



Hospital bills soar for inmate

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Thomas County could be facing heavy medical bills for an inmate who was shot by law enforcement officers in April, but officials do not seem to have decided who will pick up the tab.

Thomas County might have to shell out more than \$100,000 to treat Jeremy Owens, according to early reports of his medical bills. He was brought back to the Thomas County jail on May 8 after a two-week stay at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, according to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, which investigated the incident.

Owens was shot by officers, including a state trooper, April 23, when he allegedly pointed what looked like a handgun at them at the end of a high-speed chase near Edson, in Sherman County. He fled from Colby police following up on a report that a man and woman were soliciting prostitution at truck stops along Interstate 70.

Officers including Colby police, state troopers and Thomas and Sherman County sheriff's deputies chased him nearly to the Edson exit, in Sherman County. Spike strips punctured the pickup's tires, and it wound up in the ditch.

It was later found that the gun

Owens pointed at officers was a toy, according to a statement by the KBI, but when they saw the apparent threat, officers fired, hitting him in the chest and abdomen.

An ambulance was paged out at 10:40 p.m. (Central Time) and Owens was first taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, then flown to Wichita. Officers said his companion, Mary Derr, was arrested at the scene.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department said it is charging Thomas County a total of \$9,390 for off-duty deputies who watched Owens. The bill is \$30 an hour for having off-duty officers watch him while he was in the hospital, for a total of 313 hours. At the Monday, June 2, county commission meeting, County Clerk Shelley Harms said that although this bill has come in, the county is still waiting to learn about the hospital costs.

At meetings in April and earlier this month, commissioners said they expected to pay around \$100,000, but that was a rough estimate.

When interviewed after the April and May meetings, Sheriff Rod Taylor pointed out that any surgery will be expensive, but the medical bills so far are rough estimates. This is not the first time the

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Kansas vets wait for doctor

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA (AP) — The Department of Veterans Affairs says 110 Kansas veterans are waiting for appointments at VA hospitals and clinics for 90 days or more. An additional 977 veterans in Kansas who have enrolled in the VA health care system during the past 10 years have never had appointments.

The audit released today shows

104 patients are on an electronic waiting list at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita. Six are awaiting care through the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System, which has facilities in Topeka and Leavenworth.

The federal department also says 636 veterans who enrolled for care at the Wichita center in the past decade never had an appointment. Another 341 who enrolled in Topeka or Leavenworth have not had an appointment.

Probation in battery case

A Colby man faces three years on probation for shaking an infant after he was sentenced in district court Wednesday morning.

Judge Glenn D. Schiffner gave Gary Eisman 41 months in a state prison, then suspended the term in favor of 36 months on probation. Eisman took a plea deal on Feb. 26, pleading guilty to aggravated battery and reckless bodily harm, court records show. In return for the guilty plea, the state dropped the other two charges, shaking a child and another aggravated battery charge.

Eisman was charged after an Aug. 21 incident, which the ar-

rest warrant alleged caused "great bodily harm."

His attorney, Calvin Williams, said Eisman is working to support his wife and the child, even though he cannot live with them. Williams pointed out that his client would not be able to do so if he were in prison, and his wife is not a U.S. citizen, so she could not get government support.

As part of his probation, Eisman must not have any contact with the infant, along with keeping a regular address and place of employment, and reporting to a court services officer. Court records show he was arrested in September. Reached for comment after the sentencing, Williams said he felt everything he or Eisman wanted to say had already been said in court.



Relay helps fight cancer



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Grant Smith, a cancer survivor, walked around Dennen Field with his granddaughter Abbie Kummer (at left, above), Isabel Rosales and his daughter Margaret Kummer during the second lap of the 2014 Relay for Life in Colby, when survivors walked a lap with their caretakers. Colter Stoll, (left, from left), Taylor Thummel, Alli Franz and Chase Hartwell were on one of the four teams, that took to the track for the annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. Other teams were the Jeff Hartwell Stars, Pink Ladies, Lawson Gang and a team without a name. All 18 walkers were still there early Sunday morning when the relay ended, organizer Christy Gugelmann said. The event raised \$7,048, she said, and included dinner, a silent auction and entertainment: a dance routine by some middle schoolers (below left) who lifted their friend Peyton Pfeifer in to the air. Roxanne Baker pushed her mother Delores Aumiller around the track during the relay.



