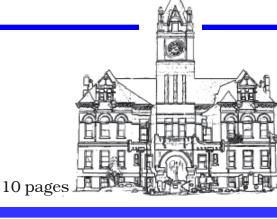
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Produce market gets a step closer

By Heather Alwin

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Thomas County Coalition representatives gathered Monday with gardeners, growers, vendors and others to discuss setting up a farmers' market in Colby.

Coalition members said they hope to receive \$100,000 this year from a grant that would pay startup costs for the market's first two years. If it gets the money – the announcement is set for April 30 - the group hopes to open on the first weekend in June.

Maureen Ostmeyer, a coalition organizer, said they need some rules and procedures to govern market participants.

"We don't want this to turn into a craft fair every Saturday," she said, adding that the emphasis of the market should be on fresh local food. It will be up to the market's board, being formed from volunteers, to establish guidelines.

Ostmeyer encouraged those attending to talk with other growers and potential vendors. She said she thinks customers will turn out, but she hopes to have a strong group of vendors to sell to them each week.

The market is one of the goals

of a larger "healthy eating" project which also includes the community garden, establishing a food hub in Colby and planting "edible landscaping" plants in lowincome areas.

The group also discussed support "From the Land of Kansas," an agricultural trademark program of the state Department of Agriculture. Ostmeyer said the organization offers support for farmers' markets and growers who want to sell products grown or made in Kansas.

Federal programs are available to help growers accept electronic benefits cards, or food stamps, opening the market to low-income buyers, she said.

The market will be at the Southwind Plaza in Colby, if the grant funding comes through, and will have access to a commercial kitchen and indoor facilities for cooking demonstrations, food preparation and other activities.

With grant money, the coalition will be able to hire a part-time manager to handle much of the administrative burden of the market, allowing it to open without having to charge vendor fees, she sid. Interested vendors or volunteers can contact her at 460-8177.



And they're off!

Kids took off running Saturday morning in Fike Park (above) after a leader called "Ready - set - go!" Hundreds of kids lined up on a beautiful day for the Kiwanis Club's annual Easter egg hunt. Karli Hills, 7, (right) snatched up plastic eggs with candy inside. Teia Salcido (below) divided the eggs among her kids Julian, 4, (left), Simon, 7, and Adian, 5.

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bid approved

Hot asphalt

By Sam Dieter

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The Thomas County commissioners approved a bid to pave a section of county road at their meeting Monday, effectively designating the county's main road project for the year.

They accepted a bid from Mc-Cormick Excavation and Paving to overlay six miles of County Road 11 from the Logan County line north with at least an inch of hot-mix asphalt for between \$288,399 and \$349,340. The road runs south from the Levant interchange on Interstate 70, connecting U.S. 24 and I-70 to Winona.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock had to leave the meeting to compare the bids

before they were approved. Although the bidders proposed using different amounts of asphalt, he said McCormick had the most cost-effective bid.

Along with McCormick, the companies that bid on the project were: APAC for \$510,110, Venture Corp. for \$440,533 and Sporer Land Development of Oakley for \$421,533. Unlike, the other companies, which bid to pave a road that is 26 feet wide, the winning company's owner, Jim McCormick, actually measured the road, and bid for a paving job that was only for 22 feet. Schrock said he calculated the figure of \$349,399, instead of McCormick's original bid, when figuring how much the project would cost if the company

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Health compact veto encouraged

By John Milburn

Associated Press

TOPEKA - Republican Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger and several health care organizations urged Gov. Sam Brownback on Tuesday to veto legislation that would allow Kansas to join a multistate health care compact.

Praeger, who is not seeking reelection, said there were too many unknowns about the compact and what impact it may have on federal health programs in Kansas, including Medicare for senior citizens. She called the effort a "mis- See "HEALTH," Page 2

the health care law who are seeking to send a message to Washington and President Barack Obama. "I think it was motivated by a decision to somehow make a statement," Praeger said at a news conference organized by the Kansas chapter of AARP. "This takes authority away from folks with no clear plan on how it would be administered."

guided" reaction by opponents of

Maren Turner, state director of AARP, said if legislators wanted a change in the federal health care law that "this is not the way to do

Probation given as sentence

By Sam Dieter

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A 19-year-old Thomas County man who put another in a wheelchair in a drunk-driving accident more than a year ago was sentenced to three years on probation in the Thomas County District Court last Wednesday morning.

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Shane Ohlrogge, Levant, was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison, to run concurrently with a year-long sentence, if he does not fulfill the terms of his probation. On Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, authorities say, Ohlrogge ran a red light at Franklin Avenue and Fourth Street in downtown Colby and hit a pickup driven by Klint Wessel, 24, who lives near Selden.

Ohlrogge was northbound on Franklin when he hit Wessel, who was eastbound on on Fourth (U.S. 24) and had the light, police said.

Last month, he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and his second driving-under-the influence charge because of the accident.

"Now Klint is a broken young man, who is confined to a wheelchair," County Attorney Kevin Berens said when he asked for a prison term instead of a probation sentence.

Right now, Berens added, Wessel lives at home, where his mother Lori Wessel looks after him. He can speak a couple of words and communicate by giving a thumbs up or when they made their statements at the sen-

thumbs down.

Wessel's parents and a grandparent said he was put into a coma just after the accident. He was flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver, and stayed at another Denver hospital afterwards with his mother and father, Karl Wessel, looking after him.

Ohlrogge drank and then got into a pickup that should have had an interlock device, Berens said, because he had already had been convicted for driving under the influence.

A test after the accident at 2:18 a.m. Dec. 15 showed he had a blood alcohol level of .251, over three times the legal limit, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. Officers said the impact forced the 1998 Dodge pickup Ohlrogge was driving, owned by his father, to spin, smashing a hole in a building northeast of the intersection.

Ohlrogge told officers that he had been drinking after leaving Twister's Bar and Grill, and several beer cans found in his pickup that were either empty or had exploded from impact. Wessel's 2005 Chevrolet pickup also spun, wrapping partially around a traffic light pole, where it caught fire.

"The night he wrecked was my last drink," Ohlrogge's father Mark Ohlrogge said at the sentencing. "All last year was very stressful, thinking about Klint."

He and his son both broke down in tears

tencing

"It's been a long, stressful, sorrowful time since that fateful morning," Shane Ohlrogge said.

He said he has a hard time thinking of Wessel's condition, and feels too guilty to laugh or smile at times. Right now, he said, he is a cook at a fast-food restaurant, where he sees former principals, sports coaches and everyone else he knows.

After the accident, he signed up for a treatment program for alcohol abuse, which he completed, and he attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and goes to church. He said he still hopes to go to college for diesel mechanics and plans to be a long-term Alcoholics Anonymous member.

Neither Wessel nor his parents chose to make a statement at the hearing.

Ohlrogge's attorney, Leslie Beims, called Wendi Wacker, executive director for Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Assessment Counseling, and Amy Dunn, an intensive supervision officer for Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services. Both described Ohlrogge as cooper-

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Area/State

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 54. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 71. South wind 10 to 15 mph

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Monday: Sunny, with a high

near 75

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 82. Breezy.

