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Landfill equipment approved

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The Thomas County landfill may be getting a new pickup and a front-end loader, assuming the budget will stretch that far.

Landfill Supervisor Larry Jumper told county commissioners at their meeting Monday that one of his pickups had a bad fuel pump and would need about \$800 or \$900 in repairs. Jumper said he fears the truck will require more repairs, so he wants to get a replacement.

The commissioners asked Jumper for details, and Jumper told them the 1998 pickup has about 160,000 miles on it. The landfill uses it six days a week, he said.

Commissioner Mike Baughn said he thought it would be worth getting replacement bids if Jumper continues to have problems, as long as there is money in the department's capital outlay budget.

Jumper said he doesn't need a heavy pickup, and a two-wheel drive would be fine.

Commissioner Paul Steele suggested Jumper get proposals from area dealers, but to make sure he does not take too much out of his capital budget since the landfill wants to replace a front-end loader next year.

Jumper said he does want to trade in one of their loaders or perhaps sell it to another, smaller landfill because they modified the machine to make it ideal for landfill use.

In other business, the commissioners

• Heard a report from Sheriff Rod Taylor that gates are being left open on land east of town where the landowner allows walking hunting and fishing. Cattle have been getting out, Taylor said, so he encourages people who use that land to make sure they close the gates.

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2013 shooting case dismissed

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The Logan County District Court has thrown out a case against a Logan County man who shot another in the eye last spring after deciding the state could not prove he was not entitled to defend himself.

"His version of the facts was more consistent with the evidence," Billy Rork said of his client, William David Collins.

The court dismissed aggravated battery and criminal threat charges filed against Collins after he shot Desmond Bowles through the right eye on March 5, 2013. In several motions to dismiss the case, Rork, a Topeka-based attorney, argued the state could not prove Collins took an unjustifiable risk or specifically threatened Bowles during an argument near the town of McAllaster on U.S. 40 between Winona and Wallace. Logan County District Attorney Margaret Mahoney prosecuted the case for the state.

Rork sought immunity for his client based on the state's "stand your ground" law, which protects someone from prosecution who is using force to defend themselves. The law would require Collins to be following the law, not resisting arrest, and in a place they have a right to be before they can use force to defend themselves.

Glenn D. Schiffner, chief judge for Logan County District Court, ruled May 8 that the state failed to establish that Collins was not entitled to self-defense. This led to dismissal of the charges against Collins, whose trial would have started Monday.

"The judge felt that the defendant was entitled to defend him-

self," Rork said.

Bowles survived the confrontation and even drove back to his house after being shot, but he lost all sight in his right eye where the bullet entered.

The differing accounts which he and Collins gave officers of the incident came to light at the defendant's preliminary hearing and seemed to make all the difference in the case. Bowles said he was four or five feet away from Collins when he was shot, while Collins maintained they were shoving each other when the gun went off.

District Magistrate Judge Mark J. TEMAAT agreed there was enough evidence to bind the defendant over to district court at the preliminary hearing on April 25 of last year.

Bowles testified at the hearing that he was messing around and drinking Crown Royal whiskey and Coca Cola before he decided to visit Collins' father Phillip Collins, who lives about five miles away. He drove his three wheeler to the house when Collins pulled up beside him in a pickup truck, to tell him his father was not home, and ended up shooting him with a .22 caliber revolver.

The stories differ at that point. Bowles maintained that he was shot from four or five feet away, and that the conversation did not go any further than Collins saying that his father was not home. Collins shot him when he shut the three-wheeler off and got off so he could hear what the man was saying, Bowles said.

"All I know is there was a gun pulled out and he shot," he said. "I just seen him pull a gun out of the truck."

But Collins remembers Bowles getting off the three wheeler and grabbing him right before the shooting, according to the officer who arrested him. Logan County

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Walking trail launched

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Day-long festivities Wednesday marked the grand opening of the walking trail around the Colby Aquatic Park.

"Thank you so much for being so proud of what we as a community have accomplished," said Sue Evans of the Thomas County Coalition said before cutting a ribbon at the entrance of the trail.

More than 50 people came out to listen to Evans as a dozen children occupied themselves on the nearby playground.

The grand opening of the trail commenced at the start of the day, when people showed up bright and early at 6 a.m. to walk around the 2-2-mile loop.

Many community organizations joined the city to set up the trail, the first of what could become a system linking Colby neighborhoods. The Active Community Design Committee, a subgroup of the coalition, started working on a design to follow up on a goal the Thomas County Wellness Committee set in the 1970s to have a walking trail in town.

The first cement for the trail was

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SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
The Sons of the American Legion Honor Guard (top) lent their services to help open the Colby Walking Trail, raising the flags over the entrance Wednesday morning. The three newly-installed flagpoles (above) now have a U.S. and Kansas flag flying over them, as well as a flag representing the walking trail. Samantha Lindberg (left, at left), Melissa Gepford, Connor Schwanke and Brady Rose braved incoming rain – for a few minutes – with the plan to provide live entertainment for the opening of the walking trail. A brief downpour sent the majority of the guests home for the afternoon. Well over 50 people came to the ribbon-cutting for the trail. Their kids learned the ropes at the playground (above left) built between the main loop of the trail and the Colby Aquatic Park Parking lot.



Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south after midnight.

Saturday: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 60. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Breezy.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 75.

Thursday: High, 66; Low 37
Precip: Thursday 0.02 inches
Month: 0.26 inches
Year: 1.52 inches
Normal: 7.21 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:29 a.m. 8:53 p.m.
Moon on 17 May: waning, gibbous with 89 percent
Sunday 6:28 a.m. 8:54 p.m.
Moon on 18 May: waning, gibbous with 81 percent
Monday 6:27 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
Moon on 19 May: waning, gibbous with 71 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 2,332,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Walking trail launched Wednesday

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poured two years ago this spring, and trees were planted along the loop just north of the Aquatic Park. Since that time, a long list of improvements have been added to that first section.

In time, the trail was extended until it stretched over two miles, south to Colby High School and around Colby Community College. The playground was built near the entrance, along the edge of the pool parking lot, with help from the city, Woofter Construction and Irrigation and Farmers and Merchants Bank. More trees were planted and landscaping – grass around the trail, rocks around the entrance – was put in place. Benches and metal and limestone signs showed up along the trail.

Last summer, the City Council held a naming contest for the playground and trail area, which officially became Poolside Park, and another sign went up to reflect the name. The council has discussed adding restrooms in the last months, although no plans are in place yet.

Most recently, three flag poles were added, and a ceremonial flag-raising took place at 7 a.m. Wednesday. The Sons of the American Legion honor guard raised the U.S. and Kansas flags and a banner with the walking-trail logo.

Evans accepted a check for \$2,500 from Blue Cross Blue Shield at a luncheon Wednesday at the college Student Union. She thanked the college, along with three other landowners, for giving the coalition the right to extend the trail onto their property. The others were Colby Public Schools; developer Wes Bainter, who bought land for housing projects just south of the college; and the city, which Evans pointed out is maintaining the trail.