Student recognized

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An Olathe student with grandparents in Colby has been honored by the University of Kansas for her efforts to educate other college students.

Kayla Sale, who will be a senior at KU next year, was recognized last month as the "Outstanding

Woman in Partnership" for 2014. She is the youngest granddaughter of John and Nancy Sanders of Colby.

The University's Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equity recognized Sale among 16 student honorees. The center also inducted six women faculty, staff and alumnae into its Hall of Fame at a banquet April 10.

It was only after the award

was announced that Sale learned how well she had done in inspiring fellow college students at Haskell Indian Nations University. Once a month last year, she visited students there as a member of the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development, talking to them about her math and science research.



Kayla Sale

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Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph becoming light and variable. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

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

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Breezy.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Breezy.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday: High, 84; Low 50
 Saturday: High, 69; Low 50
 Sunday: High, 66; Low 48
 Precip: Friday 1.08 inches
 Saturday 0.02 inches
 Sunday 1.59 inches
 Month: 3.25 inches
 Year: 7.13 inches
 Normal: 9.84 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 6:17 a.m. 9:11 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 92 percent
 Wednesday 6:17 a.m. 9:11 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 97 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Friday to Sunday 1,661,000 gal.
 (average)
 (Colby Public Works)

Lights spell 'hope' for a 'cure'



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A group of luminaries, bags with electric candles inside them, were arranged on the south grandstands at Dennen Field to spell "hope" Saturday night before the 2014 Relay for Life, and annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. During the lighting ceremony for the luminaries, attendees watched as a group of volunteers rearranged them to spell "cure."

Student recognized for work

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"The idea is that native Americans, there are very very few students in technical fields," Sale said.

Last year, she met twice a month in Lawrence with other members of the initiative, which operates under a grant from the National Institutes of Health, then met with the Haskell students once a month. The idea of sending her to talk with them was that interacting with students helps them out a great deal.

"It was very surprising to learn I'd already been successful in that," she said.

The experience was eye-opening for her, she said; she saw how few fields of study in science the Haskell students had available to them, and the pressure they are under because of their race, something she has never had to deal with.

"I also talked about how it is to be a woman in math and ecology," she said. "I have experienced a lot of prejudice."

Since real science is based not on how people look but a meeting of minds, she added, "if somebody is judging you about the way they perceive you, they're really not a scientist at all."

Although some people seemed to hold her gender against her, Sale said she feels that "the 'old boys' club' is on its way out." Women can get into the field, she said, if they keep pushing until they find a mentor who does not hold their sex against them, or a work opportunity where it is not a problem.

As well as being a volunteer, Sale has a dual major in mathematics and in ecology and evolutionary biology. Her paper was published recently in the journal *Ecology Letters*. Using

an electron microscope, she examined pine tree and juniper needles as many as 40,000 years old which were buried by pack rats near the Snake Mountain range in Nevada. Her goal was to see how the trees had evolved over time.

She said she was the only undergraduate out of the four people credited in the study, having worked with two post-doctoral students and Dr. Joy Ward, whose lab they used. They saw no significant change in the structure of the needles, but found they became more efficient in conserving water and nitrogen over time.

For the last year, Sale has also worked with Dr. Perry Alexander, a computer science professor. Her work in his lab was to set up a computer model to study ibex in northern Kazakhstan to learn how they interact with the plants they eat and the animals that hunt them.

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county has paid medical bills for an inmate, Taylor said, adding that the bills would be the same if Owens had been taken to the hospital here.

Owens was back in Wichita last Monday to see an orthopedic surgeon, according to Taylor, so the costs are still mounting.

City Attorney John Gatz said that the city has not received a

bill for Owens's medical expenses, and he has gotten no indication yet that the anyone will ask the city to pay a share of the costs. Gatz said he was sure there will be a large bill, but would not comment on how the city will negotiate the cost.

Thomas County Attorney Kevin Berens would not comment on how the bills for the hospital will be divided, saying he would give more detailed

information to the commission later.

