

'100 Hands' for fence duty



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Students at Heartland Christian School and their parents gathered at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on Thursday (top) of last week for "100 hands for Heartland," their yearly community service project. Their job this year: to repaint the fences at the fairground. The volunteers got their hands and arms dirty painting the fences, including Marilee Gundlach (above, at left), a parent and teacher at the school, and Allie Mollendor, who will be a sophomore next year. Renee Schmeiser (front, at left), and Kim Schriener, administrators at the school, worked their way along the fence behind the crowd's nest, where horses and cattle are held during rodeos.

Electronics stay in case, says judge

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Shank is accused of murdering Teri Morris in Colby in February 2013.

At a hearing held Wednesday and Thursday this week, William Shank's defense attorney and prosecutors argued over various legal aspects of warrants investigators used in his case as well as whether the state could use character evidence and some of Shank's prior statements.

Shank's defense attorney, Jerry Fairbanks, told the court there was not a sufficient nexus, or connection, between the crimes being investigated and the seizure of electronic devices found in his Garden City home. After lengthy discussion, District Judge Glenn

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is sentenced in August. "I don't know how I feel," said Brent Wiedeman, president of the bank, "I'm glad he pleaded guilty and accepted the charges."

Farmers and Merchants Bank in Colby should be getting its money back after a former Kansas legislator admitted Tuesday to defrauding the bank in federal court.

Wiedeman would not comment on how he learned LeDoux was lying the bank, but said it was good that he was paying restitution. LeDoux told the bank he would use the money to buy cattle, which he would use as collateral for the loans. Instead, he put some of the money in his political campaign account and used some of it to pay off previous debts.

Trent LeDoux, 40, Holton, pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud after misusing three loans he took from Farmers and Merchants, according to U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom. LeDoux also agreed to pay the bank \$465,100 in restitution, to cover the value of the loans he said would be used to buy cattle. Jim Cross, spokesman for Grissom's office, said he has not paid it yet, but Grissom will ask for the full restitution when he

According to an indictment from a federal grand jury in Wichita, LeDoux took out three loans, for \$106,000, \$175,000 and \$183,000 from Farmers and

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Council chooses a new president

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The Colby City Council recognized its outgoing president Tuesday night last week, then chose another member to fill in for the rest of his term.

Fred Taylor said he as been working in Hays for several years, and finally decided to move there, in part because his son Andrew is headed to Fort Hays State University in the fall. He received a plaque for his service to the city and before he stepped down from the meeting and sat in the chairs facing the table.

Dan Jennings was appointed to take Taylor's place, representing Ward IV for the rest of his term, which expires in April of next year. City Attorney John Gatz briefed Jennings on his responsibilities to the city, telling him his office is a public trust, which he should prove himself worthy of by avoiding conflict of interest.

The reward for the job is in the service, Gatz said; there are no perks for being a councilman, and people seldom thank you for it. He also told Jennings the public decisions need to be discussed in public. If five councilmen, a majority, come to any rearranged meeting, even a party they have all been invited to, they cannot talk about city business, Gatz said.

As it turned out, the council lacked a quorum after Taylor stepped down, and the meeting had to be continued to Wednesday night when another councilman could be present. Jennings was sworn in again Wednesday, and the council voted a sec-

ond time to appoint Councilman Pat Mallory, who was not at either meeting, to replace Taylor as council president.

Jennings was appointed by Mayor Gary Adrian, McGreer said. Adrian said Jennings is his neighbor, but would not comment further on the appointment except to say he interviewed several people.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a two-year contract to buy natural gas from Secure Energy Consulting, run by Jeff Younger. The city has had a similar agreement with Seminole Energy when Younger worked there. City Manager Tyson McGreer told the council. Now that Younger has started his own company, the council decided to go with him.

The contract stipulates that the city will buy 8,438 million British thermal units from Secure Energy each year, at the first-of-the-month index price for the Natural Gas Pipeline of America Mid-Continent, which for this year has generally been below \$5 per million British thermal units.

- Approved a communications contract with the county to provide 24-hour emergency communications service for the year of 2015, including dispatchers and equipment, for \$146,434. This includes communication for the sheriff's office, ambulance service and road department. The price was based on the cost to run the communications in 2013, McGreer said.

- Heard an update from the state on a project to extend streets in south Colby, without making a decision. The Kansas Department of Transportation sent the city a letter saying it would pay all the construction costs up to \$860,900 to extend Sewell Avenue from Willow Avenue to Davis Avenue, and Willow from Range

Big bubbles blast library into summer



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Three and a half-year-old Breckyn Kinderknecht seemed to have a perfect bubble-making technique, although none of the giant bubbles lasted for more than a few seconds. Bryant Wiedeman, 8, looked on. Staff at the library brought invited kids to play with soap and bubbles all day Thursday as a way to get them signed up for the summer reading program. Christian radio station KGCR-FM also set up shop at the library for the day.

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Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 10 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Saturday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy; low around 60.
Monday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.
Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.
Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high 84.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.
 Thursday: High, 93; Low 62
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 2.47 inches
 Year: 3.73 inches
 Normal: 7.21 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:20 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 8 percent
 Sunday 6:19 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 14 percent
 Monday 6:19 a.m. 9:06 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 22 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Thursday 2,275,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

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Avenue to Thielen Avenue. The plans grew out of a transportation study organized by the department, the city and the county which were discussed at two public meetings last year. The city discussed the improvements, which would hopefully route traffic off of south Range. The city will have to pay the engineering costs, McGreer said. The council talked about using money from a \$2 million fund held by the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance. McGreer told the council he thought the alliance would be OK with providing the money for engineering either as a grant or a loan to the city.

Penco Engineering of Plainville, which would design the project for the city, said it would probably seek bids for the project in the fall – since construction companies are booked for this summer – so that work could start next spring.

• Tabled a resolution to increase electric service and tap fees for city customers. The city utility rate committee suggested the increase based on the cost of materials to provide service since the last price increase in 2007, McGreer. This includes transformers and copper wiring. He pointed out this is a one-time fee to hook businesses and houses up to the electrical system. The prices are based on a single phase connection for a house or small business, or a three-phase connection for larger businesses. The approved temporary tap fee would still be \$50, but includes setup costs. Tap fees for single-phase connections up to 400 amperes now range from

\$150 to \$375, depending on the size. Those fees would range from \$175 to \$500 with the increase. Fees for three-phase connections range from \$800 for a 100-200 ampere connection to \$2,500 for an 800 to 899 ampere connection. They would range from \$2,500 for 100 to 200 amperes to \$6,000 for 401 to 600 amperes. For any connection above 601 amperes, the price would have to be negotiated. Right now, businesses only have to negotiate a price with the city to set up a connection of 900 amperes or more.

• Approved an ordinance vacating a stretch of Lynn Drive south of Lue Drive in Colby, but keeping an easement so the city can get to electrical and sewer lines at the end of the street. The city would not have to pay for the upkeep of that section of road, McGreer said, pointing

out that the previous owner even paid to have the section of road paved.

• Approved a \$25,559 bid for a new V8 pickup for the water department from Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales. Tubbs and Sons also bid a V6 pickup for \$24,426, and the city sent bid requests for both V6 and V8 pickups to Tubbs and Colby Dodge. Colby Dodge bid a V6 Quad Cab with an eight foot box for \$24,347 and a V6 with a six foot, four inch box for \$24,885; they also bid a V8 pickup with an eight foot box for \$23,281 and a V8 with a six foot four inches box for \$24,320.

McGreer said that neither company sent in bids for exactly the same vehicles, but Tubbs and Sons bid closer to the specifications, offering trucks with bigger beds, and recommended the Ford.

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.

Rural Life service to be at Lone Star Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Colby will hold a Rural Life Sunday service at the Lone Star Church on the grounds of the Prairie Museum of Art and History at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome; wear period clothing if you like. A potluck will follow at the church hall, Fourth and Garfield. For information, call secretary Wynn Duffy at 462-6343.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Berean church plans school for "agents"

The Berean Bible Fellowship is recruiting special agents for "Agency D3," a free Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, June 5, at the church, 1000 S. Franklin. Kids from age 4 through seventh grade are eligible. For information or to register, go to www.colbyberean.com or call Tammy Higerd at 460-2763.