Among the many others who pitched in, she credited Mike Woofter for his extensive work helping her plan and build the trail and farm operator Lon Frahm with matching the first \$25,000 the coalition raised for the trail. Almost a dozen of the 50 or so people at the luncheon stood as she read out the names of the top donors.

The Colby/Thomas County Wellness

Committee, Kansas Health Foundation, Security Bancshares Inc., Dr. Floyd and Mary Smith and the Sunflower Foundation all donated at least \$20,000. Another 13 donors out of over 100 that the coalition credited altogether pitched in at least \$2,500.

Diann Gerstner with the design committee finished up the lunch with a slide presentation on the trail.

The ribbon cutting took place just after five beneath some ominous-looking rain clouds. People gathered under a tent nearby to hear the results of the Walk Kansas challenge. Gerstner read the names of the 46 teams that participated, giving them prizes including house plants, lawn ornaments and decorative household items.

The top three teams walked 1,657, 1,535 and 1,344 miles, Gerstner said, and as a whole the teams racked up 30,654 miles, or one and a half times around the earth.

The Methodist Church band Zamar, Connor Schwanke, Brady Rose, Samantha Lindberg and Melissa Gepford, was set up to play afterward, but the rain finally started falling and drove most of the crowd away.

2013 shooting dismissed in Oakley

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Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Shellito said Collins told him he pulled the gun to scare Bowles after he man grabbed him, and it went off. After getting Shellito's account at the preliminary hearing, Rork pointed out his client had a double-action revolver, which can go off before the hammer is pulled back; a shooter just has to pull the trigger harder.

Just after he was shot, Bowles said, Collins offered to give him a ride, which he refused, and Collins drove away. He said he didn't recall threatening or arguing with Collins, and added that he himself was unarmed. It became apparent that Collins was armed but sober.

Rork pointed out on Thursday that both men at first just thought Bowles had suffered from powder burns. He added that it was

his client, not Bowles, who called Sheriff Pat Parsons to report the incident.

Bowles testified at the preliminary that he took off his glasses and helmet as he sat in the road for a moment to collect himself before driving home with his hand over the wound. He drank some more whiskey at home and called his mother, but did not dial 911.

She came to the house along with Shellito, whom Parsons told about the incident around 3:30 p.m. The deputy photographed Bowles' wound – the bullet exited near his right ear – and told him he should get medical help. He went to the Logan County Hospital and from there to Wichita.

Shellito's next stop was Phillip Collins' house, where he first found gloves, glasses and helmet Bowles left in the road. He

said David Collins was waiting for him and drove out to meet him. Shellito took his gun and arrested him without incident.

Rork called another witness after the preliminary hearing, forensic pathologist assistant Shawn Parcells, who has examined gunshot wounds helping with coroner's examinations. Parcells looked at medical records from the incident, Rork said. Based on gas and gunpowder found on Bowles' clothes and in his eye, Parcells said the gun that shot him was no more than a foot from his face, probably closer.

"It was one of those rare cases where the pathologist, he went over and testified for the defendant," he said.

Parcells and Collins gave their testimony at a pretrial conference on April 18, saying the gun that shot Bowles could not

have been more than a foot from his face, and probably closer. Mahoney protested that she was entitled to know which witnesses Collins had 30 days before a trial, and Judge Schiffner gave her until May 8 to come up with her own evidence. The judge decided to throw out the case when she could not.

Mahoney said Thursday she respects the court's decision, although it is not what she would have decided.

Aggravated battery is a level five felony, which carries a maximum sentence of 12 years, four months in prison and a fine up to \$300,000. The criminal threat charge, a level nine felony, carries a penalty of up to one year and five months in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

Water authority to meet in next week

GARDEN CITY (AP) – The Kansas Water Authority plans to hear updates on dredging at the John Redmond reservoir when it meets later this month in Garden City.

The agency has set aside two days for its public meetings at the Garden City Clarion

Inn and Conference. They begin at 1 p.m. on May 21 and 8:30 a.m. on May 22.

The \$25 million project at the John Redmond reservoir includes the cost of dredging, landowner compensation for disposal sites and stream bank stabilization.

Other topics on the agency's agenda for

the meeting include updates on the Kansas water plan and the weather modification program.

Online: Kansas Water Office: www.kwo.org

New landfill equipment approved

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- Approved an alert system contract with Civic Ready for \$995 per year as recommended by Autumn Arasmith, emergency management director.

- Discussed the county's natural gas purchase with Jeff Younger, formerly of Seminole Energy, the company from which the county now purchases gas. Younger has started his own

company with a few other former Seminole employees, and the commissioners asked him to leave a copy of the contract he brought so they could review it so they could make a decision at their next meeting.

- Asked Arasmith to get price ranges for a replacement vehicle after she mentioned her department's 1999 Ford Explorer, with 114,000 miles, seemed like it was falling apart.

- Entered a closed-door session with Jumper to discuss nonelected personnel. No action was taken based on the session.

- Approved \$53,705 in accounts payable. Baughn commented that he wants to remind departments that use "expendable equipment" to be conservative with their purchases "in these austere times."

- Corrected the tax roll in favor of Blake and Debra Potter for \$224 for acreage that was sold in 2012 but not deducted from the property's valuation.

The commissioners' next regular meeting is set for 9 a.m. on Friday, May 30, in the commission chambers on the main floor of the courthouse.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant
Atwood, KS 67730
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Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Mother's Day! Sunday, May 11 th				1	2 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI's	3
4	5 Diabetic Clinic Cardiac Rehab	6 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	7 Mammograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	8 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	9 Nuclear Medicine Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI's	10
11	12 Diabetic Clinic Cardiac Rehab	13 Dr. Sean Denney Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	14 Dr. Frankum Surgery	15 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	16 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	17 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI's
18	19 Diabetic Clinic Cardiac Rehab	20 Dr. Miller Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	21 Dr. Anaya Cardiologist	22 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	23 Nuclear Medicine Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI'S	24
25	26 Diabetic Clinic Cardiac Rehab	27 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	28 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	29 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	30 Dr. Frankum Surgery	31
To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Lyndsi Colgan, Centralized Scheduler						

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Monday Evening	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With the Stars			The Bachelorette			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	2 Broke G	Friends	Mike	Mom	Criminal Minds		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Maya Rudolph		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		24: Live Another Day		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	300		Eragon						The Scorpion King	
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters						River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/OC			Housewives/OC			Happens	Married to Medicine	Atlanta	
CMT	'70s Show	'70s Show	Ron White: They Call Me Tater		Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Special Report		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk
DISC	BikerLive		BikerLive		Vegas Rat Rods		BikerLive		Vegas Rat Rods	
DISN	Wizards-Waver				Austin	Good Luck	Jessie	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	E! News		Fashion Police		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	2014 Draft Academy		2014 Draft Academy		2014 Draft Academy		Olbermann		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Beetleju	The Goonies					The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Rewrapped	Unwrapped	Cutthroat Kitchen		Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Cutthroat Kitchen	
FX	Thor				Louie	Louie	Louie	Louie	Louie	Louie
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Down East Dicking		Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFE	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders	
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		House of Food	
NICK	Awesome	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		Metal	Metal	Warehouse 13		Metal	Metal
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bam	Conan		Holmes	Conan
TCM	Fatso				84 Charing				Doctor-Devis	
TLC	OMG! EMT!		Sex Sent Me to the E		Best Fune	Best Fune	Sex Sent Me to the E		Law & Order	Best Fune
TNT	Castle		Major Crimes				Law & Order		Law & Order	
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Gilligan	Gilligan	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	Cleveland	Soul Man
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		Hot 97	Love, Hip Hop		T.I.-Tiny	Hot 97
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Salem		Salem	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Bourne	Last Week	We're the Millers				Game of Thrones		Veep	Silicon
MAX	Abraham L	Pet Sematary			Vehicle 19		Lingerie Feature 4: Model			
SHOW	Years of Living		Penny Dreadful		Nurse	Californ.	Penny Dreadful		Nurse	Californ.