Officers alleged the pickup Owens was driving had been stolen in Texas. He is being held for aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, fleeing and attempting to elude, theft and selling sexual relations. Derr faces the same charges and has been held in the Thomas County Jail since the day of the chase.

Colorado twisters leave minor injury

By Sadie Gurman

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — Several tornadoes touched down as a line of severe thunderstorms swept through Colorado on Sunday, with one of the twisters hitting near a junior golf tournament and injuring a caddy.

Six of the tornadoes struck in northeast Colorado, while two others hit in Park County in the center of the state, the National Weather Service said. At least three of them caused damage.

Aurora Fire Department of-

ficials said a twister touched down near the Blackstone Country Club, causing one minor injury and flipping an empty trailer.

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.

Remove grave decorations by today

All Memorial Day and other temporary grave decorations at Beulah Cemetery need to be picked up by 5 p.m. today so crews can resume the regular mowing schedule. For questions, call caretaker Deb Henry at 462-3188.

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.

Cost share applications being accepted

The Thomas County Conservation District is taking applications for cost-share assistance through Friday, June 20. Eligible projects include terraces or terrace restoration, diversions, livestock water tanks and wells, and new windbreaks. For the complete list, call the office at 462-7482 or stop by 915 E Walnut in Colby. Contracts approved will expire on June 1, 2015.

Volleyball camp starts at high school

The Colby Eagles summer volleyball skills camp will run through Friday in the Colby High gymnasium. Girls in fifth through eighth grades will participate from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. High schoolers hit the courts from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 each. Get camp forms or information by calling coach Jerry McKee at (785) 899-8195.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

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

Calvary Bible group to perform in Mingo

Evidence, students from Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, Mo., will give a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mingo Bible Church, 420 Main. An offering will be taken; everyone is invited. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2930.

Human resources group to meet

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

Board to meet in Hays

The board of Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services and Northwest Kansas Community Corrections will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at Whiskey Creek, 3203 Vine, Hays. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call Brenda Ulery, (785) 475-8113.

Citizens Foundation to hold silent auction

Come support CMCI at the Citizens Foundation drawing and silent auction during the Citizens Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday at the Meadow Lake Golf Club. Come and browse through items starting at 9 a.m. Winners will be announced after the tournament, and you must be present to win. For information contact, Megan Carmichael at 460-1214.

Drag Main with the Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders' Drag Main returns Friday at the Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Food will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. with the American Legion baseball team assisting. All cars, pickups, horses and bikes are welcome. For information, call Tracey Galli at 462-0450.

Branson entertainers to give concert

A Gospel bluegrass band, the Haining Family, from Branson, Mo., will perform at 7 p.m. Friday at the Brewster Community Church, 511 Third St. An offering will be taken. For information, call Janet Pinkelman at (785) 694-2813 or (785) 694-2720 or go to www.hainingfamily.com.

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Tuesday Evening June 10, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	J. Kimmel	NBA	2014 NBA Finals					Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	NCIS: Los Angeles	Person of Interest	Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		The Night Shift	Local	Tonight Show	Meyers				
KSAS/FOX	Riot	I Wanna Marry Harry	Local							
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Mummy	The Mummy Returns							Freakshow	Freakshow
ANIM	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters				
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/NYC	The People's Couch		Housewives/NYC	Housewives/Atl.				
CMT	Kindergarten Cop				Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report					
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Tosh.0				
DISC	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Siberian Cut	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Raw				
DISN	Lemonade Mouth		Good Luck ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck		
E!	Kardashian	True Hollywood Story	Escape Club	Chelsea	E! News	Kardash				
ESPN	SportCtr	March to Brazil	Tomorrow	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	NFL Insiders	30 for 30	March to Brazil	Olbermann	Baseball Tonight					
FAM	Pretty Little Liars	Chasing Life	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club	Chasing Life					
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped					
FX	Captain America-Avgr		Fargo	Fargo	Fargo					
HGTV	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear	The Hunt	Top Gear	Pawn				
LIFE	True Tori	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA	To Be Announced	True Tori					
MTV	Faking It	Faking It	Faking It	Awkward.	Awkward.	Faking It	9 Days and Nights	Awkward.	Faking It	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Heroes of Cosplay	Heroes of Cosplay	Wil Whe.	Wil Whe.						
SPIKE	Iron Man		Gladiator							
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Holmes	Conan		
TCM	Woman-Windw		Scarlet Street				Make Mine Mink			
TLC	19 Kids and Counting		The Little Couple							
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	Hawaii Five-0			Cold Justice			
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Chowdow.	Chowdow.	Chowdow.	Chowdow.	Chowdow.	Bizarre Foods	Chowdow.	Chowdow.	
LAND	Roseanne	Boss	King	King	Cleveland	Jennifer	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Royal Pains	Playing	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Royal Pains			
VH1	Love, Hip Hop	Love, Hip Hop	Men in Black				Hollywood Exes			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Jurassic Park III		Salem			Salem			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Fast & Furious 6	Game of Thrones	Veep	Veep	Game of Thrones	VICE	Veep			
MAX	Kick-Ass 2	Con Air			Banshee	Lingerie	Topless P			
SHOW	Penny	Alex Cross	Penny Dreadful	Nurse	Californ.	Penny Dreadful				

