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Housing bonds OK for Colby

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The Colby City Council approved an agreement Tuesday to let families here use investor-backed revenue bonds to help pay for a house.

The council approved an agreement with Shawnee and Sedgwick counties under which those counties would issue the bonds. Western State Bank asked the city to join the program, said City Manager Tyson McGreer, although it would be open to all banks. He said Colby was along among towns in the area that had not ap-

proved such a program.

City Attorney John Gatz said there is some competition between Shawnee and Sedgwick counties to issue the bonds. Mortgage-backed bonds, he said are meant to help people who can afford to pay a mortgage, but not make a down payment.

Approved an amended version of a rural housing incentive district to help Bainter Construction build houses on a group of lots along south Range Avenue after no one came to a public hearing. The company had wanted to amend the contract to include a

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Road work plan set out

County and township roads will get a bit of sprucing up as the county road department ramps up its summer operations.

The department's 2014 work plan includes oil overlay, sealing, elevating, graveling, mowing and more for many roads. Detailed scheduling depends on weather and other factors, said road supervisor Clair Schrock.

McCormick Excavation and Paving will overlay six miles of hot-mix asphalt on County Road 11 from the Logan County line north. The county crew will help

haul asphalt to the project to keep costs down, Schrock said.

Sealing projects include eight miles around Brewster, six miles of Road E to Road K south of Levant and parts of Rexford this spring and parts of Colby during harvest. The department's work plan indicates it will do more sealing north of Brewster and Levant if the budget allows.

The department plans to shape and elevate several roads: six miles of County Road F from

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Fishing folk need to register

The Sixth Annual Colby Kids Fishing Derby will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 31, at Villa High Lake.

The lake will be stocked with channel catfish for the free event, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism employees will talk with young fishermen. The event is sponsored by

the department and Colby Community College.

Young fishermen must pre-register to win prizes by contacting Barry Kaaz at 460-5429 or barry.kaaz@colbycc.edu, or Sami Tolle at 460-5516 or samantha.tolle@colbycc.edu. Fishers under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Quilt honors Oakley vet

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Mike McCafferty (top) had an audience Wednesday afternoon at Oakley High School when he was honored for his years of service in the Navy with a special gift. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Oakley accompanied him for the ceremony, including Marshall Rhea, to his right. He received his own quilt from the group earlier in the year on behalf of his son Trenton Rhea, a soldier who died near Kandahar, Afghanistan last May. Janet Lewis, Peggy Luck, and Rose Luck, with the Liberal-based group Quilts of Valor stitched the quilt over his shoulders (right) to thank him for serving as an electrician aboard the USS Long Beach from 1963 to 1969, including 17 months in the Vietnam War zone in the Tonkin Gulf. The machine work for the quilt was done by the Smokey River Quilt Shoppe in Oakley. Girl Scouts (below) brought out flags that Oakley teachers retired from their classrooms to be burned at the same ceremony. Because of a burn ban, the Scouts simply held the old flags during the ceremony.



'Tour' app starts here

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Bike enthusiasts around the world will be able to look up bits and pieces from a Colby man's book about the Tour De France on their smart phones, thanks to some innovation by a Colby College computer programmer.

"It's something that I've wanted to have happen for a long time, and he's made it possible," author Ryan Hale said, pointing to his student, Jayden Bixenman.

The two were in Bedker Hall at the college Tuesday afternoon, planning to advertise Bixenman's application, a guide to Hale's book. It went live for people with Android phones several days ago.

Hale, a counselor and instructor at the college, self-published "Strange and Interesting Facts About the Tour de France" close to 10 years ago. Promoting different print editions of his book when he lived in Colorado, he managed to get around 3,000 copies in stores in the state. It got harder and harder to sell the book over the years, he said. The costs of printing

went up several times over, making it harder for him to publish, until he stopped producing printed copies altogether.

Talking to web developers in Boulder, Colo., where lived, Hale found the costs of publishing the book with an application to be far too high.

For Bixenman, a sophomore computer science major, the project to help promote the book started last semester when he took one of Hale's psychology courses. In one assignment, where students were asked to write about their skills, he mentioned he could write computer programs in the Java language. Bixenman said he has writing programs since he was a sophomore in high school.

"Then my eyes lit up when I read Jayden's paper," Hale said.

Bixenman got his assignment back with a note from Hale about what he wanted to do with his book, he said, "and then we just started working together."

He said he negotiated a lower cost with Hale to do the project. Bixenman worked over about five or six months doing the programing and lining up things like the art for the application.

He described the application as a list of facts from the book, organized by chapter and genre. With the application, you can look up 326 facts from Hale's

Walking away from rollover



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Firefighters walked away from this wrecked Buick Century Friday afternoon after it went off the road north of Rexford just east of the Thomas-Sheridan county line. Thomas County Sheriff's Deputy Travis Budkey said the driver hit a wash-boarded section of road around 4:18 p.m. as she was going north, then the car rolled over the fence and came to rest facing south. Despite the violence of the crash, Budkey said the two people in the car suffered only minor injuries, and needed a short stay in the hospital. Another motorist, apparently one of two young men who had been in a black Jeep, reported the wreck.

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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Patchy frost after 5 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 33. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: Patchy frost before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 67.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 70.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy.

Friday: High, 77; Low 35 Saturday: High, 81; Low 49 Sunday: High, 59; Low 34

Precip: Friday None Saturday None Sunday 0.21 inches Month: 0.21 inches Year: 1.47 inches Normal: 7.21 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 6:32 a.m. 8:49 p.m. Moon: waxing, 99 percent Wednesday 6:31 a.m. 8:50 p.m. Full moon at 2:16 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use Friday to Sunday 2,189,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Tour de France app starts in Colby

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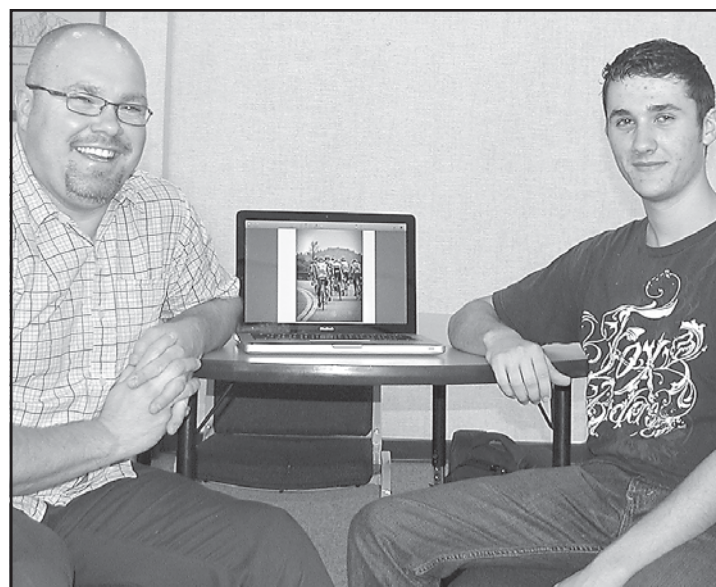
book on your phone. Bixenman did the programming to make the application available for Android phones, while his friend Ashley Coleman, a high school senior, is doing the programming for Apple iPhones.

Hale said he hopes the application will be working for Apple phones by the start of July. That would make it live in time to build up interest in the book as people gear up to watch the tour, which runs from July 5 to 27 this year. They are advertising the application online to get bicycle enthusiasts worldwide interested, he said. Hale pointed

out that his print books must have had some circulation, because he has gotten comments on them from people as far away as the West Coast and Europe.