Monday: High, 45; Low 22 Tuesday: High, 69; Low 29 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None Month: 0.39 inches Year: 1.01 inches Normal: 3.98 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:04 a.m. 8:24 p.m. Moon: waning, 93 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press Kids lined up by age beside Lady Liberty at the annual Kiwanis Club easter egg hunt Saturday morning at Fike Park, waiting for their turn to go after the eggs.

Hot asphalt bid approved Monday

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used the same amount of asphalt as the others.

He pointed out that the bids are all estimates, and the county will not know the actual cost until the asphalt is on the road. The price is based on tonnage, he said, and per ton, Mc-Cormick would charge only \$68.98, while APAC would charge \$92.20, Venture would charger \$85.50 and Sporer would charge \$85.25.

He added later that the estimates also include the total cost to the companies to complete the project, and McCormick already has an asphalt plant in Colby.

The commissioners have been considering bids for around a month now, having first asked Schrock to get bids Kansas counties, the center serves has dropped from 349 in 2005. Over for cold-mix asphalt.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Approved a bid from B Rose \$177 a ton for scrap metal from the

Thomas County landfill. The com- Loos, manager of community prevenpany will collect metal and drain tion, education and outreach, said that refrigerant out of any appliances it the center set the amount, \$45,616, takes. Other bids came from Bohm based on the number of patients here, Farm and Ranch of Salina for \$165 a among other factors. Loos said the ton and Langer Industrial Services of center wants counties getting more Levant for \$146.

• Approved a project to help with least as much as they have in the past. dirt work at the Colby Community College farm. Schrock said that Cornerstone Ag is willing to donate dirt to fill in holes, but someone needs to county each chipping in about 8 perfilter pieces of concrete out of the dirt, cent, mental health reform funding provide the labor, screener and fuel from the state about 16 percent and

• Heard an annual report for the High Plains Mental Health Center from Executive Director Walter Hill. including 30 with a severe, persistent Based in Hays and organized through an agreement among northwest emotional disturbance. The number a 20-county area. The total number half are from families that make less of people served rose from 4,737 to than a \$20,000 a year Hill said, and 5,322 last year, Hill said.

Transportation of Alvo, Neb. to pay is still "under the gun" in terms of the money it can provide. Thomas Coun-

Probation given as sentence

than their share to keep chipping in at

Sixty-five percent of the center's budget of about \$9.25 million comes from fees, he said, with the state and other grants about 2.5 percent.

In Thomas County, he said, 295 people are being served by the center, mental illness and 52 with a serious many were referred for treatment by law-enforcement agencies.

• Approved paying bills of \$75,533. •OK'd a project to take out some ty is paying more money than the old tree stumps by the county office

get a definitive answer. He said Ohlrogge would be able to go to church

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.

Library Week lunches all week

National Library Week continues through Friday, with special speakers and lunches at noon at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. For information, call Librarian Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Classes offered on healthy living

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

Retirement reception to be held

Everyone is invited to retirement reception for Colleen Maison at 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union. The daughter of Keela and the late Cleo Case, Maison has been the agriculture and veterinary technician administrative assistant for nine years. For information, contact Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Kindergarten visit at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart School will have kindergarten visitation for students entering kindergarten this fall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. At 11:30 a.m., parents will meet students in the classroom to go to lunch together. Students will be dismissed after lunch. Make reservations by by calling the school at 460-2813.

Transportation van will not run

The Thomas County transportation van will not run on Thursday and Friday because the driver will be at a funeral. For information, call 443-9208.

Economic Development to meet

The board of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at the county office complex, 350 S. Range. For questions, contact Kayla Faus at 460-4511.

Landfill to be closed for Easter

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Sunday, April 20, for Easter. Call Larry Jumper at 462-8139 for information.

Start sorting grass clippings

The City of Colby will start separating grass from household trash on Monday, April 28. Leave grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass" and have cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Lunch walk on agenda April 30

National Walk at Lunch Day, promoted by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, encourages everyone to "turn a working lunch into a walking lunch" on Wednesday, April 30. At noon that day, groups will gather at Poolside and Fike parks during the lunch hour. For information, call the Thomas County Coalition at 465-8177.

City cleanup week coming

The City of Colby and Thomas County will have their

Health veto encouraged

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Turner said.

"Our members have been very participating states the ability to ex- From "PROBATION," Page 1 clear. They want to keep Medicare empt themselves from other federal

low member states to set their own health care policies while retaining federal health care dollars and give rules in addition to the health over

and haul the dirt to the farm.

Hill said he recognized the county what the center asked for, Hill said, Complex and add a four-foot sideabout 115 percent of the request. Ken walk.

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The bill was introduced in the haul's regulations. Kansas House by Rep. Brett Hiland others argue the compact would give states more flexibility in determining health care for residents by receiving block grants of federal funds.

The compact measure would al-

It hinges, however, on congresdabrand, a Shawnee Republican. He sional approval, and for that to happen, Republicans would need to gain control of the U.S. Senate in November. The president isn't required to approve federal compact laws.

ative, saying he never missed a class or tested positive for alcohol. Dunn said she continued to supervise Ohl- to send a message to the community rogge after he completed the alcohol treatment program. When she was there is a serious consequence." contacted after the hearing, Beims declined to comment further.

programs that would help Ohlrogge in a driving-under-the-influence fine, place of a prison sentence, but did not court costs and other fees.

or Alcoholics Anonymous in prison.

He asked Judge Glenn D. Schiffner that "if you choose to drink and drive,

Schiffner ordered Ohlrogge to report to community corrections during Berens asked if there were other his probation and pay over \$1,500 in annual spring cleanup week from Monday to Friday, May 5 to 9. In Colby, call in advance to have boxed and bagged items picked up from curbside at 460-4410.

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Family

Rexford royalty crowned



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

King Josh Barnhart crowned Queen Paulita Ramirez Saturday at the Golden Plains prom. Both students are seniors at Golden Plains. Paulita is the daughter of Maria Ramirez and Odilon Monge of Rexford. Josh is the son of Jack Barnhart of Colby and Char Barnhart of Rexford. The students danced the night away with the "Hollywood" themed decorations after a steak dinner. The post-prom party was in the gym, where students enjoyed a variety of casino and carnival games, winning prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

Golden Plains students recognized and honored

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains

Golden Plains School held a ceremony this spring to recognize students who performed Exemplary on the 2013 Kansas State Assessments.

Each spring, Golden Plains' students in grades three through eight and high school are administered assessments in mathematics and reading. Fourth and seventh grades are tested yearly in science. Social studies assessments are given to students in sixth and eighth grades and high school in alternating years.

Students' scores on these assessments rank them in one of five performance levels. Golden Plains' students performed well on last spring's assessments. Orba Smith, testing coordinator, announced that 47 of Golden Plains' students achieved at the highest possible level – Exemplary – on these assessments.