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Goldbergs	Mod Fam	Goldbergs	Motive		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson				
KSNK/NBC	Fisher	Fisher	People vs. O.J.	Local	Tonight Show	Meyers				
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Local							
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Duck D.	Big Smo	Big Smo	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	
AMC	300		Eragon							
ANIM	Treehouse	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse	Treehouse	Treehouse	Treehouse Masters				
BRAVO	Million Dollar	Million Dollar	Untying	Million Dollar	Housewives/OC	Million				
CMT	Flicka				Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Anthony Bourd.	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Anthony Bourd.					
COMEDY	Key	Key	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk		
DISC	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Naked and Afraid	Dual Survival	Naked and Afraid					
DISN	Tinker Bell and the Lost	Austin	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	Stevens	Lizzie		
E!	E! News	Kardashian	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball		Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	Inside	March to Brazil	Inside	MLS Soccer	World Cup Preview					
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Chasing Life	Melissa	Daddy	The 700 Club	Daddy	Daddy		
FOOD	Restaurant Stakeout	Restaurant Stakeout	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout					
FX	Train Dragon	Train Dragon	Train Dragon		Puss in Boots					
HGTV	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Brother vs. Brother	Property Brothers				
AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers				
LIFE	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA	Celebrity Wife Swap	Little Women: LA				
MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	True Life	Catfish: The TV Show					
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Paul	Splice	Guys Choice 2014	Guys Choice 2014						
SPIKE	Wrath of the Titans	Guys Choice 2014	Guys Choice 2014							
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Holmes	Conan		
TCM	Ride-High Ctry		Deadly Comp.				The Wild Bunch			
TLC	The Little Couple	Couple	Couple	The Little Couple	Couple	Couple	The Little Couple			
TNT	Castle	Castle	Castle	Hawaii Five-0	Cold Justice					
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Trip Flip	Trip Flip	Baggage B	Baggage B	Food Paradise	Trip Flip	Trip Flip		
LAND	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Jennifer	King	King	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Suits	Graceland	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Suits				
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Hollywood Exes	La La	Marry	T.I.-Tiny	Hollywood Exes			

Atwood agriculture manufacturer boosts community employment

By Ron Wilson
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The population estimates are in. Census Bureau data show the most recent estimates of population change in Kansas counties, with a pattern of urban growth and rural population loss — except for a few counties which have bucked the trend.

For example, the northernmost tier of counties in Kansas all demonstrated population loss, with one exception: Rawlins County. Why? At least one source of the population growth in Rawlins County has been an agribusiness enterprise.

Matt Wolters is a co-founder of Surefire Ag Systems in Rawlins County, the site of unexpected growth. Wolters grew up at Atwood, studied agricultural economics at K-State and came back to northwest Kansas. He went to work for another company but saw an opportunity in the fertilizer industry.