Get out and drag Main with the Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders Drag Main will be back, Friday June 13, at the Colby American Legion. Food will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. with the American Legion baseball team assisting. All cars, pickups, horses or bikes are welcome. For information call Tracey Galli at 462-0450.

Commodities to be given out here June 16

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, June 16 at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Income guidelines changed April 1: maximum gross monthly income is \$1,265 for one family member and about \$440 higher for each additional family member. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include vegetable mix, green beans, orange juice, peaches, salmon, peas, canned potatoes, applesauce, beans and potato flakes. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

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Merchants while he was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives. Then he transferred \$15,000 into his political account on Dec. 31, 2011, and \$12,000 on Aug. 1, 2012.

LeDoux faces up to 30 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine for lying about the loans for the bank fraud charge. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Monday, Aug. 11. The federal grand jury originally charged him with three counts of bank fraud and two counts of money laundering when it handed down the indictment in March.

The indictment seeks a monetary judge-

amount of \$465,100 against LeDoux, the total amount of the loans he got from the bank. Jim Cross, spokesman for Grissom's office, said a judge would decide who that money goes to.

Each of the three bank fraud charges would have carried the same possible sentence. LeDoux would have faced up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each count of money laundering.

Grissom credited the Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigating the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Hathaway for prosecuting.

LeDoux put the money in his political account near the end of a political career

that lasted just two years. According to the *Topeka Capital Journal* he was chosen as the representative from the 50th congressional district to replace Rep. Rocky Fund, who died during the 2011 legislative season. Then he lost a primary election to Rep. Richard Carlson after the house district boundaries were redrawn and LeDoux was placed in the 61st district with Carlson.

According to the *Journal*, his father Alan LeDoux, a former head of Kansas Water Office, served 10 years in prison for aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping and sodomy for a sexual assault on one of his wife's relatives.

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Schiffner decided there was a sufficient nexus and denied Fairbanks' motion to suppress the evidence.

Fairbanks and prosecutor Jessica Domme also argued over evidence Fairbanks said was character evidence but Domme said was going to be used to show motive, intent, manipulation of the victim, a discordant relationship and other permis-

sible purposes. Schiffner allowed some of the evidence but excluded other evidence that he felt would be more prejudicial than useful to the jury. Since the court sealed the motions in this case, the exact statements and evidence are not to be disclosed to the public until trial.

Domme also requested a hearing to determine the voluntariness of some of Shank's statements. The hearing, required by a Supreme Court case, did not

discuss the statements themselves but rather the circumstances in which those statements were made.

Law enforcement officers from Garden City, Hays and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation provided testimony for the hearing, discussing a phone call Shank made to the Garden City police department, a domestic violence incident in a Hays hotel room and Shank's discussions with agents around the time of

his arrest. Fairbanks conceded that the statements made to the Garden City officer were voluntary, and Schiffner ruled that the statements made to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation were also voluntary. Schiffner did not immediately rule on the statements made in Hays, saying he needed to take that under advisement. The next hearing in this case is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10.

VA head resigns amid health care issues

By Julie Pace

Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki apologized in public and then resigned in the privacy of the White House today, driven from office by a mushrooming scandal over the agency's health care system that serves millions of the nation's former warriors.

President Barack Obama said he accepted the resignation "with considerable regret," and appointed Sloan Gibson, the

agency's No. 2 official, as temporary secretary. Obama also said that the Justice Department would determine if any illegality had occurred, and that a top White House aide who has been detailed to the Veterans Affairs Department would remain there for the time being.

As for Shinseki, Obama said, "I regret that he has to resign under these circumstances." He lavished praise on the Vietnam veteran and former Army chief of staff for his decades of service. He said the Cabinet of-

ficer had told him "he does not want to be a distraction" from the need to repair the agency, a task the president said pointedly could well require Congress to approve additional money.

A lifetime of service, in uniform and out, wasn't enough to save Shinseki's career, though, after agency investigators reported widespread problems in its sprawling hospital system.

They reported that 1,700 veterans seeking treatment at the Phoenix facility alone were consigned to limbo because they had never been added to official wait lists.

In the 36 hours that followed the findings on Wednesday, Democrats in tough re-election races joined Republicans in clamoring for Shinseki's resignation.

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Monday Evening		June 2, 2014									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Mistresses		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
KBSL/CBS	2 Broke G	Friends	Mike	Mom	48 Hours		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Last Comic Standing	Ninja Warrior					Local	Tonight Show	Meyers		
KSAS/FOX	MasterChef		24: Live Another Day		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Longmire		Longmire		Criminal Minds		
AMC	Get Smart				Halt and Catch Fire		Halt and Catch Fire		Lara Croft-Life		
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		No Limits	No Limits	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Ladies of London		Housewives/OC		Ladies of London		
CMT	Rocky III					Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Billy Madison				Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk	
DISC	BikerLive		BikerLive		Vegas Rat Rods		BikerLive		Vegas Rat Rods		
DISN	Tinker Bell			Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Dog	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	E! News	The Soup		Men of the Strip			Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Softball					SportCtr	Olberrmann		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Bruce Almighty		Miss Congeniality				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Rewrapped	Unwrapped	Cutthroat Kitchen		Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Cutthroat Kitchen		
FX	Wanderlust				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		American	American	American	American	Swamp People		
LIFE	Hoarders		Hoarders		Little Women: LA		Hoarders		Hoarders		
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		True Life		True Life		
NICK	Awesome	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Michael		Contact						Contact		
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Holmes	Conan	
TCM	A Hard Day's Night				Go Go Mania				Having a Wild Weekend		
TLC	We Should Have Elope		Sex Sent Me to the E		Best Fune	Best Fune	Sex Sent Me to the E		Best Fune	Best Fune	
TNT	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball						Inside the NBA	Law	
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TV LAND	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		
TRAV	Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Chrisley		Little Fockers		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop		
WGN	Black Hawk Down						Salem		Salem		
Premium Channels											
HBO	24/7	2 Days	Last Week	Fast & Furious 6							
MAX	Good-Die Hard		Pitch Perfect				Banshee		Sexually Bugged!		
SHOW	Years of Living		Penny Dreadful		Nurse	Californ.	Penny Dreadful		Nurse	Californ.	

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Forgiveness, like freedom always carries a heavy cost

Forgiveness, like freedom, is never free. This week, we celebrated Memorial Day to remember those who have fallen in battle the fight for our freedom. Let's consider.

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg to dedicate a portion of that land as a national cemetery. The Civil War was still 18 months from its bitter conclusion.

At the dedication, Lincoln spoke these immortal words: "It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.... That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause...."

Lincoln's point was that freedom is never free. There is a price to be paid. If freedom is to be carried on, if our children and our grandchildren are to enjoy freedom, we must pay the price.

There is a war going on right now that is stealing our freedom. Most are not aware of it, and are doing nothing about it. This war is not in Afghanistan or the Middle East.

The enemy we fight is ourselves. Elected officials, whom we put in office, are stealing our freedoms, regulation by regulation, court case by court case. Freedom of speech is more and more limited. To talk about your faith in the workplace, to take a scriptural stand against sexual immorality and abortion is to risk being ostracized, humiliated and fired.

The Supreme Court may, in a decision later this summer, strip away a huge chunk of our religious freedom. Hobby Lobby, a Christian business, feels that it should not be forced by the government - ObamaCare - to furnish drugs that cause abortions to employees. They believe on religious grounds, as do I, that abortion is murder.

Christians should provide goods and services to anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, in most circumstances. But now Christian businesses are being forced to provide goods and services to those planning a homosexual marriage, even though their faith teaches there is no such thing. To see the issue clearly, we



Eugene Rothfuss

• From the Pulpit

must also ask, "should a Catholic hospital be forced to provide abortions when their faith teaches it is murder?" Our right to live our faith with integrity is being destroyed.

Freedom is never free. Someone always pays the price.

In the same way, forgiveness is never free. Before forgiveness takes place there is always a price to be paid.