Bixenman has already created two applications for games, Gravity Ball and Flappy the Fish, and the latter has been downloaded to thousands of phones. After he finishes this semester, he plans to continue computer science classes at the University of Kansas.

Coleman takes classes in developing phone applications at Northwest Kansas Technical College as part of a program at the high school to support career-based education.



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Ryan Hale (left), an instructor at Colby Community College, with sophomore Jayden Bixenman, showed off the picture on a smartphone application Bixenman designed. Hale enlisted Bixenman to help him design an application to promote his book, a collection of odd facts about the Tour De France bicycle race.

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different lot.

Approved an agreement with Black and Veatch Special Projects Corp. to provide engineering and technical services for the city's "superfund" water treatment plant for not more than \$40,136, including \$38,633 in direct labor. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment asked the city to

sign a contract to have an engineer on hand to work on the plant as needed. The agreement was tabled at the last meeting to make some language changes.

Approved a schedule to write the city budget, with the goal to certify the final version by Friday Aug. 8. The schedule requires department budget requests by Wednesday, May 28, followed by work on the budget over the summer and a public hearing Tues-

day, Aug. 5.

Voted to seek bids for a new four-wheel-drive pickup with a V-6 or V-8 engine for the water department.

Went into closed session for 15 minutes with McGreer, Mayor Gary Adrian, City Attorney John Gatz and Police Chief Ron Alexander to discuss matters covered by attorney-client privilege, but made no decisions after the discussion.

Road work plan set out for county

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Road 22 to Road 28; four miles of township Road 23 from Road W to Road AA; two miles of township Road 22 from Road Y to Road AA; five miles of County Road 23 from U.S. 24

to Road N; and two miles of township Road 12 from U.S. 24 to Road U. Elevating involves clearing out culverts and ditches and depositing the removed dirt back onto the road.

Graveling, which is done in between larger projects, is

planned on the six miles on County Road F, 10 miles in Rovohl Township and five miles in East Hale.

The weed department will be out spraying ditches along county, state and some township roads, and road department

workers will be mowing ditches around the county and helping with fairgrounds maintenance.

For information about the projects, call the department at 460-4562.

Goodland theater premiers movie

The Sherman Theatre, 1203 Main in Goodland, will hold a premier screening of "Wichita," an independent western thriller feature film shot in south central Kansas, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

General admission tickets, \$10, will be available at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film will start at 7.

"Wichita" was written and directed by Nicholas Barton and stars Justin France, Blake Webb, Karina Wolfe and Kenneth Mitchell. The cast includes over 40 characters and the crew included more than 20 production personnel, most of whom live in and around south central Kansas and north-

ern Oklahoma, the producers say.

The film was shot almost entirely in rural south central Kansas and features the historic Old Cowtown Museum, the Flint Hills National Preserve, various locations along the Walnut River and several cattle farms along the Flint Hills.

The screening is part of a three-month premier tour beginning in Wichita.

"We are excited to be launching our tour for 'Wichita,' and not just because this is the area that we shot the film," Barton said. "We really hope to showcase the unbelievable social support that makes film making a viable and legitimate business endeavor in

this part of the country.

"We won't be able to compete with New York or Los Angeles markets when it comes to putting together a budget or making a metropolitan film, but a full-length western would be unheard of in those markets for under \$20 million."

Set in 1882, "Wichita" involves a mysterious fugitive who seeks revenge on the person who landed him in prison. His tracking skills lead him to the quiet, peaceful town of Wichita.

Jesse, a nomadic drifter, takes up residence at a farmstead on the outskirts of the city and quickly develops relationships with the widow Ruth and the sisters Samantha and Mary. What first appears like a colloquial family unravels an underground crime syndicate in the town's business community. While Jesse seeks to confront some of the townspeople, a bounty hunter is employed to track the whereabouts of the mysterious man in black.

Wichita has not been rated, the producers say, but is intended for a mature audience. It contains violence, adult language, adult content and brief nudity.

Armed men in Ukraine open fire

KRASNOARMEISK, Ukraine (AP) — Armed men identified as Ukrainian national guard opened fire Sunday on a crowd outside a town hall in eastern Ukraine, and an official for the region's insurgents said there were fatalities.

The bloodshed in the town of Krasnarmeisk occurred hours after dozens of armed men shut down voting in a referen-

dum on sovereignty for the region. One of them identified the group as being national guardsmen.

An Associated Press photographer who witnessed the shooting said two people were seen lying unmoving on the ground and insurgent leader Denis Pushilin was quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency as saying there were an unspecified number of deaths.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call Wynn Duffey at 462-6342.

Commercial Vehicle meeting has answers

Kansas Department of Transportation investigator Penny Fryback will lead a meeting to answer question about what vehicles must have U.S. Department of Transportation numbers and commercial motor vehicle tags at 6 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County 4-H Building. The meeting is open to anyone, particularly hobbyists, small-business owners and farmers, who might be affected. For information, contact Lezley Tubbs at 462-0412.

Food for Kids program needs your support

For the fifth year, Genesis-Thomas County food bank will sponsor the Summer Food for Kids program. About 400 bags packed with ready-to-eat items will be needed. Drop donations of money, fruit or pudding cups, granola or cereal bars, fruit snacks, raisins, cracker packs and Pop Tarts off from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the office in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, or at your church. Checks can be mailed to Genesis at Box 214, Colby, Kan., 67701. For questions, call Leisa Hansen at 460-2710.

Shepherd's Staff offering arts camp

Sign your kids up for a week of performing arts and handicrafts this summer. Shepherd's Staff in Rexford is taking reservations for a week-long creative arts camp from Sunday, June 8, to Friday, June 13, for kids 8 to 14. Cost is \$265. For registration or information, go to www.shepherdsstaff.org or call Joan Dingwerth at (785) 687-2565.

Foundation needs help to buy pool passes

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

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LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening May 13, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs like 'S.H.I.E.L.D.', 'Goldblags', 'Trophy', etc.

Wednesday Evening May 14, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs like 'Middle', 'Suburg.', 'Mod Fam', etc.

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Table with columns for time slots (11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (HIST, LIFE, MTV, NICK, etc.) listing programs like 'American Pickers', 'Bring It!', 'Catfish: The TV Show', etc.

Tooting a tune for all in Brewster



Kids from kindergarten through high school got involved in the all school concert May 1 in Brewster, including this third and fourth-grade recorder ensemble directed by music teacher Derek Best.

Deaths

Mary Ann Maurath

Mary Ann Maurath, 99, Oakley, mother of Rosalee (Joe) Heskett of Colby, died May 9, 2014, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1915, in rural Grainfield to Theodore and Regina (Heier) Ziegler. The middle of 13 children, she grew up speaking German, learning English only after starting the St. Elmo rural one room school. The family attended the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park.

On Nov. 12, 1935, she married George Maurath at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Grainfield. In 1940, they bought a farm southwest of Oakley.

In 1972 they sold the farm and moved to Oakley, where she worked at the Oakley Manor as a dietary cook for over 25 years.

She loved to sew for her family and others. A lifelong passion for crocheting began when she was about 14; she produced hundreds of beautiful doilies, tablecloths, doll clothes, afghans and other items. She loved to play cards, quilted with the Altar Society and belonged to the Daughters of Isabella.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; her parents; two infant daughters, Ar-

lene Maurath and Mary Maurath; four brothers, Andrew Ziegler, Pete Ziegler, George Ziegler and Clement Ziegler; and seven sisters, Regina Ziegler, Lutgard Ziegler, Johanna Ziegler, Frances Selenke, Julia Kimmitt, Catherine King and Cecilia Butler.

