



## Colby principal to move on

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Colby High School will be looking for a new principal after Jeff Wallingford's resignation was accepted Monday night.

The Colby School Board voted to accept Wallingford's resignation at its monthly meeting, while extending the contracts for the other principals and administra-

tors. He said after the meeting that his contract will expire at the end of June, putting an end to a two-year tenure at the school.

"I'm really going to miss the students and parents," Wallingford said, adding that they were the best he has ever been associated with.

Wallingford said he did not have a job lined up, and would not

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## Fire causes power outage

A brief power outage darkened parts of Colby along Range Avenue for about half an hour Friday morning, causing traffic problems as signals blinked off.

Gordon Gilbert, assistant director of the city Public Works Department, said a utility pole near the Kansas Department of Transportation shop along Range caught fire around 9:30 a.m., tripping a circuit that supplies electricity to areas along Range, from around College Avenue to Fourth Street, and from Range to around Mentlick Drive, and as far as the

Farmers and Merchants Bank downtown in some places.

Power at Farmers and Merchants and The Bank went out, although employees at Colby Community College, and the middle school and grade school campus did not remember any outages.

The traffic lights along Range between College and Fourth shut down, and police had to direct traffic at both at both intersections until the power came on at 10 a.m. No accidents were reported to the police.

## Kansans rush to hit deadline

By John Hanna  
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TOPEKA (AP) — Counselors were dealing with a crush of late requests for help from Kansas consumers trying to navigate the federal government's online health insurance marketplace today, the deadline for signing up

for coverage.

But the Republican-dominated Legislature still was looking for ways to resist the 4-year-old federal health care overhaul championed by Democratic President Barack Obama.

The law requires most Ameri-

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## Domestic case gets probation

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A Colby man was sentenced to two years on probation after he was found guilty of domestic violence and crimes against a former member of his household.

Christopher Gatz plead no contest on March 21 to domestic battery, intimidation of a witness or victim and stalking, all misdemeanors. The court gave Gatz a total of two years on probation after finding him guilty of all three charges, which stem from incidents last year. He was also ordered to have no contact with his victim, described as a household member in court records, who obtained a protective order against him earlier in the year.

In the first case, Gatz was charged with domestic battery after an incident on April 21. A second incident on May 3 led to a second charge for battery and another charge for intimidation of a witness or victim. The stalking charge came from an incident Dec. 18. In the complaint from the

second incident, the victim was described as a household member.

These cases had been set for trial early in the year, but court action was delayed until the plea agreement, under which the state dropped the battery charge from the second case. A sentence of six months in jail was converted to a year of probation for the battery and intimidation cases under the plea agreement, while a year-long jail sentence in the stalking case was converted to two years on probation, to be served concurrent with the other two terms.

In addition to the usual probation terms, Gatz agreed to have no contact with his victim, who was given an order of protection from stalking on Feb. 6. He will also have to undergo domestic violence treatment and evaluation and pay a \$200 fine, \$158 court costs and a \$60 probation fee for each case.

Gatz's court-appointed attorney, Heather Alwin, said he had no comment on the case. Alwin was assigned to the case after Gatz's first attorney, Laurence Taylor, died this year.



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A home burned to the ground early Sunday morning in Selden (above), near the school, although the exact cause of the fire is unknown. Firefighters from Selden, Rexford and Hoxie (be-

low right) brought eight trucks to the scene and fought the blaze for about four hours. They stayed afterwards (bottom) to stamp out any lingering hot spots.

## FIRE! Up in smoke

A home in Selden burned to the ground Sunday morning, although firefighters kept the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

The fire, which engulfed a home owned by Andrea Mitchell, was reported about 5:30 a.m. Sunday. Judy Rogers, a correspondent for the *Colby Free Press* who was at the scene, said the house was west of the Selden Elementary School.

Fire crews from the Selden, Hoxie and Rexford fire departments responded, said Don Koerperich of Sheridan County Emergency Management. They had the blaze contained by 9:30 a.m. but were still putting out hot spots that

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## Small schools boost districts

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For students, springtime brings a focus on the end of this school year, but for many area schools, it brings a focus on enrollment and the start of next year.

Since Kansas allows students to attend school outside the district where they live, small schools around Colby — like Triplains, Brewster and Golden Plains — can benefit if they attract out-of-district enrollment. School budgets

are set by a formula based on enrollment, not the number of students who live in the district.

Lamar Bergsten, principal and superintendent at Triplains, says students in turn can benefit from the strong community support common to small schools.

Triplains has about 80 students in kindergarten through 12th grade and will graduate eight seniors this year, he said. Elementary classes, the largest of which is the second grade with 12 kids, are combined, with two grades in each room.

The school offers elective classes including home economics and a shop program, which was brought back for this school year. Triplains also offers five college-credit classes through a partnership with Colby Community College, allowing students to graduate with a head start on their college hours.

"We have a unique little place here," Bergsten said with pride.

Bergsten said his district is sparsely populated, covering 662 square miles of Logan, Thomas and Wallace counties, but still of-

fers a quality education. Students come from as far as 15 miles south or west of Russell Springs, he said. The school itself is in Winona, on U.S. 40 about 30 miles southwest of Colby, and the district gets its name from the three towns that combined to form one school district — Winona, Page City and Russell Springs.

The Brewster and Triplains districts each have a four-day schedule with Brewster taking Fridays off and Triplains taking Mondays.

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## Photo pro coming to studio

Photography professional and Colby graduate Ben Ramsey will be featured during the monthly Studio Friday this week at Colby Community College.

Ramsey will discuss camera adjustments and settings and demonstrate portrait, still life, landscape and action photography, both indoors and out. Everyone is invited to come join in this free event. Participants are asked to

bring their own cameras and photos to join in the demonstrations.

Studio Friday is held the first week of each month. The session will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. in the art room at Ferguson Hall.

Ramsey graduated in 2004 with an associate degree in radio and television. He is completing a degree in mass communications-new

media at Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colo.

For information, contact art instructor Rebel Jay at 269-7065.





# Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Areas of blowing dust before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 30 mph becoming northeast 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with an east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Breezy, with an east wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. East wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A chance of rain before 4 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy; low around 33. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Thursday:** A chance of rain and snow before 2 p.m., then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

**Thursday Night:** A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 56.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: High, 64; Low 16  
 Saturday: High, 71; Low 25  
 Sunday: High, 72; Low 40  
 Precip: Friday None  
           Saturday None  
           Sunday None  
 Month: 0.13 inches  
 Year: 0.59 inches  
 Normal: 2.11 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 7:29 a.m. 8:08 p.m.  
           Moon: waxing, 5 percent  
 Wednesday 7:27 a.m. 8:09 p.m.  
           Moon: waxing, 10 percent  
           (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Fire strikes Selden home

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 afternoon.

The house and a shed next to it were destroyed and the side of another shed was charred, but no other buildings were damaged. The wind was blowing out of the south, into an evergreen windbreak just north of the house, which did not burn. The only other nearby building beyond the windbreak, Koerperich said, was a metal quonset hut across the street.

A Selden ambulance crew and a Sheridan County sheriff's deputy were called to stand by, Koerperich said, but no one was home at the time of the fire, and no one was hurt. He was not sure if there were any pets in the house or what caused the fire. Rogers said Mitchell often stays with family in Colby.



