

... and over she goes



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The Rawlins County Sheriff's office got a call when a truck (above) rolled over at 8:51 a.m., this morning on K-25 in Rawlins County, blocking the entire highway. Rawlins and Thomas County units went to the scene of the rollover, including these firemen (left) who pushed the hood back onto the badly damaged truck. Over a dozen cars and trucks (below) were backed up behind the accident just a few miles north of the county line while an ambulance left the scene around 9:25 a.m. and officers stopped traffic on K-25 just north of Colby for over an hour following the accident.



County concerned about dust

Blowing dirt was again a topic at the Thomas County commissioners' meeting on Monday, as the members discussed reports of wind erosion with Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock and Emergency Management Director Autumn Arasmith. "We are concerned primarily with public safety," said Commissioner Paul Steele, adding that safety trumps concerns about the cost to landowners. Under some circumstances, commissioners said, they have authority to direct Schrock to alleviate blowing dust problems and charge the costs to a landowner. Schrock said landowners sometimes cannot get to their land to work it as needed.

said a delay might be fine if it is a field that is not blowing across a busy road, but immediate action might be necessary for fields that are causing safety problems.

"We get involved when they can't do it or won't do it," Steele said.

In other business, the commissioners

Discussed complaints they have received from owners of pickups who have been told to tag them as commercial vehicles in interstate commerce. Complaints centered around owners having to travel to Tribune or Dighton for these tags, which are not currently offered by the treasurer's office here. Treasurer Layn Brug-

Commissioner Mike Baughn

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Senate OK's school aid plan

By John Milburn
Associated Press

TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas House members were to take up a plan today for boosting aid to poor school districts, after the Senate approved a less generous alternative linking new money to education policies such as blocking the use of multistate reading and math standards.

plans are responses to a Kansas Supreme Court order last month that directed lawmakers to increase aid to poor school districts by July 1.

The Senate's plan, approved 23-17 early this morning after a long debate stretched to midnight, provides a little less new money for poor districts. It offsets the cost by trimming aid for all school districts for online classes and transportation programs.

House members anticipated an extended debate on their plan, which would increase aid to the state's poorest school districts by \$141 million during the next school year. House leaders hope to quickly vote on the measure so that negotiations can begin with the Senate on the final version of the legislation.

But it also makes multiple policy changes favored by conservative Republicans, such as rewriting laws that protect teachers from being dismissed and blocking funding to implement Common Core academic standards.

Both the House and Senate

The House plan was drafted by See "SENATE," Page 2

Black market in pot blooms

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) - A 25-year-old is shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way. Two men from Texas set up a warehouse to grow more than they would ever need. And three people buying pot in a grocery store parking lot are robbed at gunpoint.

It's difficult to measure whether there has been an increase in pot-related crimes beyond anecdotal reports because no one at either the federal or state levels is keeping track of the numbers of killings, robberies and other crimes linked directly to marijuana.

Pot advocates say the state is in a transition period, and while pot-related crimes will continue, they will begin to decline as more stores open and prices of legal marijuana decline.

While no one expected the state's first-in-the-nation recreational sales would eliminate the need for dangerous underground sales overnight, the violence has raised concerns among police, prosecutors and pot advocates that a black market for marijuana is alive and well in Colorado.

"It's just a transition period," activist Brian Vicente said. "Marijuana was illegal for the last 80 years in our state, and there are some remnants of that still around. Certainly, much like alcohol, over time these underground dealers will fade away."

"It has done nothing more than enhance the opportunity for the black market," said Lt. Mark Comte of the Colorado Springs police vice and narcotics unit. "If you can get it tax-free on the corner, you're going to get it on the corner."

Sales are due to begin in June in Washington, where authorities will be watching for similar cases.

"There's going to be a black market here," said Cmdr. Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug/Gang Task Force, which covers an area outside Seattle. "There will

Honoring top students



University of Kansas chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, right, visited Colby Wednesday night as part of the Kansas Honors Program banquet which recognized several Colby High students and one from Heartland Christian. Colby High honorees listed in alphabetical order were Andrea Barton, Marc

Bremenkamp, Ashley Coleman, Abigail Friesen, Maura Hansen, Yuanyuan Huang, Michael Schiferl, Connor Schwanke, Andrew Taylor, Walter Vacik and Morgan Vap. Heartland Christian senior Amy Myers was also honored.

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Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south-east in the evening.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain, mainly after 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Sunday: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 56. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.
Sunday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.
Monday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74.
 Thursday: High, 35; Low 23
 Precip: Thursday 0.22 inches
 Month: 0.22 inches
 Year: 0.84 inches
 Normal: 3.98 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:22 a.m. 8:12 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 34 percent
 Sunday 7:21 a.m. 8:13 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 44 percent
 Monday 7:19 a.m. 8:14 p.m.
 First quarter moon at 3:31 a.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County talks about dust

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geman told the commissioners she plans to sell these tags but did not want to handle them until she had a chance to learn all the rules.

- Declined to participate in the development of a resource management plan covering lands and minerals under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management or Bureau of Indian Affairs. Participation would have given the county a voice in the plan's development, but the commissioners said they did not have anyone available to participate.

- Authorized a switch to a system to send out emergency alerts by phone, text, e-mail or facebook, based on the recommendation of Arasmith, who said she is excited to work with

the new company, Civic Ready. She said it costs about \$35 a year more than the old provider, Tyco, but offers better customer service.

- Directed Schrock to do some minimal maintenance on potholes at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Commissioner Mike Baughn abstained from the vote because he serves on the museum's board, and Commissioner Byron Sowers emphasized to Schrock that the cost should be kept down.

- Accepted a bid from Hi-Plains Door Systems Inc. to replace three garage doors at the road and bridge shop. At \$5,316, Hi-Plains Door's bid was nearly \$1,000 less than the other bidder, Stephens Construction Inc., at \$6,306.

- Agreed, as the county Board of Health, to postpone inspec-

tion for nuisance abatement on a house in Menlo until a few days before the 60-day curative period is complete. After discussion with County Attorney Kevin Berens, Angie Gaede of the Health Department and Undersheriff Marc Finley, Baughn, who had originally wanted an inspection sooner, ultimately agreed that an inspection just prior to the end of the 60 days would be most appropriate.

- Approved monthly payroll expenses of \$286,812 and paid bills of \$115,151 for the general fund, \$29,237 for the road and bridge department and \$835 for the noxious weed department.

- Approved a tax abatement of \$9 to Harley and Misty Griffin for a vehicle that should not have been taxed as a salvage vehicle while tagged.

Bank hires new vice president

Sunflower Bank has hired Mike Hamilton as vice president and commercial relationship manager in Colby. Hamilton was most recently employed as the vice president at Western State Bank.

"Mike is a great addition to our Colby team," said Mike Briney, western Kansas regional president of Sunflower Bank. "He brings a wealth of banking knowledge and experience, and most importantly, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to his customers and is the



Mike Hamilton

consummate community banker. He will serve our customers very well."

Hamilton has a master's degree in applied statistics from the University of Wyoming. Throughout his career, Hamilton has been active in the community, including service on the Goodland school board, the Goodland school library board president and the Goodland Activities Center board president. Hamilton, his wife Kristy and their three children currently live in Goodland.

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its Appropriations Committee and later revised. The committee had considered offsetting the cost of additional aid to poor districts by trimming districts' aid for transportation and online classes, but by decreasing payments to cover teacher pensions. The committee backed away from most of those cuts Thursday night.

In the GOP-dominated Senate, no Democrats supported the chamber's plan. In the House, Democrats had some misgivings about the Republican-controlled Appropriations Committee's plan but also some praise.

"It's the best we could do today," said Rep. Jerry Henry, of Atchison, the panel's ranking Democrat. "It's a fairly good product. The vast majority of it will be in the final bill."

The House plan does make adjustments in the state budget outside of aid to public schools, so that the increase in total state spending would be about \$50 million. The Senate made budget adjustments designed to prevent any overall increase.

But the Senate's plan also is notable for the changes in education policies that come with the funding proposals.

Conservative Republicans have attacked the multistate Common Core reading and math standards since the State Board of Education adopted them in 2010. The measure GOP senators added to the funding plan would prevent the spending of tax dollars on implementing the standards through June 2017.

Opponents see the Common Core standards as akin to federal standards, because federal officials have encouraged their use.

Critics also say the standards take control away from states and local districts, and would be costly to put into effect.

"We are in control of the purse, and with that control comes responsibility and accountability," said Sen. Dennis Pyle, a conservative Hiawatha Republican.

But the standards — adopted at least in part by most states — were an initiative of governors' and education commissioners' associations, and supporters say they'll improve teaching nationwide.

"The Common Core standards have the potential to do the best possible curriculum for students across the country," said Terry Forsyth, a lobbyist for the Kansas National Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union.

Conservatives also amended the bill to make it easier for school administrators to fire teachers who've been on the job for more than three years. Supporters said the current administrative due process laws make it difficult to remove teachers who are underperforming and ineffective in the classroom.

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be drug rip-offs and drug debts that haven't been paid. All of that is going to stay."

Under Colorado's voter-approved law, it is legal to possess up to an ounce of marijuana. Authorities are concerned that means illegal dealers and buyers believe they can avoid prosecution. These dealers and their customers also tend to be targets, if robbers know they are flush with cash.

Arapahoe County, outside Denver, has seen "a growing number of drug rips and outright burglaries and robberies of people who have large amounts of marijuana or cash on them," said District Attorney George Brauchler.

His district has seen at least three homicides linked to pot in recent months and a rising number of robberies and home invasions.

Among them was a February case in which a 17-year-old boy said he accidentally shot and killed his girlfriend while robbing a man who had come to purchase weed.

Elsewhere, prosecutors say, Nathaniel Tallman, 25, was killed during a January drug deal when he was robbed and shot, and his body dumped in Wyoming.

The next month, a dealer mugged three people who were trying to buy marijuana from him in a Denver grocery store parking lot.

Such deals are the exception, said Vicente. The "average customer" prefers to buy in a well-lit, regulated store, he said, citing the roughly \$2 million Colorado made in marijuana taxes in January alone.

Whether dangerous or not, it can still be cheaper to buy pot from a drug dealer.

ational sales in Colorado also agreed to a 12.9 percent state sales tax and a 15 percent excise tax on it. Local jurisdictions can also add their own taxes. Medical marijuana is taxed, too, but at a much lower rate — a 2.9 percent sales tax.