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.

Business block party coming Wednesday

Join The Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce for a Business After 5 block party from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot and lobbies of Western State Bank, Udderly Delicious Yogurt, the Sports Shoppe and Maurice's at the south end of Franklin Avenue. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Blood drive to be at Community Building

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Colby Community Building. Ham sandwiches will be served. Walk-ins welcome, but you can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Vacation Bible School saddles up day camp

A "Saddle Up with Jesus" Vacation Bible School day camp for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. Lunch and snack will be provided. Register by Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 462-3497.

No trash pickup on Memorial Day

The City of Colby Public Works Department will take the day off Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day. The Monday residential route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 27. Have tipplers to the curb by 8 a.m. For questions, call Omar Weber at the department, 460 4420.

Human resources group to meet

The Colby Chapter of the Human Resources Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Montana Mike's. Crystal Pounds will talk about styles of communication. Make reservations by noon Monday, June 9, with Janice Husband, jahusband@nex-tech.com. For information, call Phyllis LaShell at (785) 577-4610.

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 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 Genesis 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.

School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Regional tournaments. **Sunday:** 3 p.m. high school graduation. **Monday:** 9 a.m. golf regional tournament, Goodland; 7 p.m. board meeting, District Office.; 7 p.m. middle school band concert, Grade School Auditorium. **Tuesday:** 2 p.m. softball regionals, Goodland; 4 p.m. baseball regionals, Scott City; 7:30 p.m. high school band concert, Fike Park. **Friday:** 2 p.m. track regionals, Abilene; last day of school.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, jelly, orange juice; lunch: spiral dog, tater tots, broccoli with cheese, peach halves. **Tuesday:** breakfast: breakfast pizza, tropical fruit, orange juice; lunch: barbecue beef sandwich, baked beans, baby carrots, pineapple tidbits, Rice Krispie treat. **Wednesday:** breakfast: banana muffin, pineapple chunks, grape juice; lunch: cook's choice. **Thursday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito, salsa, fruit choice, juice choice; lunch: cook's choice. **Friday:** breakfast: cereal bar, string cheese, fruit choice, juice choice; lunch: cook's choice.

Sacred Heart
Activities: out for the summer.

Heartland
Activities: Monday: 7 p.m. board meeting. **Tuesday:** secondary semester exams, sixth through high school dismiss at noon. **Wednesday:** secondary semester exams, sixth through high school; last day of school, half

day. **Thursday:** 100 Hands for Heartland.

Golden Plains
Activities: school out for the summer. **Tuesday:** 5 to 7 p.m. school physicals, Oakley. **Thursday:** 5 to 7 p.m. school physicals, Colby. **Friday:** 3 p.m. regional track.

Brewster
Activities: Monday: regional golf. **Wednesday:** half day school; half day work day; last day of school. **Friday:** 3 p.m. high school regional track, Hays.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: cook's choice; lunch: smothered burritos, vegetable. **Tuesday:** breakfast: cook's choice; lunch: meat patties, sandwich day, vegetable. **Wednesday:** breakfast: cook's choice; lunch: hot dogs, baby carrots.

Colby Community College
Activities: Monday: 5 p.m. trustees meeting. **Tuesday:** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. enrollment extravaganza, Bedker Memorial Complex.

Triplains
Activities: Monday: school in session; 3:15 p.m. kindergarten graduation. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. Kay Club's "Play Day" for grade school; 10 a.m. field events start; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:45 p.m. running events start. **Wednesday:** last day of school for students. **Thursday:** teacher work day; 1 p.m. yearbook work day; car wash and bake sale in school's parking lot. **Friday:** high school regional track, Fort Hays State University.

Governor's Scholar honored on May 4

Marc Bremenkamp of Colby attended the 31st Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 4 in Topeka at the invitation of Gov. Sam Brownback.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors, selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Gov. Brownback said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping these



Bremenkamp

outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

The program is coordinated by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force, made up of the American Association of University Women, Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas-National Education Association, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association, Kansas League of Women Voters and United School Administrators of Kansas.

Driver's ed permit now online

Driver's education permits are now available through an online application portal.

The online process eliminates the need for mail to travel back and forth from driving instructors to the Kansas Department of Revenue for review.

Instead, an instructor will fill out the online form and if there are no medical or vision issues that require an additional review,

the instructor will be able to immediately print out the permit slip allowing the student to drive with an instructor or guardian.

For any student with a medical or vision issue requiring additional review, the necessary examination forms will be available within 48 hours from when the records is created by the instructor.

Because of last minute enhancements, the Department of Revenue moved the date of availability from April 1 to May 5.

Conservation applications due Friday, June 6

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas is now accepting applications for its new Agricultural Conservation Easements Program.

The easements program combines the service's former Farm and Ranch Lands Protection, Grassland Reserve and Wetlands Reserve programs.

"This is an exciting new opportunity for even more people to get involved in conserving natural resources," said Kansas State Conservationist, Eric B. Banks.

"We encourage Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners to apply." Applications must be submitted by Friday, June 6.

The easements program has two

components, one for wetland reserve easements and one for agricultural land easements.

Wetland reserve easements would restore and enhance wetlands and improve habitat. Eligible lands include farmed or converted wetlands that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored. If you are interested in a wetland reserve easement, contact your local Conservation Service office.

Under the agricultural land component, funds are provided to eligible entities that can use Agricultural Conservation Easements

funding to purchase agricultural land easements that protect the agricultural use of eligible land. Interested landowners should work with an eligible entity to submit an application.

Learn more about Farm Bill programs at www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill.

Contact your local Conservation Service office or conservation district office at the Service Center, 915 E. Walnut, or call 462-7482 for assistance. More information is also available on the Kansas Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.



Deaths

Jamie Lee Skeers

Jamie Lee Skeers, 30, Hays, formerly of Oakley, died Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born June 18, 1983, in Oakley, to Eddie and Roxie (Briard) Skeers. In 2003, he graduated from Oakley High School. He was continuing his education at Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas' Reed Center in Hays.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Jason Skeers, and three grandparents, James and Mildred Briard and Donald Skeers.