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Seventh grade: Clayton Bange, reading and math; Devin Carter, science, reading and math; Jen-

nifer Esparza, math; Sierra Finlay, math; Charlotte McCurdy, reading and math; Maggi Nieman, reading and math; Kaylin Schaben, math.

Eighth grade: Nicholas Bingham, math; Nicholas Brown, reading and math; Arianna Camacho, math: Jessica Koerperich, reading and math; Morgan Ritter, reading and math; William (Bodie) Sauvage, reading; Gabrielle Schiltz, math; Dawson Spresser, reading and math; Austin Rivera, reading.

Golden Plains High School

Jacob Antholz, history-government; Rebecca Bange, math and science; Jordan Christensen, reading; Macayla Easton, reading; Shania Finlay, science; Kylie Jones, reading; Leea Juenemann, history-government and reading; Hailee Spresser, reading; Zachary Spresser, reading.

"Dedicated teachers and staff, members only. It was decided to Students scoring Exemplary on supportive parents, and students the Spring 2013 assessments are who aspire to achieve at a higher the use of their building. level, are essential elements for any school to be successful," said er and Angie Harris explained to Smith, "and Golden Plains is very new members how the dog show fortunate to have them all!"

Full Circle sessions for professionals too

Full Circle... An Aging Expo is coming again on Friday, April 25. This event moves around the area and will be at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays this year.

Full Circle is a conference held by north-

west K-State Research and Extension for aging individuals, their families and professionals who work with aging populations.

The conference has sessions for the public and also professional sessions. Up to six continuing education units are available for professionals in administration, dentistry, dietetics, nursing, residential care and social work.

Professional sessions this year will include psychotropic medication reduction with Dr. Linda J. Redford, a registered nurse from the University of Kansas Medical Center, who will focus on conditions when antipsychotics are appropriate and strategies for lowering their use.

Dr. Charmane Kandt, director of the Fort Hays State University Neuromuscular Center, will focus on fall prevention: gaits, exercise and transfers with a focus on how to help people keep their balance various ambulatory movein ments.

Dr. Catherin Strecker will address dementia: types, stages and symptoms.

Dr. Jane Garcia will teach the basics on traumatic brain injury, how it affects a person and their relationships and daily life as well identifying ways to help individuals who have experienced traumatic brain injury using resources from TBIoptions.

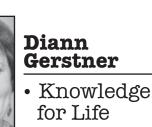
I've talked about the public the Thomas County Extension oftrack in an earlier article but I just *fice*. want to remind you about the top-

Pawsome Paws 4-H Club

The Thomas County 4-H Paw- will be run. It was decided that the some Paws Club met April 8. Officers were elected: Cole Ziegelmeier, president; Emeline Hutton, vice president; Maggi Ziegelmeier, secretary; and Miah Jackson, treasurer.

The club members decided to have a mock dog show this year, on Sunday, May 4, at Heartland Christian School for dog club give a donation to Heartland for

Club Leaders Carrie Bred



ics: "It's OK to Tell Your Doctor No," "Making the Most of your Medicare Part D Benefit," "Using Technology Information and Resources to Care at a Distance," "Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes," "Technology - Bridging the Gap Between Generations" and "Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude." For information about these sessions, contact the Extension Office.

Registration for both tracks is available at www.northwest.ksu. edu under Events. Just select the public or professional track, enter contact information, select sessions if applicable and pay with a credit card.

Cost of early registration for professionals is \$85 for all day, or \$60 for morning or afternoon only. Cost of registration for the public sessions is \$25 per person. Early registration deadline is Thursday. Late registration and walk-ins are permitted for an additional fee.

Participants can also register by mail with paper registration and a check. Paper registration forms are available online at www. northwest.ksu.edu/fullcircle. For professional registration questions call 462-6281; for public registration questions call (785) 938-4480, or contact the Extension office.

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for

leaders would buy small prizes for the winners.

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Deaths

Otto 'Babe' Schroeder

Otto "Babe" Schroeder, 93, Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Thomas County, died today, April Colby, 462-7979. 16, 2014, in Little Rock.

the Thomas County 4-H Build-

ing, conducted by Vice-President

Josh Koon. Hunter Vaughn led

members in the flag salute and Sa-

mantha Dietrich was introduced

as a guest. Club secretary Sarah

Lamm called roll and 16 members

answered with a county in Kan-

sas. Sarah read the minutes from

Eryn Freeman gave the parlia-

proper placement of the U.S. flag.

Reports were given by Cassie

Wells, reporter, and Donna Lamm,

community leader. Lamm con-

gratulated club members for their

participation and success for their

model meeting winning a regional

the previous meeting.

Services are pending at the

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club blue at the county club days and monthly meeting was April 7 in another blue at regionals.

> Club members discussed project awards recommendations for the 4-H Council. Mac Haines led recreation.

> Acting Vice-President Jory Koon announced the program in which he gave a project talk about auto repair. Lakin Denny demonstrated how to make and frost red velvet cupcakes.

Jory Koon announced the promentary tip for the month about gram for the May meeting which will be led by the junior officers. The meeting was adjourned after Cortney Bredimeyer led members in the 4-H Pledge. Refreshments were provided by the Denny and Shields families.

- Cassie Wells, reporter

Wear teal in support of assault awareness

Options, a domestic violence book page. resource agency with an office in Options staff will choose a win-Colby, is encouraging businesses

to "teal up" in support of sexual assault awareness this month. The agency is asking local businesses and organizations to pick

a day between Sunday, April 20, and Saturday, April 26, to have their employees or members wear teal. Participating groups should take a picture of their teal crew to send to Options, or Options staff will come to the business to take a photo. The agency will then post some of the pictures to their Face-

Corrections

In an article, "Eagle earns MVP of All-Star Classic," on Page 9 of the April 7 Colby Free Press, it was reported that Golden Plains senior Jordan Christensen scored eight points when she actually totaled 11. This was an error in -Emeline Hutton information provided to the Free

ning photo based on how many people are in the picture wearing teal and how enthusiastic the group appears.

"We are trying to have fun with this and show our communities we are united in the effort of saying 'no more' to sexual assault," said Options representative Rachel Cromer.

Anyone interested in participating should call Cromer at 460-1982

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Press.

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Golden Plains Elementary Third grade: Alisha Brantley,

math; Wyatt McDonald, math; Ashton Schiltz, math, Ashton Schiltz, reading; Rayna Taylor, math.

Fourth grade: Leonel Aguilar, reading and science; Hannah Bange, reading and math; Wade Rush, reading and math; Ashley Stoll, reading and math; Brooke Stoll, reading and math; Tylor Todd, reading.

Fifth grade: Chuck Bailey, reading; Taryn Fleckenstein, reading and math; Jaiden Koerperich, reading; Michael Peterson, reading; Jaden Schwarz, math; Candace Taylor, reading; Joseph Yanez-Perez, reading and math.