Those taxes mean an ounce of pot can go for \$400 or more at a state-sanctioned store, depending on quality and potency. An ounce on the street can run between \$200 and \$280, depending on how much a dealer wants to profit, Comte said.

Underground dealers also are not burdened by complex regulations and licenses.

"Those barriers to entry already create the potential for the black market, and then you

add these taxes on top of it, and it makes it impossible to get rid of," said Denver attorney Robert Corry, who helped write the pot legalization measure but opposed the taxes.

Corry, who has long represented marijuana dealers facing criminal charges, said his clientele has hardly diminished.

Comte's unit recently searched a warehouse where two men from Texas were growing "so much more than they could ever need," he said. Detectives charged them with possession of pot with intent to distribute.

If some Colorado drug dealers have lost business to legal retailers, some also have made up for it by transporting weed to other states.

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.

Health Department to close Monday

The Thomas County Health Department will be closed Mondays employees can attend a funeral. For information, call Kendra Glassman at 460-4596.

Retired Seniors plan annual dinner, dance

The Northwest Kansas Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will hold its annual banquet and dance, for members and guests, Wednesday, April 16, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. Make reservations by Monday with the office, 462-6744.

Emergency Response Team class Saturday

Classes for prospective members of the Northwest Kansas Community Emergency Response Team will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Fire Department on Country Club Drive. The training is free and open to the public. For information, call Autumn AraSmith, Thomas County emergency preparedness director, at 460-4516.

Trustees to hold retreat at college

A special meeting of the Colby Community College trustees will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the board room in Thomas Hall as the trustees conduct a planning retreat. The meeting will be open to the public. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall. Jim Calhoun will provide music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Flight safety day takes off this weekend

The Federal Aviation Administration's Safety Team will present a day of free flight safety information beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby municipal airport. The program will feature talks on aircraft ownership and maintenance, control tower operations, aviation automation and medical regulations, as well as open discussion and lunch. For questions, call airport manager Mark Ostmeier at 460-4438.

Anthropology group to meet here

Everyone is welcome as the Kansas Anthropological Association holds its state meeting Saturday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin. Speakers will be Steven R. Holen and Kathleen Holen at 1 p.m., on early humans in the region; Mike Baughn of Brewster at 2 p.m. on northwest Kansas history and prehistory; and Don Rowleson at 2:30 p.m. on area field surveys. For information, call Rob Aiken at 462-6399.

Retired teachers form chapter for area

A group of retired teachers from the area plans an organizational meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Colonial Steakhouse, at the U.S. 83-I-70 interchange near Oakley. For information or a reservation, call Penny Arnoldy at 460-6044 or Mona Coupal at (785) 675-9180.

Kindergarten musical to be Tuesday

The Colby Grade School kindergarten musical will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. It's free and open to the public. For information call music teacher Jennifer Otten at 460-5100.

City cleanup week coming next month

The City of Colby will have its annual spring cleanup week from Monday to Friday, May 5 to 9. Call in advance to have boxed and bagged items picked up from curbside. For questions, call the city at 460-4410.

Human resource group to hear about stress

The Colby chapter of the Western Kansas Human Resource Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Montana Mike's, with a talk at noon by Ken Loos of High Plains Mental Health on "Stress Management and Keeping Employees." Make reservations by Monday, April 7, with Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com.

Foundation needs help to buy pool passes

The Thomas County Community Foundation, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 14 in Colby, is taking donations to pay for 10-day swimming passes to the Colby Aquatic Park to kids who get free and reduced-price lunches at Thomas County schools. Write "Aquatic Park Pass Fund" in the memo line of checks. For information, call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Monday Evening										April 7, 2014		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Champ.	NCAA Basketball					Local	Late Show Letterman			
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				The Blacklist		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers			
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Following		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Bates Motel		Bates Motel		Duck D.	Duck D.		
AMC	We Were Soldiers				Windtalkers							
ANIM	River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters					
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Southern Charm		Happens	Couch	Real Housewives					
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard	Midnight Run					Raiders o	Raiders o	Cops Rel.			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Jake Tapper	Lemon	The Case	E. B. OutFront		Jake Tapper					
COMEDY	Futurama Futurama	South Pk South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk				
DISC	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Car Hoards		Fast N' Loud		Car Hoards					
DISN	Hannah Montana		Dog	Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck				
E!	E! News The Fabul	Posted	Christley		Eric & Je	Eric & Je	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College GameDay	SportsCenter		NFL Live			Olberrmann		Olberrmann			
FAM	The Blind Side						The 700 Club	Prince	Prince			
FOOD	Chopped	Kitchen Casino		Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Kitchen Casino				
FX	The Hangover Part II			Archer	Archer	Chozen	Archer	The Animal				
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It				
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People				
LIFE	Hoarders	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders				
MTV	Mean Girls	House of Food	House of Food	House of Food		House of Food		The Real World				
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SCI	Bitten	Being Human		Lost Girl				Being Human				
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Holmes	Conan			
TCM	The Naked City				A Face in the Crowd			Show People				
TLC	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey Boo Boo	Boo	Honey		Here Comes Honey Boo Boo		Honey				
TNT	Castle	Dallas		Dallas		Private Lives		Private Lives				
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Rick	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods				Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods				
TV LAND	Gilligan's Island	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	Cleveland	Soul Man			
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW					WWE Hall		Christley	Christley			
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	T.I.-Tiny	Black Ink Crew		Hot 97	Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Black Ink			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			
Premium Channels												
HBO	Beautiful	24/7	Now You See Me				Game of Thrones	Veep	Silicon			
MAX	Entrapmnt	Stoker			The Negotiator				Emmanuel			
SHOW	Shameless	Lies	Lies		Shameless		Comedy	The Canyons				

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Deaths

John Jacob Abendschan V

John Jacob Abendschan V, 94, Colby, father of Elizabeth Ann Gabel of Colby; died Monday, March 31, 2014, at the Deseret Health and Rehab in Colby. He was born Aug. 2, 1919, in Denver. He grew up in La Junta, Colo., graduating from LaJunta High School in 1937. He served in the Coast Guard from 1941 to 1946. On March 18, 1942, he married Mary Lou Ballentine. In 1950, he graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden with a bachelor's in petroleum engineering. He worked his way up to district engineer manager of Aztec Oil and Gas, in Aztec, N.M. In 1959, he graduated from the San Francisco Theological Seminary. After serving in churches in New Mexico and Colorado, he earned a master's in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado and took a position in Big Spring Texas at an assisted

living facility. After several years he returned to the pastorate. In 2003, they moved to St. Francis, where he was an interim co-pastor at the United Methodist Church for several months. In 2012 he moved to Colby to be closer to family. Preceding him in death was his wife, on May 14, 2007. Other survivors include three sons, John Jacob Abendschan VI, Abilene, Texas; Ronald Emery Abendschan, Gilbert, Ariz.; and Robert William Abendschan, Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Memorial services will be announced later. The family suggests memorials to Deseret or to Citizens Medical Center, in care of the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701. Condolences for the family may be left at kersbrockfuneralchapel.com.

Communism's risk remains real today

Pete Seeger died this past January. I didn't realize, until I saw a documentary on PBS, that Seeger was a self-described Communist (he also liked to refer to himself as a "lefty") who used folk music to promote communism in America. He crusaded tirelessly for that cause from his youth to old age. Unfortunately, some people who did not live during the "Cold War" find communism to be an attractive idea. After all, the "redistribution of wealth" means that all those greedy millionaires will have to share with the rest of us - right? Well, the truth is that communism never makes people equally wealthy - it makes them equally poor. The poverty throughout Russia and its former Soviet states is appalling to those who have visited there. When Nikita Khrushchev collectivized Russia's farms, the result was massive hunger. Millions also starved in China under Mao Zedong's communist policies, and starvation is rampant today in communist North Korea. Cuba and Venezuela are also modern examples of the financial chaos that communism creates (the Chinese are prospering today because their government is allowing some free-market activity, in order to increase their military capabilities). Communism is also an oppressive system. Those who find it appealing should read such classics as Alexander Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago," or "Tortured For Christ," by Richard Wurmbrand, who spent 14 years in a Romanian concentration camp during the Cold War (his wife also



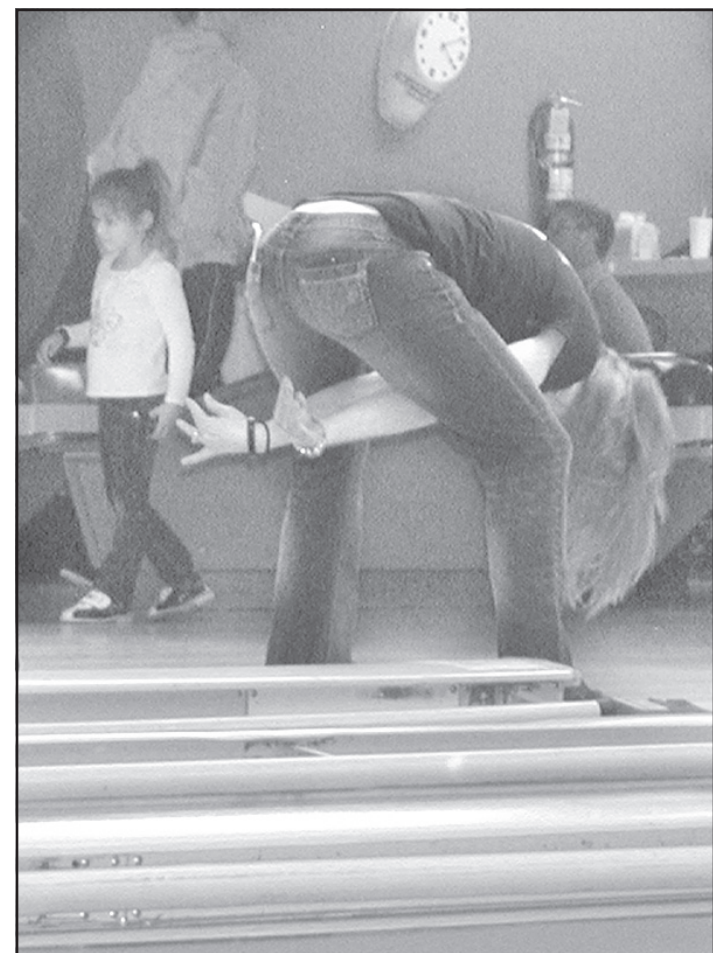
Tom Peyton

• From the Pulpit

suffered in a camp for women). Communist governments are by nature cruel and oppressive. They try to force people to think only their way. (Do the terms "politically correct" and "thought police" ring a bell?) Communists are particularly hostile to the Christian faith, since their own foundation is atheism. I know of no communist country that is friendly to evangelical Christianity. In almost every communist country, Christians are cruelly tortured and even killed. (The horrors of North Korea's cruelty were coming to light in the news until the lost jetliner story pushed that report aside.) As I see Americans increasingly embracing atheism and communistic ideas, one powerful verse of Scripture comes to my mind, Galatians 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." We Americans have enjoyed unprecedented freedom and prosperity in this nation founded upon biblical principals and a free-market system. How foolish it would be for us to trade that in for the oppressive and godless yoke of communism.