JUDY ROGERS/Colby Free Press  
 When a home burned to the ground early Sunday morning in Selden, firefighters from Selden, Rexford and Hoxie fought the blaze for several hours. A small shed nearby was the only other structure that burned.

# Colby principal submits resignation

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say why he was leaving. He started as the principal at the school in the fall of 2012, replacing Larry Gabel, the current athletic director. Originally from Oklahoma, he was the principal at Norton Junior High School before coming here.

He resigned Monday along with several other staff members, including Alan Wade, transportation director for the school district; Pam Rundel-Arnold, a grade school special education teacher; and Vicki Edgar, a Title I teacher, who are all retiring.

The board decided to start advertising for Wallingford's and Wade's replacements Tuesday morning. Board member Omar Weber volunteered to be on a committee to choose a replacement for Wade because of his experience with mechanics. Superintendent Terrel Harrison said board President Janice Frahm or Vice President Tracey Rogers should be on the committee to look for a new principal.

In other business, the board:  
 • Approved the hiring of Bailey Terrel as a teacher aide to work with migrant students, along with supplemental contracts

for Kevin Brown as assistant high school golf coach, Lynn Carpenter as assistant high school softball coach and Suzan Murdock as assistant middle school track coach. It also approved the resignation of Gene Rothfuss as high school girls' tennis coach; he will keep coaching the boys' tennis team.

• Approved contract extensions for Gabel, Curriculum Director Diana Wieland, Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter and Middle School Principal Robb Ross through the end of June 2015.

# Kansans rush to hit insurance deadline

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cans to have health insurance coverage or pay a tax penalty, and consumers had until Monday to submit applications for coverage through online marketplaces. Like many other GOP-controlled states, Kansas refused to set up its own marketplace or to partner with the federal government in running it.

And HealthCare.gov was out of service for nearly four hours

Monday morning, complicating enrollment for people pushing the deadline. But millions of people nationwide also were potentially eligible for extensions, including those who began enrolling by the deadline but weren't able to finish.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had projected that 53,000 Kansas residents would enroll in coverage through the marketplace by the end of March. It said about

29,000 had done so by the end of February.

Paige Ashley, a navigator for the Shawnee County Health Agency in Topeka, said its eight counselors – or navigators – helped several hundred people in that few days before today's deadline. The health agency had navigators at the Topeka public library today to assist consumers, though it was not taking new appointments and directing last-minute help-seekers to the

federal government's website. "We're booked solid with appointments," Ashley said. But Braxton Rodriguez, a 19-year-old Topeka resident, left the library frustrated, still unable to verify an online identification after two weeks of trying. A part-time worker, he didn't have health insurance and wanted to avoid the tax penalty.

"I'm not impressed with it at all," Rodriguez said of the federal government's website.

# Small schools seek to boost districts

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Bergstern said Triplains has had this type of schedule for about 10 years and it seems to work well for the district. Four-day schedules can save on busing costs, utility expenses and other spending required just to have the building open one more day each week.

The Brewster and Triplains schools' combined sports program splits practices and home games, with 28 miles between practice and game locations. Over the last several years, the two schools have gradually expanded their partnership to include all sports except track.

# Students identify school's strengths

When asked, "What do you love about Triplains?" students responses included:

"I love that we are a small school with big dreams and that each student that walks through the door will become part of the family, no matter how long their stay may be." – April Mays, senior.

"Your teachers know your name and want to see you succeed." – Kirsten Lamb, junior.

"Everyone is your friend, you get more one-on-one time with teachers and it's more fun with good teachers." – Kate Hilery, eighth grader.

"I love the teachers and how nice everyone is." – Jasen Mackley, eighth grader.

"I like the teachers, how small of a school it is, our principal and the sports." – Silas Smith, seventh grader.

"I like the teachers, principal, and that we win sometimes." – Britin Schwartz, first grader.

"You get to play with friends, it is fun, everyone is nice and get to learn stuff." – Ace Edwards, second grader.

"We get to go outside and play on the monkey bars, play with friends." – Koda Kvasnicka, second grader.

# 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.

## Foundation needs help to buy pool passes

The Thomas County Community Foundation is taking donations for a fund to give 10-day swimming passes for the Colby Aquatic Park to kids who get free and reduced-price lunches at Thomas County schools. Send donations to the foundation at 350 S. Range, Suite 14, and write "Aquatic Park Pass Fund" in the memo line. For information, call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

## Tickets on sale for 'Fiddler' shows

Tickets for the Colby Community College spring musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," are available at the Campus Bookstore or the Farmers and Merchants Bank Dillons branch. The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, in the Cultural Arts Center on campus. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For information, contact Vocal Music Director Randy Berls at 460-5520.

## Kindergarten pre-enrollment Tuesday

A kindergarten pre-enrollment and parents meeting for the 2014-15 school year will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. Call the school office 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. Puddle Duck is for kids 3 to 5. For information, call Amy Jennings at 460-8388.

## Swim Clubs schedules sign-up day for kids

The Colby Sharks Swim Club will have signups for the 2014 season from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at the Colby Community College Student Union. For information, contact Sondra Finley at (785) 443-3156.

## Mormon Church plans study class

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1145 S. Franklin, will have a scripture study class at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on how to have peace and joy. Everyone is invited. For information, call Bryton Nield at (785) 430-9552.

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Tuesday Evening April 1, 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	Resurrection		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		The Mindy Project		Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barry'd	Barry'd	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Shooter				Game of Arms		Game of Arms		Game of Arms	
ANIM	Great Barrier				River Monsters		Great Barrier			
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/NYC		Dating Rituals		Couch	Housewives/NYC	Dating	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Footloose				Raiders o	Raiders o		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Smerconish		CNN Special Report		E. B. OutFront		Smerconish	
COMEDY	Amy Sch.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Amy Sch.
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Clash of the Ozarks		Amish Mafia		Clash of the Ozarks	
DISN	Princess Protection Program		Jessie		Good Luck	Jessie	Austin	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Giuliana & Bill		Total Divas		Total Divas		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	Another Cinderella		Twisted		Daddy	Daddy	The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chopped	
FX	Captain America-Avgr				Justified		Justified		Justified	
HGTV	Hawaii	Hawaii	Beach	Beach	So House Hunters		Flip It to Win It		Beach	Beach
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Kim of Queens		Preachers' Daughters		Dance Moms	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Are You the One?		House of Food	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off		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	Disorderly Ord.				Sleeper		Way Out West		Steamboat	
TLC	19 Kids and Counting		19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre World		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Soul Man	King	King
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Chrisley	Chrisley
VH1	Fabulous Life		Booty Call				Hot 97	T.I.-Tiny	Basketball	Wives LA
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		The Devil's Advocate						Witches	How I Met
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Trouble	24/7			The Great Gatsby		VICE		Boxing	
MAX	Tombstone				The Bourne Legacy				Co-Ed	
SHOW	Sinister	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Comedy	Shameless		Gigolos	Sexy Baby