Golden Plains Middle School

Sixth grade: Paris Bailey, reading; Amanda Cheney, reading and math; Caleb Korte, reading; Kay-Cee Miller, math; Jacob Ritter, math; Dylan Spresser, math.

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Brewster starts up website

The City of Brewster now has people moving to the northwest its first-ever city website, www. Kansas town. brewsterkansas.com. The new site features a variety of information ery Kasper, a Brewster native about Brewster, including city- and daughter of the city superinwide events, descriptions of city tendent who now lives in Wilson. services, a listing of businesses City personnel will maintain the and information designed to help site.

The site was designed by Av-

Township rejects change

township is asking residents to nickels, dimes and quarters to pay keep the change.

Officials in Millcreek Township, authorities, have adopted a policy limiting how much change they'll accept from residents paying to \$10 in unrolled coins or \$20 in sewer bills and other fees.

David Sterrett, executive director of the authorities, tells the Erie Times-News (bit.ly/1ebN7I2) that officials came up with the policy after a woman showed up

ERIE, Pa. (AP)-APennsylvania last month with a shoebox full of a \$200 sewer bill.

Sterrett says it took four along with its water and sewer employees an hour to count, sort and put the money into sleeves.

The new policy limits residents rolled coins when paying bills.

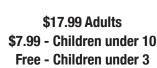
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Free Press Viewpoint

November polls offer clear choices

Kansas voters can't say they don't have any clear choices when they go to the polls this fall.

GOP conservatives, who peaked two years ago after decades on the outs in Kansas politics, will have to defend their lock on state government from what could become an onslaught of liberal-moderate reaction.

Gov. Sam Brownback has opposition from a prominent Democrat, Rep. Paul Davis, minority leader of the Kansas House. The choice between the two is stark: the governor has slashed income taxes, cut state spending for the first time in decades and turned Topeka away from an ever-growing budget. Davis is clearly on the other side.

While his policies have been criticized as favoring the rich over the poor, undoubtedly, many ordinary Kansans who voted for the governor are pleased with his performance.

On the other side, he faces an alliance of teacher unions, liberals and many moderate Republicans, who are out of power and none too happy about it. On both sides, people believe they are doing what's right for the state.

By November, we will know if the conservatives can hold on and get time to prove their economic theories - or to meet with failure.

After little more than a year of tax cuts, despite the harsh judgments of some big-government fans, it's way too soon to

Two years ago, frustrated by moderates and liberals in the state Senate blocking their reforms, conservatives mounted a drive that gave them control of both houses in the Legislature and the governor's office. If anything, the new Senate is even more conservative than the House. It insisted on inserting untried policy reforms into a bill answering a Supreme Court order on equalizing two funds in the school finance formula.

It remains to be seen if the conservatives can hold their beachhead or will be driven back this fall. While Rep. Davis seems to have some traction – and is attracting money both in the state and from outside - no one has a handle yet on how legislative races will go. Surely there will be some good races, but enough to shift control?

And while liberals decry the involvement of the conservative Koch brothers of Wichita and their political groups, including Americans for Prosperity, national unions and liberal groups will target Kansas, which is now seen as a battleground of ideas akin to Wisconsin a few years ago. The conservatives held out there, however.

However this election goes, it's likely to be a watershed year for our state, which could go either way. At this point it's hard to see control of the Legislature moving back to the left. It's also hard to say the governor is in trouble – Mr. Davis is not exactly a household name – but we don't think the school finance debate helped Mr. Brownback much.

It may be true that, as his opponents claim, slashing the income tax means the state can no longer afford some of the programs it once had. Money for colleges, highways, even public schools will be tight for some time.



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Misadventures tag along on trip

We had a great trip to two conventions and Steve's sister's house over the weekend - all done in three days - but it was also an adventure in misadventure.

We started out with plans to leave for Grand Island, Neb., for the Nebraska Press meeting before noon on Thursday. Of course, that didn't work, but we did get away by 1 p.m., so we felt like we were pretty much on time.

Steve drove for an hour, then turned the wheel over to me and got his laptop out to do some editing.

"Oops," he said. "I forgot my power supply.'

This had happened once before, but I had remembered mine, so we just shared. This time, however, mine was still sitting back on my desk. Since we both have two power supplies - one for home and one for office - we haven't had to unplug and move them every time we pick up the computer. That led to our undoing this time. The computer had maybe five to six hours of battery, and he was hoping to work 10 to 12 hours or even more during the trip while I drove or at the hotels in the evening.

I told him don't worry, we're going to press conventions. We'll borrow a power supply and charge up both computers.

We didn't have time to do this in Nebraska, as we cruised in just in time to change for the reception we were attending at the Stuhr Museum near Grand Island.



It was fun. The museum is a living history park with a working print shop that showed us how newspaper people 100 years ago put out their product. It made us appreciate our computers and even the old typesetting machines we used when the two of us first started putting a paper together almost 35 years ago.

We saw a lot of old friends and had a good time, but we couldn't stay. We had to be up at 6 a.m. to drive to Manhattan for the Kansas Press Association meeting. Steve had an 11:30 luncheon to attend.

We made it with time to check in and change before his luncheon.

I took off to check out Manhattan and Steve went to his meeting. About an hour and a half latter, I got a frantic call. Steve couldn't get back in our room. His key didn't work. The maid, who had seen us moving in, let him in, but he needed a new key and my name was on the reservation.

I came back, gave him my key and got a new one. By that afternoon, the key I had given him

wasn't working, so I picked up two more at the desk. Later, the lady at the desk told me the keys had been giving people - and her trouble all day.

When we got back to the room after our last meeting, the key worked after some fiddling, but the bathroom door was locked. We're not sure how that happened, but Steve pulled a quarter out of his pocket and unlocked it. We were starting to think by this time, however, that this room had it in for us - or at least for Steve

The rest of the convention went well. Our papers won a lot of awards and we learned a few things at the seminars.

But Saturday afternoon, we were off to Emporia to see the relatives, Steve's sister, her husband and college-age son.

This part of the trip was both for visiting and to pick up Foxy, our new cat, which sister had rescued from the shelter and was keeping for

The trip back was uneventful. Even the snow dodged our path. Which, by this time, we needed.

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner and chief financial officer of Nor'West Newspapers, writes this column weekly. Her pets include cats, toads and a praying mantis. Contact her at c.haynes @ nwkansas.com

Teacher tenure matters to students

Opinion

But it remains to be seen whether the average Kansan disapproves or whether people will become more comfortable with a smaller state government. And that's what makes this such an interesting year. – Steve Haynes

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A week ago the Kansas legislature passed and sent to Gov. Brownback a bill that provides court-ordered equity funding for public schools.

The urgency of passing that legislation made it possible for certain factions to attach some policy items to the legislation which had not been through the committee process. One of those items was the elimination of due process rights for teachers.

Some have asserted that it really doesn't go that far - that the bill does not alter teacher's due process rights when they believe constitutionally-guaranteed rights have been violated.