Tom Peyton is pastor of the Mingo Bible Church. He may be reached at 462-2930 or at preacherpeyton@gmail.com.

Bowling in the fast lane?



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press Hannah Bandy showed off some unusual bowling techniques Saturday when she represented Thomas County Emergency Medical Service at the annual Bowl for Kid's Sake Tournament held at the Colby Bowl and Fun Center.

Viola Maria 'Vi' Lindeman

Viola Marie "Vi" Lindeman, 90, an Oakley homemaker, mother of Kathleen (Bill) Ryan of Colby, died Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley. She was born July 30, 1923, in Sheridan County to Thomas and Julia (Mumm) Knopp. On Feb. 11, 1947, she married Oliver Lindeman in Selden. A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley, she was a former member of the St. Paul Catholic Church in Angelus and St. Paul's Altar Society. She belonged to Daughters of Isabella for over 50 years, along with the Menlo Hobby Club and Al-Anon. Preceding her in death were her husband, in 2001; her parents; two brothers, Vincent Knopp and Clarence Knopp; a sister, Louise Schumacher; a son, Charles Lin-

deman; an infant daughter, Vivian Lindeman; and a son-in-law, Tom Ryan. Survivors include a son, Melvin Lindeman, Tucson, Ariz.; another daughter Patricia Ryan of Oakley; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2014, at the church in Oakley, with burial in St. Paul's Cemetery, Angelus. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with rosary/wake service at 7 p.m. The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph School or Logan County Manor, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748. Condolences for the family may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

Rolland Raye Rush

Rolland Raye Rush, 82, Colby, a Thomas County farmer, died Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was born Oct. 28, 1931, in Oak Hill, the son of Francis W. and Lela Eileen (Moses) Rush. The family lived near Longford until 1937, when they moved to the Levant area where he farmed the majority of his life. In 1949, he graduated from Levant High School. On April 16, 1952, he married Merna J. Alleman on a farm north of Levant. From October 1952 to October 1954, he served in the Army, receiving the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Preceding him in death were his wife, in 1992, his parents, a brother, Orin Rush, and a sister,

Bertha Rush. Survivors include three sons, Neal D. (Jolene) Rush, Brewster; Lynn D. (Cindy) Rush, Yukon, Okla.; and Lane L. Rush, Colby; a daughter-in-law, Laura Rush, Colby; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. The family suggests memorials to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (pva.org) or the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701. Condolences for the family may be left at www.kersbrockfuneralchapel.com.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Bob Renner; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Margaret Denneker; fifth, Sarah Jane Barrett.

Markets

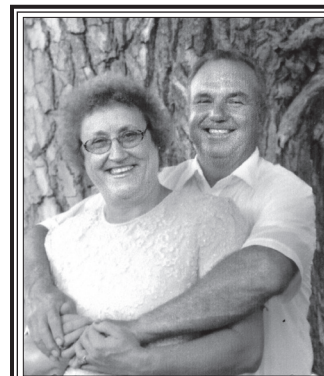
Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.29
Corn (bushel)	\$4.85
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.21
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.85

Corrections

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Robotic surgery system planned at Hays center

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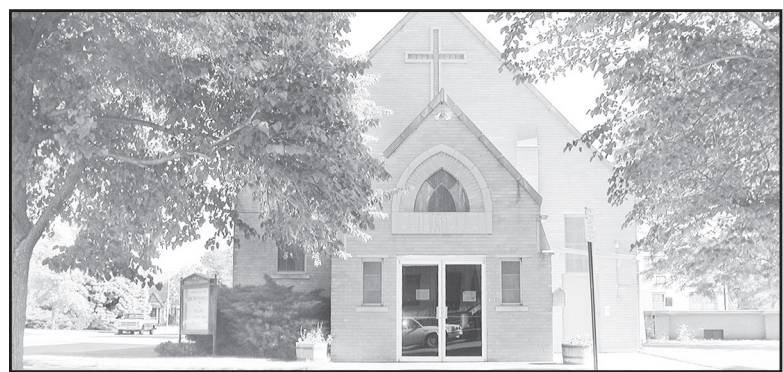
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Ultraconservatives could cause exodus

Kansas needs to roll out the welcome mat. In the past three years, more residents have left the state, compared to those who have moved here. From 2010 to 2013, Kansas lost a net 10,197 residents to other states, according to numbers released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Over the three-year period, a total of 26,949 Kansans left compared to a gain of 16,752 from outside our borders. The numbers are dramatic when compared to just a few years earlier. From 2000 to 2009, the state saw a reduction of 17,574 to outward migration, about one-third less. Kansas ranks in the bottom 10 states nationwide in the number of people who have fled our borders.

What keeps us from slipping into oblivion is a healthy birth rate. The number of babies born in Kansas continues to outpace deaths and migration. The state's population is holding steady at about 2.9 million.

Perception is everything when trying to make a sale. If Kansas were only known for Dorothy and tornadoes, we'd be relatively safe, though slightly embarrassed.

Today that wholesome image with an occasional storm is somewhat tarnished.

The specter of Fred Phelps and his hatred of homosexuals casts a long shadow across Kansas. With his recent death, we can only hope his heirs decide on a different path.

Also to fear is the influence of conservative American Legislative Exchange Council, an organization that writes "model" bills with an ultraconservative bent.

More than 40 members of the Kansas Legislature are in the tow of this group, including House Speaker Ray Merrick and Senate President Susan Wagle.

The group provides fill-in-the-blank templates for bills which are anti-clean energy, anti-civil justice, anti-Affordable Care Act, anti-gun control, anti-public education, anti-public pension, and perhaps most dangerously, anti-senior citizen in their war against the "socialist" programs Medicare and Social Security.

Such a direction pretty much puts the rest of us on the defensive.

When outsiders, including prospective industries, get too curious, we quickly say, "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain," hoping they'll be fooled by the smoke and mirrors we are forced to call democracy.

How nice if we could pull the curtain wide open, with nothing to hide.

—The Iola Register, via the Associated Press

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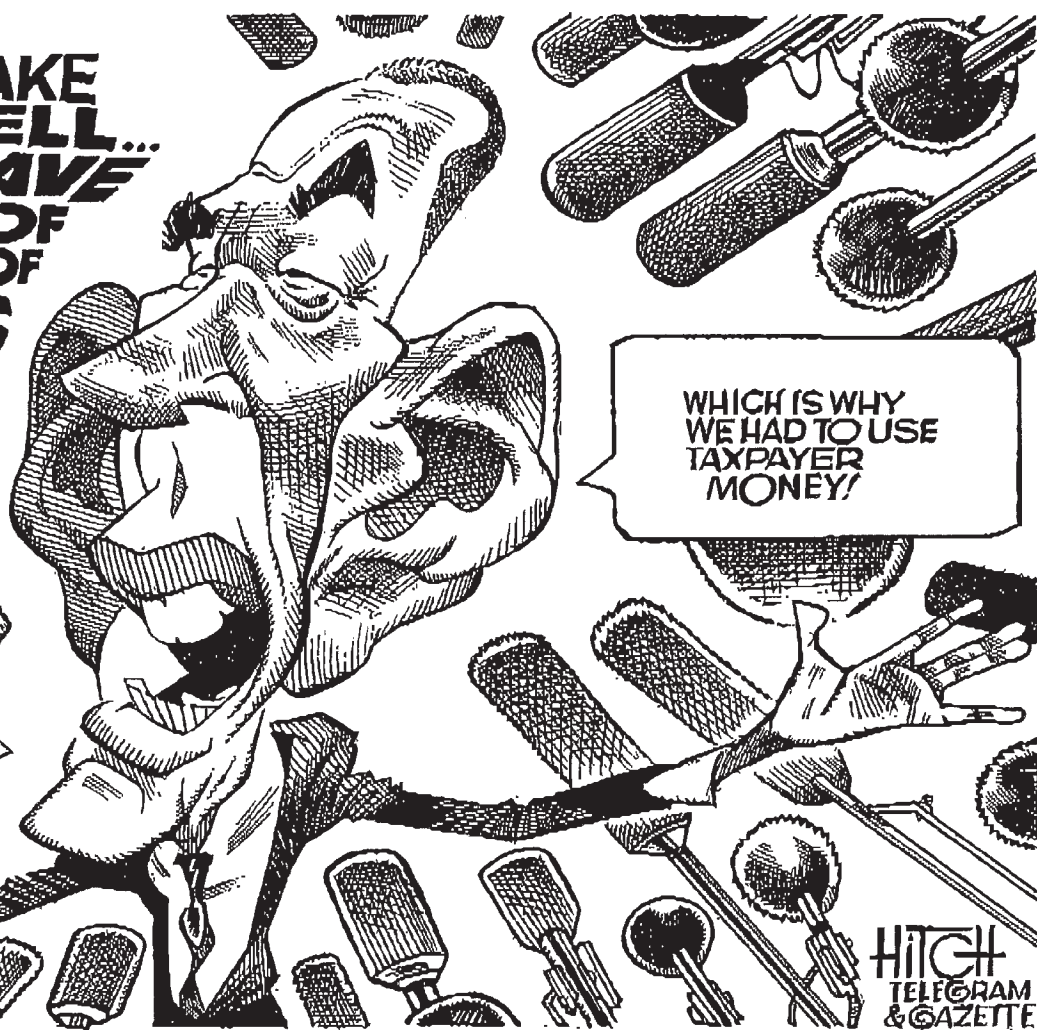
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Snow forecast, but twisters are coming

Tornadoes in Kansas this spring?

No, but there's snow in the forecast again.

Here it is the first of April, and that white stuff continues to fall. While many consider this a cruel April Fool's joke, don't become too excited about the wild weather Mother Nature serves up in our state. There's still plenty of time.

Seven short years ago, on May 4, 2007, the town of Greensburg, in Kiowa County, was all but wiped from the face of the earth.