Survivors include two sons, Clement Maurath, Woodstock, Ill.; and Elmer (Pauline) Maurath, Oakley; three other daughters, Beatta (Charles) Robben, Grinnell; Laura (Bill) Goetz, Oakley; LaVerna (Elmer) Hartman, Lakewood, Colo.; a sister, Rose Zimmerman, Oakley; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley, with burial in the church's cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with a rosary/wake service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Logan County Manor or to St. Joseph Catholic School, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 31 members and guests Jake Harper, Michael Schiferl and Becky Schiferl.

The monthly collection for Thomas County Genesis was taken.

President Marilyn Unger thanked the members who helped plant trees at the new soccer field May 3. The club donated funds to help purchase the trees. Unger reminded members the Walking Trail will be dedicated Wednesday. The entrance sign for the trail was also a club project.

Pat Sloan and Michelle Ryan reminded members of the upcoming Rotary Chamber golf tournament on Friday, May 30. The tournament is an annual fund raiser for both organizations.

Michael Schiferl was presented with the scholarship award for the annual Student of the Month program.

Club Assembly was held. Committees for membership, service, new generations, public image, international and family of Rotary met to review the goals set for the year and identify what they would like to continue or change for next year, which begins July 1.

Jim Stanley won Roto-Lotto. The club meets weekly in room 106 of the Student Union.

Corrections

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.

Strawberry patch packs work, flavor

About 75 years ago when I was just a bothersome kid, there was a nice looking strawberry patch over there in the far southwest corner of my Mom's expansive vegetable garden.

My brother Max and I were carefully instructed not to go anywhere near that strawberry patch while we were doing our hoeing and watering duties. Like, you know, pick those sweet berries and eat 'em. Max and I spent most of the summer working in the garden, but "leave the strawberries alone!"

The strawberry bed was Mom's strawberry bed. She tended the patch with gusto, and as a result, we ate bowl after bowl of strawberries with sugar and home-separated cream. We ate serving after serving of strawberry shortcake. Not to mention strawberries with home whipped cream piled on!

And I will always remember that Mom would complain about



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

her extremely sore back, which was always the most noticeable during strawberry tending and picking season. As a result of that memory, I never planted and tended a strawberry patch. But you know what? I still have a severe backache during most of the gardening season anyway.

As a result, this old gardener doesn't know a whole lot about raising strawberries. I've grown just about everything else (except arugula) including Kuta squash and fingerling potatoes. But my knowledge of growing strawberries is practically nil. And that's kinda sad. Moreover, I've never really understood whether you should plant "June bearing" straw-

berry plants or those called "ever-bearing." Seems like every strawberry gardener would choose to grow the ever-bearers as opposed to those that only allowed you to pick in June.

Despite my fading memory, I recall that just about all strawberry patches years and years ago were of the Ogallala variety of ever-bearers. They're still available today and are advertised as "producing plump red, sweet berries all season long even in extremely dry conditions." No wonder everyone grew them during the Great Depression, or even today. Nowadays, we call them heirlooms.

The J.W. Jung seed catalog people report their best-selling June-bearing strawberry today is one called "Wendy," which they say "combines early fruiting with Canadian hardiness." Jung will sell you 25 plants of the Wendy variety for \$11.95. The old Ogallala

variety of ever-bearers are available from Jung for \$10.95 for 25 plants.

I do know this much about strawberries. Growing them with success demands that you understand their life cycle. There are numerous types of strawberries, and it is important to know the problems that can crop up with the variety you choose to plant.

I guess I'll still go down to the store and buy a box of pretty good tasting strawberries that were grown in some far off state or country, knowing they would be a whole lot better if I only had some farm-separated cream to pour on them.

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



Broeckelman

Selden man to perform

Jonathan Broeckelman of Selden, bachelor's degree candidate in agronomy at Kansas State University, will perform the national anthem at the College of Agriculture commence-

ment ceremony at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in the Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan.

A live webcast of the ceremonies will be available at www.k-state.edu/graduation/.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Alvin Koenig; third, Margaret Denneker; fourth, Pat Erickson; fifth, Ken Ptacek; sixth, Cookie Koenig.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.10
Corn (bushel)	\$4.97
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.25
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.97



Ag award winner named here

Chelsie Calliham, daughter of Rich and Suzi Calliham, was awarded the 2014 Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award for Colby High School, the school's highest agricultural honor.

The award, sponsored by Monsanto, recognizes excellence in academics, leadership and agricultural work experience. Calliham's experience includes being a

member of the school's livestock judging, horse judging and dance teams as well as a member of the Future Farmers of America program for four years, during which she has been the president and secretary.

Tom Rundel is Calliham's agricultural education instructor at Colby High School.

Thank You

Rex & Priscilla want to thank all the people who sent cards and gifts on our 50th anniversary. Also those who help with my wife's illness and cancer.

We and the family Thank You a lot for your donations to help with medical expenses.

The cards were up building to her to see how ever one cared about her. Thanks for the ones who brought meals to our home.

Rex Buford & Family

Lois Jean Dawes

Lois Jean Dawes, 83, of Colby, died Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Citizens Medical Center. She was born August 29, 1930 in rural Thomas County to Morris and Merle (Dawes) Ekberg. She married Duane Frank Dawes on September 12, 1948 in Colby. She was a homemaker and very active in the Levant Community Church. She was a Sunday School Teacher to many young ones in the area for 30 plus years and also served as a member of the Ladies Aid Ministry. She enjoyed attending the Wednesday afternoon prayer group each week and the fellowship she shared with others. Her faith was her top priority and her love for her family and friends was unsurpassed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane; her parents.

She is survived by her children Mike (Teresa) Dawes of Chanute and Terri (Rod) Arnberger of Levant; grandchildren Lindsey (Jason) Hess of Oklahoma City, Brett (Ashley) Arnberger of Colby, Lacey Dawes of Frontenac, Katie Dawes of Norton, VA, great grandson, Ruxin Dawes Arnberger of Colby; brother, Bob (Dixie) Ekberg, of Colby; sister-in-law, Eva Keck and an aunt, Sue (Larry) Oskay, Littleton, CO.

Visitation will be 10:00am - 6:00pm, Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at Baalman Mortuary, Colby. Funeral Service will be 10:00am, Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Baalman Mortuary, Colby. Memorials are suggested to the Levant Community Church or Citizens Medical Center in care of Baalman Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. Online condolences: www.baalmanmortuary.com

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friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Other Viewpoints

'Probable cause' passage a high note

It may take most Kansans a while to digest the good, the not so good and the downright ugly products of the 2014 legislative session...

If Gov. Sam Brownback signs the bill, as he should, Kansas will no longer be the only state in the nation that completely seals such documents from the public eye.

Credit for convincing the Legislature to pass the bill goes largely to Rep. John Rubin, R-Shawnee, and two of his constituents in Johnson County...

The couple eventually succeeded in obtaining a copy of the affidavit for the search warrant on their home. They learned their purchase of materials at a hydroponics store...

Why officers didn't take the time to properly test the tea leaves, and why the judge issued a warrant on such flimsy evidence, no one seems to know.

The bill, passed in the waning hours of the 2014 session, makes the probable-cause documents for arrest warrants open to the public after giving officials five days to suggest deletion or "redaction" of sensitive information...