**Wednesday Evening April 2, 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	Revolution		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago PD		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Hitman				Mission: Imp. 3					
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Million Dollar		Million Dollar		Flipping Out		Couch	Million Dollar	Flipping	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Rambo: First Blood				Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Smerconish		Death Row Stories		E. B. OutFront		Smerconish	
COMEDY	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Triptank	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Triptank
DISC	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Survivorman & Son		Naked and Afraid		Survivorman & Son	
DISN	Cinderella				Good Luck	Jessie	Austin	Dog	Hannah Montana	
E!	Posted	Eric & Je	Total Divas		The Soup	Posted	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball				HS Basketball				Soccer	
ESPN2	MLB Baseball						Pre-Match	SportsCenter	Olbermann	
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Along Came Polly				The 700 Club		Daddy	
FOOD	Save My Bakery		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Ghost Rider: Spirit				The Americans		The Americans		Americans	
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunt Intl		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	

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HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	Down East Dickering	Vikings	American Pickers
LIFE	Bring It!	Preachers' Daughters	Bring It!	Bring It!	Bring It!
MTV	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se
SCI	Resident Evil		30 Days of Night		30 Days of Night: Dark Days
SPIKE	Tokyo Drift			Ninja Assassin	Dawn-Dead
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Deal With
TCM	The Ladykillers			Lawrence of Arabia	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life		Hoard-Buried	Dr. G: Caylee	Hoard-Buried
TNT	Castle		Castle	Castle	Save Our Business
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles
VH1	SNL in the 2000s				Fabulous Life
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Parks	Parks	Parks

**Premium Channels**

HBO	Identity Thief		Doll & Em	Doll & Em	Real Time, Bill
MAX	Hell Baby	Showtime	Place Beyond		Depravity
SHOW	The Cold	Lies	60 Minutes Sports	Shameless	60 Minutes Sports



# Time to get moving gardeners; plant cool-weather crops soon

I suppose by now all you gardeners out there have determined just exactly what you're going to plant in that nice garden plot.

What's that? You say you haven't given it much thought? You say you haven't even bought a single pack of seed?

Listen to me. You've got to realize that April is here. Furthermore, it is important to realize that by planting those cool season garden crops early, you are assuring yourself that you will likely enjoy a longer, more productive harvest season.

Knowing just exactly which garden vegetables are early season producers, and which ones are late season, is vital. The early ones, those requiring cooler nights and mild days, will actually stand a night or two of frost, but the important thing is that you will have a much longer season of produc-



**Kay Melia**

• **The Gardener**

tion. Cool season crops just won't produce well when temperatures begin to hit the mid-eighties.

About now you might be muttering something like "alright smart guy - what should I be planting now?" And I would reply by urging you set out onion plants now so that they can get good early growth. Leafy crops, like lettuce, spinach, and chard should be planted now. Peas, carrots, and radishes love cool air. Cabbage and broccoli plants, given a little protection from the wind, can stand a little frost and will mature earlier than they would if you waited until May.

Potatoes? Lots of differences of opinion here, but I am going to wait until about April 20 to plant those. Planted any earlier, they will likely freeze back to the ground and be forced to start the growth cycle again, which weakens the plant.

Planting early season crops early, in my opinion, simply means a longer production period than if you wait as much as two or three weeks later.

Therefore, it becomes seriously important that you know the difference between "early season" and "warm season" crops. Basically, the ones I haven't mentioned yet, must have much warmer soil temperatures to assure good germination. Sweet corn, tomato and pepper plants, beans, squash, beets, cucumbers, sweet potatoes and all melons require soil temperatures in the 60 degree range before they

will germinate successfully. Egg plant and okra also need warm soils. So, don't plant zucchini yet. On second thought....

Soil temperatures are usually broadcast on your local radio station. If not, call them and ask them to do so. As a gardener, soil temperatures are as important as calendar dates, if not more so.

So, it's time to seek out the rake and the hoe. Check the garden hose for leaks. Give the drip system a trial run.

And finally, remember to try something new this year. Broaden your horizons a little. And always keep in mind that timing is so very important. Some plant life thrives when started in cool soils. Others must have warmth. The secret is knowing the difference.

End of sermon.  
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## Menlo high schooler to go to Washington

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Golden Plains High School



Golden Plains High School Golden Plains junior Rebecca Bange will represent northwest Kansas for the Midwest Energy Youth Tour to Washington this summer.

Rebecca Bange, 17, a junior at Golden Plains High School, has been chosen to represent northwest Kansas in the week-long Midwest Energy Government in Action youth tour to Washington, D.C.

Each year the company chooses one student from each of its service areas for the tour. During the all-expense paid trip, the group will tour the city, meet politicians and sit in on meetings.

To qualify for this opportunity, students must be high school juniors whose parents receive electric or natural gas service from Midwest.

Bange is the daughter of Vicky and Chris Bange of Menlo.

"I am so excited I have been given the opportunity to travel to the nation's capital," she said. "It will be a great learning experience."

Bange is a member of the

National Honor Society, church youth group and is a class officer. She has also participated in math relays, forensics, track, basketball, volleyball and dance.

## Class to encourage healthier living

Citizens Medical Center will have a series of classes focused on optimizing health for people with chronic conditions from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays from April 14 through May 19 in the hospital's conference room.

The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program is an interactive format for people to learn and practice new skills to manage their chronic condition. Participants discuss and problem solve a variety of topics relevant to coping with chronic conditions.

The topics include learning how to:

- Become more physically active safely.
- Make healthy food choices.

- Communicate with family, friends and the health care team.
- Become an active member of the health care team.
- Deal with difficult emotions, frustration and anger.
- Set and achieve weekly action plans.
- Identify and solve problems caused by having a chronic condition.

The discussion is facilitated by two trained leaders. Participants are encouraged to share their successes, learn from each other and build their confidence in dealing with chronic conditions. Participants do not learn the medi-

cal aspects of a disease but how to manage the challenges of having a chronic condition. Family members and friends are also encouraged to attend in order to increase their understanding.

Workshop participants receive the "Living a Healthy Life with a Chronic Condition" book that is a resource for additional information beyond the workshop topics. The primary conditions covered in the book are arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and lung disease.

For information or to register for the class, contact: Jeanene Brown, Citizens Education Department, at 460-4850.

## Online tool can help with irrigation

Its name is as straightforward as it comes. The Crop Water Allocator developed by Kansas State University has a simple name but can help producers navigate complex decisions about crops and rotations to best utilize water based on net economic returns. And using scarce water to help grow the global food supply is of utmost importance on the High Plains.

The CWA is one of several web-based and downloadable tools developed for crop producers by K-State Research and Extension agricultural engineers, economists and agronomists, available online at [mobileirrigationlab.com/crop-water-allocator](http://mobileirrigationlab.com/crop-water-allocator).

By going online and filling in such information as field size, soil type, annual rainfall and irrigation information, a farmer can use the CWA as a seasonal planning tool to find the optimum net return from combinations of crops,

irrigation amounts and land allocations. CWA uses crop budgets, which can be customized using an individual farmer's values or updated from the AgManager website at [www.agmanager.info/farmmg/fmg/irrigated](http://www.agmanager.info/farmmg/fmg/irrigated) to compute the net return. If program users are unsure of some of the values, the tool offers a default feature, which estimates values such as irrigation information, crop prices and yields, and production costs.