My response to that is "well yes, of course." Obviously a Kansas law cannot take away rights which are guaranteed in the federal Constitution. But one point that is overlooked is that if the bill becomes law, then teachers will lose the right to learn why they were fired. In the absence of that information it becomes more difficult to prove that one's constitutional rights have been violated.

But here's the thing: It is not the loss of their constitutional rights that has teachers throughout the state waking up in a cold sweat these days. It is the possibility that they could be fired for giving a failing grade to the daughter of the superintendent.

Or that they could be let go for failing to start the son of the school board president on the basketball team. Or that they could be canned for advocating for a special needs child when the system is failing to provide the necessary resources for him to succeed.

In each case there are no constitutional rights being violated, but the possibility of being fired for reasons other than competency is very real.

I believe that the current due process sys-



There are far too many anecdotal reports of incompetent teachers remaining employed when nearly everyone agrees they are not effective. Documenting their deficiencies and giving them a pathway to improvement ought to be achievable. And yet it appears the system frequently fails to work.

Are administrators simply too busy or distracted to properly identify, document and communicate teacher inadequacies? I don't know, but I wonder. Or is the due process system too cumbersome and demanding? Again, I don't know, and I wish these issues had been fully examined before the bill was passed.

If the bill becomes law it is possible that the loss of teacher due process will act as an impediment to the larger question still before the courts – adequacy of educational opportunity for all public school students. If a teacher gives a passing grade to a student who does not deserve one or fails to advocate for a special needs child out of fear of losing their job, then the system will have failed those students. In short, the state will have failed to provide adequate opportunity for those students to achieve their full potential, either academically or in their pursuit of a career later in life.

there must be a workable system in place to allow for their removal. That is essential to providing adequate educational opportunity for com. Opinions do not necessarily reflect those tem for teachers deserves a close examination. all Kansas students. If they remain in their job, of the Free Press, its staff or the owners.

we have failed the students in that classroom. But I believe that we have also failed that teacher. No one wants to be incompetent at what they do, and if an individual is not cut out to be a teacher they would be better off knowing that. Then they can move on with their lives and search for a career that better suits their talents and interests. Everyone gains when that happens.

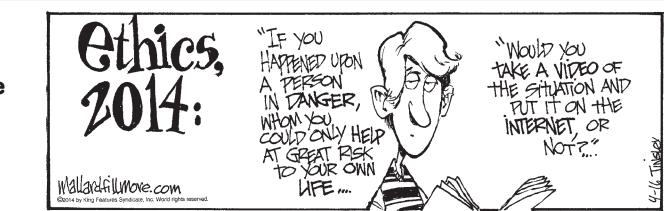
One more thing bothers me about this whole debacle. Kansas ranks 42nd in the nation for average teacher salary. It now appears likely that teacher due process will be eliminated.

Whether it is intended or not, there is a growing perception among teachers that they are not appreciated, and are in fact considered by some to be the enemy. That is unfortunate. Might the best and brightest teachers start thinking about pursuing another profession. where they don't feel like a target? Might some bright young potential teachers have second thoughts about pursing education as a career? I worry a great deal about both possibilities.

If my fears are valid then we will have diminished public education in Kansas and we will have failed to provide the best possible education for Kansas children.

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, (620) 397-3242 or dhineman@st-tel.net.

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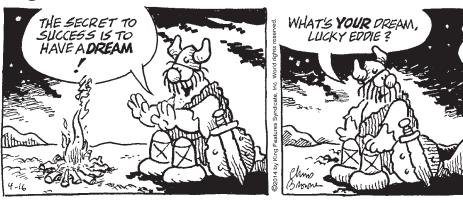
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Dear Readers: If you plan on hiding eggs this Easter, here are some things to think about:

• Do you want to use real eggs that you dye, or plastic ones?

• If using plastic eggs, have each child pick a specific color that he or she should look for. Fill them with candy, a little note or a coupon for a special outing.

• Keep real eggs refrigerated, because the safe time is only about two hours to hide and find all eggs at room temperature. (If they are not going to be eaten, longer is OK.)

• Keep a count of the number of eggs you hide so you can count those collected and be sure you found them all. You don't want to "find" eggs long after the actual hunt, especially the real ones! - Heloise

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TRAIL-MIX BITS

Dear Heloise: My kids are some very picky eaters. I wanted to expand their diet without hiding the new foods in familiar ones. To introduce seeds, nuts and dried fruits, I put dollops of Greek yogurt on a cookie tray and placed a nut/seed/ dried fruit combination into each. I put them in the freezer for a few hours, and when the kids came home from school, they had some yummy and nutritious treats to eat. They ended up liking them more than I ever expected, and now we spend a night every weekend putting the treats together for the upcoming week. It's been a great way to introduce new foods, help the kids learn about better food choices and show them there's a delicious way to eat every food. - Theresa in Minnesota

TWO HINTS

Dear Heloise: Here are two hints we thought your readers might find useful:

Whenever we bake potatoes, we always prepare two or three extra. If they are not needed during that meal, they are very easy to prepare the next day as twice-baked, fried or hash browns.

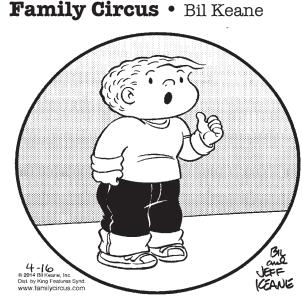
Also, we keep restaurant gift cards we've received, and discount coupons for our favorite dining-out spots, in an envelope in the glove compartment of our car. Whenever we're out and decide to treat ourselves to dinner, we have the in Ohio

EASY CLEAN

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint that has saved me a lot of aggravation when cleaning up after baking. Before I put shortening in a measuring cup, I line the cup with plastic wrap. The shortening comes out with ease, and the cup stays clean. - Linda D. in Tennessee

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Bridge • Steve Becker



"Isn't it time for us to put up our EASTER TREE so the bunny has something to put our baskets under?

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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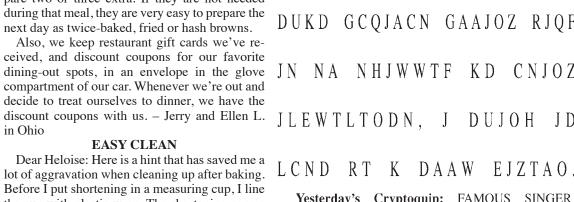
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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

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.

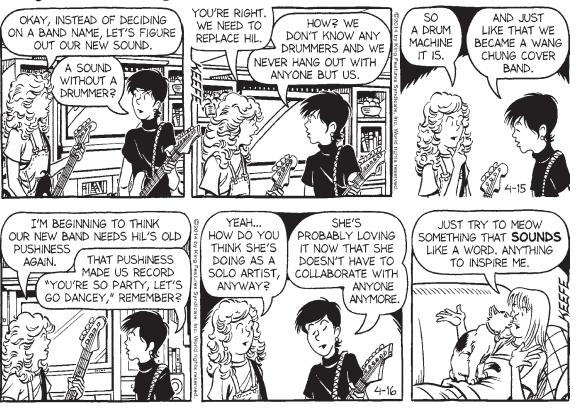
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Cryptoquip



Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS SINGER WHO ALWAYS WEARS A DUNCE CAP WHILE PERFORMING HIS STANDARD TUNES: HARRY CONIC.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Positive and Negative Signals

Defensive signals are either positive or negative. Thus, if your partner leads the king of a suit and you have the A-7-2, you can ask him to continue the suit by signaling positively with the seven, or to discontinue the suit by signaling negatively with the deuce.

