



Color Run draws all kinds

It was a great day for a 5K Color Run, as Bryson Metcalf and his dog Banks (top) started off Saturday morning at Colby Community College. Police directed traffic (right) for Rachel VanEaton and Lexi Finley and offered a little encouragement as well. This kid on his bicycle (right, below) got well-fogged with chalk at as he crossed the finish line. Some participants (bottom right) weren't really into running, as the dog Bo hitched a ride from Lindsey Heinrich and baby Carter Heinrich got a push from Mary Lou Hansen-Rudnik while boxer Chibbs walked along. Even tiny dogs (below) got into the spirit of things.

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Wheat plot tour to be last in a career

The annual wheat plot tour, set by Kansas State Research and Extension Center for Tuesday, will be the last one for a long-time crop specialist. Farmers are asked to show up at 7:30 a.m. at the shop at the Solomon Creek Farm, five miles south of the Levant Interchange on Interstate 70. Donuts and coffee will be served, and there will be several guest speakers. This will be the last wheat plot tour for Jim Shroyer, who is retiring as the statewide Extension specialist in crop production for the state. Shroyer first took a job with Extension in 1980. Dan O'Brien, agricultural economist for the exten-

sion service, and Lucas Haag, northwest area agronomist, will also speak. Both are based in Colby. Farmers are invited to bring their own wheat samples for Shroyer to look at during the tour. The farm, which, is owned and operated by Mike and Jeanene Brown and their son Tanner, has been the site of the tour since the mid 1980s, Mike Brown said. He added that 30 to 40 people usually show up. Along with the farm, the event is sponsored by Thomas County Extension, Mattson Farms, which is providing the donuts, and the Kansas Wheat Alliance, which is providing the drinks.

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Wheat in this field west of Colby is starting to ripen, in spite of unusually dry conditions this spring. Heavy rains this month came too late to reverse much of the damage.

Wheat forecast looks grim

By Sam Dieter

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The number of acres planted with wheat and the date it was planted in Thomas County could grant a reprieve to part of the wheat crop, but dry conditions should bring yields down markedly from last year.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, the state of Kansas will likely see its smallest wheat crop since 1989. Dry conditions are expected to lead to a much smaller per-acre yield on wheat fields, and recent storms came far too late to save the crop.

The service released its monthly wheat forecast Wednesday, pre-

dicting that farmers in the northwest part of the state will harvest just 21.5 million bushels, out of a 243.6 million bushel harvest for the whole state. Statewide, the service is predicting the lowest per-acre yield since 1996. Its prediction for wheat yields dropped from last month's forecast.

Farmers in western Kansas could see a bump in production this year, according to the service, but only because more fields were planted, although farming practices and the time of planting could make a huge difference in yields. This could actually mean a 25 percent increase in production from last year in northwest Kansas, when just 17,190,000 bushels were harvested.

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Tornado king is ... Florida?

By Seth Borenstein

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oklahoma and Kansas may have the reputation as tornado hot spots, but Florida and the rest of the Southeast are far more vulnerable to killer twisters, a new analysis shows.

Florida leads the country in deaths calculated per mile a tornado races along the ground, followed by Tennessee, North Caro-

lina, Ohio and Alabama, according to an analysis of the past three decades by the federal Southeast Regional Climate Center at the University of North Carolina.

That's because Florida is No. 1 in so many factors that make tornadoes more risky: mobile homes, the elderly and the poor, said center director Charles Konrad II, who headed the new work.

"People are just much more vul-

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Wheat lawsuit lands in Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A lawsuit filed in Arkansas against Monsanto over the May 2013 discovery of an isolated field of genetically engineered wheat in Oregon has now landed in federal court in Kansas.

The assignment Thursday of the Arkansas case to U.S. District Judge Kathryn Vratil marks the latest transfer of litigation since a federal judicial panel centralized several lawsuits against St. Louis-based Monsanto. The consolidated pretrial proceedings are

all in Kansas. The panel first transferred four civil actions last October, and it has since transferred nine others. Lawsuits were initially filed in Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, Oregon, Texas, Mississippi, Washington, Arkansas and Idaho. Monsanto has contended no legal liability exists given the care undertaken, and it has vowed to present a vigorous defense to the lawsuits.



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 5 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Windy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 20 to 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 81. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 86.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Thursday: High, 73; Low 51
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 3.66 inches
Year: 7.54 inches
Normal: 9.84 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.
Moon: waning, 96 percent
Sunday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
Moon: waning, 91 percent
Monday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
Moon: waning, 83 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 1,602,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

And they're off!



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Saturday's K-9 color run started in phases: these runners were first, followed by joggers and finally walkers. About 40 people and 20 dogs participated in the run, organized by Swartz Veterinary Hospital.

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While the harvest in western Kansas might improve this year, however, the rest of the state should see an even steeper drop in production. The increase seems to come from the fact that farmers in the northwest planted more acres this year, 1,070,000 as opposed to 947,000 in 2013. The per-acre yield in this area is predicted to drop from 25.6 bushels in 2013 to 22.5 this year.

The service considers northwest Kansas to be the eight counties from Norton and Graham west to the state line.

Lucas Haag, northwest area agronomist for the Northwest Research-Extension Center, also predicted a steep drop in yields on each acre of wheat this year. The wheat has been stressed all this year, he said, almost entirely from lack for moisture, and June rains did not come soon enough to save the crop.

"We're not going to make up huge amounts from it," Haag said, "I believe the yield's going to be down from normal."

Precipitation is still behind schedule for the year even after recent storms dropped 3.61 inches of rain in the first 10 days of June, more than this area normally sees all month. According to the K-State Northwest Research-Extension Center, these storms only brought the year's total precipitation up to 7.49 inches, and normally 9.84 inches of precipitation will have fallen here by the end of June.

This will put yields on dry land wheat "all over the board," he said, anywhere from 40 or 45 bushels an acre to some fields which could be a complete loss. Timing of planting should affect the yield, and moisture-saving farming practices like no-till and fallow farming will make an especially big difference this year.

Normally, farmers will try to get 60 bushels an acre out of fields that were fallow last year. Haag believes there are irrigated wheat fields in Thomas County that could produce a crop that size, but only after pumping a large amount of water from their wells.

The yields vary greatly both within a county and across the 26-county area where Haag works, from Great Bend to the north and west. Thomas and the surrounding counties are doing the best, he said. There could be some fields here where farmers cut less than 10 bushels on an acre, but there probably won't be any that are a complete loss. Farther east in Ellis, Russell and Mitchell counties, Haag said, it's a different story.

Although the spring months this year have been cool and the wheat was in good shape coming out of its winter dormancy, with little if any freeze damage, Haag said that changed as the spring months came. Wheat was growing behind schedule this winter because of the cool temperatures, then it sped up as lack of water stressed the crop while the stems grew out and the kernels formed. Now, some wheat has already died and will soon dry out.

According to the agricultural statistics service, the per-acre expected yield was considerably higher than 40 bushels in the part of the state last year. In the central district, for instance, the yield is expected to drop from 46.7 to 32 bushels per acre. The central district, which includes Ellis and Russell counties, is predicted to have the second-highest yield of any area in the state in both in 2013 and this year. But that yield is expected to drop from 68,629,000 to 42,000,000 bushels.