We've little doubt people subjected to unreasonable searches - such as the one conducted on the Johnson County tomato-growing operation - won't be hesitant to bring them to the public's attention.

We also believe that law-enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges will take greater care in ensuring the warrants they seek and issue don't breach the public's constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

- The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press

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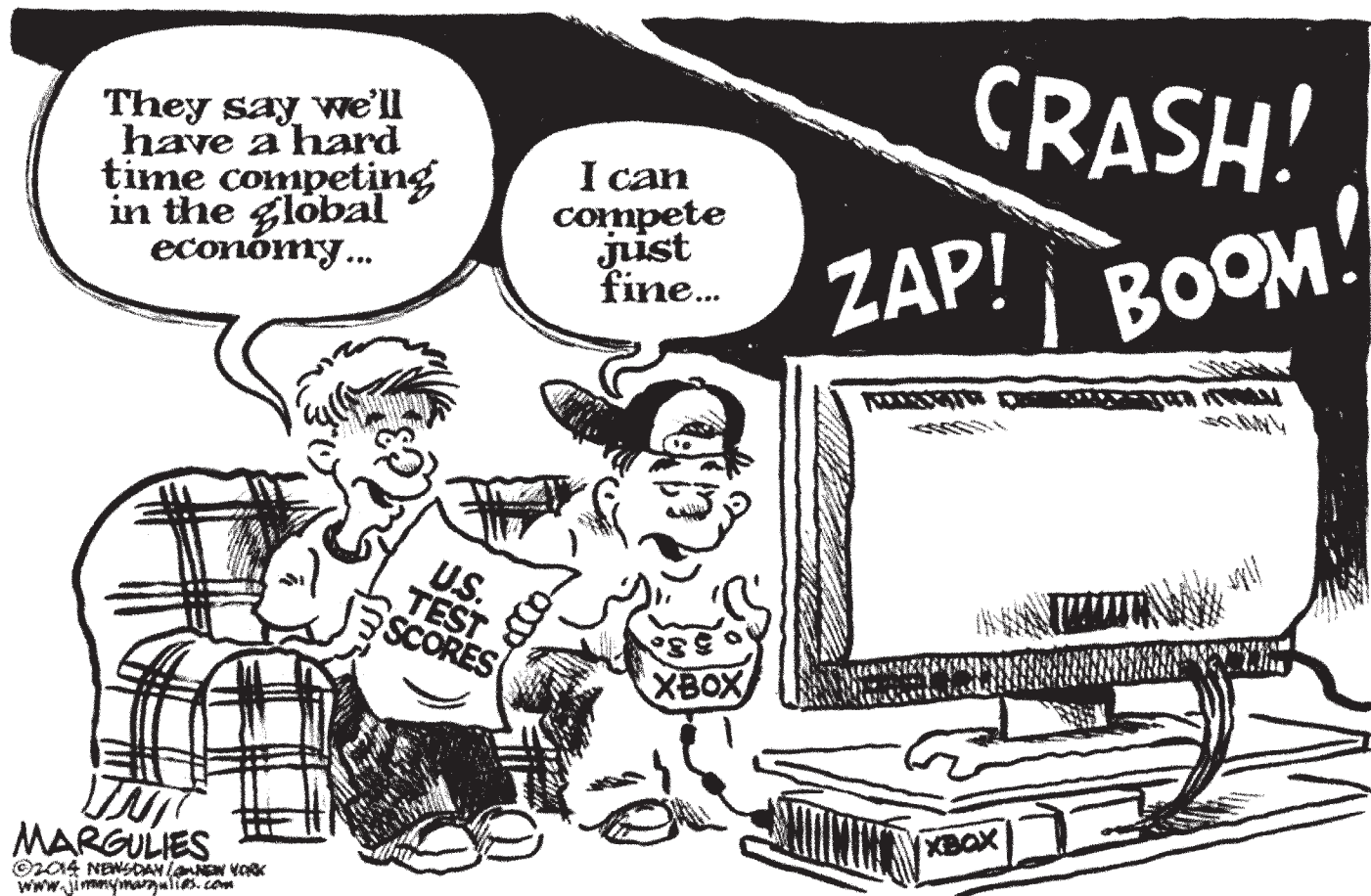
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Short session rounds up with budget

Ending the shortest legislative session since 1974, the Kansas Legislature adjourned 11 days before the constitutional 90-day allotment for the session.

As legislators returned last Wednesday for the three-day veto session, the primary focus was to complete negotiations between the two chambers on budgetary matters for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

As you'll recall, last year the Legislature passed a two-year budget. The governor line-item vetoed the corrections budget for next year because of concerns for job losses and public safety, making it necessary for legislators to consider supplemental money for the Department of Corrections.

Senate Substitute for HB 2231 also included money for caseloads, claims against the state, supplemental expenditures for most state agencies and dollars for capital improvements.

The budget bill also included the governor's offer to add \$10.2 million to cut the waiting list for people with physical and intellectual developmental disabilities needing home- and community-based services. Sen Sub for HB 2231 included a one-time bonus for all state employees of \$250 dollars.

The veto session was also used to wrap up outstanding bills from the regular session. In three days, House and Senate negotiators agreed to 25 bills that had been heard earlier.

Here are some highlights:

Mortgage Registration Tax: The House and Senate adopted HB 2643, which over the next five years will phase out a tax imposed on home and land buyers using a mortgage loan to purchase property. The tax is paid at the rate of 26 cents per \$100 of the value of mortgages received and filed by county registers of deeds. In addition to paying the mortgage tax, buy-



Ralph Ostmeyer

State Senator

ers must pay document recording fees to the county to offset costs of recording the deed, mortgage and other real estate documents. Through adoption of this bill, homebuyers needing a mortgage to pay for their home will no longer be singled out to pay this tax, which those who have paid cash or used other methods such as a Farm Credit services don't.

Finally, it clarifies legislative intent for certain property-tax exemptions on commercial and industrial machinery and equipment whether classified as personal or real property. The property-tax portion of the bill creates a solution to the ongoing difficulties associated with appraisal of business machinery and equipment. This bill would set the default classification for the appraisal of machinery and equipment as personal property unless proven otherwise. The language contained in this bill would help prevent Kansas business from paying exorbitant property taxes due to misclassification of their machinery and equipment.

Tax Appeals Reform: This week, the Kansas Senate agreed to a measure that would rename the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. The change provides a more accurate representation of an administrative agency and not a court that possesses judicial authority.

SB 231 shortens the time for the board to make a decision. Currently, it has 120 days; the

bill requires the board to summarize its decision within 14 days and deliver a full decision within 90. Failure to do so requires a refund for filing fees. Also, the bill allows taxpayers to ask for a new hearing in district court.

Student Data Privacy Act: In an age of ever-advancing technology, efforts must protect the privacy of all Kansans. With an increase in federal collection of student records, the Senate adopted limitations on student data received by the state and for what it can be used. SB 367 would limit what data is on a student's record, what can be disclosed and to whom.

The people authorized to see the record would include parents or legal guardians, authorized school personnel and public health officials. The measure would prevent collection of biometric data. This bill does not prevent the Department of Education from collecting and reviewing information needed for the school accreditation process.

The next deadline for the Legislature is returning to Topeka on May 30 for what is known as sine die, or final, adjournment. This is the ceremonial adjournment for session. It allows us or clean up any bills the governor vetoed or any issues passed over during the wrap-up session.