Similarly, if you are void of a suit that is being led, such as when declarer is drawing trumps, you can signal positively or negatively by the size of your discard in some other suit. Such signals are essential if the defenders are to overcome the natural advantage declarer has over the defense.

In general, a positive signal, telling partner which suit to lead, is more illuminating than a negative signal, which merely tells him which suit not to lead. At the same time, however, a combination of negative signals can add up to a positive signal, as illustrated in this deal.

West leads the jack of hearts, dummy winning with the king as East follows with the deuce. Declarer then plays a low diamond to the king, which holds, followed by the ten and another diamond, West taking the ace on the third round.

East has an opportunity to discard on the third diamond, and his choice of plays is critical to the defense. If he signals with the nine or ten of spades, it costs him the contract even though West shifts to that suit. South's eight becomes a stopper on the fourth round, and he makes three notrump.

But if East discards the club deuce on the third diamond. West should shift to a spade. When he does, South goes down two.

The spade shift by West is not difficult once East has expressed disinterest in hearts and clubs by playing the deuce of both suits, inferentially suggesting a spade lead. All West has to do is to obey his partner's suggested line of defense.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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

Help Wanted

Classifieds

Notices

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

Classified ad deadlines (word ads only). Noon the day before publication (noon Friday for Monday paper). Ads going into the Country Advocate need to be in on Thursdays. Please check your ad the First time it runs. If you find an error, please call at (785) 462-3963 so it can be corrected, since we will not be responsible for errors after that first day. The Colby Free Press.

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

Help Wanted

Rawlins County Health Center is seeking two PRN RNs. Applicants must have strong critical thinking skills, and excellent patient centered nursing skills. Must hold KS license and be ACLS, TNCC certified or be willing to obtain. Application available online at www. rchc.us under Careers. ----4/16----4/28----

Rawlins County Health Center is seeking a FT day C.N.A. and a swing shift (day/night) C.N.A. Applicants must be compassionate and hard working. KS state certification is required. Application available online at www.rchc.us under Careers.

----4/16----4/28----

Experienced Electrician Needed. Contact Jim's Electric, Inc, 210 E 2nd, Colby, KS, 785-460-2844. ---4/9---4/21--

Delivery Driver, M-F, 6 paid holidays, benefit package available, must be Class A driver. Contact Rick at 308-627-6815 Or apply online at cashwa.com/careers ---4/14---4/25---

Help Wanted

Holiday Inn Express is accepting applications for a full time housekeeper and a part-time breakfast attendant. Apply in person at 645 W. Willow, Colby, KS. ---4/14---4/25---

Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services (N.W.K.J.S.) is now accepting applications for the position of Parenting Wisely (P.W.) Coordinator. The position will be based in one of the counties covered by N.W.K.J.S. (Ellis, Rooks, Trego, Gove, Norton, Decatur, Graham, Phillips, Smith, Osborne, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Logan, Sherman, Rawlins, Wallace, Thomas). This position requires travel throughout the 17 counties covered by N.W.K.J.S. Agency vehicle is provided. Overnight travel is seldom required. The P.W. Coordinator will be presenting the SAMSHA Evidence Based P.W. Program to the parents of the youth being supervised by N.W.K.J.S. A majority of the P.W. program is computer based requiring the P.W. Coordinator to monitor via internet. benefit package. Send resume to Peggy Pratt, PO Box 89, Oberlin,

Farm Bureau Financial Services is seeking a Field Claim Representative to investigate, evaluate and negotiate casualty claims in the Northwest KS territory. The ideal candidate will reside in/near Colby, KS. Candidate must have a college degree or equivalent experience; experience in auto body and mechanical repair preferred. For further information and to apply online, please visit www. fblcareers.com

---4/10---4/23---

Wallace County Community Care Center in Sharon Springs, KS, has job openings for: RN/LPN both day and night shift, MDS Coordinator & Activities/Social Services Director. For more details please call (785) 852-4244, Jeny Stevens extension 12, or Sharon Rohr extension 11.

---4/11---4/24---

Part-time Office Assistant mornings, 20 hrs/wk. Must be able to work with Microsoft Word/Excel and be able to learn our company software system. Please pick up application at 1040 Plains Ave. in Colby or call Amy 785-462-6781. --4/10---4/23--

Part-Time CNA or CMA needed for Night Shift. Flexible hours, shift differential for night shift. Apply in person at Fairview Estates Retirement Community, 1630 Sewell Ave., Colby, KS 785-462-2154.

----4/9----4/21----

HELP WANTED

The Thomas County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking applications for a Detention Deputy. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and meet required standards in the following categories: background investigation; written, oral and psychological testing, keyboard skills; health screening.

The Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer and provides employees single health Insurance, sick leave, vacation, KPERS, retirement benefits, overtime provisions, and uniforms (cleaning supplied). Salary depends on qualification and experince.

Persons wishing to apply may pick up an application at the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, 225 N. Colby, Kansas 67701 Court, (Phone: 785-460-4570). Position to remain open until filled. Interviews will begin immediately.

Immediate full-time Manager position available at S&W Supply in Colby Ks. Candidate will need automotive/mechanical experience and customer service skills. Agricultural experience a plus. Must have valid DL. Some overtime, some lifting. Good work ethic required with desirable personality. Basic computer/ web skills needed. Benefits include salary pay, 401k, comprehensive insurance, paid vacations, sick leave and more. Pickup application at 185 West 5th, Colby Ks. or call (800) 777-1457. You may e-mail your resume as well to sales@swsupply.net

Help Wanted

----4/9----TFN---

Drivers needed for local deliveries. Rosen's Inc. is paying competitive wages for Class A or B CDL drivers. Must have or be capable of obtaining tanker and Hazmat endorsements. Must pass drug screen and DOT physical plus have clean MVR. Apply in person at Rosen's Inc., 60 Stephens Drive, Colby or call 785-460-1330.

----4/9----4/28----

Employment Opportunity: Colby 24/7 Travel Store is currently accepting applications for part-time or full-time cashiers. Compensation includes \$9.00 starting wage plus incentives including BCBS health and life insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Apply online at www.24-7-stores.com or apply in person at Colby 24/7 Travel Store, 1980 S. Range.