Statewide, farmers planted 9.3 million acres of wheat this year, down from 9.5 million in 2013. The service expects a yield of 29 bushels per acre this year, down from 38 bushels in 2013.

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nerable in a mobile home than they are in a regular home," Konrad said.

Florida's death rate of 2.4 deaths per 100 miles of tornado ground track is more than two-and-a-half times that of Oklahoma and nearly five times that of Kansas.

Along with Florida, Dixie Alley – including Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, western parts of the Carolinas – is where "more people die from tornadoes" than anywhere else

in the world, said Conrad.

Three years ago, a four-day outbreak of more than 200 tornadoes killed 316 people in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

Florida doesn't get as many tornadoes as Oklahoma and they aren't as strong, but when Florida does get them, "people are especially vulnerable," Konrad said. He presented the research at an American Meteorological Society meeting in Colorado this week.

Konrad's work makes sense and fits with earlier research on tornado fatalities, said Flor-

ida State University meteorology professor James Elsner and Barb Mayes Boustead, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologist and tornado chaser.

Visibility is another problem for tornadoes in the Southeast. Because of atmospheric conditions, the region tends to get more tornadoes at night, making them harder to see, Konrad said. It also means some people may be asleep and miss warnings.

The South also has more trees and buildings to block the view of oncoming tornadoes.

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.

Dinner, auction to help family

At 5:30 p.m. Saturday there will be a benefit dinner, drawing and auction for Baby Juenemann, expected by Michael and Amanda Juenemann in July. The baby's heart is missing the left ventricle and aortic valve; three operations are planned. For a donation enjoy a pulled pork dinner at the Gem Community Building. A silent auction will run from 6 to 8 p.m. For information call Jared Johnson at 443-3373.

Once a Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to all who come the second Saturday of each month. No reservations. For questions, call Leisa Hansen at 460-2710.

Benefit craft show coming to Oakley

The Oakley Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will hold an arts and crafts show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 317 Center Ave. in Oakley. For information, call Carla Dible at 443-1107.

Bible school looking for superheroes

Children age 4 through fifth grade can unlock the superhero inside at Hidden Hero Training Vacation Bible School from 10 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, June 20, at the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine. Lunch will be provided; rides are available by calling 462-8391 and leaving your name and address. For information, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday 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 in \$1,265 for one family member and about \$440 higher for each additional member. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Doctor will speak on mission work

Dr. LaDonna Regier will give an update on her missionary work in Ghana, West Africa, at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth. Everyone is invited; refreshments will be served. For information, contact church secretary Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Retirement party to honor driver

A retirement party for Jim Harms will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. next Friday in the commissioners room of the Thomas County courthouse. Harms has 31 1/2 years of service to Thomas County, 30 years in the Road and Bridge department and a year and a half as driver for the county transportation van. For information, call County Clerk Shelly Harms at 460-4500.

Ride to support wounded warriors

The Men M.C. will have a motorcycle ride to support the Wounded Warrior Project from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 21, beginning at Daylight Donuts and ending at Twisters Bar and Grill, where food will be served at 5 p.m., with music by M.C. Lottdog. Cost is \$20, covering music, food and a drawing. For information call Thomas Dodson at 443-4222 or Ben Hopper at 443-4422.

Concealed carry training available

The Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Training to be offered at Colby Community College has been rescheduled to July. The class will be taught by Barry Kaaz from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19, in the Student Union. Completion of the course enables participants to apply for Kansas Concealed Carry Certification. Cost is \$125. For information or to register, contact Patty Mead at 460-5550 or Kaaz at 460-5429.

Food for Kids program needs support

For the fifth year, Genesis-Thomas County food bank will sponsor the Summer Food for Kids program. About 400 bags packed with ready-to-eat items will be needed. Drop donations of money, fruit or pudding cups, granola or cereal bars, fruit snacks, raisins, cracker packs and Pop Tarts off from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the 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.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant
Atwood, KS 67730
(785) 626-3211

Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Dr. Miller Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist Mammograms	4 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	5 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	6 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Nuclear Medicine Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI's	7
8	9	10 Dr. Sean Denney Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	11 Dr. Frankum Surgery	12 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	13	14
15	16	17 Dr. Miller Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	18 Dr. Anaya Cardiologist	19 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	20 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Nuclear Medicine Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI's	21
22	23	24 Dr. Sean Denney Cardiologist Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	25 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	26 Dr. Sis and Hagler, Optometrist	27 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab MRI'S	28
29	30 Dr. Frankum Surgery	<p>Sunday, June 15th</p>				

To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician,
PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211
Lyndsi Colgan, Centralized Scheduler

LOCAL TV Listings

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Monday Evening											June 16, 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 Mom		Mike	Mike	48 Hours		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson					
KSNK/NBC	Stanley Cup						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	Day-Tomorrow						Day-Tomorrow							
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Finding Bigfoot		Wildman	Wildman				
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Ladies of London		Happens	Housewives/OC	Ladies					
CMT	Flicka						Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360					
COMEDY	Futurama Futurama		South Pk South Pk		South Pk South Pk		Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk				
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Vegas Rat Rods		BikerLive		BikerLive							
DISN	Dog	Austin	Camp Rock				Austin	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck				
E!	E! News	The Soup	Escape Club		Escape Club		Chelsea	E! News		Kardas				
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCenter					
ESPN2	College Baseball						Olbermann		World Cup Tonight					
FAM	Switched at Birth		The Fosters		Chasing Life		The 700 Club		The Fosters					
FOOD	Rewrapped Unwrapped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Cutthroat Kitchen					
FX	Horrible Bosses				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		Big Rig	Big Rig	Swamp People		Swamp People					
LIFE	Hoarders		Hoarders		Little Women: LA		Hoarders		Hoarders					
MTV	16 and Pregnant				16 and Pregnant				Awkward.	Awkward.				
NICK	Awesome Full H'se		Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends					
SCI	Van Helsing		Priest				Resident Evil							
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail				
TBS	Cleveland Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Holmes	Conan				
TCM	Blackout				Man Bait				Stolen Face					
TLC	To Be Announced		Sex Sent Me to the E		Best Fune	Best Fune	Sex Sent Me to the E		TBA	TBA				
TNT	Major Crimes		Major Crimes		Murder in the First		Major Crimes		Murder in the First					
TOON	King/Hill King/Hill		Cleveland Cleveland		Fam. Guy Boondocks		Amer. Dad Fam. Guy		Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods					
TV LAND	The Nanny The Nanny		Boss		Raymond Raymond		King King		Cleveland Jennifer					
USA	WWVE Monday Night RAW						Graceland		NCIS: Los Angeles					
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop		Hit the Floor		Love, Hip Hop					
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Salem		Salem					
Premium Channels														
HBO	Rock	Last Week		The Normal Heart				Game of Thrones		Last Week				
MAX	WarGames			Bullet to the Head			Banshee							
SHOW	Silver Linings		Benny Drandful		Nurses	Californ	Benny Drandful		Nurses	Californ				

Where is God when you need him?

They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed (Psalm 22:5).

