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Produce market gets a step closer

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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 start-up 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 Ostmeier, 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.

Ostmeier 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 low-income areas.

The group also discussed support "From the Land of Kansas," an agricultural trademark program of the state Department of Agriculture. Ostmeier 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 said.

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.

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press



Hot asphalt bid approved

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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 McCormick 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-

guided" reaction by opponents of 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."

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

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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.

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

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 when they made their statements at the sen-

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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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.

Students scoring Exemplary on the Spring 2013 assessments are listed below:

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.

Seventh grade: Clayton Bange, reading and math; Devin Carter, science, reading and math; Jennifer 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, supportive parents, and students who aspire to achieve at a higher level, are essential elements for any school to be successful," said Smith, "and Golden Plains is very fortunate to have them all!"

Brewster starts up website

The City of Brewster now has its first-ever city website, www.brewsterkansas.com. The new site features a variety of information about Brewster, including city-wide events, descriptions of city services, a listing of businesses and information designed to help

Township rejects change

ERIE, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania township is asking residents to keep the change.

Officials in Millcreek Township, along with its water and sewer authorities, have adopted a policy limiting how much change they'll accept from residents paying 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

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 northwest 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 in various ambulatory movements.

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 track in an earlier article but I just want to remind you about the top-



Diann Gerstner

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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 the Thomas County Extension office.

Pawsome Paws 4-H Club

The Thomas County 4-H Pawsome 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 members only. It was decided to give a donation to Heartland for the use of their building.

Club Leaders Carrie Bredemeier and Angie Harris explained to new members how the dog show

will be run. It was decided that the leaders would buy small prizes for the winners.

-Emeline Hutton

Deaths

Otto 'Babe' Schroeder

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

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club monthly meeting was April 7 in the Thomas County 4-H Building, conducted by Vice-President Josh Koon. Hunter Vaughn led members in the flag salute and Samantha Dietrich was introduced as a guest. Club secretary Sarah Lamm called roll and 16 members answered with a county in Kansas. Sarah read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Eryn Freeman gave the parliamentary tip for the month about proper placement of the U.S. flag. Reports were given by Cassie Wells, reporter, and Donna Lamm, community leader. Lamm congratulated club members for their participation and success for their model meeting winning a regional

blue at the county club days and 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 program 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 resource agency with an office in 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-

book page. Options staff will choose a winning 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.

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 information provided to the Free

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.

Markets

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Wheat (bushel) \$7.50, Corn (bushel) \$4.88, Milo (hundredweight) \$8.18, Soybeans (bushel) \$14.11.

Thank You

The family of Vi Lindeman want to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, prayers, memorials and food at the time of our loss. We appreciated your expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to the staff at the Logan County Manor who gave such loving and supportive care not only to Mom but to her family as well. God Bless you all.

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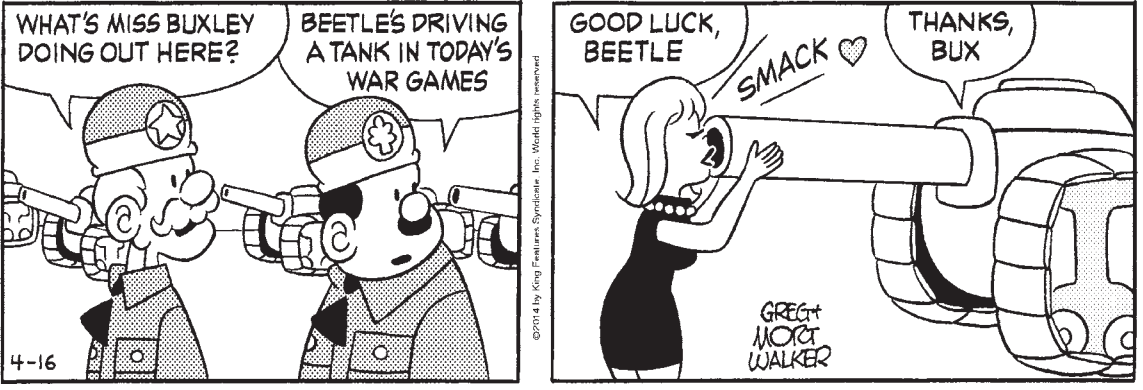
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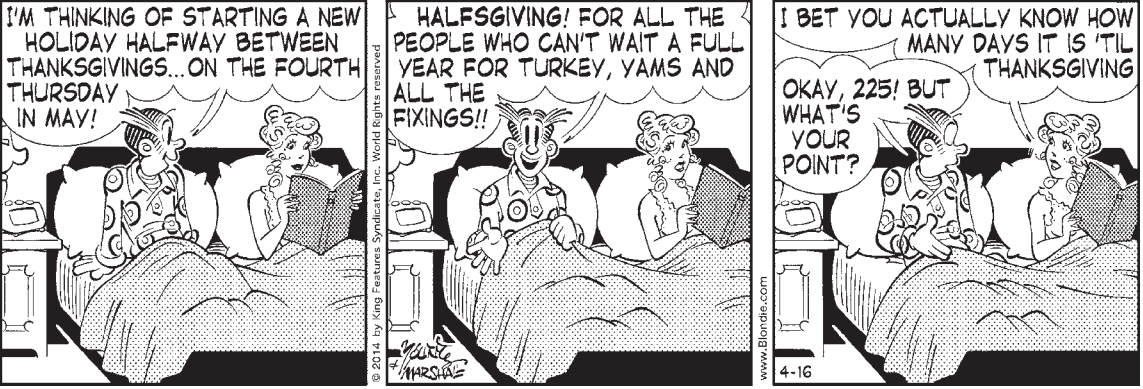
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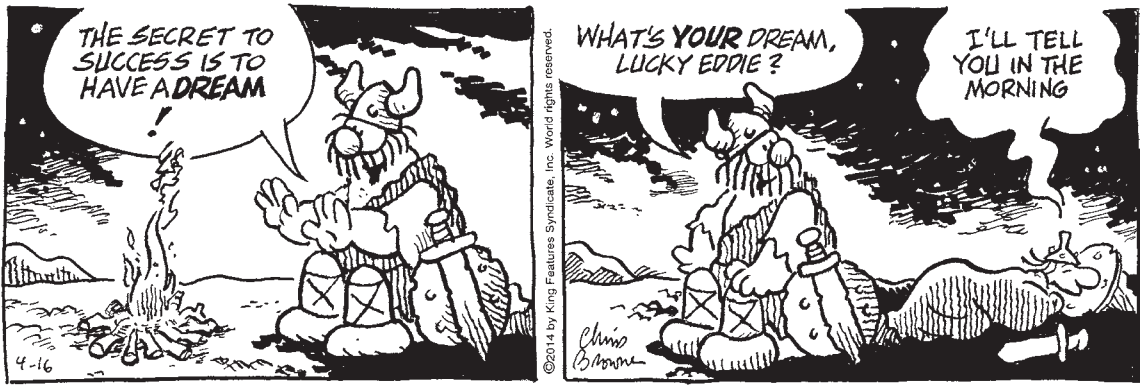
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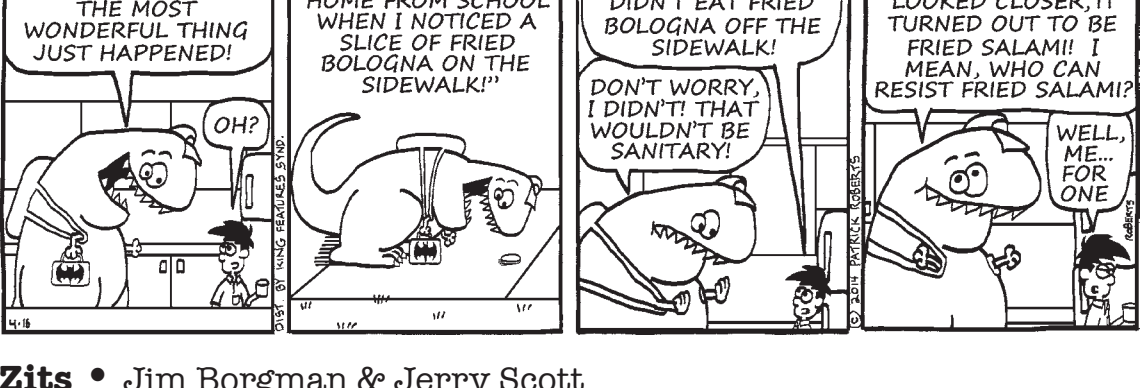
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Strategy helps with Easter eggs