"This tool not only allows the producer to allocate the irrigation water over the field, but also to look at the end of the season and compute the net return," said Jonathan Aguilar, K-State water resource engineer.

"Often a producer will get information through tools from irrigation company A, agrochemical company B and seed company C, but they would only allow you to see the benefit in terms of yield

from that particular company's input. The CWA will get you through the net returns combining the inputs from companies A, B and C," said Aguilar in describing how the CWA integrates several scenarios into one.

By changing up the information, the tool is capable of evaluating an array of crop rotations and water allocations.

A practice scenario, for example, is if the price of corn is \$6.50 per bushel and available water for irrigation is 11 inches, at what price will alfalfa and sunflower break even with corn? Under that scenario and using current default values, said Aguilar, the CWA found that alfalfa at \$170 per ton and sunflower at \$0.35 per pound, would break even with corn.

Drought management is another application of CWA, said Aguilar, who is based at K-State's Southwest Research-Extension Center

in Garden City: "Since you can specify in the CWA different annual precipitation levels, you could use a lower value for the precipitation to simulate drought and run the CWA to see what management strategy farmers could use."

Aguilar spoke earlier this year at a workshop in Garden City organized by the National Drought Mitigation Center. His recorded presentation is available online at [ndmc.adobeconnect.com/p27g4cmv30/](http://ndmc.adobeconnect.com/p27g4cmv30/).

Other resources available at [mobileirrigationlab.com](http://mobileirrigationlab.com) are the Crop Yield Predictor, an in-season planning tool and KanSched, a daily decision tool to help monitor the root zone soil profile water balance using evapotranspiration (ET) data. ET-based irrigation scheduling can help producers determine when and how much irrigation water to apply.

### On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**March 20**

2 p.m. - Hit and run accident.  
4:04 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver all over roadway. Not found.

5:27 p.m. - Caller reported possible violation of stalking order. Report filed.

9:56 p.m. - Caller wanted officer to check rental for illegal contraband. Provided information.

**March 21**

11:01 a.m. - Caller reported dog possibly struck by car. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

12:48 p.m. - Dog at large caught, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

5:21 p.m. - Theft. Report filed.

**March 22**

12:08 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.

12:25 p.m. - Manager called about subject asking customers for money in parking lot. Spoke to subject at eastbound I-70 on-ramp at Range; all OK.

12:53 p.m. - Caught two yellow labs running loose, turned over to the Colby Animal Clinic.

1:45 p.m. - Removed item from roadway.

**March 23**

1:59 a.m. - Clerk called about

a customer being loud. Subject spoken to.

1:01 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported subject acting up. All OK, gave ride to subject.

**Tuesday**

12:42 a.m. - Report of two intoxicated subjects in vehicle. Unable to locate.

7:43 a.m. - Walk through at Colby High School.

8:02 a.m. - Checked subject holding a gas can; advised him of panhandling laws.

11:09 a.m. - Hit and run: caller reported damage to vehicle.

11:15 a.m. - Report filed for theft.

11:18 a.m. - Posted a vehicle for parking complaint.

11:39 a.m. - Civil standby requested.

2:10 p.m. - Accident.

2:18 p.m. - Caller reported hitchhiker at I-70 exit 53. Subject checked OK.

3:13 p.m. - Harassment.

4:15 p.m. - Spoke to subject about parking question.

6:04 p.m. - Accident.

10:06 p.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**March 20**

4:44 p.m. - Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson arrested on warrant from Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.

5:12 p.m. - Booked Ferguson.

5:12 p.m. - Felony possession of firearm report filed in connection with arrest of Ferguson.

8:13 p.m. - Took inmate to Scott County Sheriff's Office.

**March 21**

10:57 a.m. - Provided traveler's aid.

11:34 a.m. - Amanda Victoria MacKenzie-Campbell arrested on warrant.

2 p.m. - Subject came to Law Enforcement Center with recovered cell phone found in the 1700 block of E. Fourth.

7:23 p.m. - Caller reported explosion north of town. Report filed.

**March 23**

11:05 p.m. - James A. Sroufe arrested on warrant in Lakewood, Colo.

**Last Monday**

9:19 a.m. - Walk through at Brewster School.

10:58 a.m. - Walk through at Golden Plains School, Rexford.

12 p.m. - Took subject to the

Hays to meet the bus.

9:47 p.m. - Caller reported subject sitting in driveway on County Rd. 15. Everything OK.

**Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. - Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby.

2:10 p.m. - Missing person report filed.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported cow in ditch on U.S. 83 two miles south of Halford. Left message on owner's phone; cow was up by the fence but not out.

10:48 p.m. - Security checks at Roadrunner Manufacturing and Bartlett Grain in Levant.

10:57 p.m. - Open door at Bartlett Grain secured.

11:14 p.m. - Security checks in Brewster.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
**Hi-Plains Co-op**

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.53
Corn (bushel)	\$4.80
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.29
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.46

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## Capitol map online

The Kansas Historical Society has an interactive map of the Kansas State Capitol complex available online.

The map is optimized for mobile devices and allows visitors to plan a tour of the Capitol complex, including the state office buildings around Capitol Square. Featured landmarks include the memorials

to veterans and law enforcement agents, the Abraham Lincoln statue, and the Kansas Walk of Honor.

The map is a collaboration among the Kansas Historical Society, the Office of Information Technology Services and the Data Access and Support Center.

The map can be accessed at [kshs.org/capitol\\_grounds](http://kshs.org/capitol_grounds).

## Colby grad an ambassador

Anna Taylor of Colby, a senior majoring in elementary education, is among those chosen to serve as VIP Student Ambassadors for the 2014-2015 academic year at Fort Hays State University.

Ambassadors serve as official representatives for the university

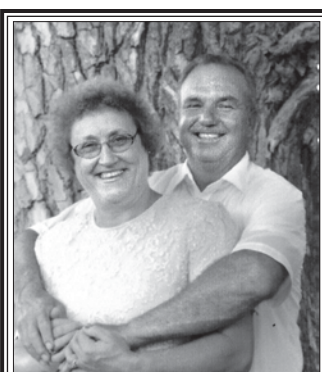
at a variety of special events including homecoming, athletic activities, presidential dinners and other gatherings. Students must be full-time undergraduate students with a minimum 2.5 grade average and able to assist with nine to 10 events per year.

### Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Cookie Koenig; second, Bob Renner; third, Katie Melvin; fourth, Margaret Denner; fifth, Larry Barrett.

### Corrections

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## Other Viewpoints

### City shortchanged by extremists' focus

To say that a death in Topeka rarely generates the national, and even international, attention that is accompanying the passing of the Rev. Fred W. Phelps Sr. would be a gross understatement.

But the focus on Topeka is understandable because, in the minds of many who live beyond our state's borders, Topeka, Fred Phelps and the church he led for so long, Westboro Baptist, became almost synonymous over the years, much to the distress of most Topekans.

Phelps and Westboro became known far and wide for preaching and protesting against homosexuals. Church members traveled the country to picket the funerals of known gay people, soldiers who had died in service to their country and others. Soldiers were dying, according to the logic of church members, because God hated America for its tolerance of homosexuals. Anyone who didn't realize that and fall in line with the teaching of Westboro Baptist Church was doomed to hell.