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4) is often heard within the context of death but, there are other contexts that remind us that we’re bound for the grave (Romans 6:23). There are let-downs, failures, trials and troubles of all kinds brought on by our own or some other sinner’s sinful choices or by the fact we’re walking through a sinful world full of deadly shadows.

While in those contexts we likely get uptight because we struggle to trust God, and that triggers questions. Does God really love and care for me? Where is God when I need him? He seems AWOL, indifferent – or worse, out to get us. All the promises we’ve heard and read are just not registering with us.

This is due in part to getting wrapped around our egos. We’re feeling sorry for ourselves like Elijah did when God called him to Mount Horeb. God answered Elijah’s questions not in bold ways as might be expected of God, but in a seemingly insignificant whisper.

God answers our questions in a seemingly insignificant manner on an insignificant mountain. God whispered on Mount Calvary, “I do care and love you.” That’s hard for us sinners



Robert Alexander

• From the Pulpit

to wrap our minds around because we don’t think like God.

Like the disciples, we’d sooner be heads above troubles, not knee deep in them like we often find ourselves. Well, the cross was as knee deep as it gets. In shedding his blood he proved beyond a “shadow” of doubt that he loves all sinners and that he will always do what’s best for us, not what we think is best.

Going beyond a “shadow” of doubt to express his love and care means he gets us through each deadly context. Just as he saw himself through death with his resurrection he will see us through every trouble, walking with us, guiding us, and leading us. In this we can find comfort (Psalm 23:4) that is beyond all shadows.

In one respect we have reason to feel sorry for ourselves. As a sorry bunch of sinners we don’t deserve anything good out of the Good

Shepherd. We deserve the worst context possible – hell – the ultimate of his wrath. But that’s not the context God puts us in. He puts us under the cross where Jesus took on what we deserved.

Considering this context we need not be uptight; we can be at peace knowing that God judges us to be beyond a “shadow” of doubt innocent and destined to skip through the grave and on our way to heaven. Indeed we can skip through any context knowing that the one skipping with us is the Good Shepherd who laid his life down for us so that we don’t just survive but thrive, thrive in that our trust and faith in him is strengthened to skip through the valley of the shadow of death to a land of no shadows and no sin.

Will we have letdowns in this life? Will we have troubles? Yes, it’s the way of the world – it’s the way of sinners like you and me. But God will never let us down. His promises are sure. He is sure. Whatever the context, he is sure to love and care for us.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

Show and tell at studio



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
Local artist Marlene Carpenter talked about her work last Friday in Rebel Jay’s art room at Colby Community College, after she and several people each tried to draw something in the classroom. They were using Amy Bertrand’s technique for making somewhat abstract color drawings with markers. Bertrand, a Colby native, was the featured artist at this month’s Studio Friday at the college.

Colby Middle School honor roll released

Here is the Colby Middle School Honor Roll for the fourth quarter. To make the Orange & Black Club, students needed a 3.0 (B) grade average. For the Academic Club, they had to have all A’s, with no more than one B. Top Academic students are the girl and boy in each grade with the highest average.

Sixth Grade

Top Academic – Isabel Dixon, Michael Carstens.

Orange & Black Club – Brielle Bange, Brysen Barton, Faith Brackett, Neo Brown, Jersey Carney, Paige Castigliano, Konnor Griffin, Karson Haggard, Lewis Haines, Zoey Hillis, Ellie Keen, Riley Kraft, Cade Lanning, Nathan Lee, Amanda Leija, Jonathan Ortner, Kelly Palmgren, Shelby Sanguinetti, Kailey Shields, Jadon Sirtua, Ryan Voss, Blaise Vrbas, Mason Wright.

Academic Club – Aden Basgall, Brandon Brier, Elizabeth Brown, Michael Carstens, Isabel Dixon, Meghann Elling, Brittany Foss, Emeline Hutton, Kylee Kogler, Bailey Menges, Bryson Metcalf, Laurel Myers, Kaitlyn Nelson, Calvin Stapp, Drew Starbuck, Mandy Summers, April Swartz, Hallie Vaughn, Thane Wildeman.

Seventh Grade

Top Academic – Kellyn Wahlmeier, Jordan Schippers.

Orange & Black Club – Tayler Biebler, Heath Bolyard, Sayde Boutte, Tucker Branum, Tyler Britt, Shaylynn Campbell, Caitlyn Comfort, Marina Conner, Samantha Coulter, Emma Dixon, Alex Ferguson, Joselin Garcia, Kensey Garrett, Nicole Griffin, Jazmine Harper, Jalen Havel-Stephens, Zackary Johnson, Alyssa Kraft, Isaac Rosales, Abby Rose, Paige Schroer, Dalton Schuette, Nico-

lette Stapp.

Academic Club – Brooke Alexander, Karen Baca, Taylor Barnett, Maia Cape, Alexis Carney, Macy Catlin, Wendy Chavez, Tommy Cline, Kory Finley, Seth Hutfles, Paeton McCarty, Jayln Mettlen, Makenna Mettlen, Rynanne Meyer, Trey Miller, Kainin O’Malley, Nataly Oliver, Josh Olson, Trinity Pfeifer, Aaron Platt, Austin Reed, Jordan Schippers, Kurt Schroeder, Carter Stanley, Mariah Thompson, Jake Tubbs, Kellyn Wahlmeier, Jessi Weis, Abigail Wetter, Gage Winger, John Tyler Zerr.

Eighth Grade

Top Academic – Alexandra Finley, Hayden Reinert.

Orange & Black Club – Jack Albers, Karmen Barraza, Julian Bixenman, Trista Boehme, Cadyn Dixon, Carrienne Farrow, Desiree Foster, Anna Giersch, Austin

Hamel, Zach Hart, Dru Keen, Erin Krannawitter, Madisyn Lemman, Distiny Liester, Shevin Martin, Braylyn Mayer, Carson McLaughlin, Lander Niblock, Stacia Oren, Camille Rager, Alec Ratzlaff, Jaden Reeh, Hanna Rehmer, Elizabeth Sanie, Kora Schindler, Kyler Staab, Lucas Taylor, Rachel VanEaton, Braedon Vogler, Daniel Westerlund.

Academic Club – Austin Brier, Bailey Britton, Bryce Brown, Cassandra Dillinger, Lynnsey Elling, Alexandra Finley, Parker Hamel, Jordan Hartwell, Chloe Imhof, Alexyss Kraft, Abbie Kummer, Kaiser Lopez, Bryce Niermeier, Natalie Oren, Patyn Pfeifer, Sean Rall, Hayden Reinert, Rayanna Schmidt, Karissa Singer, Job Thompson, Caitlin Tinkham, Courtney Tinkham, Morgan Voss, Cassie Wells, Madison Zimmerman.

Fake cop tries to arrest mayor

WEAVER, Ala. (AP) – Police in eastern Alabama arrested a man they say impersonated an officer and tried to arrest the mayor.

The Anniston Star (http://bit.ly/1qtly3Y) reports that police say 59-year-old Bobby Beck showed up at City Hall in Weaver on Tuesday<j10> with a badge and a pistol on his belt and said he wanted to talk to Mayor Wayne Willis. When told the mayor wasn’t available, he held up a pair of handcuffs and said he’d be back later to arrest him.