Survivors include his parents; a grandmother, Susie Skeers, Oak-

ley; three aunts, Nancie (Jeffery) McEwen; Monica Porter, Kansas City, Kan.; and two uncles, Gary Skeers and Robert Skeers, both of Hays.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday May 19, 2014, at the Baalmann Mortuary in Oakley.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

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

Senior Progress Center

Enjoy Scrabble this week at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Scrabble. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. baggammon.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** pork cutlet, parslid potatoes, seasoned carrots, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** taco salad, tropical fruit, chips, cook's choice complement. **Wednesday:** baked fish, maca-

roni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, Jell-O with fruit. **Thursday:** oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cantaloupe. **Friday:** hamburger patty, cook's choice vegetable, orange-pineapple salad, bun, bar cookie.

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Come On Down; 4 to 6 p.m. animal clinic at City building. **Friday:** birthday, Clea Moeder; 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

Dwight Charles Hopson

Dwight Charles Hopson, age 62, of Wakonda, South Dakota, passed on to a higher place on Monday, May 12, 2014.

He was born to the late Charles and Mary Belle Hopson, on October 6, 1951, in Colby, Kansas. Dwight attended Gem School and Colby High School. Where he participated in basketball and wrestling. He graduated Colby in 1969. He married Delores Watson, of Brewster, Ks. before joining the Army in March, 1971. To this union was born Charles David and Tebble Shay. He later married Marilyn Cranmer, of Kanorado, in October of 1978 and to this union was born David James.

After being discharged from the service, Dwight became a long haul truck driver. A passion he developed as a young child while playing in and around his father's truck. He soon was traveling all over the United States working for several different firms. But after a few years decided it was time for his own business and started D&M Transport of Volin, SD. He sold his company and retired in 2009 moving to Wakonda, SD, where he took up gardening and going fishing.

Dwight was preceded in death by his son Charles David and is survived by his daughter Tebble Hopson, of Littleton, CO.; son, David Hopson of Yankton, SD. Grandchildren, Shayne Haas, Redfield, SD; Shania Garcia, Littleton, CO; Christina Hopson, Yankton, SD; and Jaydon Hopson, Stanton, NE. He is also survived by 2 sisters and 3 brothers, Sharon Taylor of San Antonio, TX; Wesley and Kathleen Hopson of Loveland, CO; Lesley and Teresa Hopson of Bethune CO; Darren and Cheri Hopson, Cottonwood Falls, KS; and Janet Hopson, Colby Ks; and Dora Hopson, his step mother also of Colby; and many nieces, nephews, Aunts and Uncles.

He is survived by a dear friend and companion Cynthia Sorensen and her son Richard of Wakonda.

Visitation will be at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene, South Dakota from 5-7 on Sunday May 18th. Burial in Union Cemetery at Wakonda on Monday May 19th.

Max and Roberta Brewer of Hays will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Thursday, May 29, 2014

Max Brewer and the former Roberta Theimer were united in marriage on May 29, 1949, in Oklahoma City. Max is a retired agricultural chemical salesman and Roberta is retired after over 30 years as a public school teacher.

The couple has 2 daughters, Kathie (Dave) Burnett, Midwest City, OK and Kristie (Rich) Cox, DeSoto, KS, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



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Other Viewpoints

Quick session ends with mixed results

Kansas legislators finished their work in 79 days this year, 11 days short of the 90 days favored by the Kansas Constitution, which does allow extended legislative sessions.

Given that this newspaper usually encourages our lawmakers to get their work done early, the short session must be recognized here as a positive achievement. The only remaining work is a formal adjournment, scheduled for May 30.

Whether Kansans think what happened during the 79 days qualifies as positive achievement probably depends on which political party they support. Most Republicans likely are pleased, which means Democrats are not. But no one should be surprised.

Legislators had two pressing duties when the session began, finalize the second year of a two-year budget adopted by the 2013 Legislature and address a pending Kansas Supreme Court ruling on the school finance issue. Lawmakers addressed the school finance issue by tweaking the funding mechanism and making additional money available, apparently to the Supreme Court's satisfaction if not everyone's, and worked into the wee hours of Saturday, May 3, to complete a budget.

Democrats may rail about how those two issues were handled, but they had no reason to expect anything different. Gov. Sam Brownback and conservative leaders in the Republican-dominated Legislature have staked out their policy on government spending and taxation (increases in both, or either, are not good) and are being faithful to it, even in the face of a \$92 million shortfall in revenue expectations for April.

Democrats called for action (changes in tax policy), but Republicans contended reserves were sufficient to cover the shortfall. It also should be noted the shortfall came after months of higher-than-anticipated revenues.

While they weren't wrangling with school finance or the budget, lawmakers passed some good legislation, including a bill that opens probable cause documents law enforcement officers and prosecutors use to obtain search and arrest warrants.

Other examples of the legislators' good work includes a bill that requires health insurers to pay for behavioral therapy sessions for some children with autism and one that increases the penalties for Medicaid fraud.

Rejection of a bill that would have granted tax exemptions to privately owned fitness centers goes in legislators' "good" column for the 2014 session. The bill would have set a dangerous precedent on tax exemptions for private-sector businesses that offer services in field where both sectors, private and government, are active.

Legislators also ultimately declined to pass a proposed "religious freedom" bill, which would have allowed Kansans to deny services to same-sex couples, after business leaders said it could have a negative impact on the private sector.

It was a case of inaction being the right action, and was almost enough to make us forgive the time legislators devoted to making two fossils the official state fossils.

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Multiculturalism requires balance

Conservatives have never had much good to say about multiculturalism.

Some see it as the embodiment of the self-loathing allegedly practiced by liberals. By touting the idea that all cultures are worthy of respect, conservatives believe that, ipso facto, liberals are denying the inherent greatness of Western and, by extension American, civilization.

The second criticism raised by conservatives about multiculturalism is that it polarizes society by encouraging immigrants to cling to their old cultures instead of trying to assimilate into American society. To some on the right, this means liberals are essentially promoting foreign values over American ones.

I find this blinkered view to be overly simplistic. America has been, and hopefully always will be, a nation of immigrants. And, over the centuries, immigrants from different countries and of different faiths have brought this country their own unique gifts that have materially and culturally benefitted America. Critics of multiculturalism shouldn't forget that their ancestors were likely immigrants.

While the conservative view of America has always been a little inflated by a lack of self-awareness, their argument does contain traces of truth. Multiculturalism, like all the isms, shouldn't be absolutist.

Rigid adherence to multiculturalism would be dangerous and counterproductive. In fact, encouraging immigrants to continue to embrace the value system and set of beliefs they, voluntarily or involuntarily, adhered to in an-



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

other country can be reasonably seen as sacrificing cultural choice on the altar of cultural diversity.

To presuppose that immigrants want to continue to practice their traditional beliefs ignores their right to choose among the many belief systems practiced in America. It should be obvious to liberals that some immigrants, especially women who faced harsh discrimination and oppression in their old culture, may want to find the nearest tree branch and scrape off their old culture in favor of a more tolerant, egalitarian system of thought.

Another problem with multiculturalism is that, at its worst, it can be used as a weapon to induce voluntary self-censorship and deny the idea of universal rights. Taken to its extreme, multiculturalism can be interpreted as meaning every culture should be seen as equally valid. This train of thought can lead people to presume that every prevailing belief or action in the name of a culture should be seen in its proper context.