Wolters contacted his brother Josh Wolters who had been an engineer with larger companies but was ready to leave the big corporate structure. They went into partnership with their friend, Blaine Ginther. Their idea was to create a system of equipment that could attach to a farmer's existing farm implements to dispense liquid fertilizer.

The three went to work. They set out to cre-

ate a company to produce such a product and found they had complementary skills. Josh Wolters is an engineer and Blaine Ginther had worked in management and sales, while Matt Wolters specialized in operations and strategic management.

The three entrepreneurs launched Surefire Ag Systems to deliver customized equipment for applying crop inputs. They began the business in August 2007 on a farmstead north of Atwood.

"The foundation of our business is configuring a package of components to make a system that attaches to existing equipment to apply liquid fertilizer, chemicals or herbicides," Matt said.

For example, adding their system to a corn planter makes it possible to apply fertilizer also. "Our system can be customized to each specific piece of equipment," Matt said.

Surefire Ag got started at the time when global positioning system guidance and tractor autosteer systems were growing in popularity. Being able to integrate the Surefire Ag systems with those technologies was a key to success. Surefire Ag experienced significant growth and continued to innovate.

"By God's guiding hand, we hired our first electrical engineer in 2011," Matt said. This highly-trained engineer, originally from Hoxie, happened to be moving back to the area when he and his wife decided they wanted to

raise their kids here. He joined SureFire and his skills enabled the company to do more product development. SureFire Electronics was launched in 2012 and SureFire's Quick-Draw system was introduced in 2013. Quick-Draw is an automated, electronically controlled spray tender system which automates batch mixing of crop inputs. The company continues to grow.

"One of our objectives is to be an economic engine for Rawlins County," Matt said. The company now employs 35 people and has sold products to 47 states, six Canadian provinces and beyond. Such market breadth is remarkable for a young company from rural Atwood, population 1,258 people. Now, that's rural.

In addition to generating employment, the company created the Dream Big Education Foundation to support Rawlins County schools. SureFire made a \$100,000 donation which has been used to put smart boards and iPad carts in the grade schools and significantly upgrade the information technology infrastructure in the high school.

"Our people are our greatest asset," Matt said. "We've been blessed with the most dedicated, committed group of people who have come together to make it happen. They grew up with a work ethic and the moral compass to take care of people."

For information about the company, go to www.surefireag.com.

Deaths

Robert L. Ross

Robert L. Ross, 87, a retired civil engineer from Colby, died Friday, June 6, 2014, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born July 1, 1926, to Guy and Jean (Miller) Ross in Oberlin. In 1945, he graduated from Bonner Springs High School.

On Dec. 28, 1955, he married Verna Jean Hansen in Colby, where they lived. He was a civil engineer for McKee and Associates for over 20 years.

He was a quiet man, kind and generous, loyal to friends and family. He took many road trips to attend family events and loved being with "the Ross girls," his five sisters and their families. As a father he was always there. A voracious reader, he could figure anything out and then fix it. He had a large garden and enjoyed sharing juice and jelly from his grape harvests.

In the mid 80s he met Marie Zimmerman and added an enjoy-

ment of dancing to their lives of family, gardening and travel.

Preceding him in death were his wife; his parents; a sister, Ellen Harrington; a brother, Guy Ross; and his longtime companion, Marie Zimmerman.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Ross (Mark Shelton), Dallas; a son, Alan Ross (Phyllis Gunn), Boulder, Colo.; four sisters, Frances Simkins, Rosie O'Neil, Anice Nixon and Virginia Toohey; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the Pioneer Memorial Library, in care of the mortuary, Box 392, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

Marilyn Melia

Longtime Goodland resident Marilyn Melia, 84, wife of garden columnist Kay Melia, died Friday, June 6, 2014, at Life Care Center Evergreen in Evergreen, Colo.

She was born April 23, 1930, at Mankato, the daughter of Amy LaRuby (Chandler) and Murlin Sylvester Johnson. She graduated from Garden City High School and attended Southwestern College in Winfield.