A tornado hit the Kansas town of 1,500, killing 11 people and injuring dozens more. Ninety percent of the town was destroyed, 961 homes and businesses. Another 216 received major damage. Wind speeds of more than 200 mph accompanied this storm.

Other killer tornadoes occurred that day, with one death in Pratt County and another in Stafford County. Some of these monster twisters were nearly two miles wide. In all, 11 tornadoes occurred May 4.

The next day, another 36 tornadoes were reported in Kansas, falling just short of the all-time record of 39 in one day in June 1992. Fourteen tornado-related deaths were reported that year, plus 82 injuries, according to the National Weather Service in Topeka. Thirteen of the fatalities occurred during the May 4-5 outbreak.

In stark contrast to this tornado onslaught of 2007, Kansas recorded the longest torna-



John Schlageck

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do drought in 24 years during 2009. Not until April 22, 2010, did the first tornado touch down in the Sunflower State. Prior to this tornado, the last twister reported in Kansas was back on Aug. 2, 2009. This resulted in 262 days without a reported tornado in Kansas.

Fifty-six tornadoes were reported in Kansas last year, the quietest season since 1994 when 42 were reported. In 1976, only 14 tornadoes dropped down in Kansas — the fewest on record.

Last year's tornado season lasted 128 days, ranking it as the seventh shortest. Forty-one of the 56 twisters (73 percent) occurred during an 11-day period in mid to late May.

Now that's the kind of quiet tornado season most Kansans like, although few care for tornadoes at all. Let's hope this season remains calm as well.

Still there will be tornadoes. This is Kansas, after all. You know — Dorothy, Toto and tornadoes. When it comes to tornado safety, the bottom line remains the same: tune in, stay in-

formed and keep an eye on the sky.

Remember pay attention when you hear a tornado watch because this means severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible over a wide area. Tornado warnings are issued when Doppler radar shows tornadoes are forming or a trained weather spotter has sighted a twister. This warning will tell the location, and if possible, movement, estimated speed and the towns in the tornado path.

Seems like every year, the National Weather Service provides us with ample warning when tornadoes are likely to occur. Seven offices serve parts of Kansas, including Goodland, Dodge City, Wichita, Topeka, Hastings, Neb., Pleasant Hill, Mo., and Springfield, Mo.

Each is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year by meteorologists and technicians.

Think ahead during this upcoming severe weather season. Listen to forecasts daily, check the weather app on your smart phone and key into conditions in your area. Know where your nearest shelter is and remember when a tornado threatens, immediate action might save you and your loved ones' lives.

John Schlageck of the Kansas Farm Bureau is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. He grew up on a diversified farm near Seguin, and his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

School finance drives talks in Topeka

The recent Kansas Supreme Court decision in the Gannon school finance case is driving practically all of the discussion in Topeka these days, as legislators work toward a solution to the issue of equity among rich and poor districts.

The court has ordered that a solution must be in place to provide equity for all Kansas students and school districts by July 1, with serious consequences should the Legislature fail. Incredibly, some legislators seem to want to call the court's bluff, daring the judges to follow through with the sanctions ordered in the ruling. That is a risky approach, with an unpredictable outcome.

Fortunately, it appears that is a minority attitude, and most legislators are engaged in negotiations to craft a solution that will pass muster with the court and deliver true equity to all Kansas schools.

The current proposal in the House would make adjustments to a few weightings in the school finance formula in an attempt to provide part of the money while refining the weightings. However I have seen a computer run for that proposal, and if it were enacted, 15 rural school districts would be left with less state money and no opportunity to make up the loss through increased local effort. Three of those are in my district.

I am skeptical that an initiative to address equity of educational opportunity, and which will require over \$93 million a year in new school money, truly delivers on that promise if some school districts end up as net losers.

Additionally, there has been a major push to "bundle" a number of education policy items in the same bill that provides the equity funding. I am not a fan of this approach, as represents an effort to include policy items that do not have enough support to stand on their own merits.



Don Hineman

• Topeka Update

They are included in the bill in an attempt to muscle them through with the budget measure, which everyone agrees must be addressed. That is a bad legislative practice, and it can lead to the enactment of significant policy which actually lacks majority support. Fortunately, the most egregious of the policy items have been negotiated out of the bill, and I am now at a point that I can accept those that remain.

Our objective during the time we have left should be to craft the best possible solution to the issue of equity of school finance. We definitely have a major conversation ahead regarding how to define and insure adequate funding, but that is best left for the interim and the 2015 session.

The court put no deadline on the adequacy issue, and in fact, the three-judge District Court panel will be wrestling with it for some time to come. It's significant that the Supreme Court stated in the Gannon decision that all more that goes toward education should be counted toward adequacy, but that outcomes, rather than dollars, are the most appropriate yardstick for measuring adequacy. It will take a great deal of discussion, research and reflection to appropriately address adequacy, and we must not rush that decision during this session.

Time is now running short. The legislature is scheduled to reach first adjournment in less than a week. We will return on April 30 for the veto or "wrap-up" session, which is currently

scheduled to conclude during the first week of May. However if the Legislature cannot reach agreement on the school money issue this week, we will be leaving a great deal of work to be resolved during the final session.

I doubt anyone wants to see us drawn into an extended session like we experienced last year, which was 99 days long when we finally adjourned June 1.

I am honored to serve the residents of the 118th District in Topeka, and I welcome your questions and suggestions. You can reach me at Rep. Don Hineman, (785) 296-7636 or dhineman@st-tel.net

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DEBBIE SCHWANKE/ Colby Community College

Charles Keefer had pie for lunch Wednesday at noon at dining hall in Colby Community College's student union building. Resident Assistant Ryan Ihle delivered the pie while advisors Beth Fenton and Brent Wilson watched.

Student leader takes pie to the face

The Colby Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa sponsored a fund raiser this month, "Pie-the-Teacher." Resident Life Coordinator Charles Keefer was the "winner" of the event. The group raised approximately \$190 for the organization. Students donated money to the contestant of their choice. Keefer received his apple pie at noon Wednesday in the Student Union. Other instructors who participated were Brad Bennett, Shad Clymer, Katie Crone, Wilson and Jeff Stephens. Advisors for the chapter are Brent Wilson and Beth Fenton.

Geological survey measures water levels in eastern Kansas

Crews from the Kansas Geological Survey, based at the University of Kansas, were in the western part of the state in early January measuring groundwater levels. The survey and the Division of Water Resources of the Kansas Department of Agriculture collect data each year to monitor the health of the region's aquifers. Weather permitting, the crews planned to measure 510 wells in several counties in the vicinity of Colby on Jan. 2, Goodland on Jan. 3, Syracuse and Ulysses on Jan. 4 and Liberal on Jan. 5. In total, the survey and the division will measure 1,407 wells in 47 western and central counties. Division staff from field offices in Stockton, Garden City and Stafford will measure 897 wells in a regional network covering parts of western and central Kansas. "We measure water levels in the same wells each year with the permission of land owners," said Brett Wedel, manager of the survey's water-level-data acquisition efforts. "Thanks to their cooperation, we are able to maintain a historical record of the annual groundwater levels for some wells dating back to the 1960s." Most of the wells monitored in the program are within the boundaries of one of the state's five groundwater management districts, organized by area landowners and water users, and have been measured for two to three decades. Ninety percent of the measured wells draw water from the High Plains aquifer, a massive network of underground water-bearing rocks that underlies parts of eight states. It includes the extensive Ogallala aquifer, the Great Bend Prairie aquifer in west-central Kansas, and the Equus Beds aquifer north and west of the city of Wichita. The rest of the wells are drilled into the Dakota aquifer and other deeper systems, or into shallow alluvial aquifers along creeks and rivers. The High Plains aquifer is the primary source of irrigation, municipal and industrial water for much of western and central Kansas. Groundwater levels have dropped substantially in portions of the aquifer where water usage has risen the most over the past 60 years. Wells are measured in December, January and February to avoid short-term declines caused by pumping for irrigation during the growing season. Between the winters of 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, water levels in the entire network declined, on average, a little more than 2 feet, and southwest Kansas continued to be hardest hit with an average decline there of 3.56 feet. During 2013, drought conditions continued in much of the region. "Although parts of west-central and southwest Kansas received significant precipitation amounts in late July and August, drought conditions persisted across roughly the western third of the state," said Brownie Wilson, water-data manager for the survey. "Most of northwest Kansas missed out on those rains." The U.S. Drought Monitor classifies the western third of Kansas in severe drought and small areas in the northwest and southwest corners in extreme drought. "The drier the conditions, the greater the pumping demands are on the aquifer," Wilson said. "Given the low recharge rates in the Ogallala portion of the High Plains aquifer, this in turn causes increases in the rates of groundwater decline." Using the data collected by the survey and the division, landowners, groundwater management districts, municipalities, private industries and government agencies can evaluate water-level trends and manage groundwater resources. Historical annual measurements for each well are available at the survey's website. Results of measurements made in January 2014 will be added in late February.

Runaway steer saved from becoming steak

CASSELTON, N.D. (AP) - A runaway farm animal, bought the steer named Waldo from farmer Todd Sadeck so that it can live out its life in greener pastures, WDAY-TV reported (bit.ly/1gtrEQt). "He wanted to be free, and now he will be free," said Monte Jackson, who picked up Waldo. "Well, not free - I'll keep him fenced. But he'll think he's free." Sadeck said he thought the request to buy the animal was odd until he found out who was behind it. "He doesn't know how lucky he is yet," Sadeck said of Waldo. "But he'll figure it out soon."