He was being held on felony charges of impersonating a peace officer, making a terrorist threat and carrying a pistol without a permit. It wasn’t immediately clear if he has a lawyer.

Police Chief Wayne Bush says Beck told police he worked for the

FBI and planned to arrest Willis for working part-time as mayor.

THANK YOU
to all our friends
& family for the
beautiful cards
& notes on our
60th Anniversary,
it made our day
complete.

Donna & Jerry
Mangus

FRESH OREGON FRUIT

The Hoxie United Methodist Women are selling fruit from Bithell, Oregon.
To place your order, contact
Sueanne Hill at (785) 675-2184 or
Ronda Johnson at (785) 675-2274.
Deadline is June 25.

Corrections

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

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.75
Corn (bushel)	\$4.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.25
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.15



Colby Community College and
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
6th Annual Fishing Derby

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Kansas Pioneer Chapter of Pheasants Forever (Fish Stocking Donation)

The Bank (Bait Donation)

Walmart (Prize Drawing Donation)

Wilderness Spirit Taxidermy
(Tagged Fish Awards)

Photos of the event may be accessed at:

- Go to www.colbycc.edu
- Click on Facebook icon at bottom of page
- Click on 6th Annual Kids Fishing Derby



Rexford Community Church

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 285 E. 5th - Colby Community Building. Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children’s Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

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Other Viewpoints

Teacher shortage offered relief in law

When Kansas' public schools open their doors in August, it's possible some students in grades eight through 12 will be introduced to a teacher who has no classroom experience and hasn't been trained for the job.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. The 2014 Legislature passed a law that allows school districts to hire professionals to teach science, math, technology, engineering and finance in grade eight through 12. The professional must have a bachelor's degree in the subject he or she will teach and five years of work experience in that field. Schools also can hire as teachers for vocational education classes people who have earned an industry-recognized certificate that verifies their skills and have at least five years of work experience in their field.

Some schools have difficulty hiring science, math, technology and engineering teachers and vocational education instructors. The law will help schools solve that problem and will put in the classrooms professionals who can give students the benefit of their experience in the field as well as the theory.

Granted, not all professionals will be suited to the classroom experience. But not everyone who comes out of college with a degree in education is suited to the classroom experience, either.

Effective teaching requires a blend of knowledge and skills, and that blend is not limited to people with teaching degrees. There's no reason to believe students wouldn't enjoy learning from someone who had actual experience in a field the students were considering as a career.

Some professionals will learn the classroom isn't for them. That's fine, a teaching contract isn't a multiyear commitment. Other professionals might excel in the classroom. That's a win for everyone involved.

The communications director for the Kansas National Education Association thinks people can't teach effectively without the proper education in teaching, learning theory and classroom management strategies.

The Kansas Association of School Boards supports the changes, however, and its lobbyist thinks school districts can be trusted to determine if a job candidate would be a good teacher.

We think hiring professionals for difficult-to-fill teaching positions is worth a try and may prove to be a great idea.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press*

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Several Colby flyers lost in war

This is my 12th column on the history of the Thomas County Courthouse and the series of the heroes from Thomas County listed on the war memorial there, now covering the stories of those who died in World War II. This information comes from a book organized by a memorial committee in 1991. Permission to use this material was given by Leland Kindler, a member of that committee.

Tech. Sgt. Samuel Lester Barnett was born near Rexford on Oct. 27, 1917, to Lester and Grace Edele Barnett. He graduated from Colby in 1937.

In 1941 he volunteered for the Army Air Corps and was an aerial engineer aboard a B-17. On Aug. 17, 1943, flying out of a North Africa base on his 49th mission, he was killed in action.

Relatives who are now deceased are his parents; brothers Lynn and twins Victor and Vernon all of whom were in the service; and Wilbur and Morris.

Relatives remaining are two sisters, Helen Klein of San Diego and Grace Jones of Colby; a brother, Bernard (Marian) Barnett, Alabaster, Ala.; sisters-in-law Vernon's widow, Mildred (Barnett) Green and Morris' widow, Anna Mary Barnett, of Colby, and Victor's widow, Olivett Barnett of Ft. Morgan, Colo., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lt. John L. Beckner was born in Gove County to Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Beckner on Aug. 22, 1918. They moved to Colby where John graduated from the Colby schools.

Lt. Beckner was a member of the 12th Air Force stationed in North Africa. Serving as



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

a navigator on a bomber, his plane was shot down while returning from a combat mission on Aug. 28, 1943. He received the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding service to his country.

At that time he was survived by his parents and his sister Louise. He is buried in the military cemetery in St. Avold, France.

Pvt. 1st Class Wesley Beal was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wes Beal on Sept. 29, 1917. He attended Colby schools, and graduated in 1939.

He entered the Army on Dec. 16, 1942, and was stationed in the North Africa area. Wesley was a guide and a guard for an ammunition dump. He was accidentally injured and three weeks later died of complications on Sept. 3, 1943. Wesley is buried in Oron, Algeria.

At that time, he was survived by his wife Dorothy; son John; father; sisters, Grace, Anna, Mary, Florence, Vera, Jane and Geraldine; and brothers, Bethel, Ed, Wylie, Wesley and Byrd.

Staff Sgt. Thomas S. Freeman was born in Canada, and at the age of 6 came to Brewster. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1935. He graduated from Fort Hays State University and went on to Kansas University

where he received his law degree in 1942.

Thomas was a tail gunner on a Liberator bomber. On his 10th mission over the Kuni-maipa River in New Guinea on Nov. 22, 1942, his plane and entire crew were lost.

Freeman had full military honors at the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii. His sister, Irene Guise, was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for her brother's military merit.

At that time, he was survived by his brother, Lt. j.g. Robert R. Freeman, his sister, Irene, and his aunt, Margaret R. Guise.

Lt. Garland Clair Schrock was born to Glenn and Sylvia Schrock on March 30, 1919, near Selden. He graduated from Selden in 1938.

Schrock was inducted into the service Jan. 15, 1941, at Fort Leavenworth. He received his wings as a fighter pilot at Yuma, Ariz. He was sent to the New Hebrides Island in the South Pacific. He was flying out of Guadalcanal when he was reported missing in action Jan. 28, 1944.

Family members now deceased are his wife Mary; his parents; sisters Eldine, Maurine, and Bonavee; and brothers, Maurice, who was also in the service, Harold and Gary.

Relatives still living are a sister Vinita, Lebanon; a brother, Phillip, Lodi, Calif.; a niece and her daughter, Carol Clair (Neil) Cameron and Bonnie Lewis, and a nephew, Clair Schrock, all of Colby; and Donita Comfort of Gem. Numerous other nieces, nephews, and cousins remain.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby for decades and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here.

Recognized teacher has Colby ties

To the Editor:

The May 19 *Colby Free Press* had a front-page item titled "Outstanding Senior from Colby." In the item you mentioned Dr. Cheryl Duffy, professor of English, winning the Pilot Award, which expresses personal recognition and gratitude from graduating seniors to those who commit themselves as educators, counselors and friends.