Phelps and his message became Topeka's cross to bear, and the community did that as well as could be expected.

To be sure, there are some in Topeka, in Kansas and across the country who agree with what Phelps was preaching, although no one copied his outlandish and hateful methods.

Wherever Westboro Baptist members and their picket signs appeared, people asked if something could be done to stop them. But despite what people thought of the church's message or the way it was being delivered, Phelps and his followers had a right to advocate it.

Courts at every level, right up to the U.S. Supreme Court, agreed church members were expressing their First Amendment right to free speech. Time and distance restrictions could be established for protests at funerals and burials, but the protests couldn't be prohibited.

Whether the church will lose some of its enthusiasm for such activities in Phelps' absence is unknown. It has been losing congregants as family members, who are the bulk of the congregation, and others broke away even while the patriarch was still alive.

In an act of cowardice, family members decided there would be no memorial or funeral for Phelps, at least none open to the public. They may have made a mistake. It's not difficult to imagine Phelps would have enjoyed a crowd of his detractors showing up to see him off.

Regardless, an era has ended, and Topekans have reason to hope others come to know the city for some of its better qualities.

Topeka is more than one man and his message. It always has been.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press*



### Business bets on Affordable Care benefits

The smart money appears to be on the future success of the Affordable Care Act. At least that's the conclusion inferred in the Feb. 24 issue of *Bloomberg Business Week*. Meanwhile, Kansas politicians continue to fight the law.

In the *Bloomberg* article writer Joshua Green details the activities of a new online broker, Motif Investing, co-founded by a former Microsoft executive and backed by Goldman Sachs and other investors. The company allows investors to bet on targeted baskets of 30 sector-focused stocks called "motifs." Two of the hottest investments at the moment are in what is referred to as the "Obamacare" motif, and the "Repeal Obamacare" motif.

The Obamacare motif includes groups such as hospitals, generic drug makers, pharmacy benefit managers and companies specializing in electronic medical records, all concerns that will benefit from the success of the new health law and its emphasis on cost control and guarantee of payment.

Conversely, the Repeal Obamacare motif includes entities such as medical device manufacturers, assisted and home health providers and medical diagnostic equipment and service providers. Companies in these areas would do better with the law's demise because of reduced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates and efforts to curb unnecessary tests.

According to the article the Obamacare motif is up 46.9 percent in the past year, whereas the Repeal Obamacare motif has appreciated 13.8 percent. But maybe more telling is the fact that investors betting on success have put more money into the fund as opposed to those



**Alan Jilka**

• A Voice of Reason

betting on failure by a ratio of 45:1.

The piece notes that, as opposed to the political arena and public discourse, within the investment community the "permanence of the law is taken for granted while prospect of repeal is given practically no credence." Other evidence is given to back up this statement, including that exchange-traded funds specializing in health care have seen assets more than double (from \$7 billion to \$16 billion) since the Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act in June 2012.

Meanwhile, the Kansas Legislature spent the past week discussing and voting on a measure that would subject health care navigators (individuals trained to assist individuals purchasing insurance through the federal exchanges) to background and credit checks. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook (R-Shawnee), claims the proposal is necessary to protect Kansans. But the true goal of this requirement is to obstruct, rather than protect Kansans wanting to procure health insurance. Pilcher-Cook is well-known for her vociferous opposition to the Affordable Care Act. Her cynical intent is clearly to see that as few a number of citizens as possible sign up for

health insurance via the exchange.

The bill is debated against the backdrop of Gov. Brownback's staunch refusal to extend Medicaid to the 180,000 Kansans who would qualify for such benefits under the new law. This group includes those whose incomes are above the current Medicaid eligibility limit but below the federal poverty line. As a result they are eligible for neither Medicaid nor subsidized coverage on the federal exchanges.

These fellow citizens find themselves in the new doughnut hole. Governor Brownback, a lifetime government employee with health insurance, and his allies in the Legislature show callous insensitivity towards these individuals with their myopic, ideological opposition to the new law.

The *Bloomberg* article implies that the battle is largely over. It notes that the Affordable Care Act had begun to transform our healthcare landscape long before the exchanges opened with its focus on the quality of care, incentives for hospitals to reduce readmission rates and move towards higher deductible plans.

Green ends his commentary by noting that some of the harshest opponents of healthcare reform in the U.S. Senate are now proponents of many of its main features. And while Kansas politicians continue to fight the new law investors are, in the words of the article, "betting billions of dollars that the Affordable Care Act will succeed."

*Alan Jilka is a former Salina city commissioner and mayor. He was the Democratic nominee for Congress in the 1st District in 2010.*

### Growing economy will reduce debt

The greatest responsibility we have as American citizens — certainly as elected officials — is to make certain the American Dream may be lived by those who follow us.

The greatest threat to our children and grandchildren being able to pursue their own dreams is our staggering national debt and deficits. It is our responsibility to deal with this issue.

Much of the conversation in Washington about how to reduce the national debt focuses on spending and taxes. While these are important, we must not forget about an equally important factor: growing the economy.

No matter what tax rates are, more tax revenue is generated when the economy is growing. With a projected budget deficit of \$514 billion this year, economic growth is desperately needed to fill the hole. Increased economic growth rates of just 0.1 percent per year for 25 years would add more than \$1 trillion in deficit-cutting revenue. Just imagine the impact of significant and sustained growth; it has happened before and it can happen again.

From our nation's earliest days, entrepreneurs — people who start and build businesses — have been the driving force behind U.S. economic expansion. Data from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation shows that companies less than five years old account for nearly all net new job creation in the U.S. Since 1977, new businesses have created an average of 3 million jobs each year.

What is shifting today is the location of these startups. Research shows that high-tech startups are forming in communities across our country — not just in the high-tech hubs. As these companies grow, they contribute to the economy, hire workers and take on the flavor



**U.S. Senator Jerry Moran**

• Moran's Memo

and personality of the cities they call home.

Kansas City's Startup Village is one example. It began mostly by chance when a group of entrepreneurs decided to start companies in Kansas City, Kan., in the first neighborhood equipped with Google's high-speed Internet service. Within 10 months, the Startup Village has become home to two dozen new companies. Kansas City's reputation as a growing tech hub is creating a buzz across the country.

Technological advancement, especially access to the Internet, has enabled high-tech firms to take root in other smaller cities, including Omaha, Boulder and Wichita. So it's no surprise that innovative products and high-tech job growth are emerging in those regions.

This is good news, but entrepreneurs face stinging headwinds: an arcane tax code, an oppressive regulatory environment, limited access to capital, competition for talent and bloody scraps with our nation's patent system.

If we're interested in an America with higher employment, bigger paychecks and better products at lower prices, Congress should make life easier — not more difficult — for entrepreneurs. To do this, I introduced legislation called Startup Act 3.0 to help create a better environment for entrepreneurs and address the growing challenges new businesses face.

Startup Act 3.0 changes the federal regulatory process to lessen government burdens on job creators, modifies the tax code to encourage investment and seeks to accelerate the commercialization of university research that can lead to new ventures. The bill also provides opportunities for educated and entrepreneurial immigrants to stay in the U.S. where their talent and ideas can fuel growth.