1. Every one of us is in debt. Every person is in debt, to our nation, our soldiers and God. The fact is, all of us are sinners, even the best of us, and we are indebted.

We owe a debt to those who founded our nation at great personal cost, on God and the principles of freedom.

We owe those who have given their lives to keep our nation free.

We owe an even greater debt to our God who has redeemed and forgiven us.

2. None of us can ever repay those debts. I owe a debt I can't pay. On the 17th of May, I celebrated 21 years since receiving a bone marrow transplant from my sister Becci. I call or send a card every year to thank her. If she had refused, I'd be dead. No way to pay that back.

The debt of freedom is also a debt that I can't pay.

And when I think of the debt I owe God in heaven for the price he has paid for my sins, I realize that I can't pay that either.

3. Every one of us needs our debts forgiven. When we have too great a debt, we must ask those we owe to absorb the loss. The good news is that forgiveness for sin is available to everyone, but forgiveness is never free. Someone always pays.

When God said, "I forgive you of your sin," it cost God everything. Before forgiveness there had to be the agony of Gethsemane, the scourging, the death on the cross and the burial and the resurrection. That price had to be paid. The ledger had to be clear before forgiveness could become a reality.

4. We must also forgive others their debts to us.

In Matthew 6:9-14, Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. Verse 12 says: "and forgive us our trespasses, as we also have forgiven those who trespass against us." Verses 14 and 15 expand on that: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Who has caused you pain? Who do you blame for the pain in your life? Mother or father, sibling, ex-spouse, child, co-worker or boss, government, drunk driver who killed your child? God?

You must forgive them. You think, "Surely there is an exception for such a horrible person. I have the right to hate them, to want revenge, to never forgive them."

Sorry. There is no exception clause. Jesus prayed on the cross for his Father to forgive those who crucified him.

Is it easy to forgive? Absolutely not. Many of us must get up every day and ask God to help us forgive them again.

Jesus even went so far as to say that we should love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who persecute us.

"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred," said Corrie ten Boom in "Clippings from My Notebook." "It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

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Deaths

Paul Richard Nieman

Paul Richard Nieman, 70, Gem, died Thursday, May 29, 2014, at his home.

Services are pending with Baalman Mortuary in Colby, 462-2331.

Protect yourself from tick exposure

If you're spending the week-end outdoors, be extra cautious of ticks. A Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine tick expert says in some areas, you can be exposed to one a minute.

"There are areas in this part of the country that the tick exposure can truly be massive," said Michael Dryden, university distinguished professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, and one of the world's foremost experts on the pest. "You can walk into areas and literally encounter dozens or hundreds of ticks."

Those heavily infested tick areas generally have a heavy tree canopy with good vegetation, some type of water source, adequate humidity and wildlife, particularly whitetail deer and turkeys. Despite the popular myth, Dryden adds, ticks do not fall from trees.

"Many people believe that ticks fall out of trees," he said. "They do not do that. What happens

is these ticks get on us and they crawl upward until they hit bare skin. The back of the neck is often the first bare skin they find which leads people to believe they dropped down."

Dryden suggests avoiding tick-infested areas during the summer. If that's not an option, you can buy insect repellent to deter ticks. Dryden says to spray it on the inside of your pant legs, on your socks, ankles and shoes. Then, roll your pant legs into your socks to reduce the amount of exposed skin. Also, check yourself daily for ticks.

"Sometimes that's the best thing we can do is to inspect ourselves," Dryden said, "because many of these diseases take a day or longer after the ticks attach to be transmitted."

Don't forget about your pets. Cats and dogs are also susceptible to tick-transmitted diseases. Ask your veterinarian the best type of tick-management product to use.

'Evidence' to be onstage

Mingo Bible Church will present "Evidence," a musical group from Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at the church.

The group consists of 13 college students who will perform a concert of music and testimonies

designed to encourage, challenge and lead in worship.

This public event is free, but an offering will be taken for the group.

The church is at 420 Main in Mingo. For more information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at (785) 462-2930.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE May 16

- 12:20 a.m. - Caller reported subject shaking in vehicle in parking lot. Taken to residence.
- 7:57 a.m. - Removed debris from roadway at Franklin and College Drive.
- 9:12 a.m. - Spoke to owner about trailer parked illegally on street.
- 9:19 a.m. - Forgery/theft report filed for incident.
- 11:46 a.m. - Two-semi accident in parking lot.
- 11:52 a.m. - Caller reported subject trying to sell items from pickup. All OK.
- 12:22 p.m. - Phone harassment.
- 5:14 p.m. - Accident.

5:35 p.m. - Alarm, everything OK.

May 17

- 2:23 a.m. - Welfare check. Everything OK.
- 4:47 a.m. - House checks.
- 6:41 a.m. - Recovered property in roadway; turned over to owner.
- 7:17 a.m. - Purse left behind; made contact and turned over to owner; all OK.
- 8:01 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.
- 9:38 a.m. - Provided traffic control for semi that almost lost combine off trailer.
- 11:29 a.m. - Walk through at city soccer fields.
- 2:40 p.m. - Funeral block.
- 8:03 p.m. - Criminal threat.

11:36 p.m. - Bar checks.

May 18

- 12:53 a.m. - Walk through at Twisters.
- 1:09 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew.
- 2:01 a.m. - Driving under the influence found on traffic stop.
- 6:21 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew. Unattended death report filed.
- 11:50 a.m. - Helped stranded motorists.
- 12:04 p.m. - Provided information about travel assistance.
- 1:47 p.m. - Injury accident with

motorcycle.

5:29 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle parked for at least five days. Legally parked.

9:42 p.m. - Dog at large turned over to owner.

May 19

- 4:25 a.m. - Welfare check request passed to sheriff's office.
- 4:39 a.m. - Open door on vehicle; owner was contacted.
- 1:11 p.m. - Caller reported theft. Extra patrol ordered.
- 4:12 p.m. - Caller reported dispute between neighbors. Spoke with subjects, report filed.

6:18 p.m. - Report filed for theft.

May 20

- 1:14 a.m. - Security checks.
- 1:01 p.m. - Lost motorcycle tag. Report filed.
- 4:25 p.m. - Caller reported subject damaging vehicle. No report.
- 6:40 p.m. - Caller reported subject washing semi in roadway. Spoke with subject.
- 11:05 p.m. - Assisted sheriff's office unit.

May 21

- 8:24 a.m. - Caller reported juvenile not going to school. Subject

located and taken to school.

8:49 a.m. - Protection from abuse order violation: caller reported subject walking into store.

10:28 a.m. - Theft report filed.

11:54 a.m. - Caller reported individuals on the railroad tracks. Not found.

11:58 a.m. - Walk through at Ferguson Park.

12:06 p.m. - 911 open line, not found. Subject called back and was OK.

5:07 p.m. - Theft report filed.

6:11 p.m. - Caller reported injured baby bird. Animal removed.

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Other Viewpoints

Veterans Affairs falls short of task

The U.S. military shouldn't give someone a uniform and a job to do unless the Department of Veterans Affairs, in return, is prepared to do its job of delivering health care and other promised benefits.

That the VA is falling far short of its responsibility at least at some facilities is a shame that transcends party politics but falls hardest on President Obama, who campaigned in 2008 on a commitment to cut backlogs and upgrade care. The president's tardy remarks last week must lead to decisive action.

The lengthy wait for VA services has "been true for decades and it's been compounded by a decade of war," as Obama said. And the VA system has been taxed by the volume of returning Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, many of them survivors of severe and complicated injuries.

But the allegations being investigated by the VA inspector general's office are serious — whether veterans were put on a secret waiting list and died while awaiting VA care in Phoenix, and whether wait times were falsified at two dozen other facilities to appear better than they were.

Members of the Kansas congressional delegation, past and present, have had a lot to say on the issue, and no wonder.

"I think it's a disaster right now," Bob Dole, World War II veteran and former Kansas senator, told *USA Today*. He called for a shake-up, though stopped short of demanding the resignation of VA Secretary Eric Shinseki at least until the results of the White House inquiry are in.