Dr. Duffy graduated from Hill City High School and then from Colby Community College as Cheryl Hofstetter. She returned to Colby College and taught English for several years. She was married to John Towns.

Cheryl left Colby to teach at Fort Hays State University. John was killed in a motorcycle accident. Cheryl has had a successful life. Not only did she earn her doctorate, she also became a mother and remarried. She deserves the honor of the Pilot Award.

I just thought you might want this information. I am sure Colby and the college are proud of Jordan Voss for receiving the Torch Award as outstanding graduating senior and Cheryl Duffy. I know I am.

Roger Hale, Colby
retired CCC psychology instructor

State budget in trouble

To the Editor:

Lots of people are buzzing about headlines that appeared in newspapers across the state this past week. Finally, the worsening fiscal condition of the state seems to be getting widespread attention.

Former state budget director Duane Goossen, in a talk with the League of Women Voters,



Free Press Letter Drop

• Our readers sound off

ers, forecast that the state will be in the red in one year. The following day Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan attacked Goossen's credibility and denounced his projections as untrue.

Duane Goossen is one of the most credible people who has served our state. He worked as budget director under three governors – Democrat and Republican – and served 14 years in the Kansas House of Representatives as a Republican, mostly on the budget-writing committee. He served as one of the six revenue forecasters for 12 years. His numbers and projections are consistently accurate and reliable.

State tax revenues fell \$217 million short of projections in May. The drop in revenues for both April and May puts tax revenues \$310 million below estimates for the fiscal year with only one month left. That is an undisputed fact.

But Jordan said it wasn't the fault of Gov. Sam Brownback's tax plan but was due to changes in federal tax policy that caused many taxpayers to take capital gains the prior year. Jordan also quoted a Rockefeller Foundation study to support his position.

This claim did not hold up under scrutiny.

Several newspapers reported that an analyst with the foundation said Kansas leaders mis-

represented her research on the cause of the state tax revenue drop. "In Kansas it's really not of that much importance," the analyst said, referring to the capital gains tax changes in a phone call to a reporter at the *Wichita Eagle*.

So, why are Brownback revenue officials misleading the public? It boils down to the November election.

Brownback made his income tax reduction plan the centerpiece of his administration's accomplishments – putting Kansas on a "glide path to zero" in order to grow the state. However, study after study shows that cutting taxes doesn't produce economic growth. And the severity of the cuts is eating away at the things Kansans hold dear – good schools, quality roads, and services for vulnerable populations. Without these, quality of life suffers.

Goossen is right about the revenue forecasts leaving the Kansas budget in the red in a year.

The Rockefeller Foundation analyst is right about the cause of the downturn being Brownback's tax plan, not federal policy.

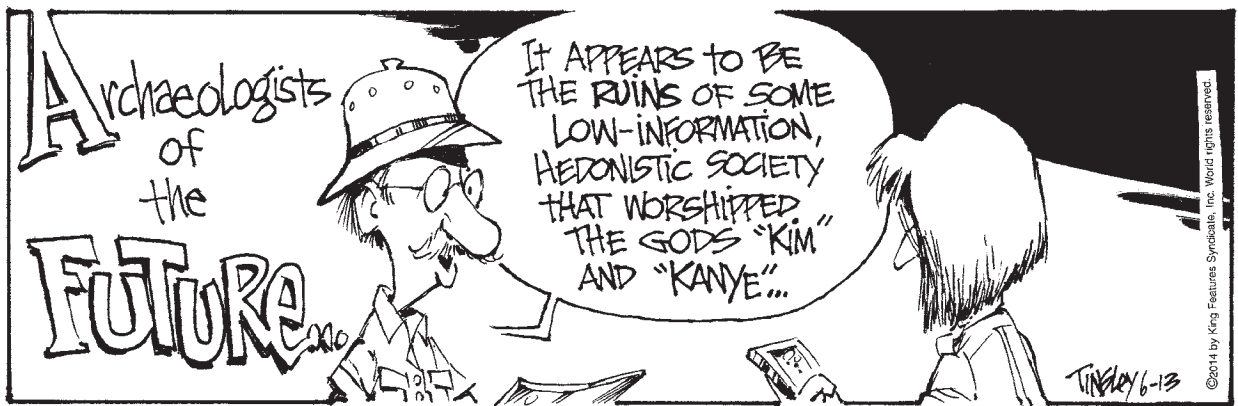
Last year the revenue department estimated that the drop in revenues attributable to the treatment of capital gains was about \$30 million, not \$217 million. Even if no one reported capital gains for 2013, the fiscal note would only be about \$100 million – not \$217 million, the actual size of the shortfall.

In the eight years I served as Secretary of Revenue, (2003-2010) I always gave straightforward, honest answers. It is sad to see revenue officials misleading Kansans about the fiscal condition of the state in order to sway public opinion prior to the election.

Joan Wagnon, Topeka
former Kansas Revenue Secretary

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
June 3
5:13 p.m. – Caller following possible drunk driver. Warning issued on traffic stop; not drunk.
8:36 p.m. – Civil stand-by.
June 4
12:41 a.m. – Caller reported an intoxicated subject. Unable to locate.
2:56 a.m. – Security check at Sleep Inn.
3:09 a.m. – Assisted motorist with a bracket on vehicle.
8:43 a.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
8:44 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.
9:20 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.
11:10 a.m. – Civil standby.
11:15 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Unable to catch the dog.
11:47 a.m. – Caller reported medication missing. Theft report filed.
10:58 p.m. – Caller reported a confused subject; taken home.
11:23 p.m. – Narcotics violation

Senior Progress Center

Enjoy pinochle Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.
Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pinochle. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.
Menus for the week: **Monday:** Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, cook's choice vegetable, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** taco salad, Mexicali corn, chips, Jell-O with fruit. **Wednesday:** goulash, broccoli, cook's choice complement, fruit crisp. **Thursday:** turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned carrots, pineapple upside down cake. **Friday:** chicken salad sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, ambrosia fruit salad.

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report filed on traffic stop.
Thursday, June 5
1:04 a.m. – Accident.
3:54 a.m. – Caller reported seeing a lightning strike northeast of Colby with an orange glow proceeding. Unable to locate.
7 a.m. – Caller reported window shot out on vehicle. Report filed.
9:30 a.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
4:23 p.m. – Caller reported vicious dog at large. Report filed.
6:35 p.m. – Caller reported possible violation of protection from abuse order.
6:39 p.m. – 911 Caller reported theft. Six officers responded.
10:20 p.m. – Open door: clerk called wanting a walk through. Everything OK.
10:23 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle. Everything OK.
Friday, June 6
12:28 a.m. – Score boards on at the ball diamonds. Did not see anyone in the area.
12:29 a.m. – Warrant arrest made on traffic stop.

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.
Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day 6-16 Red Barn before.

Red Barn
Activities for the week: **Sunday:** Father's Day; Vesta Roth's birthday. **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter. **Saturday:** summer begins.

