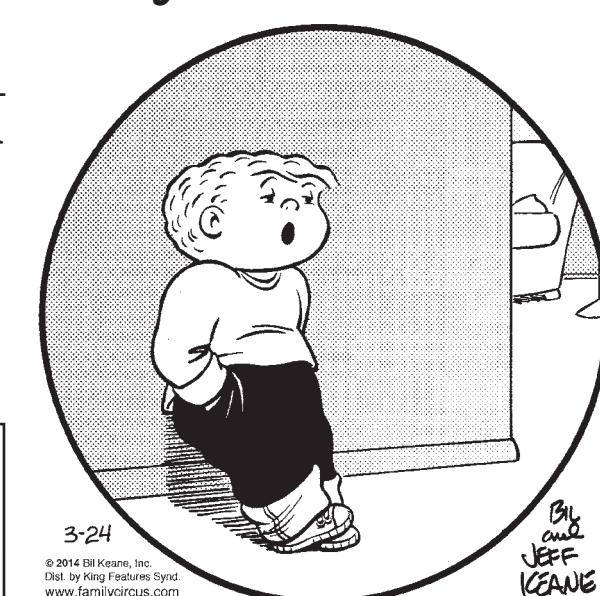
A: Roseville Pottery Co. was in business in Roseville, Ohio, from 1890 until 1954. The pottery opened another plant in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1898. The pattern of your cornucopia vase is called Zephyr Lily, which was first made in 1946. The pattern was made in Bermuda blue, Evergreen and Sienna Tan. The numbers on the bottom refer to the shape number (203) and the size (6 inches). Value of a single vase is about \$50. The pair is worth about \$125. (c) 2014 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠A5, ♥1094, ♦AK1032, ♣1074. WEST: ♠96, ♥KJ8732, ♦QJ7, ♣QJ. EAST: ♠Q1087, ♥65, ♦954, ♣K932. SOUTH: ♠KJ432, ♥AQ, ♦86, ♣A865. The bidding: North East South West 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 3NT. Opening lead — two of hearts. Famous Hand: Odd things sometimes happen even in world championships. For example, take this deal from the match between Italy and Australia in 1976. With Arturo Franco North and Benito Garozzo South for Italy, the bidding went as shown, ending with the Italian pair playing in two hearts redoubled on a 3-2 trump fit! Furthermore, despite West's K-J-8-7-3-2 of trumps, the contract could not be defeated!

West led a trump, won by South with the queen. Garozzo cashed the A-K of spades and led a third spade. West could have ruffed with the jack and led another trump, but this would not have prevented declarer from scoring dummy's ten of hearts later by ruffing a fourth round of spades. West realized this and therefore discarded a club on the third spade. Garozzo ruffed with dummy's nine, led a club to his ace and played another spade. This time West ruffed high and returned a trump, but he was fighting a losing battle. Garozzo finished with three trump tricks -- the queen, nine and ace -- plus the A-K of spades, A-K of diamonds and ace of clubs for a total of eight tricks and a score of 790 points. At the other table, with Australia North-South, the bidding went: North East South West 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass 3NT. East led a heart, dummy's queen losing to the king, and West returned a heart to the ace. Declarer led a diamond to his ten, which won, and scored nine tricks for plus 600 when the diamonds divided 3-3. So Italy gained only 190 points on the deal, but it was all very exciting while it lasted. (c)2014 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 3/24. This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