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J
♥ K 5 4
♦ Q J 5 4 2
♣ Q 6 4

WEST
♠ 6 5
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ J 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ A Q 8
♦ K 10 9
♣ A K 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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

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Cryptoquip

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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1 Roe source
5 Photo, for short
8 Overly confident
12 Kansas
13 Bleacherite's call
14 Piece of merchandise
15 Sliding instrument
17 "Young Frankenstein" role
18 Comic strip
19 Sore
21 Ganges garment
24 Earlier
25 First name of
28 Eve's grandson
30 Once around
33 Barn bird
34 Comedian who never reached 40?
35 Altar affirmative

DOWN
16 Lingerie item
20 Simple
22 Rod's partner
23 Central
25 Occupation
26 Overwhelm
27 Goodman's instrument
29 Formerly
31 Big brother
32 Cauldron
34 Supply of money
38 Offer unwanted advice
40 Bracelet site
42 Chart
43 Fall heavily
44 Pre-euro currency
45 Last write-up
47 "... black-birds, baked in ..."
48 Crystal gazer
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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 great way to stay warm and please their coaches.

"When we can terrorize the defense and keep them wondering

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 day-long 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 her first varsity win and sophomore Kylee Martin took game two. The Eagles won't play again until visiting Hays High Tuesday.

Colby shakes off horrible loss

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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 home a pair, while sophomore Austin Hart added another clutch



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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. Colby needed all these heroics because Russell-Victoria kept try-

ing to rally. However, catcher Hart and sophomore pitcher Casey Qua-

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.

Crusader wins race

Wallace County ran away with the Triplains boys' team title on Tuesday, but no Wildcat could keep pace with Heartland Christian's Blaine Wertz in one race.

After finishing second during 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).

St. Francis' Logan Lampe — who outran Wertz in prelims — took fourth (24.23) during finals.

Wertz also took second in the 100-dash and long jump. More results will appear on Thursday.



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Heartland Christian's Blaine Wertz won the Triplains Invite 200-meter dash Tuesday.

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.

Colby tennis players rule WaKeeney

Colby High seniors Chase Hartwell and Michael Schiferl went

6-0 in singles competition at the WaKeeney Quad on Tuesday.

More details will appear in Thursday's edition.

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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 Spreser 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 third in the long jump and a top five place among triple jumpers in Tuesday's Triplains Invitational at Dennen Field. Above right,



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Brewster High junior Dara Roulier showed her throwing power as she sent the shot put soaring. Brewster and Golden Plains were two of 15 schools scoring points in this early-season meet.

Registration starts for Colby Rec ball

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

Deadline is Friday, May 2, and 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 Dec. 31, 2013.

Age divisions have been reworked this year, so please take note of the changes.

Registration forms are also available at the Colby Recreation Department office inside Colby's Community Building.

More information can be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 460-4440.

As summer baseball and softball draws closer, watch for season schedules to appear in May.

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