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



Public Notice

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT T OF KANS

Part-time Cleaning Personnel Frontier Ag in Atwood 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---

Sacred Heart School is accepting applications for a part-time reading specialist and full-time classroom teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information please contact the school at 785-460-2813 or visit www. sacredheartcolby.com/school ----3/28----TFN----

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

PSI Transport, LLC, is always looking for good company livestock and grain haulers as well as shop mechanics. Competitive pay life/health/dental benefit and bonus program available . EOE (785) 675-3477 ---7/13---TFN----

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Help Wanted

Needed. Contact Buffalo Holdings LLC, 210 E 2nd, Colby, KS, 785-460-2844. ---4/9---4/21---

Carriers needed to deliver the Colby Free Press! Great for someone needing extra income. A few hours a day, 4 days a week. Bonus after 3 months. To apply please stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby or for questions call 785-462-3963.

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

Office Space for Rent

Downtown office space for rent, corner location, utilities included with rent. Call Thomas County Insurance 785-462-3939. ---10/3---TFN---

Buildings for Rent

40x40 Building for storage, located in Colby 785-462-2445. ---4/3---4/23----

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Heavy Equipment Mechanic needed to maintain a fleet of late model heavy equipment and trucks for a highway construction company. Experience and mechanical knowledge of the following required:

- Diesel and gas engines
- Repair of chassis, driveline, hydraulic, brake, electrical, ac and suspencion systems.
- Caterpillar & Kenworth experience a plus.
- CDL with drug screen required. Must be able to work with a
- high degree of independence and organizational skills.

Generous salary & benefit package including health/life insurance, 401(k) retirement, vacation, travel expenses and holidays paid.



Public Notice

ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE

Vehicles will be sold for Services and Storage due to date of Sale. April 30, 2014 9:00am

1999 Pontiac firebird Red Vin: 2G2FS22K2Y2100131 1967 Chevrolet C10 Pickup Vin: CS147J132841

form of Cash. Cashier's Check. Money

Applicants must have excellent organizational and time management skills. A Bachelors Degree in criminal justice/socialwork/education or related field is required; bilingual a plus. Salary is \$31,000.00 plus EOE

---4/14---4/25----

Ks 67749. All resumes are due by May 1, 2014. EOE.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center

is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Speech Pathologists
- Early Childhood Special Education Teachers
- Interrelated Teachers
- Transition/Vocational Coordinator
- Head Start Aides
- · Para-educators throughout the area

Applications are available at <u>www.nkesc.org</u> or 785-672-3125. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. *NKESC is an EOE*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DIVISION

STATE OF KANSAS, ex rel.

Plaintiff.

Defendants.

KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

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Certified Check the United States District Court and will be accepted as follows: . Less than \$25,000 Entire amount due at conclusion of sale: \$25,000 - \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the U.S. Marshal's Service Office by close of the business day; • More than \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the U.S. Marshal's Office within five working days. The contact person regarding inquiries about the above property is Kent A. Colwell, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, (785)628-3081. The real property levied on is the property of Defendant Daren D. Guy and will be sold without appraisal, subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments and with a three-month right of redemption to satisfy the Order of Sale of Real Estate. United States Marshal's Office, Topeka, Kansas, this 3rd day of April, 2014. CRAIG BEAM Acting United States Marshal District of Kansas /s/ Craig Beam (Published in the Colby Free Press on

Wednesday, April 16, 23 and 30, 2014)

Public Notice

property, if any, will be forfeited. Any claim shall comply with the strict requirements of true ownership documentation, as set out in K.S.A. 60-4111.

You should be aware that it is a crime to falsely allege an ownership interest in property or to provide other false information in a claim. Further, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4116(f), a claimant who fails to establish that a substantial portion of the claimant's interest is exempt from forfeiture may be responsible to pay the reasonable costs, expenses and attorney fees of other claimants and the State.

This Notice seeks claims to the seized property only. Should a valid claim(s) be timely filed, as may be determined by the Court upon motion of the State, the State will respond with a judicial petition for forfeiture, and this matter will proceed to trial.

The law enforcement agency's copy of your claim should be mailed to:

Lt. Brent Hogelin, KHP, 122 SW 7th St., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

The original claim for the Court should be mailed to: Clerk of the Thomas County District Court, 300 North Court Avenue, Colby,

Issued this 2nd day of April, 2014

/s/ Darian P. Dernovish

Darian P. Dernovish #20859 Legal Counsel Kansas Highway Patrol 122 S.W. 7th Street Topeka, Kansas 66603-3847 (785) 296-6800 (785) 296-1790 Fax ddernovish@khp.ks.gov

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Crop Insurance Professional

Farm Credit is accepting applications for a full time position as a crop insurance professional in an established agency. Position requires a minimum of one to five years of related administrative experience or related insurance environment. This person must be able to provide accurate complete policy documentation while maintaining a thorough understanding of crop insurance products. The successful applicant will have an understanding of agriculture production in Northwest Kansas and will display strong communication and computer skills. Salary to be determined based upon qualifications, with benefit package provided. To apply submit letter of application and resume to Farm Credit of Western Kansas, PO Box 667, Colby, KS 67701 attention Randy Wilson or email to randy.wilson@ fcwk.com. Applications accepted until position is filled. EEO/AA/M/F/ Veteran/Disability



Location: 1870 S. Range Ave. Colby, Kansas

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4

VS.

Cory J. Crocker and Michelle Crocker, et al. Defendants

> Case No. 13CV45 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on April 24, 2014, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

All of Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12), and the West Half (W/2) of Lot 13, in Block Thirteen (13), of the Gilmore and Larson Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, commonly known as 1285 West Third Street, Colby, KS 67701 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the aboveentitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisement and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit HREF="http:// MACROBUTTON www.southlaw.com HtmlResAnchor www.Southlaw.com

> Marc Finley, Sheriff Thomas County, Kansas

Prepared By: South & Associates, P.C Brian R. Hazel (KS # 21804) 6363 College Blvd., Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66211 (913)663-7600 (913)663-7899 (Fax) Attorneys For Plaintiff (72694)

> (Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, April 2, 9 and 16, 2014)

was seized by the Kansas Highway Patrol on March 11, 2014, on I-70 at milepost 47. in Thomas County, Kansas. The value of the property has been set at \$12,744.00. The conduct giving rise to forfeiture and/or the violation of law alleged is: the property is the proceeds of and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate violation(s) of illegal drug transactions, all act(s) giving rise to property's forfeiture.

Should you believe you have a true ownership interest in the seized property, you may do either of the following; (1) File a verified claim with the Court, sending copies to the Plaintiff's Attorney and the Seizing Agency; or (2) Do nothing.

You may also wish to consult with an attorney before deciding what is best for you. However, if no valid claim is timely filed within thirty (30) days of your service of this Notice, your interest in the seized

Case No. 14-CV-15 NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4109 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that property

herein described has been seized for forfeiture and is pending forfeiture to the Kansas Highway patrol pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (KSASFA), K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq. If you have not previously received a Notice of Seizure for Forfeiture, this is notice pursuant to the Act. The property

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Colby High senior lefty pitcher Haley Mengel earned her first varsity win this season while helping the Eagles sweep two from Hays Thomas Marian Prep on a chilly Monday in Colby.