4:30 p.m. – Caller reported a car with flat tire been parked for four or five days. Spoke to owner; will get it moved.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
May 29
11:17 a.m. – Unattended death: caller wanted welfare check on father in Gem. Coroner notified.
7:44 p.m. – William Aswegan arrested on warrant.
May 30
8:30 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Dustin Lee Munk.
9:42 p.m. – Walk through at Frontier Ag in Menlo
9:57 p.m. – Walk through at Colby Fertilizer.

Thief overdraws diaper bank account

By Tom Foreman Jr.
Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) – Authorities in North Carolina are searching for whoever made a massive, unauthorized withdrawal from a diaper bank.
The Diaper Bank of North Carolina says 13,000 diapers were stolen last weekend. The Durham-based nonprofit provides diapers to struggling families.
Founder and executive director Michelle Old said she went Monday to pick up an order to be distributed to a homeless shelter. She found the order had been strewn across the floor, and various sizes of diapers were missing.
Old said losing the sizes 4 and 5 diapers was especially difficult because babies can stay in them for up to a year and they are hard to keep in stock.
“We already struggle and usually are low on those, but they completely took every diaper,” Old said.
In addition, Old said thieves stole all the diapers from a reserve room that holds extra diapers and that no one outside the organization knows about.
A group of volunteers from a church had been in the building last Saturday helping to re-wrap

10:26 p.m. – Alarm at Golden Plains Public Schools. Everything OK.
May 31
11:35 a.m. – Helped Colby Police on suspicious person call in the 2100 block of S. Range.
11:52 a.m. – Civil stand-by.
9:41 p.m. – Walk through at Bartlett Grain.
9:48 p.m. – Walk through at Roadrunner.
9:54 p.m. – Walk through at Mattson Farms.
June 1
5:21 a.m. – Caller reported sister being beaten by boyfriend in Gem. Report filed.
8:01 a.m. – narcotics violation

6,000 packaged diapers for distribution in the community, Old said, adding that the shelves were full on Saturday.
Old said some people told her the diapers have turned up at local yard sales, and were being sold on the street.
“A couple of people, since hearing about this, have contacted us and say they have been approached in the downtown area with people selling our diapers. Our tags are still on them,” she said, adding that one woman told her they were going for \$4 a package.
The diaper bank was formed

report filed on traffic stop I-70 eastbound mile 51.
3:03 p.m. – Child car safety seat inspection at 1120 Maize Road.
6:43 p.m. – Business check at Frontier Ag, Brewster.
8:14 p.m. – Business check at Frontier Ag, Menlo.
10:08 p.m. – Business check at Hi-Plains Co-op, Gem.
June 2
7:39 a.m. – Transported prisoner to Sedgwick County.
8:36 a.m. – Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby; court cancelled, prisoner was returned to Atwood before arriving here.
10:04 a.m. – Business check at

1535 County Rd. 2, Brewster.
11:09 a.m. – Provided directions for motorist at I-70 and County Rd. 11.
11:28 a.m. – Caller reported stalled vehicle, subject walking toward Levant at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 11.
11:28 a.m. – National Crime Information Center hit on stranded vehicle report at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 11.
11:49 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed for above item.
1:44 p.m. – Helped Colby Police at Wal-Mart.
4:41 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Daniel McClure.

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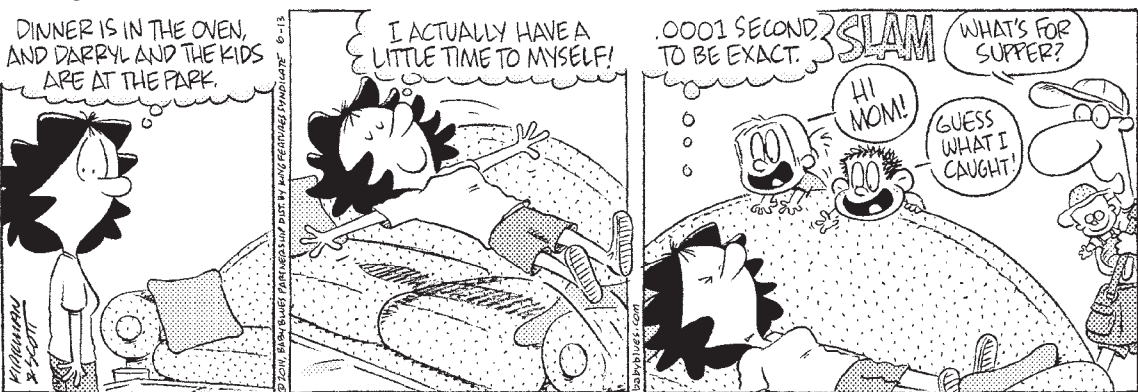
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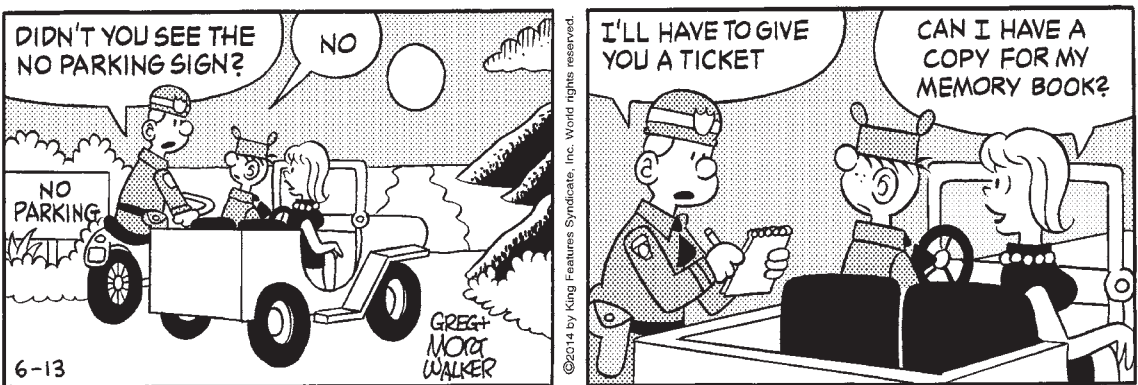
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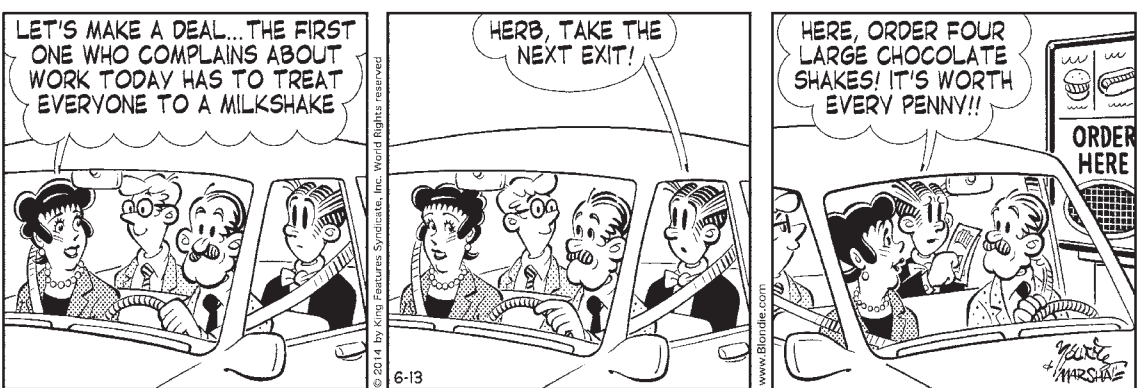
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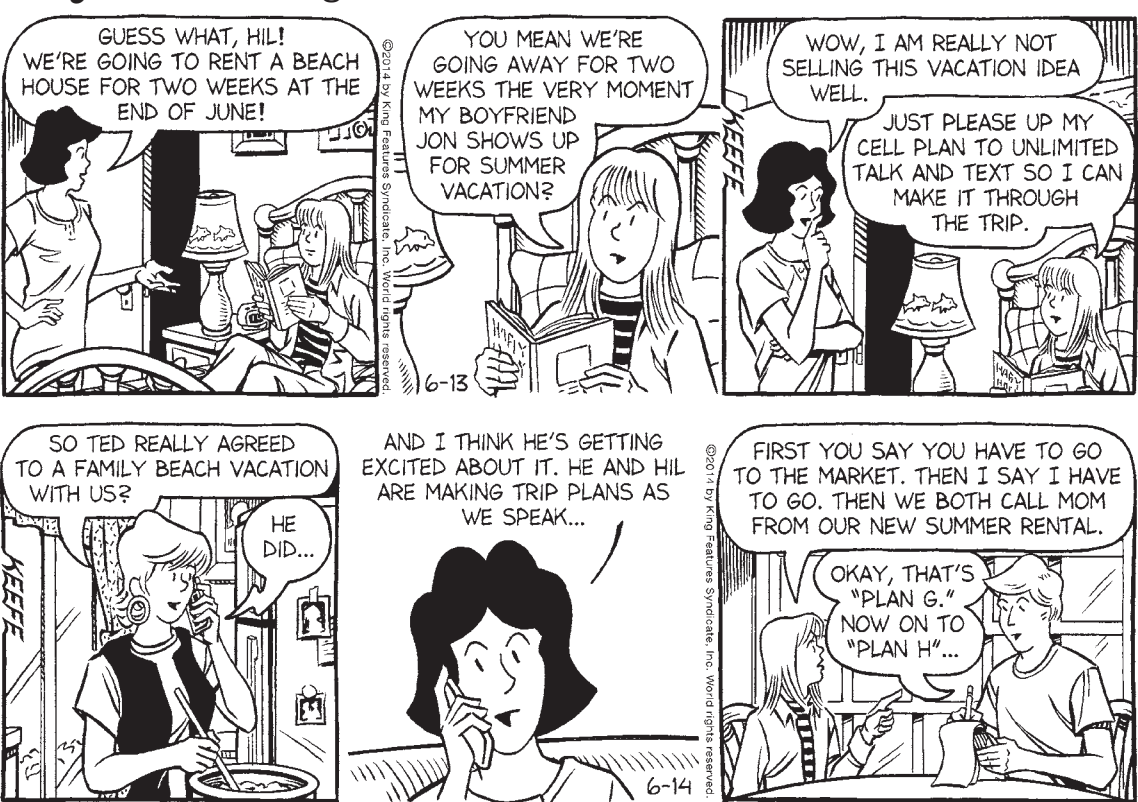
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Cool off car when it's hot