Cryptoquip

QMDGZK JGSXO MIGZL M
DMJ NYG NMK SXUC EMTIOX
GQ ZKVJH TGVJLC XLEYVJH
LGGOK: "KLCOZK DMUJXU."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BOTCHED MY COMPLICATED FLIPPING MOVE OFF THE HIGH SPRINGBOARD, AND MY HARD DIVE CRASHED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 NASCAR advertiser, 4 Carton, 7 Banner, 11 Young bovine, 13 Gorilla, 14 Portrayal, 15 Cupid's specialty, 16 Pistol holder, 17 Queenly, 20 Auto-graph, 22 Run-down horse, 24 Acid neutralizer, 28 Pedestrians' path, 32 Bid, 33 Everglades bird, 34 Squeezing snake, 36 Incite, 37 Toga alternative, 39 Straighten, as the legs, 41 Pelted with pebbles, 43 Egypt's boy king. DOWN: 1 "The Lion King" villain, 2 — shanter, 3 Strata-gem, 4 Suitcase, 5 Piece of work, 6 Ohio city, 7 Hot dogs, 8 Bagel, 9 Every-body, 10 "Gosh!", 12 Ol' Blue Eyes, 19 Legislation, 21 Day — paint, 23 Talk on and on, 25 Roundish coil, 26 Stamina, 27 Enrages, 28 Intelligence, 29 Touch, 30 Kitchen flooring, 31 Thee for short, 35 Pismire, 38 Animation, 40 Java vessel, 42 In a stupor, 45 Un-accompanied, 47 This way, 48 Un-repaired, 49 Golf legend, 50 Greek consonants, 51 Past, 52 Bow the head, 54 Bullring bravo.

Saturday's answer 3-24

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---3/19---3/24---

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---3/17---4/11---

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Laurence Allan Taylor, a/k/a Laurence A. Taylor, Deceased.

No. 2014-PR-12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on March 10, 2014, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Sue Ellen Taylor, surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Laurence Allan Taylor, a/k/a Laurence A. Taylor, deceased.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

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Kentucky freshman Aaron Harrison celebrated after a final shot from Wichita State's Fred VanVleet, right, missed and the Shockers' 35-game win streak was over Sunday afternoon in St. Louis. Both the Shockers and Kansas Jayhawks fell in front of large fan contingents.

Madness to sadness

Freshman takes blame, Kansas teams finished

The Wichita Eagle

ST. LOUIS — All across the locker room, amidst the stillness and the sadness, the Kansas Jayhawks' freshmen sat in near silence.

Andrew Wiggins, a speck of blood near his heart, spoke softly. Wayne Selden slumped against the wall. Joel Embiid sat on a bench on the far side of the room, still wearing his Kansas sweatsuit.

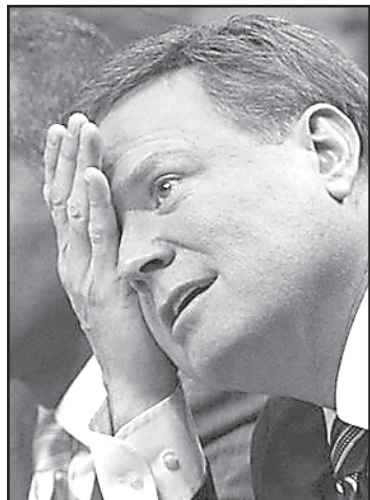
For Kansas, and for the freshmen, the end was a 60-57 loss to No. 10-seed Stanford on Sunday in the NCAA Tournament. For Kansas, a No. 2 seed, a season was over before the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2010.

For Wiggins, a college career was two-and-done in the NCAA tourney.

"I let a lot of people down today," Wiggins said. "I didn't play like I should have played. I blame myself for this."

For nearly 30 minutes after the game, Wiggins sat and shouldered the burden. He finished with four points on 1-of-6 shooting. He took three shots in the second half. He was, like most of his teammates, discomfited and flustered by Stanford's zone defense and length in the frontcourt.

"We didn't play bad against the zone," Wiggins said. "I just played bad against the zone. ... Wherever



Coach Bill Self's expression covered most of the Kansas fans on Sunday as No. 10-seed Stanford upset No. 2 Kansas Sunday afternoon. The Jayhawks had reached three straight Sweet 16s.

I went, I'd just see three Stanford big."

This was how it was. Someone would ask Wiggins what went wrong, and he would point to himself.

"Today I just laid an egg," Wiggins said. "I didn't bring it for my team. I let a lot of people down."

"It's a little bit different pressure," said Kansas coach Bill Self, who fell to 7-2 in round of 32 games. "We're a young team, and

we certainly played young."

The Jayhawks shot 32 percent in the first half, but still led 24-22 when freshman guard Conner Frankamp drilled a pull-up three-pointer at the halftime buzzer. They led by five early in the second half before Stanford — a double-digit seed that started three juniors and two seniors — began to take control.