One only has to apply reductio ad absurdum to this idea to see the dangerous path this kind of thinking can lead to. It's not hard to imag-

ine some liberals and leftists arguing that, in a situation where a conservative man from a Pakistani village forces his wife to wear a veil or remain forever housebound, that the women's complete subjugation should be seen in its cultural context. Not wanting to be viewed as intolerant, this well-intentioned liberal defends intolerance in the name of tolerance.

The current confusion over the meaning of multiculturalism can be solved in a manner that will nourish democratic society as a whole. The first task for liberals is to make clear what multiculturalism shouldn't be: Encouraging immigrants to retain their old belief systems without bothering to ask them if this is what they really want.

The second task is to hammer home the idea that multiculturalism should promote cultural choice, in turn breeding cultural diversity.

The third and final task for liberals is to make clear that multiculturalism shouldn't be allowed to be used as a bulwark by those who invoke it to justify repression (denying basic education to woman, domestic violence, honor killings, genital mutilation) in the name of their culture.

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Legislative language widens divisions

The Ukrainian conflict has highlighted the instability of nations in which languages and cultures compete for dominance.

Despite fundamental differences, parallels have been drawn with the situation in the U.S., where Spanish is now sometimes seen as a challenge to English. Although there is no danger of a Ukrainian-style conflict in the U.S., more must be done to encourage linguistic integration and equal access to economic opportunities, and thus minimize the potential for tension between language communities.

In Ukraine, the division has been oversimplified by many commentators as an east (Russian-speaking) and west (Ukrainian-speaking) divide. Past polls indicate that a majority of Russian speakers living in the country express loyalty to Ukraine and not Russia. Also, some people who identify themselves as Ukrainian-speaking may speak Russian in their day-to-day lives.

However, the country's politics have been dominated by the linguistic divide since the breakup of the Soviet Union. Back in 2004, governors in eastern Ukraine warned that Russian-speaking regions in the east would secede if Viktor Yushchenko became president. The disputed election of Viktor Yanukovich, a Russia-backed candidate, was overturned and Yushchenko won in a second election.

The country remained politically divided, but discussion of eastern secession quickly waned. Ten years later, Yanukovich, elected in 2010 after disappointment in the Orange Revolution, has been ousted, and the east-west divide has again come to the fore.

Making Ukrainian the sole national language back in 1991 was a divisive move on which politicians have played. Yanukovich is

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a Russian speaker from the east, and despite his efforts to please nationalists by promoting the language, he still makes mistakes in Ukrainian. Yulia Tymoshenko (just released from jail), who lost the 2010 election, has spent years mastering Ukrainian, yet she called the 2012 law making Russian an official language "a crime against the state."

The lesson from Ukraine and other diverse nations is that the creation of an official language leads to division rather than unity. It is usually a ploy to cater to nationalistic minorities for political gain. Furthermore, the groups that speak unofficial languages become constitutionally excluded as their languages and cultures are delegitimized. In the U.S., where some states and cities have enshrined English as the sole official language, we should learn from this experience and allow languages to develop without governmental intervention.

While Spanish is an important language in the U.S. - almost 40 million Americans speak it at home - English is the de facto language of the nation and does not need official recognition. No matter how unjust it may be, the reality is that Americans who don't speak and write relatively well in English have less chance of economic success than those who do. Nobody knows that better than non-English speakers

themselves, who are clamoring for classes, books, apps, CDs - anything that will help them to learn the language.

Instead of wasting time, effort and money and amplifying divisions by creating a sole official language, we should be providing more free or low-cost programs to adult English learners and increasing investment in research-proven methods to help young English learners achieve language competency and content knowledge.

Of course, the more forward-thinking English learners - and native English speakers - will see it as an advantage rather than a threat to be competent in another language as well.

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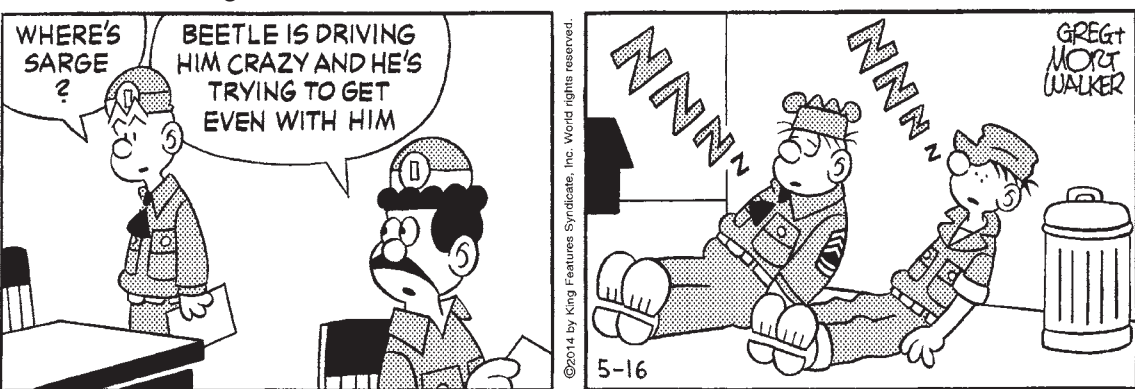
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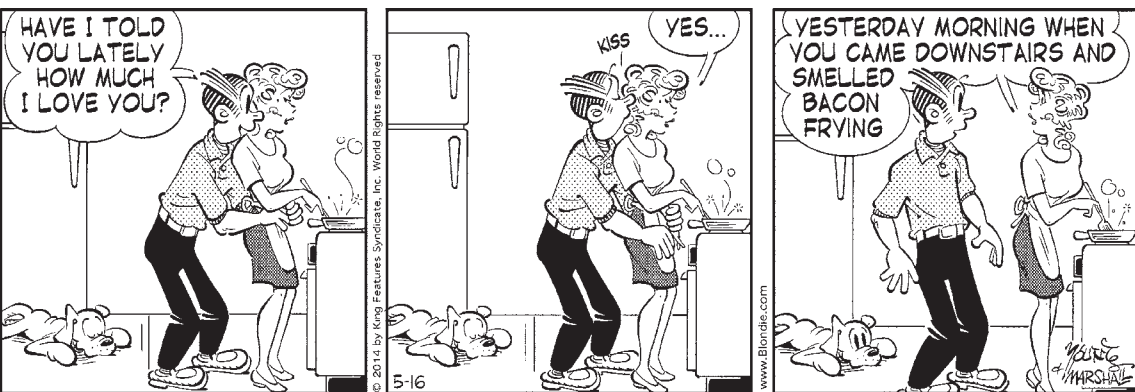
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Trapping mice protects pets

Dear Heloise: How do I get rid of mice without poisoning my pets? We have a cat and a dog, and I worry about using rat poison. Any suggestions? I haven't tried an exterminator yet, but that might be an option if there's not a better alternative. — M.B., via email

I do have a few hints that might help. Use resettable live-catch mousetraps. They can be used again and again, depending on how many rodents you have. The first step, though, is to do a thorough inspection of your house. Mice and other small creatures can squeeze in through the tiniest of spaces. Check your doors and windows, foundation, siding, vent openings and crawl spaces. Look for any cracks, gaps or spaces where they might be getting in. Fill the gaps with steel wool, and seal any other openings. Then set your traps by where you think they are coming in and out.