On June 11, 1950, she married Kay Melia in Garden City. In 1960, they moved from Hays to Goodland. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Allegro Music Club.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Surviving family includes her husband, of the home; a son, Marty (Kathy) Melia, Goodland;

daughters Marla (Bob) Cherryhomes Conifer, Colo., and Mindy Melia (Dana Kroner), Westminster, Colo.; a sister, Beverly Schultz, Seattle; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Central Time) Tuesday, June 10, at the church in Goodland, with the Rev. Dustin Petz officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p.m. (Central) today at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

The family suggests memorials to the church or the Goodland Federated Music Club, in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

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



Marilyn Melia

Insects a link for antibiotic resistance

Those pesky house flies buzzing around your home or invading your springtime picnic could be doing more harm to human health than you realize.

According to a recent study by Kansas State University, published in the *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* journal (aem.asm.org/content/early/2014/04/01/AEM.00600-14.abstract), insects carry antibiotic-resistant bacteria from one point to another, including from food animal farms and wastewater treatment facilities, for example, to urban areas.

"There are a number of insects that are commonly associated with animals, such as house flies and cockroaches," said Ludek Zurek, K-State professor of microbial ecology and lead author on the published study. "House flies are common where animal manure is produced, including in cattle, poultry and swine operations. Cockroaches ... have become a common pest in confined swine operations."

Zurek and his colleagues collected house flies and cockroaches from food animal locations, including swine and poultry farms, as well as wastewater treatment facilities that collect waste from multiple sources, including hospitals. The researchers genetically analyzed the bacteria in the digestive tract of the insects and compared them to the bacteria present in the animal feces and wastewater.

"We found these insects carry the same bacteria found in the animal manure," Zurek said. "Then we started sampling insects found in surrounding urban areas, in-

cluding fast food restaurants, and again, we found house flies with multi-drug resistant bacteria."

The house flies collected from wastewater treatment plants carried the same bacteria found in the waste itself, he said. House flies collected several miles from the wastewater treatment plants in surrounding urban areas had a lower prevalence of the antibiotic-resistant bacteria than those from the facilities themselves, but the bacteria still existed in those urban house flies.

The study led the researchers to conclude that insects, primarily house flies, can pick up antibiotic-resistant bacteria and disseminate them to surrounding areas. How serious that link is still needs to be investigated, but the potential is clearly there, Zurek said.

"Cockroaches and house flies are highly mobile, and they are attracted to residential areas," he said. "They are attracted to our food and drinks. They have great potential to move multi-drug resistant bacteria to urban areas."

In addition, Zurek's team showed that bacteria in the house fly digestive tract can exchange antibiotic resistance by horizontal gene transfer. The resistant strains multiply in the fly and can be left behind on food.

Background on resistance

Antibiotics, since their discovery 70 years ago, have saved millions of lives, Zurek said.

"Unfortunately, because of the intensive use of antibiotics in human medicine, we pose high pressure on bacteria, and they respond by developing resistance," he said. "The resistant strains then

survive and are selected by antibiotic treatments. Currently, we have situations where people get infections they die from because the antibiotics are not effective anymore. The bacteria that caused the infections are multi-drug resistant."

According to a 2013 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/threat-report-2013), at least 2 million people become infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and at least 23,000 people die each year as a direct result of these infections in the United States.

Two places where antibiotics are widely used are hospitals and food animal production facilities, Zurek said. Antibiotics in food animal production are not only used to treat infections in animals but also in helping animals grow.

"Antibiotics in low doses are added as feed additives, primarily in poultry and swine diets," he said. "The outcome is that the animals grow faster. At the same time, if you use low doses of antibiotics extensively, that poses selective pressure on bacteria in the digestive tract of these animals and results in antibiotic resistance."

Humans experiencing more problems with antibiotic resistance could be due to many potential reasons, Zurek said, including overuse of antibiotics in human medicine and human connection to antibiotic use in food animals. There are likely many other potential environmental connections as well, so it's hard to pinpoint specific infections and where the

antibiotic resistance originated.

In addition to the insects, Zurek and his research team have also showed that wild birds, such as ravens and crows, carry multi-drug antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

"Wild birds can pick up the antibiotic resistant bacteria from fields where animal manure was used as a fertilizer," he said. "We still don't know how significant these birds are as carriers. We just know there are multiple venues where wildlife can acquire resistant strains and move them around in the environment."