Senior forward Tarik Black, who could have returned home to Memphis, Tenn., if Kansas had advanced to the South Regional, was the only player that played with the urgency of a senior, finishing with 18 points on 6-of-8 shooting before fouling out.

"My mind is just a complete blank," Black said. "It's over now. That's all I can say."

The Stanford Cardinal and No. 11-seed Dayton Flyers are the two lowest seeds to survive this first weekend of NCAA tournament play.

Dayton advanced to its first Sweet 16 in almost 30 years (1984) with a 55-53 upset of No. 3-seed Syracuse on Saturday.

So much for the classic collision of Jayhawks and Syracuse Orange, who have both been perennial Final Four contenders during the past three decades. Syracuse reached last year's Final Four; Kansas was in the national title game two years ago.

Shock city: Wichita State not moving on

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three Shockers and coach Gregg Marshall sat on the interview platform and tried to explain the unexplainable. In the locker room, a similar scene. Wichita State did things no other college basketball team did for five months and did it in a way that made its fans proud.

Then it ended and March Madness will go on without the Shockers, unthinkable as that seems.

Eighth-seeded Kentucky erased

a five-point deficit in the final five minutes to defeat top-seeded WSU 78-76 and end college basketball's longest unbeaten streak on Sunday at Scottrade Center in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

"Great basketball game," Marshall said. "I told (Kentucky) coach (John) Calipari that. I told their players that. I told our team that."

He won't need to tell anybody

who watched.

Kentucky (26-10) played with power and poise, despite its many freshmen. Wichita State (35-1) matched Kentucky's superior size with its hustle and 31 points from senior CleAnthony Early and Scott City alum Ron Baker's 20. In the end, Kentucky's NBA talent, underwhelming enough to earn an eighth seed, continued its March revival.

The Shockers came up one play short when Fred VanVleet's three-pointer thudded off the heel of the rim and bounced away.

Colby senior earns spot on all-league first team

By R.B. Headley

Colby Free Press
rbheadley@nwkans.com

Double-doubles from senior Haileigh Shull always added up to victories for the Colby High girls this winter.

The Eagles finished a perfect 5-0 when Shull topped 10 points and 10 rebounds — something which certainly made an impact on Colby's most familiar basketball foes.

They showed their respect by selecting Shull to this year's all-Great West Athletic Conference first team recently.

Shull's 20 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals powered the Eagles to first win this season — a 45-42 victory over Thomas More Prep Marion on Dec. 6.

Despite a mid-season injury against rival Goodland, the 5'9" Shull went on to 21 games where she achieved double-digit points and/or double-digit rebounds.

Her other best efforts included:

15 points, 10 rebounds in a 50-30 win over Scott City;

15 points, nine boards in a 54-48 victory over Ulysses;

13 points, 10 rebounds during a 32-22 triumph over Hays;

13 points, nine boards to lead a sweet 30-24 revenge victory over Goodland;

14 points, 10 boards in a repeat victory win over Thomas More Prep;

18 points, eight boards during a 59-38 loss to the strong Holcomb Longhorns;

16 points, eight boards against 6A Dodge City (42-31 loss);

13 points, 10 boards to lead another win over Scott City (44-19).

Shull joins substate champion Hugoton's Amy Scott and Katy Heger along with Holcomb's Taylor Deniston and Haley Heydman on the all-league first team.

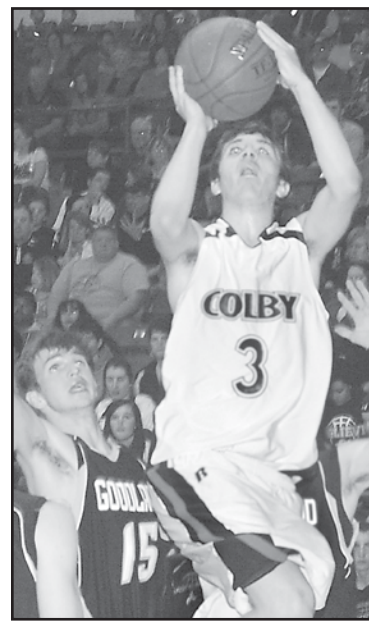
The girls' second team included Goodland's Kate-Lynn King and Maddie Mayer.