Try to deter rodents by keeping all food in sealed containers. If this doesn't work and you are worried about using other methods, your best bet may be to call a professional. — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise
P.O. Box 795000
San Antonio, TX 78279-5000
TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Please remind your readers that when traveling by car, no matter how long the drive, they should not put their feet up on the passenger-side dashboard. If you were to get in an accident, the air bag could deploy and break your legs. Not to mention the dashboard could be pushed in as well. — G.M. in Texas

KEEP THE AIR OUT

Dear Heloise: During some of the record-breaking cold snaps we had in Colorado this winter, I could feel cold air surging through the doorjamb of our (closed) front door with bonus security door. On our way to bed that night, I took a roll of packing tape and taped the door shut, cutting off most of the cold air! After a few nights, we discovered that if I only taped the "leading edge" of the door, it could stay on day or night while the door was in use. It was just like a large, clear piece of weatherstripping. I wouldn't recommend this for doors with delicate paint. — Lisa C., Colorado Springs, Colo.

SNACK BAG

Dear Heloise: I bought a small cosmetics bag for my purse. I fill it with snacks and keep it in my purse. That way, whenever my son and I are out, I always have something on hand if he gets hungry. — Beverly S. in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South and hold the following hand:
♠ Q72 ♥ AJ943 ♦ 6 ♣ J853

The bidding has gone:

North	South
1 ♣	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♣
2 ♠	?

Bidding Quiz

- How many spades does North have?
 - How many clubs does North have?
 - Does North have a minimum, medium or maximum opening bid?
 - Is two spades a forcing bid?
 - What would you bid now?
- Answers:
(a) Five spades. He would not bid spades twice with only a four-card suit.
(b) North has at least five clubs, and could have six or seven.
(c) Medium. He would pass two clubs with a minimum opening bid and would have jumped to two spades over one heart with a maximum opening bid.
(d) No. Holding three spades and a relatively weak hand, it would be proper for you to pass two spades.
(e) Four spades. North can probably make 10 or 11 tricks opposite your hand with spades as trump.
- He might have a hand such as:
♠ AK954 ♥ 8 ♦ K7 ♣ KQ972, or
♠ AK1054 ♥ 8 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ9742

*** You are South and hold the following hand:
♠ AK53 ♥ Q102 ♦ 4 ♣ AKJ72

The bidding has gone:

South	North
1 ♣	1 ♥
1 ♠	1 NT
3 ♥	4 ♦
?	

- How many hearts does North have?
 - How many diamonds does North have?
 - How many high-card points does North have?
 - What would you bid now?
- Answers:
(a) Five. If North had six hearts, he would have bid two hearts instead of one notrump. If he had four hearts, he would have bid three notrump rather than four diamonds.
(b) Probably three or four diamonds headed by the ace, but in any case, four diamonds is a cuebid that accepts hearts as trumps and shows interest in a slam.
(c) Nine or ten.
(d) You could go directly to six hearts, which is the recommended bid, or use Blackwood first, planning to bid six hearts if partner shows either one or two aces. Partner might have something like:
♠ 862 ♥ KJ983 ♦ A76 ♣ Q3.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/16

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.

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

Cryptoquip

LXOG WAYNI OG M DYSTAMB

TVY, WEL XI VIMAAB

JISG LY LMNI M GXYDIV

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT WOMAN IS MORBIDLY AFRAID OF ANY COMPUTER SHORTCUT. I WOULD SAY SHE HAS MACROPHOBIA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Tropical melon tree | 41 Switch positions | 3 Gotham City waddler | 22 Underwear underwire |
| 6 Big brother 9 — de deux | 43 Sister | 4 Seed coat | 24 Med. diagnostic tool |
| 12 1998-2004 Olds model | 44 On | 5 Female | 26 Scenario |
| 13 Kitten's call | 45 Subject of King Minos | 6 Current measure | 28 Wood-shaving tool |
| 14 Literary collection | 47 Intel brand | 7 "Monopoly" card | 30 Resistance unit |
| 15 Jeans material | 49 Ending for "pan" | 8 Possessive | 32 Collegian wall decoration |
| 16 Fine | 52 Individual | 9 Fortune-teller's reading material? | 10 Started the pot |
| 18 Like some donuts | 53 Penny figure | 11 Refuse | 33 Ostrich's kin |
| 20 Wolverine's group | 54 Get more magazines | 17 Self-evident truths | 34 Cacophony |
| 21 — Dhabi | 55 Sturgeon product | 19 Don | 36 Window in a roof |
| 23 Neither mate | 56 Scratch | 1 Cushion | 38 Contrail, e.g. |
| 24 Mess up | 57 Flat finish | 2 Brewery product | 21 Melody |
| 25 Eye part | | | 39 "—" clock scholar" |
| 27 Copy, for short | | | 40 Recipient |
| 29 Bitter ill-will | | | 42 Rage |
| 31 Walked unsteadily | | | 45 Castro's place |
| 35 Valerie Harper role | | | 46 Vicinity |
| 37 Big rig | | | 48 Cartesian conclusion |
| 38 "Barbar-ella" director | | | 50 Encountered |
| | | | 51 Shock partner |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
21	22			23			24				
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			35				36		37		
38	39	40				41		42		43	
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47			48				49			50	51
52					53			54			
55					56			57			

Yesterday's answer 5-16

Card of Thanks

To the residents and staff of the Good Samaritan Society, St. Francis Village, thank you for all your help and cooperation. We would also like to thank Wieck Elec. - CB Heating A/C & Plumbing, Colby.
---5/16---5/30---

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---5/15---8/22---

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---5/2---5/29---

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

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

Help Wanted

Warehouse work: Some maintenance, yard work, variety of duties, great for student, work lots in summer and when school starts, will work around school. 785-460-3244 leave message.
---5/16---5/30---

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.
---5/14---6/9---

Help Wanted

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---5/14---5/23---

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---5/9---5/22---

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---5/9---5/22---

Cheyenne County Hospital is seeking a Clinic Manager for the Cheyenne County Clinic. Qualified candidates will have 3-5 years of experience, with at least 1 year of supervisory experience. The Clinic Manager is responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the clinic. Will perform billing, collection and coding processing for patient accounts, and will have to work closely with other management personnel and hospital departments to ensure the clinic and hospital are operating cohesively. Bachelors degree preferred. Cheyenne County Hospital offers competitive wages and a comprehensive benefit package. Salary will be commensurate with experience, training, education and position. Cheyenne County Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will be accepting applications until the position is filled. Call or go online to learn more! www.cheyennecountyhospital.com or 785-332-2104 x116 Human Resources.
---5/2---5/29---

Help Wanted

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---5/16---5/22---

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---5/2---5/22---

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---4/18---5/22---

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---5/5---5/16---

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---5/5---5/16---

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

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---5/14---5/19---

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---5/7---5/19---

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---5/15---5/28---

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---5/14---6/4---

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---5/5---5/23---

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---5/5---5/23---

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---5/16---5/22---

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---5/7---6/2---

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---5/2---5/22---

Public Notice

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SCOTT WILLIAM SHROUT, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2014-PR-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that on May 13, 2014, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Taresa H. Shroud, an heir of Scott William Shroud, deceased.
All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Taresa H. Shroud, Petitioner