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the first senator to call for Shinseki's exit, told MSNBC on Friday: "Many veterans have lost faith, hope, in the department that was created to serve their needs.... The only way you can change the outcome of that bureaucracy is to have someone in charge who sees the problem and takes a lead."

Moran also recommended expanding an existing program that seems like common sense: letting veterans who live far from VA facilities see local physicians and be admitted to local hospitals.

Among the fixes proposed in a *National Journal* report last week: that veterans be spared the burden of filling out and submitting claims forms in favor of having VA doctors handle that, and that the VA mimic private insurers in investigating only a sampling of claims. The records sharing between the Pentagon and the VA also leaves a lot to be desired, as does the VA's transparency and self-scrutiny.

The Memorial Day weekend, devoted to reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice made by some servicemen and women, should bolster efforts to help veterans in other ways, including by doing more to address their joblessness and homelessness.

In any case, as Dole said, "You shouldn't keep a veteran waiting three months to see a doctor." The appalling failures of VA facilities to serve veterans — whether localized or systemic, whether due to incompetence or misconduct — must prompt big and lasting changes.

— *The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*



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Wicked winds chill farmers' blood

Most Kansas farmers and ranchers have seen about everything. Still the sight of the white combine headed for a wheat field or soil leaving the home is enough to make their blood run cold.

That's just what April and May have ushered into the Sunflower State — day after day of winds, 20-, 30- and 40-mph winds with gusts more than 60.

These winds never quit. They're relentless. Traditionally, Kansas winds slow when the sun goes down. Not the last couple months. All across the state, winds continue to howl long into the night, then strengthen when the sun rises the next day.

"I've never seen this kind of wind in my lifetime," says Joe Newland, a Wilson County farmer. "A couple of weeks ago, the day turned dark and you couldn't see to drive in a few areas."

Newland grows corn, soybeans, wheat and some hay while running about 350 head of momma cows in southeast Kansas. He's farmed for nearly 50 years.

Winds in his region of the state sometimes blow for a day or two, affecting a small field or section of a field. Never for too long or too strong, but that's not the case this spring.

It's blown for days on end throughout the entire county, Newland says. In fact, it's blown across the entire southeast part of Kansas.

"You see plenty during a lifetime," the 60-year-old farmer-stockman says, "but when you see the soil blow off your farm, it's like getting hit in the gut. It's a harsh feeling when you can't do anything about it."



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During previous years, when the winds kicked up and started to blow, Newland would hook a rotary hoe behind his tractor and run strips across the blowing land, breaking the soil into clods that would stop the dirt.

Wind-control measures haven't worked as well this year, but farmers keep trying. Plain and simple, there just hasn't been enough moisture.

Spring rains in April totaled one inch and 50 hundredths across his fields this spring, Newland said. Little precipitation has fallen so far in May. Typically, southeastern Kansas receives the most rain in the state during this period.

"Most years, we receive several rains of two and three inches in March, April and May," he says.

These abundant rains fill farm ponds and pave the way for plenty of pasture growth and healthy corn, bean and milo crops. This year, however, pond levels have dropped nearly 50 percent.

While his cow herd still has enough grass, his fescue isn't the lush green color it typically is.

"Some of it's turning that off-green color,"

Newland says. "Our grass needs rain."

While this region looks great compared to western Kansas, the grass in Wilson and Neosho counties is about half the height it typically grows to in mid-May. Grass six inches tall is the norm so far this spring rather than eight, 10 or 12 inches.

Cropping conditions continue to suffer as well. Corn is below average in maturity and doesn't look as lush and healthy as it should.

"We're getting a taste of what farmers and ranchers in central and western Kansas have coped with for many years," Newland says. "It's a taste we don't much care for."

Oftentimes, fall crops in southeast Kansas get too much moisture with spring rains. Flooding can wash away corn and bean crops.

Not so this year. While Newland hasn't planted his soybeans yet, it's drier than normal. He would sure like to see a couple of two-inch rains before he pulls his planter into the fields.

Having farmed for four decades, Newland is far from throwing in the towel. He knows the weather can change in a heartbeat. He hopes and prays his farm and that of his friends and neighbors across Kansas will be blessed with rain and soon.

And those wicked winds?
Shhh. Listen. Are they dying down?

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

Mideast peace requires U.S. neutrality

In the midst of foreign crises that demand our attention as a nation, last month saw the little-noted collapse of the latest round of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Each side blamed the other. Possibly the U.S. shares some culpability, since our country has rarely been an entirely neutral arbitrator in the dispute.

As if to underline the point, Republican presidential hopeful Chris Christie spent the evening of May 18 speaking to the Champions of Jewish Values International awards gala in New York. This was the second time in two months that Gov. Christie had spoken to an influential group of Jewish donors. The audience included billionaire Sheldon Adelson (personal wealth estimated at \$35 billion by *Forbes* magazine), who financed much of Newt Gingrich's ill-fated 2012 campaign.

During his speech, Christie touted America as "the strongest moral power for what is good and right in the world." The governor, speaking a month earlier in Las Vegas to a Jewish group that included Adelson, had made reference to "the occupied territories," land taken by Israel in the 1967 war. Afterwards he scrambled to assure Adelson that he had "misspoke." The pro-Israeli lobby cites the Bible and regards all occupied territory as a permanent part of the Jewish state.

One of the best accounts of the behind-the-scenes machinations leading to the creation of Israel can be found in David McCullough's Pulitzer-Prize winning biography of Harry Truman. Recognition of an independent Jewish state was fiercely opposed by our Department of State and then-Secretary of State Gen. George Marshall (namesake of the Marshall



Alan Jilka

• A Voice of Reason

Plan).

What followed Truman's decision to recognize Israel remains largely forgotten by Americans. Nearly a half a million Palestinians were forced to flee their homes. Some who resisted were shot and many elderly who presumably could not walk long distances were left behind. Many who survived — and their children's children — have subsisted in refugee camps for generations or live currently under Israeli military rule in the West Bank or Gaza Strip. Herein lies the heart of the problem.

Arnold Toynbee, former professor of modern history at the University of Jerusalem, wrote in 1967 that, "The Palestinian Arabs have suffered injustice. To put it simply, they have been made to pay for the genocide of the Jews in Europe, which was committed by the Germans, not the Arabs."

One cannot make light of the legitimate security concerns of the state of Israel. On the other hand, its desire to pursue a peaceful solution over the years can be questioned in light of its continued refusal to curtail settlement activity in the occupied territories. According to U.S. government statistics, 556,700 Israeli Jews now live in the occupied territories. Israel again refused to stop settlement activity at the beginning of the latest round of peace

talks. Any U.S. politician who tries to press Israel into a more accommodating stance with the Palestinians does so at his own risk. President Obama has tried to lean on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to rein in settlement activity. As a result, his 2012 challenger, Mitt Romney, attacked the president for not being sufficiently supportive of Israel.

When Obama nominated former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel to be the Secretary of Defense, numerous Jewish groups cried foul, noting his past complaints about "intimidation" from the Jewish lobby. David Suissa, writing at the time in the *Jewish Journal*, also criticized Hagel for a 2006 remark that "the core of all challenges in the Middle East remains the underlying Arab-Israeli conflict." Hagel went on to say that failure to address this problem allows the type of hate to fester that breeds terrorism. Jewish groups reject this linkage.

The 1979 Camp David Peace Agreement between Israel and Egypt taught us three lessons. First of all, it showed that peace is possible between Israel and the Arabs. Secondly, a U.S. role is key in the process. And lastly, a comprehensive Mideast solution must address the Palestinian issue. There lies the unfulfilled promise of the Camp David.

To achieve a lasting Middle East peace, the American people need to insist that our government be a neutral party pushing both sides toward a compromise.

Alan Jilka of Salina is vice president of Jilka Furniture, former mayor of Salina and a one-time Democratic candidate for Congress in the Kansas 1st District.