Others were Holcomb's Kylee Amos, Ulysses' Carolina Gallegos and Scott City's Bailey Nickel.

Meanwhile, the Colby boys were also recognized as Cameron Brown earned all-Great West Athletic Conference honorable mention.

The senior guard was a super playmaker, scorer and distributor throughout Colby's tough 2-19 season.

Brown lit up Goodland for 29 and 20 points during the two meetings. He also scored 27 vs. Riley County, 23 during a big Feb. 10 win at Norton, 20 against de-



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High senior Haileigh Shull (above) was tough to stop even for top opponents like 4A substate champion Hugoton during this January contest at the Colby Community Building. Rivals showed their respect as Shull was named to the all-Great West Athletic Conference first team recently. Meanwhile, senior Cameron Brown (left) drove past and jumped over plenty of opponents like the Goodland Cowboys pictured here. In his one season with the Eagles, Brown earned all-Great West Athletic Conference honorable mention.

fending 3A state champion Scott City, 21 in the other Eagles' victory over Burlington, Colo.; and 21 vs. Hugoton.

Overall, Brown hit 49 percent of his field-goal attempts.

His other highlights included a triple-double: 13 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in the season

opener against Great Bend. He added 11 rebounds vs. Burlington and 10 against Goodland.

Reaching the all-league first team were state runner-up Scott City's Brett Meyer and Trey O'Neil; Holcomb's Trey Sleep and Heath Tucker; and Goodland's Gage Ihrig.

Meadow Lake sets fees for 2014 season

Meadow Lake Golf Course will hold its Men's Association meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. with Men's Nights beginning April 2.

The official season pass prices have also been announced.

Individual Season Pass: Dues \$704 and tax \$56.68. Total: \$760.68.

Family Season Pass covering all children younger than age 21 or attending college: Dues \$812. Tax: \$65.37. Total: \$877.37.

Single Senior Season Pass (age 70 or older): Dues: \$596. Tax: \$47.98. Total: \$643.98.

Out Of County Season Pass:

Dues: \$433. Tax: \$34.86. Total: \$467.86.

Student High School Season Pass: Dues: \$135 Tax: \$10.87. Total: \$145.87.

College Student Season Pass: Dues: \$190. Tax: \$15.30. Total: \$205.30.

New Season Pass: Family: Dues: \$650. Tax: \$52.33. Total: \$702.33. Individuals: Dues: \$542. Tax: \$43.64. Total: \$585.64.

Golfers must own a pass to keep any carts in Meadow Lake-owned building. Student passes do not qualify.

Champs still alive for most area pickers

Yes, brackets are busted everywhere like Wichita State's plans for a perfect 40-0 national championship season.

Yet expect for the Shockers' sad defeat on Sunday, most of the Colby basketball fans bold enough to publicize their picks last week still have national champions intact.

Colby Community College hoops coaches Antowin Edwards and Rusty Grafel lead the field with their entire Final Fours remaining.

Edwards picked Florida, Arizona, Michigan State and Louisville with the Gators dethroning defending champ Louisville.

Grafel got a little bolder with San Diego State, Iowa State, Florida and Iowa State. However, he also sees those ferocious No. 1 Gators dragging home a title.

Meanwhile, Colby Recreation Department's Mary McLaughlin also anticipates a Louisville-Flor-

ida finale with Louisville repeating. She has three of her Final Four remaining as Iowa State survived despite losing starting forward Georges Niang to a broken foot. Her fourth team, Oklahoma State, fell in the opener to Gonzaga.

Free Press scribbler R.B. Headley also has three teams remaining: Florida, Wisconsin and his national champ Michigan State. He lost Wichita State. It's the same story for Colby High baseball coach Rick Williams, who picks Florida to win it all.

President Barack Obama remains four-for-four with Michigan State, Louisville, Florida and Arizona.

The best upset specials from area fans: Headley took Mercer over Duke; Grafel and Chris Trumble liked Stephen F. Austin to beat VCU; Williams liked the Dayton Flyers to knock off in-state traditional bully Ohio State.

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