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School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Monday: 4 p.m. grade school site council, board room; 9 a.m. junior varsity tennis, Garden City; 4 p.m. junior varsity baseball vs. Burlington. **Tuesday:** Great West Activities Conference art show, high school gym; 1 p.m. junior varsity tennis, WaKeeney; 4 p.m. baseball, Ulysses; 4 p.m. softball, Dodge City; 7 p.m. kindergarten musical, Grade School Auditorium. **Wednesday:** Great West Activities Conference art show, high school gym; noon – middle school site council; 9 a.m. FFA District Livestock event, Oakley. **Thursday:** Great West Activities Conference art show, high school gym; 9:30 a.m. seventh and eighth track, Norton; 4 p.m. softball, Ulysses. **Friday:** 3 p.m. varsity tennis, Russell; 3:30 p.m. varsity track, Norton. **Saturday:** FFA Hodgeman County Livestock event, Jetmore; ACT test, Colby Community College; speech and drama regional festivals; 5:15 prom. **Menus: Monday:** breakfast: oatmeal breakfast round, mandarin oranges, orange juice; lunch: chicken strips, tater tots, cauliflower with cheese, apple. **Tuesday:** breakfast: blueberry bubble bread, sliced peaches, grape juice; lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, whole grain roll, green beans, sliced pears. **Wednesday:** breakfast: chicken and biscuit sandwich, peach slices, apple juice; lunch: mini corn dogs, baked beans, steamed car-

rots, orange wedges. **Thursday:** breakfast: banana muffin, apple halves, orange juice; lunch: burrito, Spanish rice, steamed broccoli, fruit cocktail. **Friday:** breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, fruit choice, juice choice; lunch: cheesy breadsticks, marinara sauce, tossed salad with spinach, corn, apricots. **Sacred Heart**
Activities: Monday: Iowa Test of basic skills, first and second grades. **Tuesday:** Iowa Test of basic skills, first and second grades. **Wednesday:** Iowa Test of basic skills, first and second grades. **Thursday:** Iowa Test of basic skills, first and second grades. **Friday:** Iowa Test of basic skills, first and second grades. **Menus: Monday:** hamburger, dark green leaf lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, fruit cocktail. **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, strawberries and bananas. **Wednesday:** chili, crackers, celery, cucumbers, cinnamon roll, oranges. **Thursday:** baked ham, two-potato mash, green beans, biscuits, kiwi. **Friday:** grilled cheese, French fries, peas, baby carrots, apples. **Heartland**
Activities: Thursday: Easter production; 10 a.m. junior high track, Tribune. **Friday:** Easter production. **Saturday:** Easter production; ACT test. **Golden Plains**
Activities: Wednesday: 11 a.m. high school forensics, Western Kansas Liberty League, Northern

Valley-Almena. **Thursday:** high school forensics, Oberlin; 11 p.m. middle school track, Weskan Invitational at Cheyenne Wells, Colo. **Saturday:** high school forensics regionals; ACT test date; 6:30 p.m. high school prom, Rexford. **Menus: Rexford: Monday:** breakfast: biscuit, sausage, gravy; lunch: pinwheel. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancake sausage; lunch: spaghetti. **Wednesday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: taco salad. **Thursday:** breakfast: grilled cheese; lunch: chicken nuggets. **Friday:** breakfast: donuts; lunch: soup, sandwich. **Brewster**
Activities: Wednesday: 11 a.m. Western Kansas Liberty League forensics, Alma. **Thursday:** 11 a.m. junior high track at Cheyenne Wells, Weskan meet. **Friday:** no school; 10 a.m. junior high, 3 p.m. high school track, Tribune. **Menus: Monday:** breakfast: grilled cheese sandwich; lunch: chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans. **Tuesday:** breakfast: oatmeal chocolate chip muffin;

lunch: sloppy joes, tri-tater wedge, baked beans. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and sausage gravy; lunch: beef and noodles in gravy, fresh broccoli, rolls, baby carrots. **Thursday:** breakfast: French toast sticks; lunch: hamburgers, fries, tomato, lettuce, baby carrots. **Colby Community College**
Activities: Sunday: men's golf, Junction City; 1 p.m. baseball, Pratt; 4 and 6 p.m. Northwest Kansas All-Star Games. **Monday:** men's golf, Junction City. **Tuesday:** 3 p.m. baseball vs. Otero; 3 p.m. Study Skills Workshop, Thomas Hall; 6 p.m. SGA, Student Union. **Wednesday:** noon – Diversity Roundtable, International Student Exchange, Fireside Lounge; 3 p.m. softball, El Dorado; 3 p.m. baseball, Lamar. **Thursday:** rodeo, Weatherford, Okla. **Friday:** women's track, Wichita; rodeo, Weatherford; family weekend, 9 a.m. enrollment day; physical therapy assistant student interviews, Health Sciences building; 4 p.m. softball vs. Butler. **Saturday:** family weekend; rodeo, Weath-

erford; women's track, Wichita; men's track, Seward, Neb.; noon – softball tourney; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Seward Community College; 4:45 p.m. scholarship auction, City Limits; 7 p.m. musical "Fiddler On the Roof," Cultural Arts Center. **Sunday:** family weekend; women's golf, Emporia; 9 a.m. softball; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Seward; 2 p.m. "Fiddler On the Roof," Cultural Arts Center. **Triplains**
Activities: Monday: no school. **Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m. early childhood screening at United Methodist Church. **Thursday:** 8 a.m.

spring photos; 11 a.m. junior high track at Cheyenne Wells vs. Weskan. **Friday:** 10 a.m. junior high track, Tribune; 3 p.m. "Fred the Preparedness Dog" for grade school in auditorium. **Saturday:** ACT test date; 8 to 11 a.m. Logan County Health Fair, Impact Center in Oakley. **Menus: Tuesday:** pigs in blankets. **Wednesday:** chicken 'n' noodles. **Thursday:** tacos. **Friday:** chicken wraps. *Send your calendar and menus to colby.society @ nwkansas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.*

Monthly maintenance can keep lawns healthy
 We run on it. We play on it. And sometimes we lie down and dream on it. A few steps through the year will help fortify the green carpet we call our lawn through tough times, says Kansas State University horticulturist Ward Upham. Upham is the director of K-State Research and Extension's Horticulture Rapid Response Center (www.hfrf.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=941). He provided month-by-month steps to care for cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue:
 • April – Apply crabgrass preventer when redbud trees are in full bloom. The preventer needs to be watered in before it will start to work. One-quarter inch will be enough. Remember that a good, thick lawn is the best weed prevention and may be all that is needed.
 • May – Fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer if you water your lawn or get enough rainfall that your turf normally doesn't go drought-dormant during the summer. If there are broadleaf weeds, spot treat with a spray or use a fertilizer that includes a weed killer. Rain or irrigation within 24 hours will reduce effectiveness of the weed killer, but the fertilizer needs

to be watered in. If using a product that has both fertilizer and weed killer, wait 24 hours after application before watering.
 • June through mid-July – Apply second round of crabgrass preventer by June 15 – unless you have used Dimension (dithiopyr) or Barricade (proflam) for the April application. Remember to water it in. Apply a product containing imidacloprid during the first half of July to prevent grub damage. It must be watered in.
 • Late July through August – If you see grub damage, apply a grub killer that contains Dylox. Imidacloprid is effective against young grubs and may not be effective on late instar grubs. The grub killer containing Dylox should be watered in within 24 hours.
 • September – Fertilize around Labor Day. This is the most important fertilization of the year. Water in the fertilizer.
 • November – Fertilize. This fertilizer is taken up by the roots, but is not used until the following spring. Water in the fertilizer. Spray for broadleaf weeds even if they are small. They are much easier to control in the fall. Spray on a day that is at least 50 degrees. Rain or irrigation within 24 hours reduces the effectiveness.

carrots, cornbread, mandarin oranges. **Wednesday:** meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, cook's choice complement, rosy applesauce. **Thursday:** turkey casserole, broccoli salad, peaches, cookie. **Friday:** baked fish, parslid potatoes, beets, plums. The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch. Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn
 Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows; Joan Dingwerth's birthday. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study; Marjorie Leh's birthday. **Thursday:** 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch;

2 p.m. Red Barn Gang practice; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter. **Saturday:** 7 p.m. bingo.