LAW OFFICE OF JOHN D. GATZ

By: Lindsey D. Moore, #23135
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 346
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785-460-3383
Attorney for Petitioner

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Friday, May 16, 23, 30, 2014)

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of EDNA ALVENA HATCHER Deceased
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case. No. 14-PR-18

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that on April 29, 2014 a Petition was filed in this Court by Kenton Krehbiel requesting that the "Last Will and Testament of Harvey M. Samuelson," deceased, dated July 19, 2013, filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; that Petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and that Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Kenton Krehbiel
Petitioner

Craig L. Uhrich
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Wanted

Looking for handyman who called before and has own tools. Lost your number. Call 785-443-4054. ---5/5---5/16---

Wanted to rent grass 2014 beyond 785-824-8092. ---4/30---5/26---

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Say it again! Eagles are league champs

Colby girls fight off three tough challengers, repeat team title

By R.B. Headley
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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High sophomore Andrea Browne ran her season-best by eight seconds while winning a conference 3200-meter title.

Seniors everywhere would savor what Colby High's track and field girls achieved on Thursday at Hugoton.

Four league meets and four Great West Activities Conference team championships.

Absolutely awesome. Senior power throwers Morgan Mengel (discus) and Kaylie Reeh (shot put) captured titles while helping complete this super four-for-four Eagle sweep.

Conquering Cowgirls was Colby's key to this victory. Colby (127 points) outscored rival Goodland (114) in what coach Gordon Rasmussen agreed would be a highly competitive title race.

Reeh didn't reach her best shot put distance (34'5") but was still stronger than Goodland top thrower Kyndell King (32'11").

Mengel not only delivered one her best discus throws (98'5), she teamed with Isabel Rosales (89'11") to give Colby a powerful 1-2 finish. Both girls were better

than Goodland's best duo of Mary Schnabel and Breanna Garrett, who both only reached 89'.

Junior Hannah Strange rose to the challenge (5'2") and repeated as conference high jump champion.

Most importantly, she joined freshman Jordan O'Malley (4'10") in outjumping Goodland's best effort which finished fourth overall.

Another showdown went to Colby's Sydney Stephens in the 100-meter dash.

Besides scoring six more crucial points, Stephens (13.48) edged Goodland's Mara King (third, 13.65).

Junior Brielle McKee and Stephens also finished 2-3 among 200-meter sprinters.

No Cowgirl finished better than sixth.

Meanwhile, sophomore Andrea Browne continued her season-long quest to win every distance race. She took home the 1600-meter title with her season-best 12:00.87 time, more than 40 seconds faster than top challenger Katy Heger from Hugoton (12:41.39).

Colby top placers and champi-

ons from Thursday's conference meet in Hugoton:

Team scores: 1. Colby 127, 2. Goodland 114, 3. Ulysses 108, 4. Scott City 104, 5. Hugoton 57, 6. Holcomb 46.

100-dash: 1. K. Wyckoff, Scott City, 12.68; 2. Sydney Stephens, Colby, 13.48. Next fastest Eagle: 9. Hannah Strange, 14.23. **100-hurdles:** 1. B. Nickel, Scott City, 16.22. Fastest Eagle: 7. Kambri Garrett, 18.72. **200-dash:** 1. Wyckoff, 26.33; 4. Brielle McKee, Colby, 28.36; 6. Kambri Garrett, Colby, 29.74.

Next Eagle: 16. Alexis Boehme, 30.99. **300-hurdles:** 1. J. Arnold, Ulysses, 48.27; 4. Kambri Garrett, Colby, 53.25. Next Eagle: 8. Kalea Robert, 54.56. **400-dash:** 1. Wyckoff, 59.69; 2. Brielle McKee, Colby, 1:01.55; 3. Sydney Stephens, Colby, 1:03.35. **800-run:** 1. C. Bransum, Ulysses, 2:26.99. Fastest Eagle: 10. Courtney VanEaton, 2:52.18. **1600-run:** 1. Bransum, 5:29.1; 2. Andrea Browne, Colby, 5:31.08. Next Eagle: 7. Courtney VanEaton, 6:31.59. **3200-run:** 1. Andrea Browne, Colby, 12:00.87; 2. K.

Heger, Hugoton, 12:41.39.

400-relay: 1. Ulysses, 52.47; 2. Colby, 52.57 (Hannah Strange, Kambri Garrett, Jordan O'Malley, Sydney Stephens). **1600-relay:** 1. Scott City, 4:12.07; 2. Colby, 4:13.28 (Hannah Strange, Brielle McKee, Sydney Stephens, Jordan O'Malley). **3200-relay:** 1. Goodland, 10:30.39; 5. Colby, 12:47.62 (Daniessy Barraza, Michaela Giebler, Alexis Boehme, Brooke Wark).

Shot put: 1. Kaylie Reeh, Colby, 34'5"; 2. K. King, Goodland, 32'11". Next farthest Eagle: 7. Isabel Rosales, 28'10 1/2". **Discus:** 1. Morgan Mengel, Colby, 98'5"; 2. Isabel Rosales, Colby, 89'11". Next Eagle: 8. Kaylie Reeh, Colby, 79'4". **Javelin:** 1. T. Fiss, Hugoton, 111'10"; 3. Morgan Mengel, Colby, 93'10". **High jump:** 1. Hannah Strange, Colby, 5'2"; 2. Jordan O'Malley, Colby, 4'10". **Pole vault:** 1. M. Thompson, Goodland, 9'9"; 2. Courtney VanEaton, Colby, 8'.

Long jump: 1. M. Price, Ulysses, 16'8 1/4"; Best Eagle: 8. Kalea Robert, 14'1 1/2". **Triple jump:** 1. A. Pena, Hugoton, 34'2 3/4".

Colby triple jumper takes home league title

Sophomore Matthew Pieper won the Great West Activities triple jump to lead Colby High's

boys at Hugoton on Thursday. Pieper jumped 42'4" and also claimed second place among long

jumpers with a 21' 1/2" effort. Josh Brown (fourth, high jump), Ashton Russ (fifth, 400 meters)

and Chandler Comfort (sixth, 100-hurdles) were other Eagle placers. More results will appear in Monday's Free Press.

Speedway delivers fast debut

By John Schmidt

Mother Nature made her presence known on Mother's Day at Thomas County Speedway, but freezing temperatures and high winds did not keep the faithful fans out of the grandstand for the 2014 season-opening races.

First feature was the hobby stocks. Brothers Curt and Mike Kennedy led the field to green coming out of turn four. Mike jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

The top four hobby stocks were Mike Kennedy, Pfeifer, Tyrell Smith and Eric Ross.

The sport mods had a caution-free feature as well but offered plenty of action throughout. Clay Money jumped out to the early lead with several competitors hot on his tail. Josh Appel and Andy Barton had a nice battle for second going on.