Making strides on the issue

To help eliminate the potential connection to food animal production, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last December released its first request to antibiotic manufacturers to voluntarily remove antibiotics from the list for animal growth promoters. The plan is to phase out antibiotics as a feed additive for growth promotion in United States in the next three years.

The European Union took a precautionary step in 2006 to combat human antibiotic resistance. All European Union countries banned antibiotic use as growth promoters in food animals.

Lowering the use of antibiotics in animal industry will be another step to lower prevalence of antibiotic resistant bacteria in the environment and in human infections, Zurek said, but because antibiotic resistance in human infections is such a serious global health problem that has led to higher patient mortality rates, prolonged hospitalization and increased healthcare costs, it needs to be tackled from many angles.

"Clearly, pest management and trying to minimize the pest populations on farms and outside of the farms is one way," he said. "House flies aren't just a nuisance. They can carry antibiotic resistant bacteria, so they should be taken seriously as a vector."

Tortoise spends days on lam

DAVISON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A 60-pound runaway tortoise is back home in Michigan after disappearing for several days and making it about a half-mile during that time.

The *Flint Journal* reports (bit.ly/1m7CO10) the pet named Franklin strayed May 29 from his home in Genesee County's Davison Township and was found on June 1.

Owner Chris Breuhan says family members

walked his 10-acre property and started putting up flyers to see whether anyone had spotted Franklin. It turns out that the man who found him saw one of the flyers, and Franklin was brought back home.

Breuhan says he was concerned that Franklin might get run over by a vehicle in the rural area, which is roughly 50 miles northwest of Detroit.

"Nothing will eat him," Breuhan said, noting that: "He's too big."

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Other Viewpoints

Parole officers: are arms justified?

Kansas parole officers want the state to provide them with weapons and training so they can protect themselves as they interact with convicted felons.

Parole officers say their job is dangerous – they deal with the same people the judicial system has sent to prison – and the arms and training are justified.

But the Kansas Department of Corrections says no and reportedly has cited the cost as a factor.

It is an issue on which we should have an opinion one way or the other. But we don't because we don't have enough information.

The attorney representing the parole officers cites two incidents in support of arming the officers due to the danger they face. In one incident, which occurred in December, a man whose parole had ended broke a window to reach a second-story ledge of the state parole office in Wichita. The man fell to the sidewalk, without suffering serious injury, during a struggle with officers who were trying to bring him back into the building through a window.

Just how having a weapon, and pulling it, would have improved that situation remains a mystery.

The second incident, also in Wichita, occurred in May when a parole officer went to a home to give a parolee a routine notice to report to his parole officer. Another man, who had recently gotten off parole, and the subject of the visit beat the parole officer, according to a police report. The parole officer suffered bruising and swelling on his left cheek.

What the public doesn't know is how a gun would have improved the situation.

Obviously, the parole officer didn't deserve a beating and nothing here is an attempt to make light of his situation.

However, one incident does not make a case for arming the state's parole officers. If such things happen frequently, the public needs to know about it. Most people probably think that parolees are told as they leave prison when to report to their parole officer and that most meetings occur at the parole office.

If the parole officers and their representative have more compelling evidence to justify arming the officers, they need to present it. As it is, one parole officer with a bruised cheek hasn't been enough to convince the corrections department to part with the money necessary to arm and train the officers. The public also is unlikely to side with the parole officers based on the scant evidence available.

The lack of evidence in support of arming the parole officers causes one to wonder if the officers don't actually have some other goal here, and what it might be.

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

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Has patriotism edged into nationalism?

Lately, I've been mulling over the pluses and minuses of the conventional version of American patriotism.

Like everyone else, I feel obligated to acknowledge the sacrifices made by American troops in past wars. Their willingness to risk their lives to ensure that our nation remains free makes them worthy of the ennobled term "hero."

But, and this is a big but, I remain troubled by how many newspaper and cable news outlets reliably and pathologically regurgitate the standard narrative that all American wars have been fought to defend our liberty and freedom. The stubborn persistence of this narrative limits the parameters of debate in this country. The mindset this narrative evokes in some segments of the U.S. population was hammered home to me many years ago when I was attending Shawnee Mission East High School in my hometown of Prairie Village.