For more than two years, this legislation has been earning praise from business owners, entrepreneurs, economists and elected officials. The California State Senate passed a resolution calling on Congress to pass Startup Act 3.0 and the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness has voiced support for several of the bill's provisions. Unfortunately, that hasn't translated to progress in Congress.

The recent "all-or-nothing" approach to lawmaking is unwieldy and problematic. One needs to only look back to the Dodd-Frank Act and the Affordable Care Act to know this strategy doesn't produce desired outcomes.

Today, a handful of practical bills like Startup Act 3.0 lay waiting to be granted a vote. Many would pass if only given the chance.

Congress should seize this opportunity to address the challenges entrepreneurs face in a targeted and thoughtful manner. Entrepreneurs bring us innovative products, more consumer choice and create jobs along the way. When startups thrive, society is better off and we all enjoy the benefits.

*Jerry Moran of Manhattan, the junior U.S. senator from Kansas, is a member of the Senate Banking Committee and serves as the ranking member of the Subcommittee for Housing, Transportation and Community Development.*

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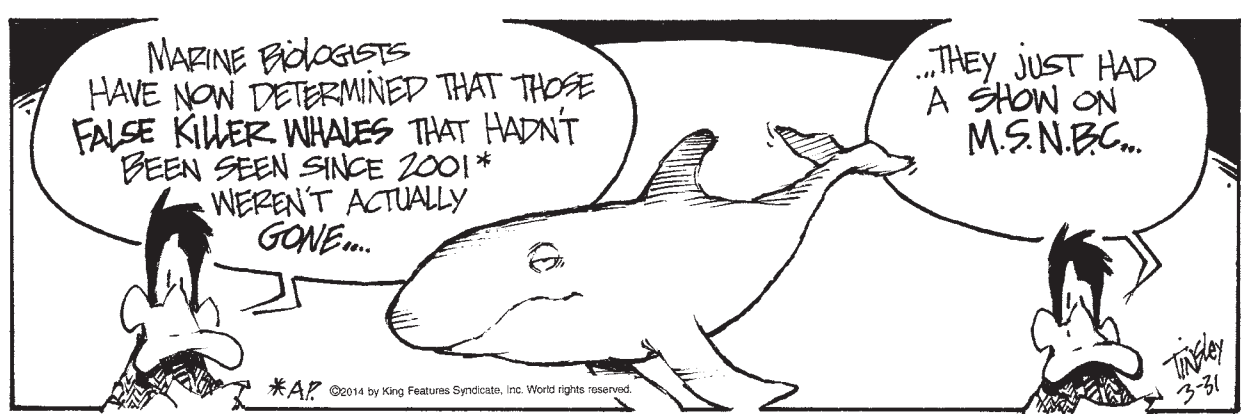
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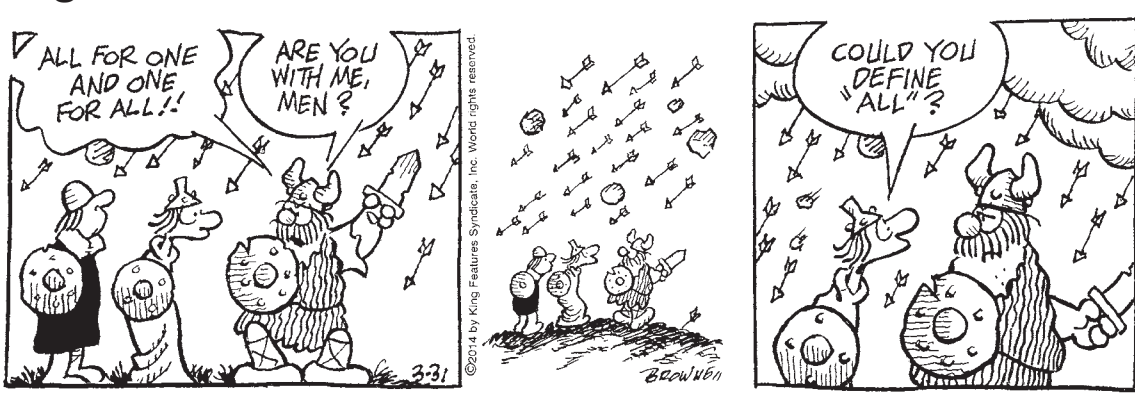
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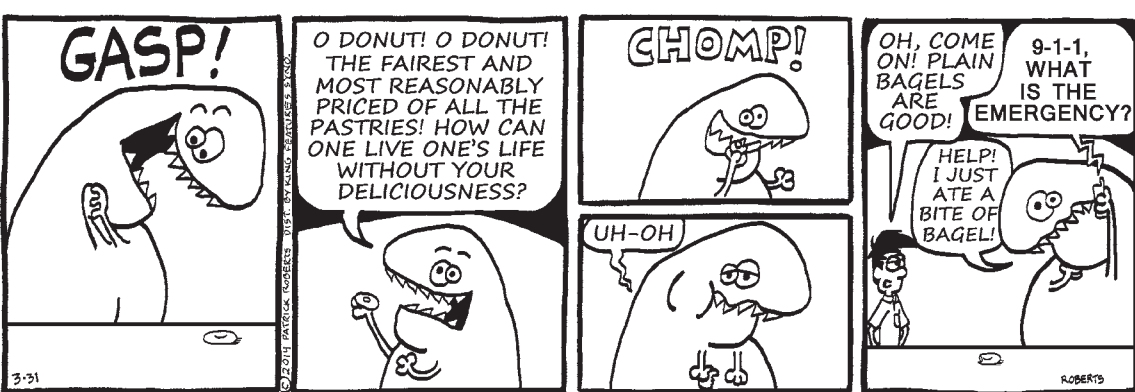
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• Antiques and Collecting

**Beaded purses draw interest**

Beaded purses of various shapes were in fashion for all of the 19th and 20th centuries. Shapes went in and out of fashion. Colorful, sparkling glass beads imported from Europe added to the knit and embroidered purses that were in style. In the early 1800s, the reticule or drawstring bag was "in." It was knitted with a bead in each stitch. And each bag had a drawstring closure and a long tassel at the bottom.

By the 1840s, glass beads were used as trim on dresses and hats. The reticule was out, and rectangular beaded purses were made with geometric or pictorial designs and fancy metal frames. Early 1900s fashions went back to the earlier beaded purses, and sometimes old frames were reused.

Metal beads came into use in the 1840s and were especially popular in purses. The beaded purses of flapper days often had deco designs, metal beads, fringe and a maker's label inside. In the 1970s and '80s, beaded purses were back for cocktail parties but again lost favor by 2000.

Now is the time to look for antique glass beaded purses. Prices have gone up during the past 10 years, but the bags are still bargains if you want a special purse. A collector today must examine a purse carefully to determine its age and quality.