Then from the 10th starting spot, Dustin Daniels came charging through the field. With just five laps left, Daniels was a straight away behind "The Moneyman" Money. Coming out of turn four on the last lap was Daniels on the high side with Clay in the middle.

Fans were on their feet as the two crossed the flag stand virtually at the same time. Making up the top four were Daniels, Money, Appel and Barton.

Offering the largest field of the night were the stock cars. Nick "Spiderman" Tubbs lead the field green for the 15-lap feature.

Jason "The Stallion" Rogers quickly took over the lead. The action through the pack was so close you could throw a blanket over the whole field.

Casey Woken started eighth and was battling for the top three by the time the race was half over.

The top four stock cars were Rogers, Woken, Tubbs and Kyle Clough.

Next up was the ground pounders of the IMCA Modifieds.

Cody Gearhart from Turpin, Okla., started front row outside and hopped out front early. Pole sitter John Fabrizio was close on his tail but had Dusty Springer and Clay Sellard knocking on his door.

Fabrizius got a little high coming out of turn two leaving a lane wide open for Sellard to take over the second spot. The battle for fourth continued to heat up between Springer and "The Culligan Man" Darren Deloach.

The top four were Gearhart, Sellard, Fabrizious and Springer. There were only three econos for the night. Top three was Mark Singer, Matt West and Levi Jones.

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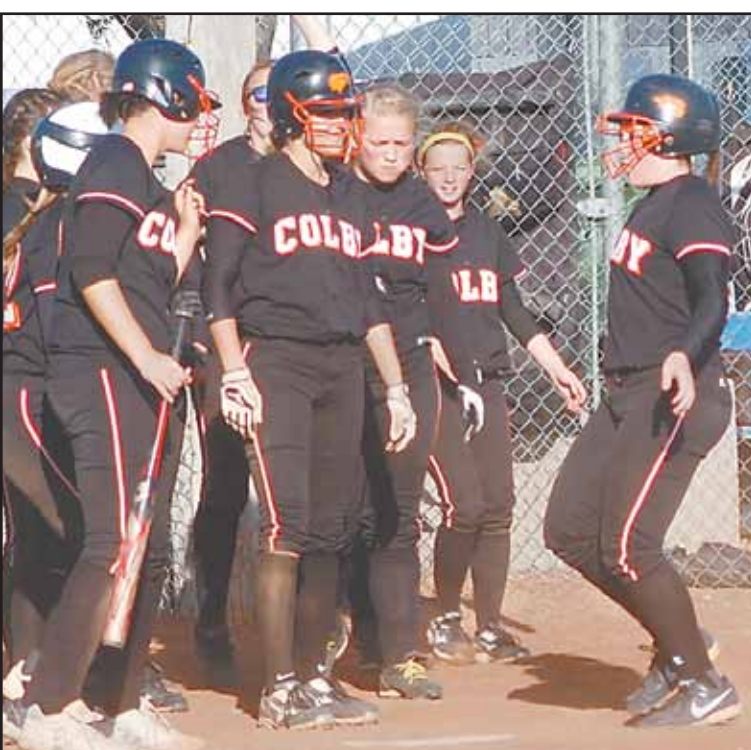
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Senior Tatym Rundel, right, earned plenty of congratulations from teammates after she smashed a home run to cap Colby High's 21-6 win over visiting Russell Thursday evening.

Eagles dominate 'Seniors Day'

By R.B. Headley
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Boom! No western Kansas wind was stopping the rocket shot off Tatym Rundel's bat Thursday evening.

The Rundel home run capped a Colby High softball sweep where all her senior classmates dominated against visiting Russell.

Senior Morgan Mengel pitched all four innings to help Colby take control of this season finale.

Senior Haileigh Shull's last hit plated Colby's next run and completed a 21-6 varsity victory.

As always, senior Andrea Barton and classmate Abby Friesen played key roles on a day where Colby plated 37 runs overall.

The Eagles (14-6 record) also dominated game one by a 16-0 final count.

"We used a different lineup and got all five seniors in there. It was a neat way to go out," coach Jeff Kryzcki confirmed about the Eagles' regular-season finales. "Plus we finalized our roster going into regionals next week."

Deep and talented can only describe this Eagles' roster, as so many younger teammates were ripping hits throughout these two games.

Sophomore Elissa Zerr returned from a broken finger and made an impact. After Shull's hustling infield single loaded the bases, Zerr's line-drive double unloaded them and earned her three RBIs.

"What did she have, five hits on the day?" Kryzcki said. "We didn't have to worry about Elissa. She's so athletic."

Desi Schippers drove three RBI-doubles deep into the outfield, while Darby Sager and Danielle Foster delivered multiple hits.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

'Colby High senior Haileigh Shull hustled to first safely while this throw was dropped on Thursday. Shull's effort kept an inning alive and led to teammate Elissa Zerr's bases-clearing double.

Colby baseball team splits pair

The Colby High Eagles conquered late-game pressure brilliantly during two tough contests at Hays Thomas More Prep on Thursday.

Hays' impressive 14-4 record soon became 14-5 thanks to Colby's 8-6 opening victory.

Tied 6-6 through six innings, the Eagles delivered four consecutive hits that decided game one. Seniors Luke Cox and Marc Bremenkamp both singled before junior Caleb Mazanec delivered another of his team-high six hits on the day to load those bases.

Sophomore Austin Hart

promptly ripped an RBI-hit that put his team ahead to stay.

Cox scored on the Hart hit, and Casey Quagliano's grounder pated Bremenkamp with a crucial Colby insurance run.

Second baseman Keegan Morgan then turned a terrific double play to thwart one last Monarch comeback attempt.

Cox pitched all seven innings for his fifth win this season (5-2 record).

Colby tallied another three seventh-inning runs in game two, just one short in this 6-5 defeat.

Eagle leaders from both:

Game one: Colby wins 8-6

Caleb Mazanec, three hits, run, RBI; Marc Bremenkamp, two hits, two runs, RBI; Luke Cox, two hits, two runs, four stolen bases; Austin Hart two hits, two RBIs; Brady Holzmeister, single, double, run, RBI; Josh Matchell, hit, run, stolen base; Ben Matchell, hit, run, stolen base.

Game two: Colby loses 6-5

Mazanec, three hits, RBI; Ben Matchell, single, double, run; Holzmeister, two hits; Cox, triple, single, run, RBI; Hart, hit, run, RBI; Isaacs Nichols, hit, RBI; Josh Matchell, hit, run.

Eagles earn third at conference

Senior David Browne finished fourth and led the Colby High golfers to third place in Thursday's Great West Activities Conference golf meet at Ulysses.

Browne's 86 was only three strokes from taking second overall ahead of Goodland's Gannon Ih-

rig and Ulysses' Joseph Lisle (84). Only Cowboy leader and champion Gage Ihrig (74) broke away from the league pack.

Goodland also won the team title (346) ahead of Ulysses (352), Colby (377), Holcomb (389), Scott City (411) and Hugoton

(446).

Tanner Lee and Bryce Arnberger both shot 96s for Colby's next best conference scores. Ian Koerperich (99) completed that Eagle team total. Gage James (110) and Jaden Morrison (115) also competed for Colby.

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