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Public Notice
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS
 In the Matter of the Estate of Robert J. Bixenman, Deceased
 Case No. 13 PR 29
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
 The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
 You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on March 18, 2014, in this Court by Geneva A. Cooper and Florene J. Messamore, Co-Executors of the Estate of Robert J. Bixenman, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the Estate, approval of trusts, proceedings and accounts as Executors, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the Estate and assignment to them accordance with the will of Robert J. Bixenman, deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 14, 2014, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on such day, in such Court, in the City of Colby, Kansas in Thomas County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
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 In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT LYNN CARNEY, Deceased
 Case No. 14-PR-13
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are notified that on March 12, 2014, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Shawn Carney and Jeffrey L. Carney, heirs of Robert Lynn Carney, deceased. 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, Thirty (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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 In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Helen Bixenman, Deceased
 Case No. 13 PR 30
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
 The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
 You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on March 18, 2014, in this Court by Geneva A. Cooper and Florene J. Messamore, Co-Executors of the Estate of Mary Helen Bixenman, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the Estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-Executors, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the Estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of Mary Helen Bixenman, deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 14, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on such day, in such Court, in the City of Colby, Kansas in Thomas County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
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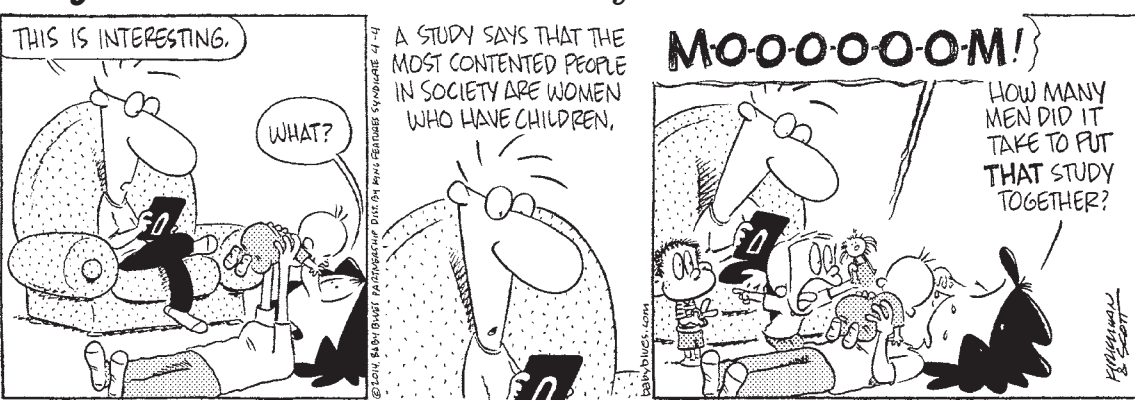
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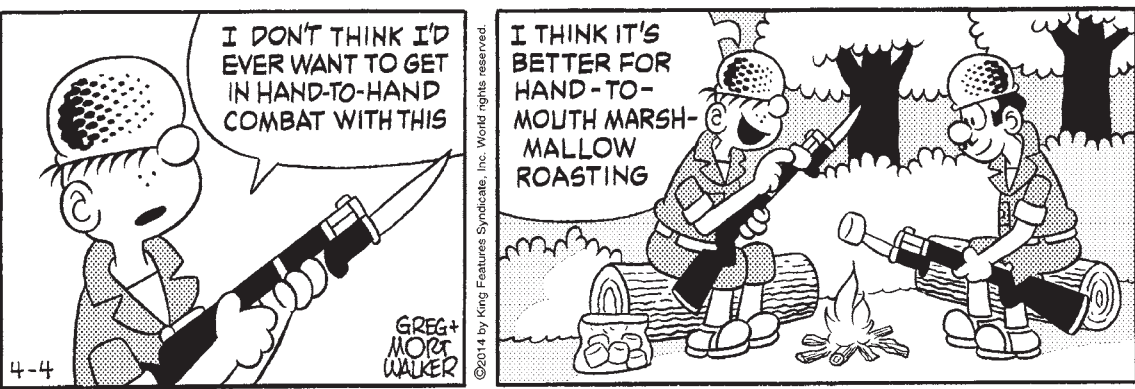
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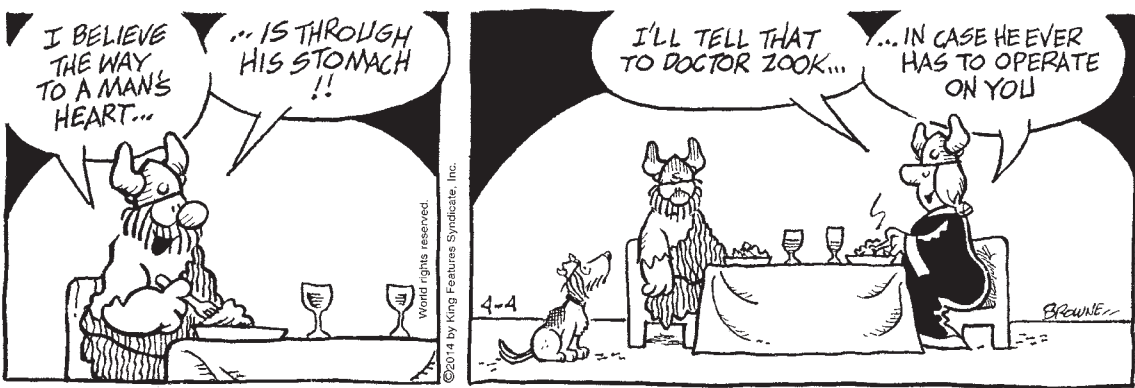
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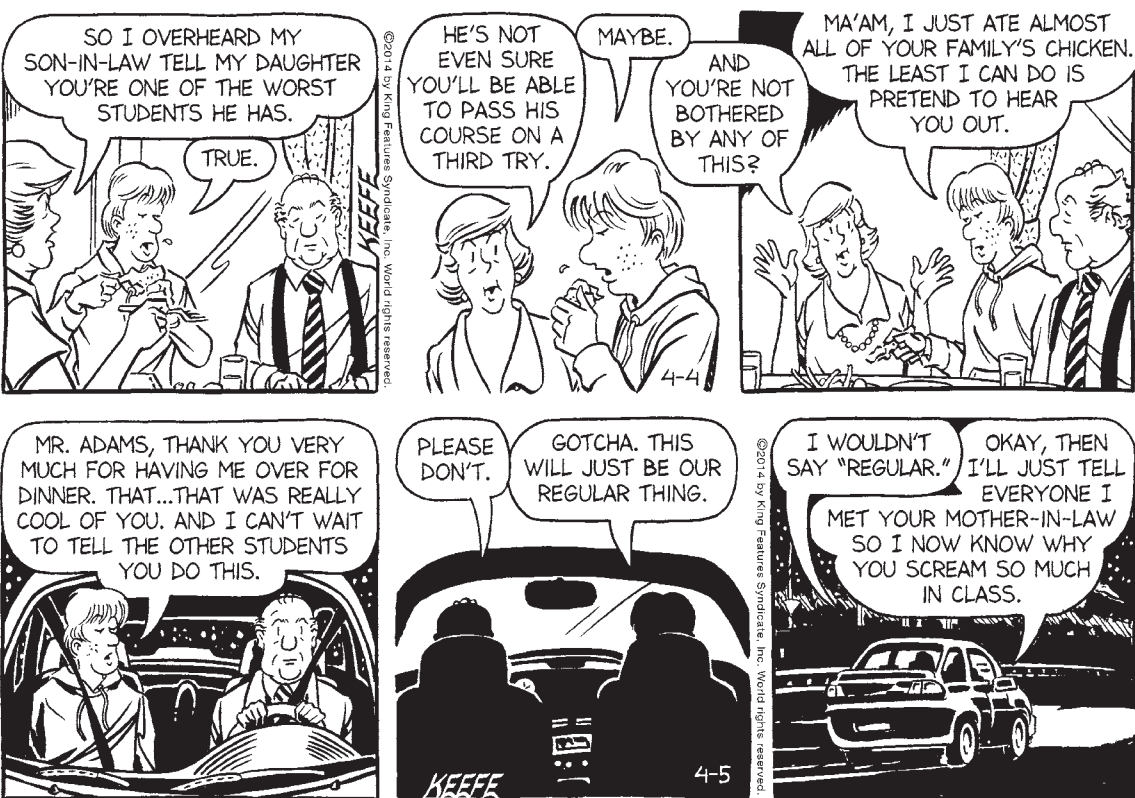
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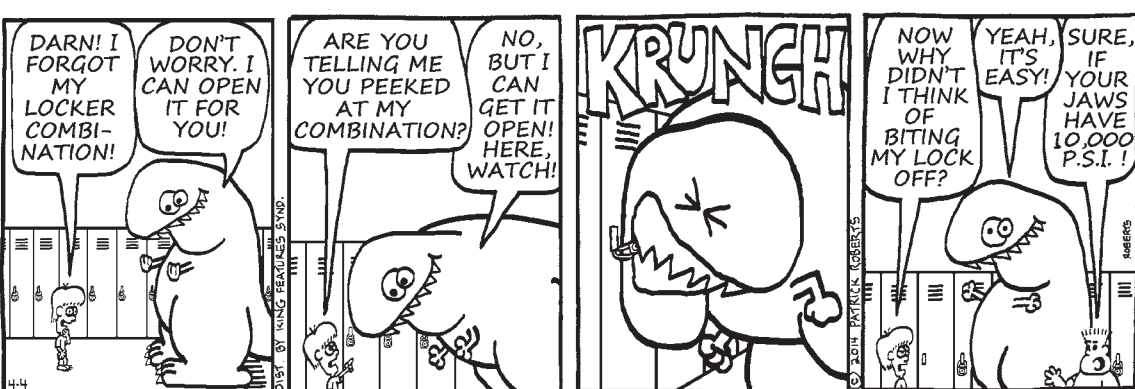
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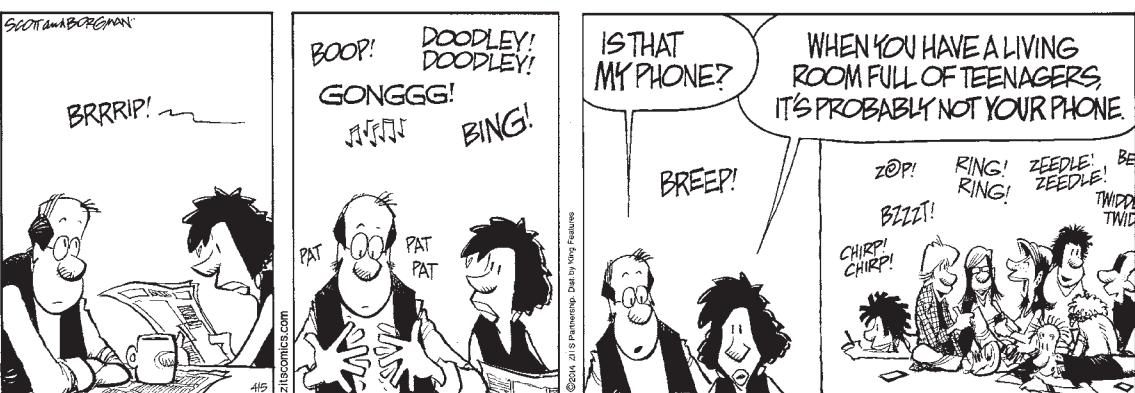
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- Clip coupons only for items you use or need. Just because there is a coupon for something doesn't mean you have to use it. If it is an item you wouldn't normally buy, then don't! Why waste your money?
- Check store-brand prices against the coupons. If a name-brand item is still more expensive with the coupon, and you don't mind the store brand, then don't buy the name brand.
- Watch for deals on products you have been considering trying. Sometimes manufacturers will give good deals to get consumers to try a new product.
- Try to match up coupons with items already on sale. You can save a bundle this way.
- Coupon-swap with friends and family. If there is a coupon for a product a friend uses that you don't, give it away, and vice versa.

Readers, any hints you have for using coupons? Write in and let me know. — Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Readers: One of the hardest things to travel with is pressed powder, eye shadows, face powder or blushes. They usually end up cracked and crumble, especially if you check your suitcase or carry them in your purse. I finally learned to cut a cotton pad or fold a tissue the size of the container and put it inside. This holds the powder down and is a barrier if it does break. — Heloise

WIPERS UP

Dear Heloise: I have a problem remembering where I parked when coming out of a mall or someplace I am not familiar with. I run my windshield wipers and manipulate them so they will be halfway up on the windshield. I know it looks a little goofy, but when I walk out to my car I just look across the lot for the car with the wipers halfway up. — Dale in Nebraska

Well, this is one way! If you have a camera phone (which most of us do today), snap a photo of a "landmark" or something to clue you as to where you have parked. — Heloise

REPLACEMENT CORD

Dear Heloise: I needed to replace the drawstring on a pair of sweatpants. I didn't have an actual drawstring cord, so I used an extra-long shoelace. It was long enough to go around my waist, and the tips made it easy to lace through the waistband. I knotted the ends, snipped off the aglets, and it worked better than the original cord! — L.R., via email

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5. ♠Q654 ♥7♦KQ85 ♣AQ32

Bidding Quiz

1. Two spades. The most common way of identifying promising values when your partner doubles for takeout is by making a jump-response in your longest suit. It would be wrong to respond one spade with this hand and also make the same bid with, say:

♠J642 ♥8532 ♦Q7 ♣872

Your partner is not a mind reader and would have no way of knowing which hand you held if you responded one spade with both.