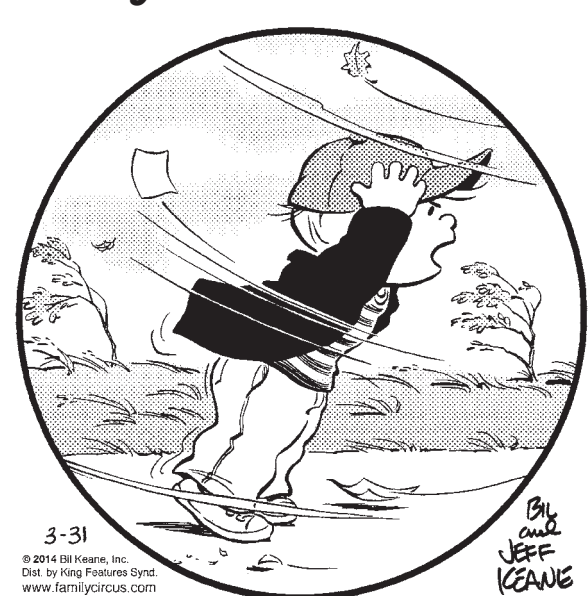
**Q: I have a Featherweight Singer sewing machine that has a seal on the right side of the top that reads "Golden Gate Exposition 1939." I also have the original attachments, black case and instruction booklet. I would like to sell it all. Do you know what the set is worth and where I can sell it?**

A: Singer was founded in New York City by Isaac Merritt Singer in 1851. The company still is in business. The Featherweight, Model No. 221, was introduced at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933 and was made until 1964. It's smaller and lighter in weight than earlier models because parts were made out of aluminum instead of cast iron. Machines with the "Golden Gate Exposition 1939" badge were made in October 1938. Not many were sold and machines in working condition with attachments, case and manual do sell today, often to be used. The Exposition badge adds a little to the machine's value. Most vintage sewing machines sell for a few hundred dollars.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Hey! What happened to March goin' out like a lamb?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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

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

**Cryptoquip**

H P G Z H P P K R K L C K W K  
U M Y G K J M U P K E W J K G M C K  
W O R C M L E A M H T Y K P Z C K D A Z E W U :  
T O P P - E - J H D E Y J O D K W U O M A .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM ANY HARM, THE SCOTTISH INSTRUMENTALIST CARRIED AROUND PIPER

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 9 7 6  
♥ K J 10 8 6 5 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ —

**WEST**  
♠ A 5 4  
♥ 9 7  
♦ Q J 7 2  
♣ 8 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 10 8 3 2  
♥ Q 2  
♦ A 10 9 4  
♣ 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ A 3  
♦ 8 6 3  
♠ A K Q J 10 9 5 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ (!)  
Pass 2♥ Pass 2♠  
Dble Pass Pass 6♣  
Pass 6♦ Pass 7♣  
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — ace of spades.

**Famous Hand**

If you make a phony bid in an effort to mislead your opponents, there is always the chance you might fool your partner and cause your side irreparable damage. But on lucky days, such a deception might pay even greater dividends than expected, which is exactly what happened on this deal from the world championship match between Italy and Brazil in 1969.

Pietro Forquet and Benito Garozzo were North-South for Italy when the bidding went as shown. After Forquet's one-heart opening, Garozzo naturally felt that without a diamond lead he could make at least a small slam in clubs, so he decided to bid two diamonds at his first turn in an effort to inhibit a diamond lead.

Garozzo's leap to six clubs two rounds later was made in the hope of silencing his partner, but Forquet did not recognize the two-diamond bid as merely lead-inhibiting, and he corrected six clubs to six diamonds.

This contract held no appeal for Garozzo, who ran to seven clubs, which East doubled after two passes. The double conventionally barred a spade lead and offered West the option of leading a diamond or a heart, depending on his hand and how he construed East's double.

But the Brazilian West, for reasons best known to himself, plunked down the ace of spades -- though he should have known from the bidding that the ace would not survive.

As a result, Garozzo wound up making the doubled grand slam for a score of 1,630 points, instead of going down three -- 500 points -- which would have been his lot had West led the queen of diamonds!

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**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Thick chunk  
5 Craze  
8 "I — Little Prayer"  
12 The P in UTEP  
13 Id counterpart  
14 Master-Card rival  
15 Mil. school  
16 Sane  
18 Echo bouquet  
20 Dutch Pirates' drink  
23 Automaton, for short  
24 D.C. group  
28 Kelly of TV  
31 Eggs  
32 Furtive sort  
34 Lubricate  
35 Wagers  
37 Judge's pronunciation

**DOWN**  
1 Mast  
2 Chantilly, e.g.  
3 Acronym meaning "Hurry!"  
4 Spanish grocery  
5 Decorates  
6 Get older  
7 "Stop it!"  
8 Tar  
9 Ardent desire for fame  
10 Business review website  
11 Chopping tools  
17 U-boat, for one  
19 — and crafts  
22 Hellenic meaning  
24 Weep  
25 First lady  
26 Country-wide  
27 Hygienic rates  
29 Snapshot  
30 Beer cousin  
33 Second-highest mountain  
36 Putt, for instance  
38 This or that  
40 "— the fields we go" "Yeah, right!"  
43 Lucy's mister  
44 Ailing  
46 Poi base  
47 Satanic  
48 Fishing line holder  
50 Menlo Park monogram

**Saturday's answer 3-31**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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15				16			17				
18				19			20				
				21			22				
24	25	26				27		28	29	30	
31				32			33		34		
35				36			37		38		
				39			40		41		
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52						53			54		
55						56			57		



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Colby Free Press

Senior Luke Cox, left, and sophomore Brady Holzmeister await a throw against the Goodland Cowboys last season. Both return to form Colby High's starting middle infield this spring.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby Community College's Luc Hebert focused on this pitch while a Hutchinson Blue Dragon broke off first base during the Jayhawk Conference doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Colby. The No. 8 nationally-rated Dragons took three of four from Colby in this weekend series.

## Dragons cool down Sunday, but take series from Trojans

By R.B. Headley  
Colby Free Press  
rbheadley@nwksports.com

Hutchinson Community College's two-run ninth inning on Sunday capped a successful weekend series for the Jayhawk Conference-leading Blue Dragons in Colby.

The nationally No. 8-rated Dragons (24-7 record overall, 13-3 league) took three of four games starting with a 29-run, 31-hit barrage on Sunday.

Hutchinson won those two contests, 15-4 and 14-5.

The Colby Community College Trojans (18-16 overall, 10-10 league) did recover for a sweet 3-2 victory in Sunday's first contest.

Jorge Cruz (2-1 record) struck out 10 during his seven-inning, complete-game gem. He walked only one and permitted just six

Hutchinson hits.

The Trojans delivered single runs during three of their first four innings for enough offense to support Cruz's heroics.

Cleanup batter Nolan Carter singled home Ryan Ihle during the first, then David Nelson drove home a triple into deep center field during Colby's second at-bat.

Corey Cyrus motored home to give the Trojans and Cruz a 2-0 advantage.

The Dragons promptly caught Colby, 2-2, during their third inning but Cruz would blank them during those following four frames.

Meanwhile, Colby tallied the decisive run when Nelson singled and eventually scored on Bobby Moretti's wild pitch.

Nelson and Grant Buchanan each delivered two hits to go with one each from Ihle, Fily Perez and

Carter.

Coach Ryan Carter's team erased a 2-0 Dragon lead during the second game Sunday afternoon.

Catcher Jeremy Stidham doubled home Trent Ham, and then Nelson's bunt single scored Matt Ben for the 2-2 deadlock.

However, the Trojans would only total four hits in a game which lasted nine innings.