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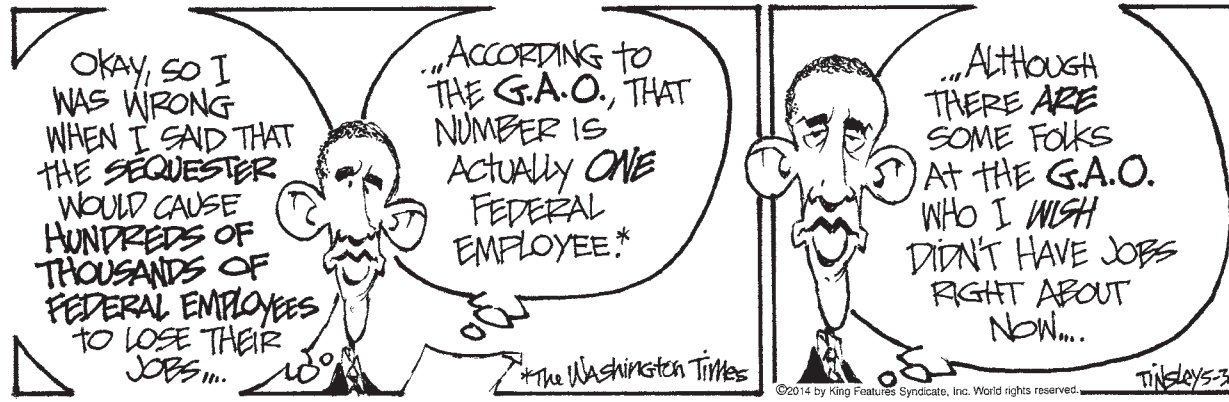
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State offers lots of attractions during national tourism week

This month is the perfect time to make some of your summer travel plans in Kansas. National Travel and Tourism Week was the first week of May. A tradition first celebrated in 1984, it was established by a Congressional joint resolution passed in 1983. If you're not sure what to do this summer or are looking for something new, check out two of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism's new Yellow Brick Road Trips on www.travelks.com.

The "Western High Plains" trip in northern Kansas is perfect for those who enjoy unique natural formations and history. For example, Castle Rock near Quinter is a pinnacle rising from the prairie and is a fossil hunter's paradise. Thousands of years ago, the area was covered by a chalk ocean, which accounts for the chalk bluffs and beds. The lofty calcareous limestone bluff has the appearance of an old English castle,

earning the attraction its name. In addition, the Fick Fossil Museum in Oakley focuses on local fossils and history. On this Yellow Brick Road Trip you can also travel to the place where the last Indian battle in Kansas was fought on Sept. 27, 1878. The Battle of Punished Woman's Fork took place near Lake Scott State Park. In addition to a monument overlooking the cave, canyon and bluffs, visitors can still see the rifle pits the Cheyenne strategically positioned while waiting to ambush the U.S. Cavalry.

The "Central Prairie" Yellow Brick Road Trip in southern Kansas is a kid-friendly adventure, and can also easily be adapted for a fun couple's getaway. Highlights on this itinerary include the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge and Buffalo Tour near Canton, where visitors get up close views of buffalo, elk, birds and native Kansas wildflowers through 2,200 acres of prairie

habitat. Or go 650 feet below the surface of the earth at Strataca: Kansas Underground Salt Museum, and experience a salt bed formed 275 million years ago during the Permian Age. The caverns still produce more than 500,000 tons of salt each year. For all of you wild west lovers, have some fun at Old Cowtown Museum in Wichita, the site of 70 historic and recreated buildings, as well as gunfights, wagon rides and saloons.

In addition to detailed maps and suggested side trips that include scenic byways, the Yellow Brick Road Trip itineraries also include dining, shopping and lodging recommendations such as Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm and Bed & Breakfast or the Butterfield Trail Bunkhouse.

You know what we say in Kansas - there's no place like home. Go out and enjoy it this summer.

Woman fascinated with gravestones

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Beth Santore shares what she has learned from her lifelong fascination with gravestones to help other people understand what they find in cemeteries.

Santore, 33, became fascinated with the artwork and carvings on headstones when she and her sister would play in a cemetery as children, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported (bit.ly/RpRREp). "My sister and I were years and years younger than our cousins. The family reunions were torture," Santore said. "So my sister and I would walk up the hill to the cemetery (behind the park) and play."

Since then, Santore has visited more than 1,400 cemeteries to learn more about the symbolism, artwork and lore.

"There are always mysteries in the cemetery," Santore said. "Solving them is a lot of fun."

She even has her GPS system set to alert her whenever she's near a cemetery.

Santore said she's always learning more about the symbols carved into gravestones and their meaning. Sometimes the carvings offer the only clues about the life someone lived.

One gravestone Santore pointed out in Lincoln featured a three-link chain that signified the man was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a wreath that

symbolizes victory over death. Santore said it's also interesting to see trends in gravestone styles from different periods of history. For instance in the 1920s, gravestones that looked like a broken

tree trunk were popular to symbolize a life cut short.

The laser etching techniques available today are allow even photographs to be carved into stone with lasers.

Senior Progress Center

Tuesday the Thomas County Health Department will be at the Senior Progress Center to do blood pressure checks.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. blood pressure checks; after lunch - board meeting. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Scrabble.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** ground beef stroganoff, Italian blend vegetables, mixed

fruit, noodles, cookie. **Tuesday:** steak fingers, au gratin potatoes, green bean casserole, applesauce. **Wednesday:** pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, peaches. **Thursday:** Waikiki meatballs with pineapple, broccoli, rice, pudding. **Friday:** crispy chicken salad, strawberries and bananas, crackers, brownie.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as

is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3.25 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$6 for others.

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Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows; Bill Dible's birthday. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter; Chuck Austin's birthday. **Saturday:** 8 a.m. garage sales.