Eagles reach 8-0 with Hays sweep

By R.B. Headley

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The question burned like a campfire that was nowhere to be found Monday evening.

Could Colby High's unbeaten softball girls score more runs than the current temperature?

It was clearly a close contest, as the Eagles scored 35 times during their 17-9, 18-9 home sweep of Hays Thomas Marion Prep.

Running around the bases was a their coaches.

"When we can terrorize the de-

what the heck we're doing next, it creates a lot of opportunities for us," coach Jeff Kryzcki said about his 8-0 ball club.

Junior Darby Sager was almost never retired during a terrific daylong performance at the plate.

Classmate Brooklyn Bange blasted some big late drives to fight off any potential Hays comebacks.

Seniors Andrea Barton and Haileigh Shull were also constantly causing chaos as Eagle fans expect. Senior Haley Mengel earned great way to stay warm and please her first varsity win and sophomore Kylee Martin took game

Colby shakes off horrible loss

By R.B. Headley

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Young and resilient never sounded better than after Colby High's baseball doubleheader against Russell-Victoria on Tuesday.

After a 12-0 opening loss featuring 13 errors, the Eagles could have been reeling far worse than usual.

"I was at a loss. I obviously did a terrible job of preparing them," coach Rick Williams said. "I know it's high school baseball and a play or two won't be made but I've never seen anything like that first game."

"Between games, I said they had to find something within themselves to compete. Then I walked away."

Williams was obviously happy that he did return to witness a 6-5 victory over this non-league nemesis. Remember, Russell-Victoria routed Colby in last summer's K-18 Legion state championship game.

"They (the Colby players) seemed kind of nervous. I don't know if it's because our younger guys played them a couple times last summer and they handled us," Williams said. "But I am very proud of how they bounced back."

Colby's first four hitters set the tone They shook off the opening one-hit shutout to lead 4-0 through one inning in game two.

Junior leadoff batter Josh Matchell got started on his terrific three-for-four hitting performance. Sophomore Ben Matchell, seniors Luke Cox and Marc Bremenkamp joined Josh in scoring those first-inning runs.

Junior Caleb Mazanec drove two. The Eagles won't play again home a pair, while sophomore fense and keep them wondering until visiting Hays High Tuesday. Austin Hart added another clutch

Colby tennis players rule WaKeeney

Colby High seniors Chase Hart- 6-0 in singles competition at the well and Michael Schiferl went WaKeeney Quad on Tuesday.

More details will appear in Thursday's edition.



It was a dirty situation but Colby third baseman Marc Bremenkamp clearly put the tag on this Russell-Victoria baserunner for another crucial out during Colby's 6-5 home win Tuesday evening.

RBI for that sixth Eagle run.

Crusader

wins race

Wallace County ran away with

the Triplains boys' team title on

Tuesday, but no Wildcat could

keep pace with Heartland Chris-

After finishing second during

St. Francis' Logan Lampe -

who outran Wertz in prelims -

took fourth (24.23) during finals.

100-dash and long jump. More re-

sults will appear on Thursday.

Wertz also took second in the

tian's Blaine Wertz in one race.

Colby needed all these heroics

ing to rally.

However, catcher Hart and because Russell-Victoria kept try- sophomore pitcher Casey Qua-



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Heartland Christian's Blaine Wertz won the Triplains Invite 200-meter dash Tuesday.

gliano - the same combo to start that final - teamed with much better defense to secure this win. Quagliano caught a final line drive with the tying run on base.

Meadow men's golf underway

Men's Night at Meadow Lake Golf Course drew 53 golfers for their weekly competition last week. Results from both flights: Flight One: 1. Stromberg/Suter/

Harper, 2. Sperber/Burris/Kuhlman, 3. White/Kern/Molstad.

Flight Two: 1. Fossum/Vaughn/ Bruggeman, 2. Kanak/Dunker/ Jude, 3. Arnberger/Wilson/Jennings.

A 3-man random draw is being planned when Men's Night returns tonight.



preliminary heats, Wertz picked up his pace to win the 200-meter dash at Colby's Dennen Field. Wertz (24.11) just edged Wallace County's Tyler Springsteel (24.11) and Northern Valley speedster Jordan Baird (24.12).



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Topping Triplains

A glance at some of Tuesday's area high placers with more complete Triplains Invitational results appearing on Thursday:

Golden Plains' Zach Spresser won the triple jump (41'2'').

Triplains' Shayna Rogge won both the 100-meter hurdles (17.45) and 300-meter hurdles (49.45) along with a triple jump championship (34' 1/2").

Rogge added a second-place finish among high jumpers (4'10").

As mentioned on Page 9, Heartland Christian junior Blaine Wertz won the 200-meter dash after placing second in his prelim race. Brewster's Leyton Werth (10:44.51) and Takoda Turner (12:07.54) delivered a 2-3 finish in the 3200-meter run.

Golden Plains' Tristan Schwarz was second in the discus (122'9"). Golden Plains sophomore Kami

Miller took second (17.62) behind Rogge in the 100-hurdles.



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"Wait a second" would have been disastrous for either Golden Plains sophomore Kami Miller, left, or Triplains junior Shayna Rogge during their 100-meter hurdles showdown at Tuesday's Triplains Invitational. Rogge finished in 17.45 seconds to edge Miller (17.62) for the title.



Golden Plains freshman Gabrielle Schiltz, above left, soared to Brewster High junior Dara Roulier showed her throwing power third in the long jump and a top five place among triple jumpers as she sent the shot put soaring. Brewster and Golden Plains in Tuesday's Triplains Invitational at Dennen Field. Above right, were two of 15 schools scoring points in this early-season meet.



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Registration starts for Colby Rec ball

Registration has started for Colby Recreation youth baseball and available at the Colby Recreation softball this summer.

Deadline is Friday, May 2, and Community Building. www.colbyrec.jigsy.com has all the details.

Players can register, select shirts and pay fees at that site.

The cutoff for each age group is ball draws closer, watch for sea-

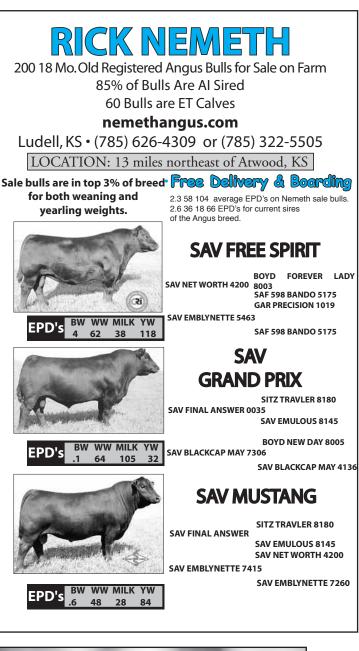
Dec. 31, 2013. Age divisions have been reworked this year, so please take include scores and other details note of the changes.

Registration forms are also Department office inside Colby's

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As summer baseball and softson schedules to appear in May.

The Free Press also hopes to from leagues this summer.







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