With the session over, I will be at home and my state phone will not be answered. I encourage you to continue to contact me via e-mail at Ralph.Ostmeyer@senate.ks.gov or at home at (785) 824-3773.

Congratulations to all graduates. I wish you the best.

It has been an honor to serve you this session. If you need any assistance in the off session, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell

Crossed wires get interesting

Other Opinions

Daris Howard Life's Outtakes

When I was in high school, I had a little pickup that I drove everywhere. But one day it started smelling like burning plastic. After further inspection, I found that some of the wiring had shorted and melted.

My dad had me leave it at his shop. He owned a farm business and sold tractors, combines, and any other type of farm equipment a person could possibly want. He said that he would have one of the mechanics that worked for him put a new wiring harness on it.

The problem was that most farm equipment are big diesel machines. I expressed my concern to my father, but he assured me that the wiring was the same.

My dad told the mechanic that he wanted it finished by Friday. I would be traveling to a wrestling meet in Salmon, a distance that took more than three hours to travel one way on the bus. I wouldn't arrive back at the school until about 1:00 in the morning, and my parents hoped I would be able to drive myself home.

On the morning of the meet, my dad drove me to his shop so I could drive my pickup to the school. It wasn't too far to the school, but there was one right turn and one left turn. When I made the right turn and turned on my blinker, it didn't blink, but I thought nothing of it other than to think the mechanic might have missed that wire.

When I went to make the left turn and turned on the blinker, the horn honked. Once again, I didn't think anything of it, other than to think I must have inadvertently hit the horn. I parked

the pickup and went to class.

At noon we left for Salmon. The meet went well, and I won my match, but it was a long way home, and I was exhausted when we arrived. Three of my friends asked if they could catch a ride home, and I agreed.

We all stuffed into the little cab, and I started the engine. I then reached up and pulled on the lights. The lights didn't come on, but the radio did, and it was so loud it nearly blew us out of the cab. I instinctively reached up to turn the radio down, but when I turned the knob, the windshield wipers started going instead, and, suddenly, I realized I had a problem.

The radio was still blaring, and everyone was covering their ears, so I reached up and shut the light switch off. Immediately a wonderful stillness filled the air. I reached up and carefully turned on the light switch, and once again the radio blared. I quickly shut it off again.

"What's wrong with your pickup?" Curly asked.

"My Dad's mechanic just replaced the

wiring harness," I replied. "I think he must have gotten some wires crossed."

"Some?" Curly said, reaching up and turning on the radio and watching the wipers go. "I think the mechanic is the one with his wires crossed."

Remembering that morning, I reached up and hit the left signal. The horn immediately honked.

"What are you doing?" Lenny asked.

"Trying to find the lights," I told him.

"Here, let me help," he replied.

He hit the windshield wiper button, but we didn't see anything. Donald got out to check things from the outside, and when we hit the wiper button again, he yelled that the brake lights came on.

"Wow!" Lenny said. "This is fun."

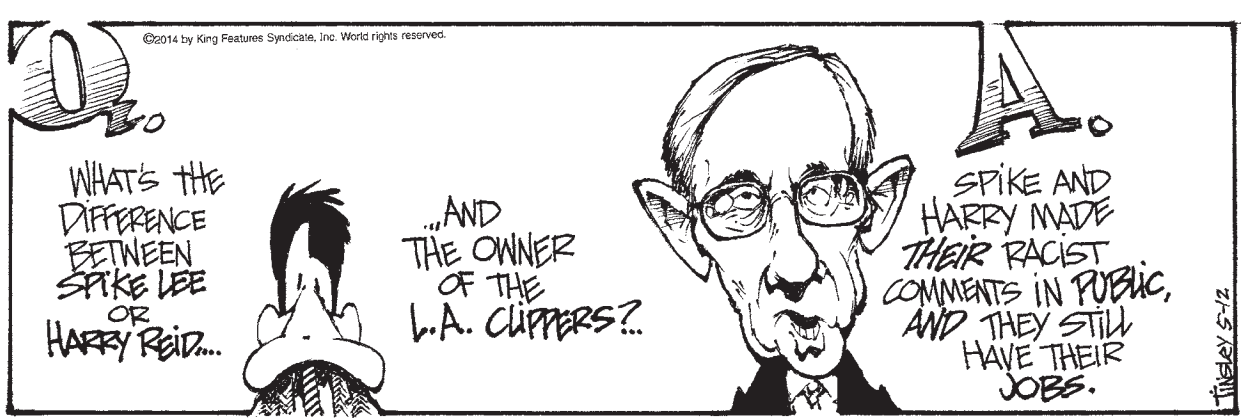
Curly reached out and hit the horn, and the left signal blinked outside. I hit the brakes, and the hazard lights started to flash. I hit the heater fan switch, and the right signal blinked. Finally, Lenny hit the right blinker and the lights came on. Once we had lights, Donald piled back in.

"If everyone can help me remember what does what, maybe we can get ourselves home," I said. And with that, I pushed on my horn to signal a left turn so I could pull out from the curb.