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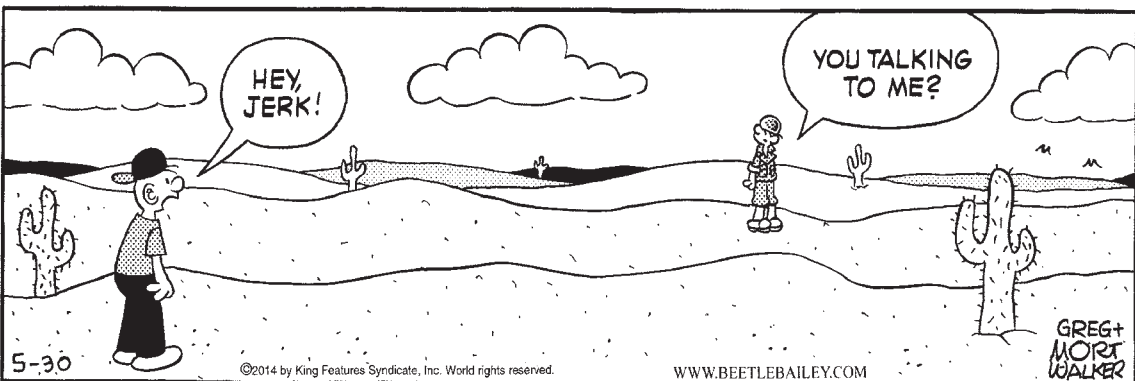
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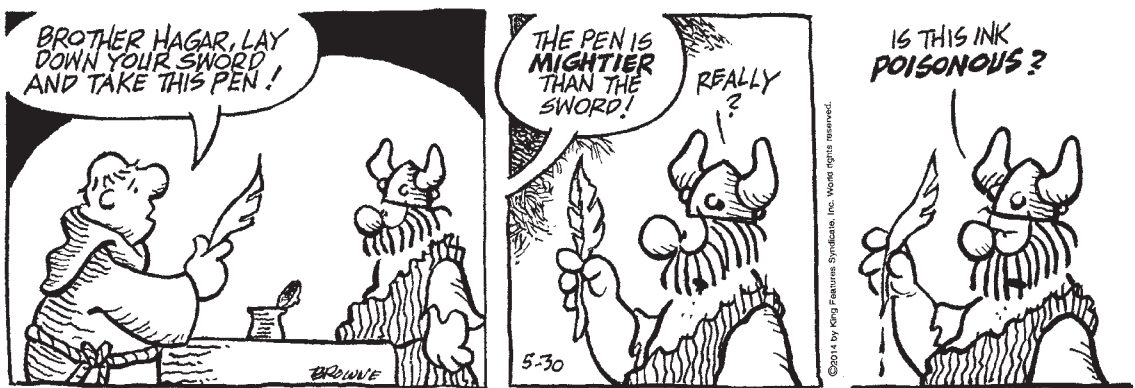
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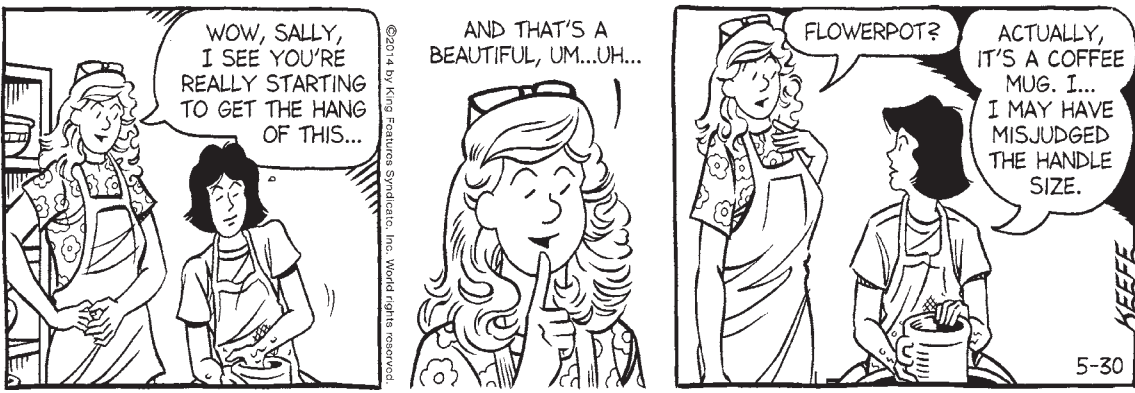
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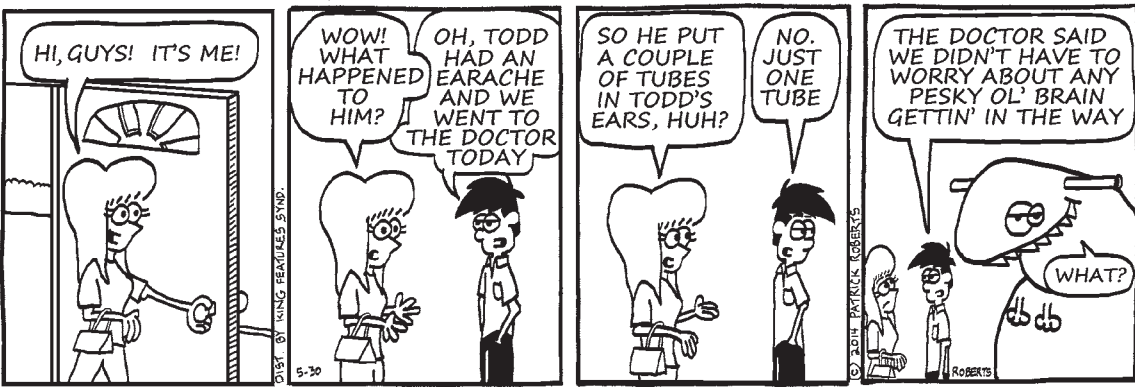
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Pointers a plus for packing bags

Dear Readers: Whether you travel for pleasure or business, trying to pack often can be stressful. Here are some of my favorite travel hints for packing a suitcase:

- To save space, pack only trial- or travel-size items in your luggage. Save the toothbrushes and small toothpaste you get at the dentist's office for when you travel.
- When packing, place heavy items at the bottom of your luggage, so they don't squish lighter items, such as clothing.
- To prevent clothes from wrinkling, roll them. This also helps with space. When you reach your destination, immediately take out clothes that are prone to wrinkling and hang them up.
- Do not pack shoes with the soles on your clothes. Pack them facing out, or better yet, place each in a newspaper bag to protect clothing. Another space-saving hint is to place small items, like underwear and socks, into shoes before packing.
- Leave expensive jewelry or items at home.

Happy traveling, road warriors! — Heloise
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PASSWORD PERFECT

Dear Heloise: I have a hint for trying to see a Wi-Fi password on a label on the bottom of a router. It can be annoying to try to maneuver so that one can see the long string of digits and letters, as well as enter them into your device. So I just took a photo of it with my phone. I always have it with me, and no more struggling with the router! — Kathryn H., Fairfax, Va.

SIMPLE ADDITION

Dear Heloise: I had the misfortune to have fallen on ice. As a result, I broke my femur and had to have extensive physical therapy. Using a walker has been a challenge, to say the least. My son thought about attaching a bicycle basket and cup holder on the front of my walker. This addition allows me to easily make my own meals, empty the dishwasher and put dishes, pans and silverware away. This also allows me to carry my clothes from the bedroom to the bathroom. — Pat Z., Warren, Ohio

DOGGIE HAIRCUT

Dear Heloise: I cut my dog's hair (basically shave it), but it can be difficult with her trying to get away. I take her into the bathroom and close the door. The room is small enough so she can't get too far from me. Tile floors also make it easier to clean up the hair when I am done. The best part is she can go straight into the tub for a bath afterward! — Paula in Tennessee

REMEMBER THE BURNER

Dear Heloise: My mom always told me to turn off the burner before I take a pan off the stove. Then you don't need to worry about it being left on. — Deborah F., via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♦ Dble Pass 1♣
Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠K93 ♥Q8653 ♦10 ♣AKJ4
2. ♠AQ874 ♥K962 ♦K5 ♣K8
3. ♠KJ98 ♥AK10 ♦83 ♣AKJ7
4. ♠Q6 ♥AQJ94 ♦K9 ♣AQJ3

Bidding Quiz

1. Pass. A player who doubles for takeout is not obligated to bid again if partner makes no more than a minimum response. The doubler must remember that partner's forced reply does not promise any strength whatsoever and, in fact, will often be based on a weak hand (usually 0-8 points). Consequently, if the doubler lacks extra values beyond those already guaranteed by the double, he is expected to pass a minimum response.

In this instance, there is no good reason to bid again over one spade. Game is not possible, considering partner's failure to identify a promising hand by making a jump-response or cuebidding the opponents' suit. A raise to two spades would indicate greater values than you have, and a bid of two hearts would imply a better suit and a stronger hand.

2. Two spades. Bearing in mind that partner's response might be based on nothing more than four small spades, you should still feel reasonably safe in bidding for eight tricks. Counting the distribution and trump fit, your hand is worth about 18 points, which warrants a single raise -- but no more. The raise invites partner to go on to game with maximum values for his previous bid.

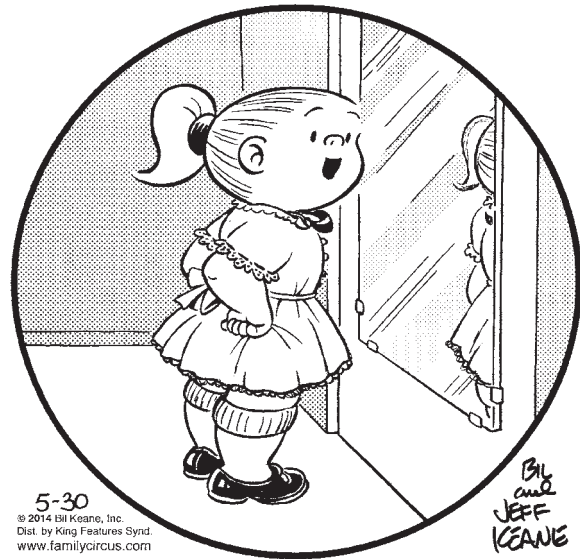
3. Three spades. A raise to three promises greater values than a raise to two, and usually shows about 20 points. It invites partner to bid again with a smattering of values, and allows him to pass with a worthless hand.

4. Two hearts. That's all you can safely bid -- even though you might feel like bidding more. It's true that you have a bit more than the double and the two-heart bid indicate, but your prospects for game will require a voluntary move forward by partner.