The given hand offers a strong potential for game with spades as trumps, and you should announce that prospect via an invitational jump-response. Partner can then pass or continue bidding, depending on the strength of his hand.

2. One notrump. Here you have more high-card points but less chance for game. The choices are two clubs, which could be based on a worthless hand; three clubs, which would show about nine to 11 points; and one notrump, promising seven to 10 points, a balanced hand and at least one heart stopper. This last choice describes your hand perfectly and is therefore the most sensible action.

3. One spade. This is an admittedly unpleasant situation, but you're not responsible for having been dealt a poor hand with no suit to bid. It would be dead wrong to pass, and equally wrong to bid one notrump with such meager values. You're not expected to enjoy bidding a three-card suit, but it's the best bid available.

4. Two notrump. This is an invitational bid, indicating 11 or 12 points, hearts well stopped and notrump distribution. If the deuce of diamonds were the queen, you'd bid three notrump.

5. Two hearts. This is obviously a game-going hand opposite a partner who has indicated opening-bid strength by his double. The trouble is that you don't know which of your three suits will provide the best play for game.

Rather than try to guess which game to bid, you should respond with a cuebid, asking partner to name his longest suit. You plan to raise directly to game in the suit of his choice.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/04

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.

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

Cryptoquip

B V X U F I B J N D M K O U X A U

A Z M J J C N B X A R U X L M K O D U U N

X L B X L M A K C D K M V Z K B R C

I C V B R C B J C V - A B K N C F

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAVE KEENLY SHARP VISION LIKE THAT OF A KING OR A PRINCE, I'D CALL YOU REGAL-EYED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Blond shade
 - 4 Carpet style
 - 8 Make boots
 - 12 Prompt bellow
 - 13 Big brass bellower
 - 14 Zilch, south of the border
 - 15 Man of 12 labors
 - 17 Always
 - 18 Pop
 - 19 Song of joy
 - 20 Stallone hero
 - 22 Snatched
 - 24 Rue the run
 - 25 Enraptured
 - 29 That boat
 - 30 Sprite
 - 31 Tokyo's old name
 - 32 Unfit to swim in
 - 34 Jail on board
 - 35 "Sad to say ..."
- DOWN**
- 2 Seek damages of
 - 3 Discoverer of Uranus
 - 4 Learn
 - 5 Shake in the grass?
 - 6 Honest politician?
 - 7 Petrol
 - 8 Messages
 - 9 Church area
 - 10 Concept
 - 11 Mountain lake
 - 16 Pepsi rival
 - 19 Ballet bend
 - 20 Grate exclamation
 - 21 Twice cuatro
 - 22 One of Franklin's certainties
 - 23 "Metamorphoses" poet
 - 25 Ms. Moreno
 - 26 Genetics
 - 27 Rewrite maybe
 - 28 AKC subjects
 - 30 "— Fiction"
 - 33 Mourn
 - 34 Thrash
 - 36 Sanctify
 - 37 Wound cover
 - 38 Greet silently
 - 39 Old Testament prophet
 - 40 Get bigger
 - 42 Height of fashion?
 - 43 Before
 - 44 Dove's call
 - 45 Junior

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	O	B	B	S	U	M	A	F	A	R				
O	D	O	R	I	F	A	S	E	M	I				
M	I	R	O	N	O	R	P	A	I	D				
B	E	N	N	I	E	G	A	I	T					
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				L	E	M	O	N	H	U	E	E	M	O
				A	S	I	S	L	A	X	P	R	I	M
				M	A	L	F	E	Z	B	A	S	T	E
				B	U	L	L	D	O	Z	E	R	S	
				D	A	R	N	M	A	S	T	E	R	
				D	I	A	Z	A	G	O	I	O	W	A
				A	C	E	M	E	R	A	T	O	N	E
				B	E	S	S	D	Y	E	O	M	E	N

Yesterday's answer 4-4

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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49						50					51	

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Notices

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Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner. Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673. ---12/15---TFN---

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We are seeking applications for temporary seasonal employment in the Maintenance Department at Colby Housing Authority. Duties include but are not limited to cleaning apartments, painting and yard work. Applications are available at the Colby Housing Authority office, 600 S. Mission Ridge Ave., Colby, Kansas 67701. 785-460-6763 This position will be open until filled. Equal Opportunity Employer. ---4/3---4/9---

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Frontier Ag in Atwood has an opening for a truck driver and operations labor. Apply at 12731 Highway 25 or call 785-626-3932 for details. ---4/2---4/21---

Help Wanted

CBS/CSS Recovery Specialist, Colby Branch Office - High Plains Mental Health Center currently has a full time position available in our Colby Branch Office for a Recovery Specialist. Work focuses primarily on providing patients and their families with medically necessary services. Qualifications include at least (1) a BA/BS degree or be equivalent by work experience. Candidate must also be able to provide after hours on call services. Must possess valid Kansas driver's license and a good driving record. Must also be able to successfully pass an intensive background check. Interested applicants should send their resume, transcript, three professional references and a letter of interest to Amy Bird, 208 East 7th Street, Hays, KS 67601. High Plains Mental Health Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V. ---3/31---4/11---

Colby Public Schools is accepting applications for an elementary instructor. Submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, credentials and district application form to Janel Andrews, 600 West Third Street, Colby. Applications accepted until position is filled. 785-460-5000 EOE ---4/2---4/4---

Help Wanted

Rawlins County Conservation District is accepting applications for a District Manager. Office experience and QuickBooks experience a plus. Benefits include health insurance stipend, KPERs retirement, sick and annual leave. Closing date for applications is April 15, 2014. Mail or bring cover letter and resume to the District office at the USDA Service Center, 1001 Sherman Street, Atwood, KS 67730 or call 785-626-3149 ext. 1333. EOE ---3/28---4/10---

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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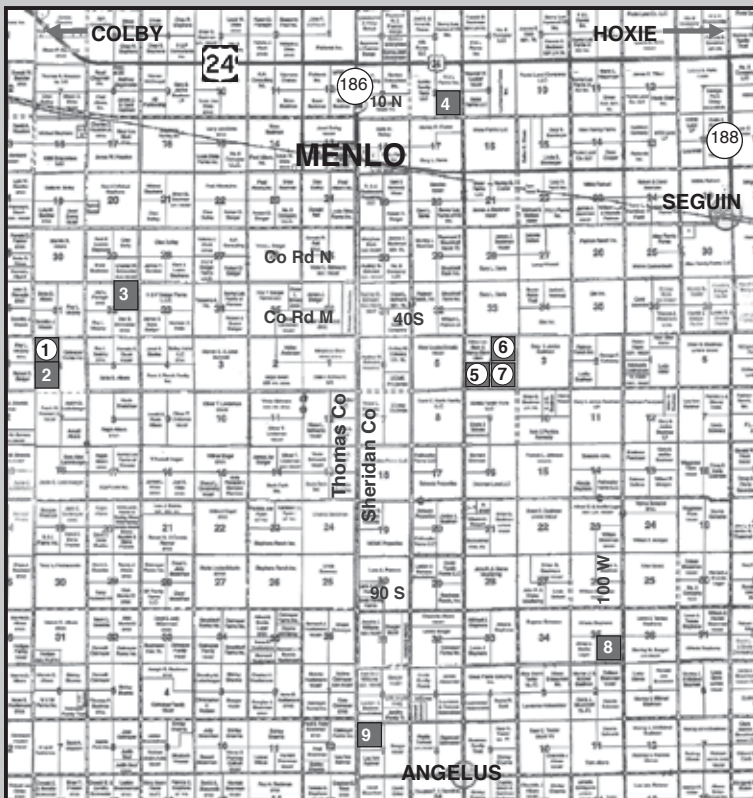
"MULTI-PARCEL" LAND AUCTION

TUES., APRIL 22, 2014 @10:30 AM, CDT

LAND LOCATION: See Map! **SIGNS WILL BE POSTED!**
MANNER OF SALE: This real estate will be offered as a "MULTI-PARCEL" auction in 9 individual tracts and in combinations of tracts. It will be sold in the manner that produces the highest aggregate bid. There will be OPEN BIDDING on all tracts and combinations of tracts during the auction as determined by the auction company. Bids on individual tracts, tract combinations, and the total property may compete. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the auction company.
TERMS: 10% down day of sale, with the balance to be paid on or before May 22, 2014, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Sellers. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be made in certified funds. All funds will be held by the auction company in their trust account or by an identified title/escrow company. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. All bids are subject to Sellers confirmation. A 6% buyer's premium applies. Broker participation available - Call for details! **Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.**
MINERAL RIGHTS: Sellers will retain 1/2 of the mineral rights for a term of 10 years, or for as long as productions, if any, exists. Minerals are believed to be 100% intact and are under a current oil and gas lease.
CROPS: Subject to the tenant's rights on the 2014 planted wheat crop and Buyer(s) will receive a 40% share of the crop at no expense to the Buyer(s). 40# on N, 5# of sulfur along with Rave, have been applied to the growing wheat.
FSA INFORMATION: All FSA farm program payments associated with the 2014 crop year will be subject to the new 2014 Farm Bill provisions. See chart below for FSA information.
CLOSING: Closing will be on or before May 22, 2014.
POSSESSION: Date of closing, subject to tenant's rights on the planted wheat crop. Buyer(s) will have the right to enter on the open land upon full execution of the contract and payment of the earnest money for general farming & irrigation purposes. All open acres have been sprayed with Roundup, Banvel & 2-4-D at no expense to the Buyer.