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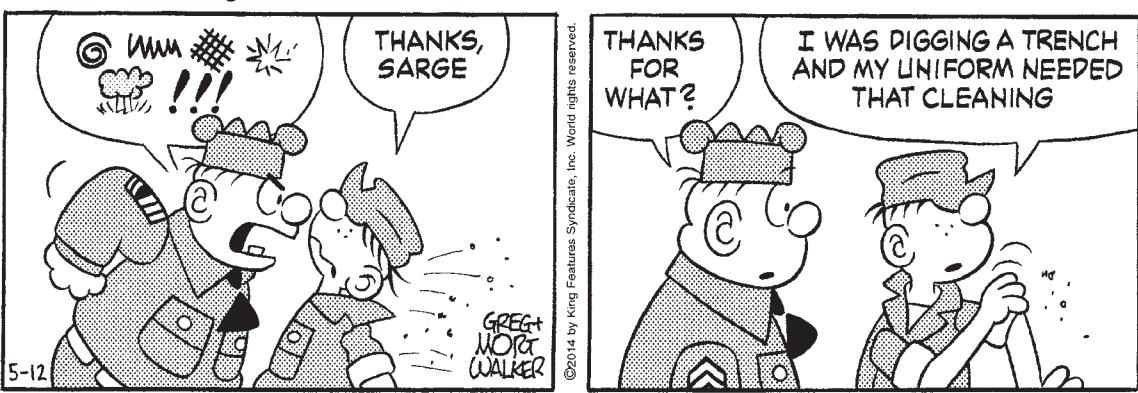
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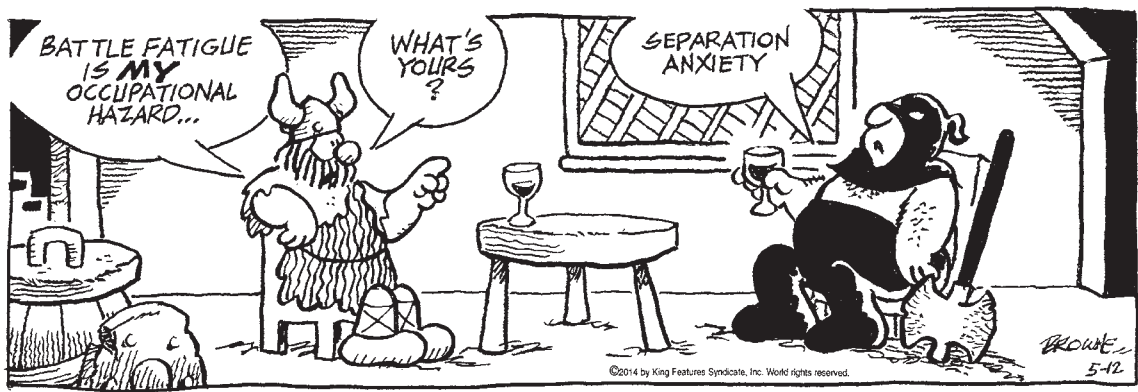
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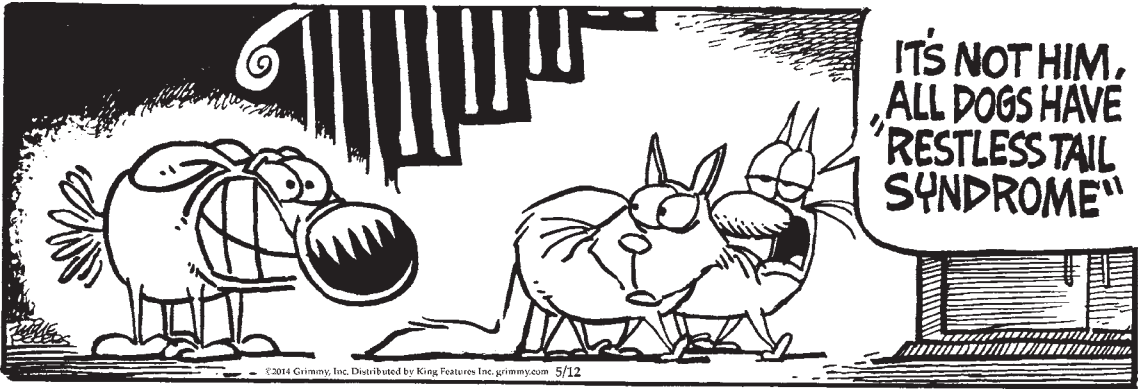
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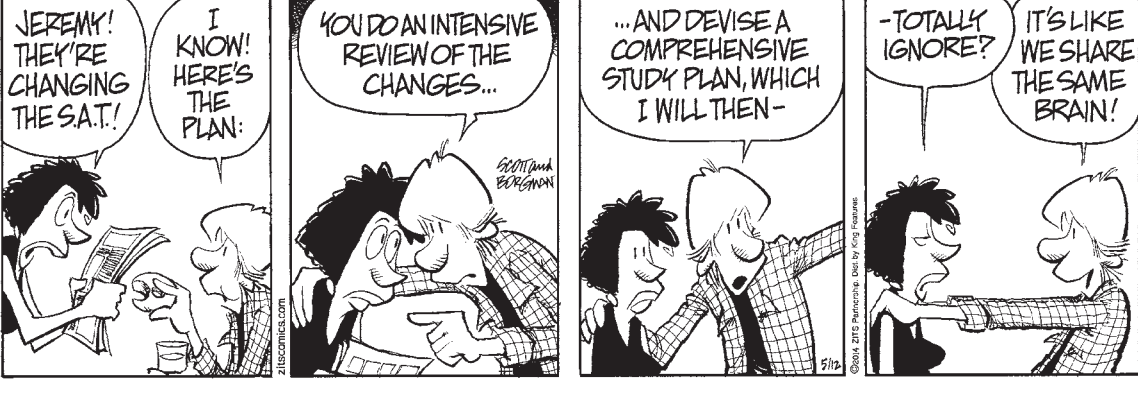
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• Antiques and Collecting

Faux finishes remain popular



Expensive woods like teak or mahogany, marble, stone and other materials used to make expensive furniture are often imitated by a painted surface.

A faux (fake) bamboo finish was created for this late 19th-century American folding chair. Useful and decorative folding chairs in this style were made using both real or fake bamboo. This chair sold for \$180 at a 2013 sale in New Orleans.

Faux finishes have been used since the days of ancient Egypt. The Greeks and Romans admired murals that were trompe l'oeil (fool-the-eye) paintings. Life-size objects on tables, half-open doors, stairways and furnishings included in these paintings looked real. The tradition of faux finishes experienced a resurgence in the 19th century.

A major Civil War monument with an interior of pink marble walls was restored a few years ago. It was discovered during the restoration that the monument's walls were actually made of white marble painted with a faux finish that made the wall look like expensive pink marble. No doubt it was done to save money – and it was so well done it fooled the public.

Inexpensive wood used to make furniture has been painted to resemble mahogany, bamboo, teak, birds-eye maple or just decorative graining. Tabletops were "improved" with a faux marble finish. Talented artists also painted tops with what looked like multicolored mosaic designs.

Bamboo furniture was the latest rage in the early 1800s. Bamboo was hard to get in Europe and the U.S., so Chinese-style furniture was made with wooden parts shaped like bamboo, then painted with trompe l'oeil graining. The wooden parts were stronger than real bamboo, so the faked parts often were an improvement.

The tradition of painted furniture has continued, and collectors pay a premium for American "grained wood" country pieces made from 1850 until about 1880. But the finish must be original and in good condition.

Tip: Re-glue a doll's wig with rubber cement. It's removable if you later want to change the wig.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/12

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.

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

Cryptoquip

"NEKHJX YUKMY" ZLCXCZYJX

ULN'M CS NEF, JZZJSYXKZ,

CSF HJXQ ZXCVCYQ IBQ; YLJ

CXYVBE ZNFIJX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER HE FINISHES A MASTERFUL PAINTING OF A BOG FULL OF PEAT MOSS, IT'LL BE HIS SPHAGNUM OPUS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals C

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 5 4
♥ A J 8 3 2
♦ Q 10
♣ 5 2

EAST
♠ A J 10 7
♥ 9 6
♦ —
♣ K J 8 7 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 3 2
♥ 5
♦ K J 9 7 6 4 2
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:
East 2♣ South 2♥ West 2♥ North Pass
Pass 3♦ Dble
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a preliminary-round match at the 1990 world team championship in Geneva. The declarer missed the winning – and correct – line of play, which is not easy to spot even with all 52 cards exposed.

East's two-club opening promised a sound pre-empt in clubs, and West's optimistic double of three diamonds at his second turn ended the auction.

South won West's ten-of-clubs lead with the queen and could see only four potential losers – two spades (if East had the ace), a diamond and a club. In fact, if declarer could ruff his third club in dummy or West had the spade ace, he might even make an overtrick.

So at trick two, South played the club ace, planning to ruff a club next. But West ruffed and returned the ace and another diamond. This left South with a club and two spades to lose, so he finished down one.

Observe that it wouldn't have helped South to try to draw trumps immediately and settle for nine tricks. West can win the second diamond and put his partner on lead with a spade. East's king-of-clubs return then brings declarer to the same sorry fate, West ruffing the ace whenever South plays it.

However, declarer can guarantee the contract by means of an unusual safety play. All he has to do to assure nine tricks is to lead the nine of clubs at trick two! This leaves the defenders helpless.