Dear Heloise: My car gets so hot in the summer. Do you have any hints on how to cool down a car quickly? – Jessie in Alabama

Who doesn't hate getting into a hot car? As soon as you get in the car, roll down the windows. Then turn the AC on high. You need to get the air moving to get all the hot air out. You also can open and close the door quickly to create airflow. This should help cool the car quickly.

When you live in the South and have many days over 100 degrees, the following hints can help make sure that your car doesn't get that hot. First, when parking, try to park in the shade as much as possible. Use a sun shade to block the sun's rays and keep the dash and steering wheel cooler. You also can crack the windows slightly, if you feel comfortable doing so. Hope this helps you stay cool this summer! – Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Whenever I go on a trip, I pack an empty shoe box in my suitcase. This leaves room for souvenirs or other things I might buy. It also can be used to protect breakables. On one trip, the insole of my shoe wore out, and some of the nails were poking through, so I traced my foot on the cardboard of the shoebox, cut it out and slipped it into my shoe. It worked fine for the rest of the trip. I'm sure your readers can think of even more things to use a shoe box for. – Shoshana S., via email

What a great hint! Readers, what do you think? What other uses can you come up with for an old shoe box? – Heloise

GOLF-CLUB COVER

Dear Heloise: My husband is a golfer. He had a lot of extra golf-club covers. I decided to take some and use them to cover faucets. I cover the outside faucets, not only in winter, but also year-round. My small children love to play outside, and I like knowing that they can't hit them and get hurt, or turn them on. The covers also work on the inside tub faucets. After filling the bathtub, I slide one over to pad it in case one of the kids slips in the tub. – Paula in Texas

DETANGLED

Dear Heloise: I've had issues with items getting tangled in the washer, mostly drawstrings and cloth belts, etc. I found a solution: I fold the belt (or other item) back and forth a few times and stick a safety pin through it. It becomes short enough to not tangle, and the loops are small enough to not wrap around anything. Unlike a rubber band, a safety pin doesn't prevent it from getting clean. Also, a good safety pin will last longer than a piece of rubber. – Mark in New Hampshire

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Diamonds, the bidding having gone:

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	2 ♣	3 ♦	4 ♣
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	

North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A K J 7	♠ Q 10
♥ 8 5 2	♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3	♦ A 10 7 5 2
♣ —	♣ Q 8 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads the queen of hearts, which you ruff. When you next play the ace of spades, North discards a low heart. How would you continue?

West	East
♠ A K Q 10 7 3	♠ 5 4
♥ —	♥ K 9 6 2
♦ A Q 8 6	♦ K 7
♣ Q 10 2	♣ A K J 9 4

Test Your Play

1. Ruff the club, lead the queen of diamonds and finesse if North follows low. If the finesse succeeds, you score 12 tricks by playing another round of trumps and cashing four spades, discarding two hearts from dummy.

If the diamond finesse fails, losing to the singleton king, you're still on firm ground since the only tricks you can lose are a diamond and a heart. (If North shows out on the queen-of-diamonds lead, you put up dummy's ace and run your spades to assure 11 tricks.)

If you did not take the diamond finesse, you would go down if North turned up with the K-x of trumps and a doubleton spade, and South had the ace of hearts.

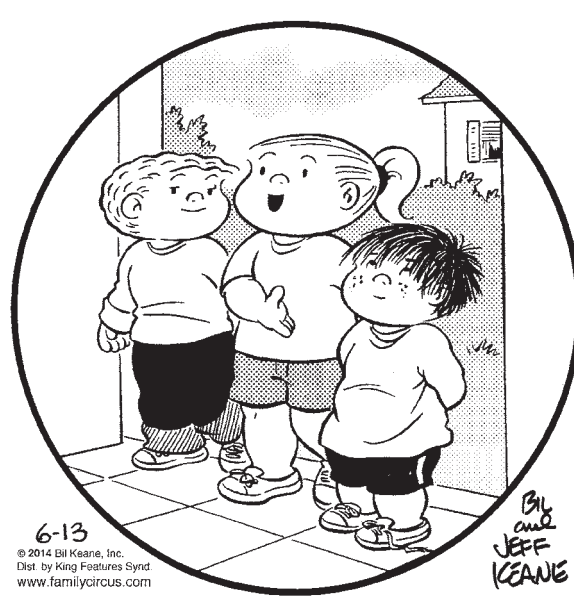
2. Cross to dummy with a club, finesse the ten of spades, cash the K-Q and run the clubs until South ruffs with his last trump. That is the only trick you will lose. Played this way, you are certain of the slam, come what may.