By doubling and then bidding two hearts, you have already indicated that your hand was too strong for a mere one-heart overcall. You should let partner do the rest. He is presumably just as eager to bid game as you are.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

5/30

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

Cryptoquip

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GYELR KN EXBR PZR FOHYED

"ZIQKELR NKO BSU VKKO!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN WE COLOR THESE SOFT GOOSE FEATHERS WITH A CRIMSON PIGMENT, WE'LL PAINT THE DOWN RED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 "Caught ya!" | 35 Show stubbornness | 1 Pump up the volume | 21 Exam format |
| 4 Apportion (out) | 36 Cagney's partner | 2 "2001" computer | 22 Toasting sound |
| 8 Freeway access | 37 Pat down | 3 Religious defector | 23 Singer k.d. |
| 12 GPS display | 40 Saucy Italy | 4 Prototype | 25 "Modern Family" husband |
| 13 Valhalla VIP | 41 Mineral deposit | 5 Tend manuscripts | 26 Nothing doing? |
| 14 Met melody | 42 Pipes and such | 6 Can matter | 27 Beezer |
| 15 Moving along slowly | 46 "— want for Christmas..." | 7 U.K. lang. | 28 "Riders of the Purple Sage" writer |
| 17 Penny | 47 San —, Italy | 8 Din | 30 Neb. |
| 18 Bird food | 48 Japanese sash | 9 Vicinity | 31 neighbor |
| 19 Take to the ice | 49 Rind | 10 Mouthwash | 32 Engage in rappelling (Brit.) |
| 20 Monopoly building | 50 Arabian gulf | 11 Party spread | 33 Engage in rappelling (Brit.) |
| 22 Puzzle feature | 51 Run-down horse | 12 One-on-one battle | 34 Zinger |
| 24 Caspian feeder | | 13 Gets some rays | 36 Air fresher |
| 25 Farmer's chore | | 14 Camel feature | 37 Envelope part |
| 29 Wrestling surface | | | 38 Characterization |
| 30 Targets for some kicks | | | 39 Cleave cohort |
| 31 Neither mate | | | 40 Cougar |
| 32 In supplication | | | 42 Expert |
| 34 Diamond corner | | | 43 Moon vessel |
| | | | 44 Cagers' org. |
| | | | 45 Showbiz job |

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	A	G	S	B	O	P	M	A	L	T
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S	H	A	L	E	W	A	X	I	D	O
T	U	B	E	H	I	S	P	O	G	O
O	L	A	Y	E	S	P	A	N	E	D
P	A	S	T	M	A	S	T	E	R	
H	E	A	T	Y	A	R	R	O	W	
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Yesterday's answer 5-30

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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 Edna Alvena Hatcher," 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

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Help Wanted

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is accepting employment applications. Applicants must be at least eighteen, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, have the ability to lift at least 100 lbs, possess a valid driver's license and will be required to take a pre-employment drug test. Applicants should be motivated, responsible, possess good communication and people skills, be a team player, and flexible to change. Duties include processing materials for recycling, building and equipment maintenance, forklift and machinery operation, and loading and unloading trucks/trailers. Interested applicants may contact 785-460-1840 for an application or send a resume with references to P.O. Box 43, Colby, KS 67701. EOE.

Kansas Grain Inspection Service is taking applications for a sampler at its service point in Colby. Work involves sampling trucks and railcars to obtain grain samples, and preparing them for analysis. There is advancement to grain inspector. Successful applicants will receive on-the-job training to use in obtaining necessary licensing. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. Good math and verbal skills are necessary. **We are a drug-free workplace.** For further information, contact our Colby office at 785-462-8347 or e-mail ksgrain2@st-tel.net.

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

Public Notice

Request for Bid

The Thomas County Landfill is requesting bids on a new pickup. Bid specifications may be picked up at the Thomas County Clerks Office. Sealed bids will be opened Friday, May 30th at 10:15 a.m. during the regular Thomas County Commission meeting, 300 North Court Avenue Colby, KS. For more information, please call Larry Jumper 785-462-8139.

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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 Theresa H. ShROUT, an heir of Scott William ShROUT, 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.

Teresa H. ShROUT, Petitioner

LAW OFFICE OF JOHN D. GATZ By: Lindsey D. Moore, #23135 Attorney at Law P. O. Box 346 Colby, KS 67701 785-460-3383 Attorney for Petitioner

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Help Wanted

Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc., 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all shop positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire, service call, and alignment technicians. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100.

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

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Help Wanted

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

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Full Time Information Systems Assistant - The Information Systems Assistant will assist and support the Information Systems Director in abstracting, processing, analyzing, storing and retrieval of paper and electronic health information, HIPAA Compliance, diagnosis and procedure coding, processing of record requests and data entry. Minimum qualifications include: Associates Degree and RHIT or CCS or be willing to obtain. Must also have a friendly personality, ability to work cooperatively with all hospital departments, patients, and visitors. Offering an excellent benefit package and competitive salary. Applications are available at www.rchc.us under Careers and may be returned to: Tara Bowles, Employee Relations Director, PO Box 47, Atwood, KS 67730. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.

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Colby Community College

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Garage Sale - Butterfield Trail Ride Weekend, Thursday, May 29 from 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 30 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at The Mather Ranch in Russell Springs - Something for everyone!

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Girls' T-Ball/Coach Pitch

Teams and coaches: Lime Green (Flanagin, Vaughn), Purple (Cheney) and Pink (Duffy, Johnson).

All games will be played on Field 2.

Monday: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Pink, 7 p.m.

June 9: Pink vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Purple, 7 p.m.

June 16: Purple vs. Pink, 6 p.m.; Pink vs. Lime Green, 7 p.m.

June 23 (3-inning games): Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Pink, 6:45 p.m.; Pink vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

Boys T-Ball/Coach Pitch

Teams and coaches: Light Blue (Haines, Sullivan), Lime Green (Daniels), Orange (Krohn), Red (Granger) and Purple (Curry).

Monday: Field 3: Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Orange, 7 p.m.

Field 4: Orange vs. Red, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Purple, 7 p.m.; Red vs. Purple, 8 p.m.

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Lime Green vs. Orange, 8 p.m.

June 23: Field 3: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Red vs. Lime Green, 7 p.m.

Field 4: Light Blue vs. Red, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Orange, 7 p.m.; Orange vs. Light Blue, 8 p.m.

Rookie Girls

Teams and coaches: Light Blue (Flanagin, Stanley), Purple (Hull, Griffin), Lime Green (McCarty) and Pink (Platt, Miller).

Champs from 2013: Mary Beth Flanagan, Lori Stanley and Amber Barton coached Purple to the tourney title.

Wednesday: Field 2: Light Blue vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

Field 5: Lime Green vs. Pink, 6 p.m.; Pink vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

June 11: Field 2: Pink vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Pink, 7:30 p.m.

Field 5: Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

June 18: Field 2: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

Field 5: Pink vs. Light Blue, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Pink, 7:30 p.m.

June 25: Field 2: Light Blue vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime



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Colby Recreation League summer league players will be off and running as games begin next week. Girls' T-Ball/Coach Pitch starts first on Monday night with other leagues following Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Green, 7:30 p.m. Field 5: Lime Green vs. Pink, 6 p.m.; Pink vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

July 2: Field 2: Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

Field 5: Pink vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Pink, 7:30 p.m.

July 9: Single-elimination tournament.

Bambino Girls

Teams and coaches: Light Blue (Kuper), Lime Green (Carney) and Purple (Bange, Koerperich).

Champs from 2013: Chris Koerperich and Paul Bange coached top-seed/tourney champion Orange.

All games will be played on Field 2.

Tuesday: Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Purple, 7:45 p.m.

June 10: Purple vs. Light Blue, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 7:45 p.m.

June 17: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Purple, 7:45 p.m.

June 24: Lime Green vs. Light Blue, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime Green, 7:45 p.m.

July 1 (3-inning games): Light Blue vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime Green, 7 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Light Blue, 8 p.m.

July 8: Single-elimination tournament.

Bambino Boys

Teams and coaches: Red (Krannawitter), Lime Green (Schritter), Light Blue (Rosales) and Orange (Todd).

Champs from 2013: Kristy McCarty and Brad Wildeman coached champion Purple, who subdued No. 2 Sapphire in the tourney finale.