AUCTION LOCATION: CITY LIMITS CONVENTION CENTER, COLBY, KS

SELLERS: SCHILTZ FAMILY



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TRACT	LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS	AUCTION ACRES	ESTIMATED IRRIGATED CROPLAND ACRES	ESTIMATED DRYLAND CROPLAND ACRES	NOZZLE PACKAGE	PLANTED ACRES	WHEAT BASE/DCP YLD	CORN BASE/DCP YLD	SOYBEANS BASE/DCP YLD	2013 TAXES
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2	SW/4 of 6-9-31	160.0		160.0		152.0±				
3	NE/4 of 32-8-31	160.0		159.7			40.6/38	81.3/129		\$568.82
SHERIDAN COUNTY										
4	SE/4 of 8-8-30	160.0		158.8			78.3/38	39.1/129		\$658.64
5	SW/4 of 4-9-30	160.0	121.0	35.5	425	36.0±				
6	NE/4 of 4-9-30	160.0	121.0	35.5	450	36.0±	227.5/38*	179.8/129*	29.7/29*	\$4,563.32
7	SE/4 of 4-9-30	160.0	121.0	35.5	450	36.0±				
8	SE/4 of 35-9-30	160.0		157.8		78.8	39.4/38	78.8/129		\$608.94
9	NW/4 of 7-10-30	160.0		153.0		153.1	73.0/38	37.6/129		\$574.88
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---3/26---4/7---

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---4/3---4/9---

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---3/31---4/4---

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---3/26---4/14---

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---3/27---4/9---

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---3/19---4/7---

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---3/13---4/9---

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---2/12---TFN---

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

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

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---4/3---4/16---

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---3/6---4/17---

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---4/2---4/14---

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

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---3/27---4/23---

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---4/2---4/28---

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---3/26---4/4---

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---3/26---4/7---

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



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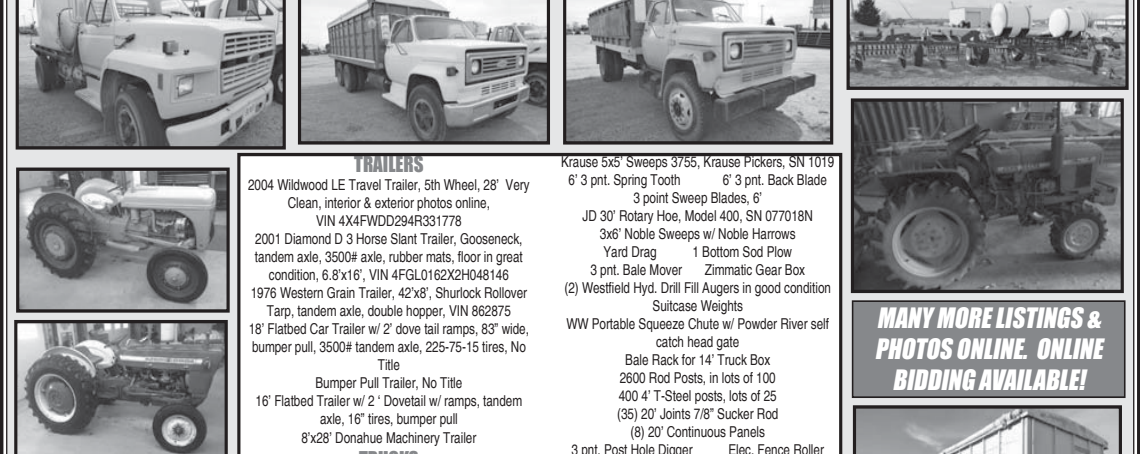
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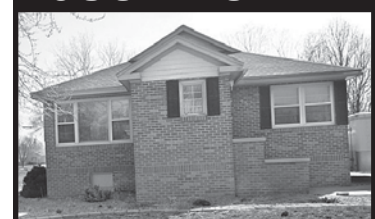
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Colby Community College's Joey Meyer, left, joined this Colby Elementary School student in appreciation of good literature.

Trojans' impact goes beyond court

Though basketball season finished more than a month ago, Colby Community College's men are still busy contributing to the community.

The past five weeks have featured Trojan basketball players assisting Colby Elementary School teachers.

They've been reading to students, interacting with them on the playground and helping with school projects.

In addition, the Trojan men have been cleaning ditches along Range Avenue/Highway 24 to improve appearance of the entrance into Colby.

Titan is definitely all-league selection

She's averaged 10 rebounds, nearly 15 points and three steals per game since her freshman season.

So it's a no-brainer that Triplains-Brewster junior Shayna Rogge belonged on the all-Western Kansas Liberty League girls' basketball first team.

Rogge was accidentally omitted from another Kansas media website and the *Free Press* earlier this month.

However, conference leaders did confirm that Rogge was a first-team selection this season.

During the Titans' 17-5 campaign, Rogge delivered 14.8 points and 9.3 rebounds per contest. Her scoring was slightly down from the sophomore season (16.8 points), but Rogge's field-goal percentage has gone up every season from 38 (freshman) to 42 (sophomore) to 46 (junior).

She also shot a career-best 66 percent from the foul line this season. Rogge's 9.3 rebounds was second only to her freshman campaign, when she grabbed 12.5 boards per game while scoring 12.3 points.

Rogge joined an all-league first team that also features Titan senior teammate Brittany Plummer, Golden Plains seniors Hailee Sprester, Jordan Christensen and sophomore Kami Miller; Logan



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Triplains-Brewster junior Shayna Rogge went all-out to get this loose ball from Golden Plains' Madison Walz during their sub-state championship game on March 8 in Grainfield.

junior Kadee Braun, Cheylin senior Shayla Hubbard and junior Allie Frisbie; Western Plains senior Ruth Hair, Weskan senior Kelsey Hale and junior Robyn See; Northern Valley senior Brooke Hammond, Palco seniors Fallyn Handley and Kiley Marcotte; and Wheatland-Grinnell senior Paige Ramey.

League commissioner Harvey Kahle submitted this entire list to the *Free Press* on Thursday.

Colby state medalists return to start new season today

By R.B. Headley
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A trio of 4A state medalists and one returning league champion are among the Colby High athletes charging into today's McCook, Neb., Invitational.

The season-opening track and field event was set to begin at 1 p.m.

Sophomores Sydney Stephens, Brielle McKee and Andrea Browne are all ready to compete after finishing among 4A's best last spring.

Browne took seventh in the 3200-meter run, and followed up that effort with her second consecutive state cross-country quali-

fication last fall. McKee and Stephens reached the top five as freshman runners on Colby's 1600-meter relay. McKee added an eighth-place, 400-dash finish.

Junior Hannah Strange also reached state after winning the Great West Activities Conference high jump championships. The Colby girls captured a team title in that annual showdown.

Now both the Eagle boys and girls make their 2014 debut today, against what is traditionally a very talented McCook Invitational field.

A glance at the entire Eagles' team roster starting this season.

Girls: Daniessy Barraza, Alexis Boehme, Kambri Garrett, Kalea

Kansas hoops make headlines

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall is growing accustomed to being center stage at the Final Four. He just wishes his team was with him this time around.

After leading the Shockers to the national semifinals a year ago, Marshall deftly guided them through a perfect regular season, earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. While they were done in by Kentucky in the third round, by then the votes had already been tabulated.

Marshall was the runaway winner of the AP coach of the year award.

He accepted his hardware during a news conference Thursday at AT&T Stadium, where Kentucky will play Wisconsin and UConn will meet Florida in the national semifinals Saturday night.

"I'm truly honored," Marshall said. "It's amazing what our

young guys and our program were able to accomplish this year, with the tremendous win streak and the run they took us all on. I've been coaching for a long time, but when you have a group like this, they make it really special."

On Wednesday, Marshall was chosen coach of the year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches; he was also chosen coach of the year by the United States Basketball Writers Association and CBS Sports.com.

Creighton star Doug McDermott was a near-unanimous pick as the AP player of the year after a senior season that left him the fifth-leading scorer in Division I history. McDermott received all but one vote from the 65-member panel that votes for the Top 25. Russ Smith of Louisville received the only dissenting vote.

The award ceremony was also a reunion for Marshall and McDer-



Associated Press
Former Kansas great player and assistant coach Danny Manning is moving into the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference.

mott, who became familiar with each other when Wichita State and Creighton tussled for Missouri Valley supremacy.

KU great joins ACC
University of Kansas legendary player Danny Manning is leaving Tulsa to take over as Wake Forest's basketball coach.

Manning attended high school in nearby Greensboro before becoming an All-American at Kansas, leading the Jayhawks to the 1988 national championship and playing 15 years in the NBA.

He was an assistant coach at Kansas before taking his first head coaching position at the University of Tulsa. In two seasons, Manning led the Golden Hurricane to two post-season berths including the NCAA tourney this year following a Conference USA tournament championship.

His hiring ends Wake Forest's two-week search for a replacement for Jeff Bzdelik, who resigned under intense public pressure following four mostly unremarkable seasons.

Eagle golfers get ready

The Colby High Eagles return six regional golfers who are ready to begin their quest for state tournament success this spring.

Junior David Browne almost reached the 4A ultimate meet last season, and he'll be one of coach Matt Sims' top contenders this season.

Browne leads the returning region lineup that includes seniors Ian Koerperich, Jaden Morrison, junior Gage James, sophomores Bryce Arnberger and Tanner Lee.

However, there another 21 Eagles who will be competing to crack the varsity travel squad. Several Colby golfers are likely competing in today's 3 p.m. season-opening Oberlin Invitational.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High golfers (from left) Andrew Taylor, Adam Giersch and Bryce Arnberger work on their chipping skills during the team's practice at Meadow Lake Golf Course on Tuesday.

The Eagles' first varsity meet will be on Monday, April 14 at Buffalo Dunes.

Besides the six already mentioned, here is Colby's current golf team roster: seniors Adam Giersch

and Andrew Taylor; juniors Aaron Faber and Tucker Gestner; sophomores Andrew Voss, Carter Morrison, Chris Otten, Colyn Gugelman, Connor Edmundson, Hayden Miller and Ricky Nelson;

freshmen Alex Zimmerman, August Huffles, Ethan Jay, Keegan Lopez, Shawn Mick, Tanner Reed and Josh Koon. Watch for more Colby Eagles golf coverage in upcoming editions.

Schedule

Today
Track and field: Colby at McCook, Neb., 1 p.m.

Boys golf: Colby at Oberlin, 3 p.m.

Baseball: Holcomb at Colby, 4 p.m.

Softball: Colby at Holcomb, 4 p.m.

College softball: Otero at Colby, 1 and 3 p.m.

Middle school track and field: Brewster, Golden Plains at Bird City, 10 a.m.

Saturday
College baseball: Colby at Pratt, 1 p.m.

College track/field: Colby at UNK Loper Invitational in Kearney, Neb.

Globetrotter event tops goal

Nearly 1,000 fans attending Monday's Harlem Globetrotters performance made the Colby Community Building tour stop a success.

Colby Recreation Department director Dane Olofson said the official general admission ticket sales reached 992, surpassing his minimum goal of 800 to cover ex-

penses. "It was better than the last time they (the Globetrotters) were here," he said.

With good weather arriving Monday evening, he added that a "walkup crowd" buying about 100 tickets just before the 7 p.m. show clearly helped.

Olofson thanks everyone who

assisted. Colby Community College women's basketball and softball players handled security duties along with other aspects of the evening.

The Globetrotters won a close contest over the "World All-Stars" while entertaining fans throughout this four-quarter contest. No local players were involved.

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