Even if South had no clubs and ruffed the first club lead, you would still prevail by later leading a diamond to the king and taking the marked trump finesse.

The trap to avoid is entering dummy with a diamond at trick three instead of a club. If South had ♠ J9862 ♥ Axxx ♦ xx ♣ xx, you would lose the slam by crossing to dummy with a diamond first since South could then prevent you from ever discarding your fourth diamond on a club.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 6/13

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.

Cryptoquip

B'X NFYVCQF VA MWD VLVV

DACYZ GQAVLFQ WYX MBMVFO

VQFFM OQAGWGJD LWNF

W MWOJBYZ QBNWJQD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I HEAR SEVERAL OLD-SCHOOL RUSSIAN LEADERS GOT TOGETHER AGAIN. I'D CALL IT THE SOVIET RE-UNION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 38 Virile | 2 Praise in verse | 22 Life story, for short |
| 1 Instrumental alternative | 41 A cont. opp. | 3 Idea | 24 Vagrant |
| 6 Handle roughly | 44 Reed instrument | 4 Neighborhood | 26 Beauty pageant attire |
| 9 Be in arrears | 45 Director's call | 5 Suspicious | 28 Range star |
| 12 Worship | 47 Agree | 6 "Serpico" | 30 Sporty Pontiac |
| 13 Foreman foe | 49 Lance | 7 Lotion additive | 32 Link |
| 14 Chap | 52 Shack | 8 Victory | 33 Shade |
| 15 Zell- | 53 Ring decision | 9 Alpha counter-part | 34 Work unit |
| weger or Fleming | 54 Jollies | 10 Merchandise | 36 Parish leader |
| 16 Change | 56 Jam | 11 Strictly - nous | 38 Chocolatey coffee |
| 18 Early Stephen King novel | ingred- | 17 Region between hills | 39 Approximately |
| | ient? | 19 Shakespeare hero | 40 Short adventure tale |
| | 57 Attacked | 21 Moreover | 42 Puts on the line |

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	W	O	R	A	J	B	R	A	M
L	I	M	O	E	R	A	R	E	B
A	P	E	R	S	A	M	U	S	E
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M	A	R	K	G	O	R	T	I	L
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H	E	R	O	I	D	A	I	G	O
I	T	E	M	L	E	T	D	E	L
M	A	D	E	O	W	N	E	D	A

Yesterday's answer 6-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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15						16			17	
		18			19			20		
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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Those colorful fingernails were often lethal as Colby High catcher Andrea Barton threw out plenty of baserunners this spring.

Nine Eagles capture all-conference honors

Colby High's all-Great West Activities Conference softball and baseball players could have covered the entire diamond this spring. **First baseman: junior Darby Sager.** Just like Colby's Jeff Krzycki, no league coach was going to put anyone else at first-team first base. Sager's strong bat and solid defense was a powerful part of the Eagle team. **Second baseman: sophomore Brady Holzmeister.** Silly broken jaw suffered in his last wrestling match wasn't stopping this three-sport athlete from playing all 21 games. Holzmeister hit .341, went nine-for-nine in stolen bases and threw out 17 batters while earning

all-league honorable mention. **Shortstop: senior Haileigh Shull.** Officially, Shull was selected as a "utility" player with Goodland's Brianna White taking the shortstop spot. Yet every coach knew Shull deserved first team, and shortstop is where this .400 hitter ignited the Eagles all season long. **Third baseman: senior Marc Bremenkamp.** A .442 varsity career hitter, the first-team selection capped his brilliant three varsity seasons by batting .451 with an Eagle-leading 26 RBIs in 20 regular-season games. **Catcher: senior Andrea Barton.** Another undisputed first-team choice, and it wasn't because she rarely flinched while inside pitches seemed to hit more than anyone. She made her own impact whether it was clutch hitting, strong defense or super leadership.

When sophomore teammate Elissa Zerr's sizzling liner was caught to end Colby's state tournament hopes, Barton didn't sulk around third base where her Eagle career ended. Instead, she led the post-game encouragement. **Pitcher: senior Luke Cox.** 4A Division II voters selected Cox as their all-state first-team shortstop. A .482 batting average with 13 extra-base hits, 20 RBIs, 25 runs scored, 21 stolen bases and 13 extra-base hits was cer-

tainly worthy. But on the mound, Cox pitched an Eagle-best four complete games and posted a 5-2 record for exactly half of Colby's 10 wins. He struck out 45 in 41 innings. **Outfielder: sophomore Kylee Martin.** The all-league first team couldn't be complete without this non-stop sparkplug. Martin developed into Colby's "ace" pitcher, but she also hit .400 and covered center field superbly. **Outfielder: sophomore Ben Matchell.** An awesome first full varsity season featured a .444 batting average and team-best 28 hits in 20 games. He also committed just one error all season, though his .909 fielding percentage still trailed big brother/junior Josh Matchell's .959. Ben's efforts earned him 4A Division II All-State honorable mention. **Designated hitter: junior Caleb Mazanec.** Martin and either Matchell could probably cover the entire outfield with their speed, though Mazanec could probably handle right field if called upon. However, Mazanec's talents at the plate caught attention from league foes. He batted .441 with his 26 hits that were third on the team behind only Ben Matchell and Cox. Mazanec scored 11 runs and batted home 12 as his role increased all season.

No. 1 team completes Colby K-18 sweep

By R.B. Headley
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Colby K-18's No. 1 Legion baseball team improved to 4-2 this season with 17-1 and 18-1 league wins over the Colby No. 2 team Thursday evening. Neither team had previously played this week, but both will remain busy during this weekend's Colby Tournament. McCook, Neb., and Syracuse are expected to join the two Colby teams in Saturday's round-robin play beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday will bring a 10 a.m. consolation final and the noon championship game.

The Colby K-18 No. 2 team consists mainly of players who moved up from last year's 12-and-under Jayhawk West league champions. Colby Legion baseball leaders decided to create two K-18 teams rather than cutting players. "Hopefully, it (Thursday's doubleheader) was a learning experience to help both teams get better," K-18 Team 1 coach Travis Branum said. However, some less-than-positive fan reactions during game two has created some indecision about whether the two Colby teams will play again in Saturday's tournament. No decision had been announced before today's press time.



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A Colby K-18 Team 2 baseball runner slid into second safely on this play, but the opener of Thursday's league doubleheader belonged to Team 1 with their new "throwback" vest uniforms. No results have been obtained on Thursday's second game.

What's ahead for Colby

Other upcoming Colby Legion Slugger and K-18 baseball games besides those mentioned in above story:
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