Tuesday: Field 3: Red vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Light Blue vs. Orange, 6 p.m.; Orange vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

June 10: Field 3: Orange vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Orange,

7:30 p.m. Field 4: Red vs. Light Blue, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

June 17: Field 3: Light Blue vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Red vs. Light Blue, 7:30 p.m.

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July 1: Field 3: Red vs. Light Blue, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Orange vs. Lime Green, 6 p.m.; Light Blue vs. Orange, 7:30 p.m.

July 8: Single-elimination tournament.

Rookie Boys

Teams and coaches: Lime Green (McCarty, McGreer), Purple (Kersbrock, Britt); Red (Simmonds) and Orange (Liudahl).

Champion from 2013: Kelly Simmonds' Royal team was only seeded third entering the tourney, but knocked off surprise finalist No. 5 Orange for that title.

Wednesday: Field 3: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Red vs. Orange, 6 p.m.; Orange vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

June 11: Field 3: Orange vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Red vs. Orange, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Lime Green vs. Red, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

June 18: Field 3: Red vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Lime Green vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Orange vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

June 25: Field 3: Lime Green vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Red, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Red vs. Orange, 6 p.m.; Orange vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

July 2: Field 3: Lime Green vs. Red, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Lime Green, 7:30 p.m.

Field 4: Orange vs. Purple, 6 p.m.; Purple vs. Orange, 7:30 p.m.

July 9: Single-elimination tournament.

Colby athletes jump early for state medals

Three place, one to final

By R.B. Headley

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Early to rise turned into a terrific strategy today for Colby High's state track and field competitors.

The 8 a.m. start certainly didn't hinder junior three-time state qualifier Hannah Strange.

Strange matched her all-time best high jump (5'2") while also earning her first 4A medal at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium.

In fact, Strange was just one nudge of the bar from perhaps challenging Chanute state champion Madi Rollins who cleared 5'4".

"She just barely knocked it (the bar) off," Colby coach Gordon Rasmussen said. "Hannah's done great and all her hard work paid off today. She didn't miss until 5'2", and she only missed once before she cleared that."

The two-time Great West Athletic Conference champion rose from a 4'10" state effort, so no Eagles fan should be surprised if Strange hits that 5'4" goal (or even higher) as a senior.

"She's really tickled to medal," Rasmussen added.

Meanwhile, sophomore Andrea Browne's 4A 3200-meter race was actually scheduled 15 minutes earlier (7:45 a.m.) than high jump. No sweat.

"It actually worked out well because it was still relatively cool," Rasmussen observed.

Browne breezed past many of 4A's other fastest distance runners, running a 1:15.244 that joined 4A's first five.

She maintained a steady pace and held off region rival Delainee Gordon from Larned during the final 400 meters.

However, the entire 4A field was fast led by record-breaking champion freshman Callie Logue of Girard (11:14.63).

Browne finished three seconds sooner (11:53.16) than her



KARIN RASMUSSEN

Colby High junior Hannah Strange gained great experience at the 4A state championship meet last summer. Today, she returned to Wichita State University and earned a 4A medal.

region-winning time last weekend (11:56.57) — good enough to place seventh and earn her second consecutive 4A medal.

"Andrea ran really well," Rasmussen confirmed. "It was a fastest heat."

Colby's final state race of the morning featured another excellent effort ending with a career breakthrough.

Sophomore Brielle McKee had never run a 400-meter dash in less than 60 seconds until Friday's 4A prelims.

She blazed across the finish line in 59.94, placing fourth and securing her spot for Saturday's 3:45 p.m. state final.

McKee is also guaranteed another state medal. She won two to cap her freshman season.

"Breaking 60 seconds has been goal for Brielle for a long time," Rasmussen said. "I knew she'd do it at some point."

McKee would be busy again Friday afternoon as part of Colby's 1600-meter relay. Strange, sophomore Sydney Stephens and freshman Jordan O'Malley were set to run the other three legs of this prelim at 12:45 p.m.

Stephens and O'Malley also competed this morning.

O'Malley finished 14th in the high jump (4'8") while Stephens

took 11th among those 400-meter sprinters (1:02.19). The top eight advance into Saturday's final.

Sophomore Matt Pieper then made a super state debut with a fourth-place triple jump of 42'11" just before press deadline. He far exceeded his regional best jump that reached 42'1/2".

More details will appear on Monday.

The 1A state meet involving Golden Plains, Brewster and Triplains began at 1:15 p.m. today. Watch for complete results of all area qualifiers in Monday's Free Press.

Latest available 4A team scores this morning featured the Colby girls tied for 10th place (six points total).

Twin Fun Run on Saturday

Runners are invited to dress as twins and race together this weekend in Oakley to support the Logan County Health Foundation.

This year's Twin Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in Oakley. The 5k and 10k runs, which both start at 8 a.m. at the Logan County Health Center next to the Logan County Hospital, will be part race and part dress-up contest.

Cash prizes will go to the fastest man and woman in each race, along with the fastest in different age categories. There will also be a prize of \$25 for the best-dressed pair of twins.

The one mile run starts at 8:30 a.m., and the other participants will get a ribbon, while the fastest man and woman will get blue ribbons.

Registration is \$25 for the 5K and 10K, and \$15 for the one-mile race, and everyone gets a T-shirt. All the proceeds from the annual fundraiser go to the Logan County Healthcare Foundation.

For information, call Shawna Allison at (785) 672-3663.

Cowgirls win one at state, then lose 12-0

The Pratt Tribune

The Frontenac softball team gave a gutsy effort in the opening round of the State Tournament Thursday at Pratt, but in the end the No. 7-seeded Raiders fell to No. 2 Goodland 7-6 in extra innings.

After a scoreless first couple of innings, Goodland jumped ahead with a four-run bottom of the fourth, capped by a Gabriella Rangel three-run homer.

Rangel caught the final drive of Goodland's 5-4 regional finals win over Colby last week.

The Raiders got one back in the top of the fourth. Haley Wilson singled and eventually came around to score on a knock by

Macie Broyles.

Down 6-1 headed to the sixth, the Raiders mounted a charge.

The rally came to an end on a bunt play that weirdly turned into a double play against Frontenac, but the Raiders had closed the gap to just one, 6-5 Cowgirls after 5 1/2.

Frontenac tied the game an inning later, but Goodland eventually pushed across the winning run in its eighth frame.

The 18-4 Cowgirls advanced into today's 4A state semifinals, where their season ended with a 12-0 loss to Pratt.

Goodland won both the regional softball and baseball titles last. The Cowboy baseball team fell at state on Thursday.



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Goodland High softball girls celebrated their 5-4 regional finals win over Colby last week, then edged Frontenac 7-6 in Thursday's 4A state opener. However, they lost a semifinal to Pratt.

Royals' late rally stops streaking Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Omar Infante hit a two-run single in the 10th inning and the Kansas City Royals overcame two home runs by Edwin Encarnacion to beat the Blue Jays 8-6 on Thursday night, snapping Toronto's winning streak at nine games.

Facing Todd Redmond (0-4), Alcides Escobar singled to begin the 10th. Pedro Ciriaco was hit on the front of the helmet while

squaring to bunt and Nori Aoki advanced the runners with a sacrifice before Infante lined a single just over the reach of leaping third baseman Brett Lawrie.

Wade Davis (4-1) worked two innings for the win and Greg Holland closed it out for his 15th save in 16 chances.

The Blue Jays were on the verge of victory in the ninth before the Royals tied it with an unearned

run off Casey Janssen, who blew a save for the first time in nine chances. After Jose Bautista threw out Butler at first base from right field for the second out, Alex Gordon singled to left and was replaced by pinch-runner Jarrod Dyson, who stole second and scored when Encarnacion couldn't handle an errant, bouncing throw from shortstop Jose Reyes on Salvador Perez's grounder.

Reyes batted with a runner on in the 10th but couldn't atone for his gaffe, striking out looking to end it.

Perez hit a solo homer in the second for the Royals who snapped a four-game skid and avoided matching their longest losing streak of the season.

Toronto still holds a surprising lead over New York and Baltimore in the American League East.

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