If East wins the club and continues clubs to allow West to ruff the ace, declarer can overruff with one of dummy's high trumps. And if instead West ruffs the nine of clubs in order to play the ace and another trump, South eventually scores the club ace for his ninth trick.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Track circuit
4 Bedouins
9 Cistern
12 Hockey venue
13 "Sound of Music" heroine
14 Yale student
15 Wordiness
17 Fish eggs
18 "—"
19 Dodged
21 Merry painter
24 Italian Guido
25 Hearty brew
26 Lower limb
28 Vision
31 Chicago exchange, for short
33 Flop
35 Orchard member
36 Chest
38 Utah neighbor (Abbr.)
- DOWN**
1 Actress Ullmann
2 Blackjack component
3 Apiece
4 Unprincipled
5 Grappled, slangly
6 "Entourage" role
7 Nasty pooch, maybe
8 "Eight Men Out" director
9 Blue-green deposit on copper
10 Burn remedy
11 Even
16 Obesity stat
20 One
21 Door-frame piece
22 Bread spread
23 Multi-skilled
27 Pistol
29 Ardor
30 Cash-drawer section
32 Utah (Abbr.)
34 Maligns
37 Wonder deposit
39 Manly
42 Engraved pillar
44 One of the kin (Abbr.)
45 Incursion
46 Girl in "David Copperfield"
50 Tear
51 Doctrine
52 Cry of discovery
53 Fresh

Saturday's answer 5-12

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Colby High senior Michael Schiferl has earned a return trip to 4A state tennis with his top five finish at last weekend's regional.

Colby senior makes state again

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A super 6-0 sweep in his region finale has Colby High senior Michael Schiferl soaring to his ultimate target.

Redemption at the 4A state No. 1 singles tennis tournament! Schiferl took fifth in the last weekend's Pratt region for his second trip into state.

"He lost both his matches there last year and went home early, but he's been working hard all year to get back," Colby High coach Gene Rothfuss said as Schiferl attended University of Kansas tennis camps the last two summers. "Michael's really sharpened up his ability to put the ball exactly

where he wants it." Schiferl never lost his focus despite suffering only his third loss all season last weekend.

Seeded third among 18 participants, he swept Pratt's Ethan Sharp 6-1, 6-2; before losing a 7-5, 6-3 showdown with No. 6-seed Renton Williams from Andover Central.

However, Schiferl (23-3 record overall) quickly recovered to dominate Winfield's Steven Deere 6-2, 6-1; and secured a top five finish by smashing Wellington's Brock Edwards 6-1, 6-0.

The top six regional placers advance to Winfield for 4A state play starting on Friday. No. 2-seed Carter Tappan of Wichita Trinity won the Pratt regional thanks to his three-set finals win over No. 1

Sam Camp of Winfield.

"He hasn't faced anyone of the top eastern players yet, so it will be a great test," Rothfuss said. "Michael's an excellent player who should be seeded around 11 or 12 (out of 24 qualifiers). At least he won't be No. 24 facing No. 1 right away."

A tough first-round regional match prevented excellent No. 2 Eagles player Chase Hartwell from reaching state. Hartwell brought a 21-2 record to the regional.

"It was just the luck of the draw. Chase ended up facing a player from one of the top three teams (Wichita Trinity) that he hadn't seen before," Rothfuss explained.

Colby's No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams fell short during re-

gionals. Juniors Sterling Miller and Angel Aguilar played No. 2 doubles, while senior Billy Selley and freshman Tyler Oren competed at No. 1.

"We only have three seniors graduating, so I'm definitely looking forward to these others playing next year," Rothfuss concluded.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High's Brooke Wark (left) got started on her 1600-meter/four-lap trek around the Dennen Field track Friday.

Colby girls top 14 teams at home invite

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Colby High girls closed in on the 4A state leaders while scoring a team title-winning 109 points-Friday's Colby Invitational at Dennen Field.

Junior Brielle McKee raced to four championships (two individual, two relays) that ignited the Eagles, who will try to repeat as Great West Activities Conference champions when they invade Hugoton later this week.

McKee won the 200-meter dash (27.25 second) with a late surge to edge 100-dash winner Michaela Girard from Logan (27.63).

She then joined teammate Sydney Stephens to deliver a 1-2 finish in the 400-meter dash. McKee delivered a winning time of 1:00.39; Stephens was barely two seconds behind (1:02.49).

However, McKee and Stephens were only getting started. They also ran legs on both the champion 1600-meter and 3200-meter

relays. Freshman three-even champ Jordan O'Malley and junior Hannah Strange completed these fast Colby quartets.

Meanwhile, it was no surprise to see Eagle junior Andrea Browne going the distance again for 1600-meter (5:34.81) and 3200-meter (12:19.15) victories.

All these Colby champion times — which also appear at right — rank near or among 4A state leaders currently listed on catchitkansas.com.

The Eagles' other top placer on Friday was senior thrower Kaylie Reeh. Fans reported Reeh threw the shot put more than 37' on one attempt — but just barely scratched. That distance would have earned a spot among Colby High's all-time best throws.

Reeh eventually settled for second overall (35') behind champion Kelsey Hale of Weskan (35'5).

It should give Reeh and all the Eagles plenty of motivation entering that conference showdown at Hugoton on Thursday.



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Colby High junior Brielle McKee (left) broke away from Logan's Michaela Girard to win the 200-meter dash championship at Dennen Field on Friday. The Eagles scored a title-clinching 101 points.



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Colby High sophomore Chandler Comfort didn't need wind power to clear this obstacle during the 300-meter hurdle championship race at Dennen Field on Friday.

Bulldogs, Eagles finish in middle of Colby Invite pack

Isaac Schweitzer's dash to second place in both the 100 and 200-meter sprints led Colby High's boys during a tough home invitational at Dennen Field on Friday.

The Goodland Cowboys rode into Colby at full strength and tallied 111 points for first place overall.

Brewster finished fourth (46 points) to lead the area boys teams in this 15-team competition.

Junior Layton Werth also earned second place during both the 1600 and 3200-meter races.

Golden Plains took seventh (33 points) with senior school-record holder Tristan Schwarz powering his way to another discus title (139'4 1/2"). Colby followed in eighth place (29 points). Josh Brown was the other best placer as he reached second among long jumpers (19'4").



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Golden Plains seniors Josh Barnhart (right) and Zach Spresser complete a successful exchange of the baton Friday in Colby.

Brewster leads area boys' teams at Colby Invite

Team scores, top Colby-area placers and all champions in Friday's Colby Track/Field Invitational at Dennen Field.

Boys

Teams: 1. Goodland 111, 2. Wallace County 96, 3. Holcomb 84, 4. Brewster 46, 5. Weskan 42, 6. Oakley 39, 7. Golden Plains 33, 8. Colby 29, 9. Grainfield 26, 10. Oberlin 18, 11. Quinter 16, 12. Logan 7, 12. St. Francis 7, 14. Western Plains 2, 15. Ulysses 1.

100-dash: 1. T. Snethen, Goodland, 11.76; 2. Isaac Schweitzer, Colby, 11.79; 3. Nathan Jorgensen, Brewster, 11.94; 4. Jace Jorgensen, Brewster, 12.0. Next fastest from area: 8. Josh Brown, Colby, 12.29.

110-hurdles: 1. H. Tucker, Holcomb, 15.37. Fastest from area: 7. Ryan Gfeller, Triplains, 17.75.