Joshua Jones pitched all nine for Colby, striking out six and surrendering just seven hits.

Yet the Blue Dragons prevailed with a pair of ninth-inning runs.

Colby collected 16 hits during Saturday's doubleheader defeat.

Buchanan and Ihle each blasted three in the second contest with Buchanan tripling.

The Trojans move on to play another non-conference game at McCook, Neb., on Thursday.

## Colby women split four games

The Colby Community College softball team went 2-2 in four weekend contests against Northeast (Colo.) Junior College and Brown Mackie College.

Top pitcher Natalie Elmgreen earning both victories, beating Northeast 5-1 on Friday in Sterling, Colo.; and winning a 7-4 decision against Brown Mackie Saturday afternoon at Colby's Carl Adams Field.

Freshman Sarah Churchwell's two hits led the win over Northeast while classmate Myria Riffel and sophomore Kendra Trussel delivered one hit apiece.

Colby dropped the second game, 2-1, despite solid pitching from freshmen Briana Roth and Kassie Swisher.

Riffel stepped up to rip two hits against Brown Mackie, and several others had one in a balanced Trojan winning attack.

Brown Mackie retaliated with a 9-2 victory to close Saturday's doubleheader. The Trojans play home vs. Garden City Wednesday.



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First baseman Sarah Churchwell stretched and handled this throw for Colby Community College as the Brown Mackie College batter tried to reach safely Saturday afternoon.

# Play ball! Eagles open at home

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Like the Matchell brothers chasing down a fly ball, Colby High's baseball team will cover plenty of territory this spring.

The Eagles have speed, solid hitting, "ace" pitching, experienced seniors and great potential with 10 freshmen among their 28 players.

Coach Rick Williams is ready to unleash his new team in Tuesday's 4 p.m. home opener against 6A Dodge City.

"We'll probably play quite a few young guys, but I think we'll be really competitive," Williams said this morning. "We start off pretty tough. Dodge has two really good (pitching) arms from last year and I expect we'll see them both. But I think it will be good for us to start with that level of competition."

Top pitcher Luke Cox and .434 career hitter Marc Bremenkamp are among the six seniors leading Colby into this season.

Cox has clearly earned his "ace"

## Eagle order

Colby High's probable starting lineup against Dodge City Tuesday afternoon:

1. Josh Matchell, OF
2. Brady Holzmeister, 2B
3. Luke Cox, SS
4. Ben Matchell, OF
5. Marc Bremenkamp, OF
6. Casey Quagliano, 1B
7. Austin Hart, C
8. Caleb Mazanec, DH
9. Austin Boehme, P

status after pitching four complete games last season, posting a 4-1 record and terrific 2.17 earned-run average.

As a sophomore, Cox went 5-2 and threw four more complete games including one shutout. His 2.98 ERA was again something most any major leaguer would appreciate.

Yet the Eagles are already facing two Great West Athletic Conference foes (Holcomb, Ulysses) during this opening week. Colby finished 7-3 in league play last season, second to only undefeated champion Hugoton (10-0).

Cox probably won't start on the hill until Friday against Holcomb.

So other Eagle pitchers like senior Austin Boehme will get a chance to conquer the Dodge City Demons.

Boehme has made seven varsity starts and thrown two complete games. Sophomore Casey Quagliano, Bremenkamp, seniors Matt Barnum, Keegan Morgan

## Colby confronts Demons

and Spencer Barnes are just some of the pitchers who should keep Colby competitive this season.

"We will have to get our pitching solidified," Williams observed. "Last year, we had such bad weather. I think we'll have a better chance to develop guys. We may have to staff some games with three or four at times. But I think we'll have a solid group."

The Eagles should provide good run support as they averaged better than seven runs per game last season.

All-conference hitter Todd Kane graduated last May, but Bremenkamp batted .465 with 20 hits and 15 RBIs during his first full varsity season (according to maxpreps.com stats).

Cox (.339 average) also delivered 20 hits featuring 12 for extra bases: seven doubles, four triples, and Colby's one home run.

The Eagles did outthomer their opponents, 1-0, last season.

"Since high school baseball went to the new bats that react like wood, I think most schools' home run records are safe," Williams observed. "We'll be hitting the ball a lot the other way, going gap to gap, moving guys around."

A gameplan perfectly designed for speedsters Josh Matchell (senior) and Ben Matchell (sophomore).

No returning Eagle topped Josh Matchell's 24 hits in 2013 (.353 average) while Ben went four-for-eight (two RBIs) as a freshman.

Classmate Brady Holzmeister

started at second base throughout his freshman season, hitting .275 and stealing 12 bases in 12 attempts.

Holzmeister's still recovering from a broken jaw suffered during regional wrestling, so don't be alarmed about his protective mask.

"His jaw is still wired shut," Williams said.

Sophomores Austin Hart (catcher) and Quagliano (first baseman, pitcher) will join Holzmeister as high school starters after leading Colby's K-18 Legion team to the state championship game last summer.

Senior Hunter Butts has also returned from a motorcycle injury that forced him to miss all of last season.

Butts is the expected starter at third base Tuesday, though his bat is still shaking off some rust. That's why junior designated hitter Caleb Mazanec will likely fill Butts' spot in the opening batting order.

Other Eagles to watch include senior Kaden Staab and side-arm reliever Barnes, once they return from injuries. Junior Connor Mountford will be another outfielder, and don't be surprised if several younger players make a varsity impact.

"There has been really good competition at first, second and third base along with some other spots," Williams concluded. "They could always be in flux, based on production."

# Trojans add tall talent to Jayhawk co-champions

By Debbie Schwanke  
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Colby Community College's volleyball team recently announced the signing of two international athletes for the 2014 season.

These athletes, in addition to returning opposite attacker Adriana Sosnowska from Elblag, Poland, complete the Trojans' international roster. Sosnowska was a strong all-around player for the Jayhawk Conference co-champions last fall. Colby advanced to the Region VI final.

Rebekah Pearce is a 6' outside hitter from Queensland, Australia.

She earned consecutive Sports-woman of the Year awards in her junior and senior year. She won gold and bronze medals while competing with her state team, Central Queensland.

Pearce also gained valuable experience working with the Australian National junior squad and Trans-Tasman teams.

Pearce plans to study nursing at Colby Community College

Laura Hillebrand, a 6'2" middle blocker, is a native of Eschwege, Germany. Her eight years of volleyball experience have taken her from youth teams to the state champion women's team with which she currently competes.

Hillebrand will return to the United States after living as a foreign exchange student in Ohio and playing volleyball at the local high school where she earned the Golden Bear Award along with the Scholar-Athlete award from the Ohio Capital Conference.

Hillebrand plans to major in biology while attending Colby Community College.

### Public Notice

**To Metal Contractors:**  
Thomas County is currently accepting bids for the removal of approximately 140 tons of scrap metal at the Landfill. Contractor will meet all requirements of the Thomas County Landfill for complete removal of all metal, white goods and appliances with CFC's. For interest or questions, please contact the Thomas County Landfill at 785-462-8139. You may submit your sealed bids to the Thomas County Commissioners, 300 North Court Ave. Colby KS 67701. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. during the regular Commissioner Meeting. Thomas County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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### Public Notice

**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.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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