200-dash: 1. Tucker, 22.68; 2. Isaac Schweitzer, Colby, 24.04. Next fastest: 10. Donte Whitfield, Colby, 25.29. **300-hurdles:** 1. Tucker, 40.87; 6. Chandler Comfort, Colby, 44.41. Next fastest: 8. Ryan Gfeller, Triplains, 44.51. **400-dash:** 1. M. Sheaffer, Decatur Community, 52.8; 2. Nate Brown, Brewster, 53.01; 5. Ashton Russ, Colby, 54.02. Next

fastest: 19. Quinn Clymer, Brewster, 1:02.58. **800-run:** 1. A. Simmerman, Goodland, 2:04.43; 6. Layton Werth, Brewster, 2:12.86. Next fastest: 15. Zeke Baca, Colby, 2:25.58. **1600-run:** 1. T. Gillespie, Wheatland, 4:45.4; 2. Layton Werth, Brewster, 4:50.22. Next fastest: 7. Takoda Turner, Brewster, 5:22.34. **3200-run:** 1. Gillespie, 10:30.19; 2. Layton Werth, Brewster, 10:37.97; 5. Takoda Turner, Brewster, 11:43.85; 6. Cole Ziegelmeier, Golden Plains, 11:45.89. Next fastest: 7. Mark Faber, Colby, 11:47.25.

400-relay: 1. Goodland, 45.2; 3. Brewster, 46.24 (Nate Brown, Quinn Clymer, Jace Jorgensen, Nathan Jorgensen); 5. Golden Plains, 46.54 (Tristan Schwarz, Grant Spresser, Zach Spresser, Josh Barnhart). **1600-relay:** 1. Wallace County, 3:37.28. **3200-relay:** 1. Holcomb, 8:38.36.

Discus: 1. Tristan Schwarz, Golden Plains, 139'4 1/2"; 2. D. Walker, Wallace County, 127'1". Next farthest from area: 8. Seth Smith, Triplains, 112' 1/2". **Shot put:** 1. D. Walker, Wallace County, 48'8 3/4"; 2. Tristan Schwarz, Golden Plains, 47'9

3/4"; 5. Nathan Jorgensen, Brewster, 44' 1/4". Next farthest: 9. Justin Culwell, Brewster, 41' 1/2". **Javelin:** 1. D. Ruhs, Goodland, 174'6"; 4. Nathan Jorgensen, Brewster, 153"; 6. Ashton Russ, Colby, 139'7". Next farthest: 12. Chandler Comfort, Colby, 125'1". **Hammer:** 1. G. Henningson, Decatur Community, 132'1 1/2"; 2. Colton Rogge, Triplains, 119'8 1/2"; 4. Zeke Baca, Colby, 127'4". Next farthest: 15. Nick Brown, Golden Plains, 194'3 1/2". **Long jump:** 1. H. Tucker, Holcomb, 20'11"; 2. Josh Brown, Colby, 19'4"; 3. Zach Spresser, Golden Plains, 19'2 1/4". Next farthest: 7. Grant Spresser, Golden Plains, 18'1 1/2". **Triple jump:** 1. S. Medina, Wallace County, 42'7 3/4"; 2. Zach Spresser, Golden Plains, 41'4". Next farthest: 7. Quinn Clymer, Brewster, 37'7 3/4". **High jump:** 1. C. Schemm, Wallace County, 6'4"; 5. Josh Brown, Colby, 5'6"; 6. Jace Jorgensen, Brewster, 5'6". Next highest: 11. Connor Schwanke, Colby, 5'4"; 12. Donte Whitfield, Colby, 5'4".

Pole vault: 1. H. Witman, Goodland, 13'. Highest from area: 10. Isaac Schweitzer, Colby, 10'.



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Brewster junior Leyton Werth led a large pack of 1600-meter runners during the Colby Invitational at Dennen Field on Friday. Werth raced to second place while Bulldog teammate Takoda Turner (left) finished seventh. Also pictured here are Colby High distance runners Zeke Baca and Mark Faber.

Results rundown

Team scores, top area placers and champions in all Colby Invitational events at Dennen Field on Friday:

Girls

Teams: 1. Colby 101, 2. Grainfield-Wheatland 89, 3. Oberlin 77.25, 4. Golden Plains 54, 5. Holcomb 41.75, 6. Wallace County 37, 7. Logan 34, 8. Weskan 33, 9. Triplains 32, 10. St. Francis 24, 11. Quinter 19.5, 12. Western Plains 6, 13. Goodland 5.75, 14. Oakley 3, 15. Brewster 1.

100-dash: 1. M. Girard, Logan, 13.11; 6. Sydney Stephens, Colby, 13.79. Next fastest from area: 8. Jordan O'Malley, Colby, 13.93.

100-hurdles: 1. Shayna Rogge, Triplains, 16.83, 2. Kami Miller, Golden Plains, 16.85, 5. Kambri Garrett, Colby, 18.06. Next fastest: 12. Kylee Chatum, Brewster, 20.62. **200-dash:** 1. Brielle McKee, Colby, 27.25; 2. M. Girard, Logan, 27.63; 5. Macayla Easton, Golden Plains, 29.01. Next fastest: 9. Kambri Garrett, Colby, 29.83.

300-hurdles: 1. Shayna Rogge, Triplains, 49.86; 2. Kami Miller, Golden Plains, 51.23; Next fastest: 7. Kambri Garrett, Colby, 53.57. **400-dash:** 1. Brielle McKee, Colby, 1:00.39; 2. Sydney Stephens, Colby, 1:02.49; 6. Macayla Easton, Golden Plains, 1:06.2. Next fastest: 16. Brianna Stoll, Golden Plains, 1:14.72.

800-run: 1. L. Ostmeyer, Wheatland, 2:32.65; 5. Kynndra Rush, Golden Plains, 2:38.81. Next fastest: 13. Rachel Friess, Brewster, 2:55.1. **1600-run:** 1. Andrea Browne, Colby, 5:34.81; 2. T. Tustin, Wheatland, 5:36.09. Next fastest: 7. Brooke Wark, Colby, 6:29.38. **3200-run:** 1. Andrea Browne, Colby, 12:19.15; 2. T. Tustin, Wheatland, 12:28.3; 5. Emma Kleist, Colby, 13:42.77.

400-relay: 1. Colby, 52.5 (Brielle McKee, Sydney Stephens, Jordan O'Malley, Hannah Strange); 2. St. Francis, 53.15; 8. Colby "B", 55.47 (Alexis Boehme, Kambri Garrett, Michaela Giebler, Kalea Robert).

1600-relay: 1. Colby, 4:18.73 (Brielle McKee, Sydney Stephens, Hannah Strange, Jordan O'Malley); 2. Oberlin, 4:25.02; 4. Golden Plains, 4:27.99 (Macayla Easton, Kylie Jones, Kami Miller, Kynndra Rush). **3200-relay:** 1. Oberlin, 10:24.26.

High jump: 1. Jordan O'Malley, Colby, 5'; 2. Kylie Jones, Colby, 4'10"; 3. Hannah Strange, Colby, 4'10"; 5. Kelly Lamb, Triplains, 4'10". Next highest: 9. Shayna Rogge, Triplains, 4'6". **Long jump:** 1. Kami Miller, Golden Plains, 15'6"; 2. Gabrielle Schiltz, Golden Plains, 15'; 6. Rachel Friess, Brewster, 14'. Next farthest: 15. Kalea Robert, Colby, 12'10". **Shot put:** 1. K. Hale, Weskan, 35'5"; 2. Kaylie Reeh, Colby, 35'. Next farthest: 7. Isabel Rosales, Colby, 30'3 1/2".

Discus: 1. D. Murray, Decatur Community, 115'8"; 5. Isabel Rosales, Colby, 90'6". Next farthest: 12. Kaylie Reeh, Colby, 78'1". **Javelin:** 1. Murray, 127'2". Next farthest: 14. Misaki Nagae, Triplains, 71'3". **Pole vault:** 1. R. Sec, Weskan, 9'.