I was in the backseat of a friend's car when we drove past some people protesting against either the war in Afghanistan or the war in Iraq (I'm guessing the war in Iraq, since the war in Afghanistan was extremely popular at that time), and my friend yelled some extremely hostile and bullying remarks out the window to this group. At the time, I wasn't too knowledgeable about politics and I wasn't about to risk a quarrel with my friend, so I kept my mouth shut.



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

Still, the visceral anger that poured out of my normally laid-back friend provided me with an early example of how patriotism can quickly morph into nationalism.

One reason the debate on the morality of American wars is so muted is because of the "soldier as a hero" narrative which, by extension, leads people to take nationalistic stances out of a sense of loyalty to our men and women in uniform. If a war the U.S. is fighting is immoral then, so the reasoning goes, the soldiers fighting in those wars are committing immoral acts. This doesn't square well with the "soldier as a hero," so such subversive thoughts are typically not whispered aloud.

What this narrative fails to discern is that soldiers are heroes not because of their willingness to participate in morally dubious wars, but because they're willing to risk their lives to preserve our country's freedoms. Yet the respect Americans rightfully give soldiers shouldn't be blind to the fact that soldiers, like anyone else, are also capable of behaving

badly and therefore shouldn't be placed above scrutiny. A person can be capable of tremendous courage on the battlefield, while displaying less than admirable characteristics in other areas of life. The majority of soldiers are an admirable lot, but every occupation has a few bad seeds. U.S. soldiers deserve our deep respect, not our idolatry.

The "soldier as a hero" narrative also shouldn't induce Americans to robotically accept that past wars in Vietnam, Grenada, Iraq, the Dominican Republic and Panama had anything to do with making sure our country remained free. Sure, Iraq had given refuge to terrorists in the past, but the late Saddam Hussein's murderous regime was never any match for the most powerful army in the world. As for the other countries mentioned, the idea that they posed any threat to American freedom is laughable.

Patriotism can be a beautiful thing that brings people together and gives people purpose, but it can also be used to vaporize dissent and legitimize a culture of constant warfare.

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'Guns everywhere law' gets big support

In a picturesque open-air picnic area with a creek running through it, hundreds gathered in one of the most memorably political events in Georgia's history. Following prayer, the singing of the national anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Gov. Nathan Deal signed into law, effective July 1, the most liberal gun carry legislation in the country. The popular Safe Carry Protection Act of 2014, known by anti-Second Amendment adversaries as the "Guns Everywhere Law," passed with bipartisan support in the state house 112-58 and in the state senate 37-18.

The legislation still requires a background check and good standing with the law for the license, and is extended to the permit holders of 28 states that issue concealed carry permits. The law exempts government buildings and airport terminals having security personnel, but other government buildings and airport facilities are not exempted. Churches, bars and schools have the right to exclude guns in their facilities should they wish to.

Police are no longer permitted to hold a person "for the sole purpose of investigating whether such a person has a weapons carry license," which was a concern to some law enforcement personnel, but firefighters and emergency responders could be armed. This last measure was in response to a man recently having held firefighters hostage in his home. This would never have happened had they been armed.

Gov. Deal in his address prior to signing the law cited passages of the Declaration of Independence as the authority behind the new law and quoted from its principal author, Thomas Jefferson. "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms, as a last resort, is to protect themselves against the tyranny in government."



Harold Pease

• Liberty Under Fire

The governor then added, "While we still guard against tyranny, America today cherishes this right so that people who follow the rules can protect themselves and their families from those who don't follow the rules." The new law "will protect law abiding citizens by expanding the number of places that they can carry their guns without penalty," he said.

Yes, most Georgians are ecstatic about the new law but other places with more lawlessness are gradually seeing similarly the benefits of an armed citizenry. A few months ago police Chief James Graig of Detroit astounded the anti-Second Amendment people with his advocacy that the citizens be armed to protect themselves in his city. Basically with burglary, rape and murder as high as in New York City, which has a much higher population, and with his force of only 3,000 officers to protect 700,000 and rein in the lawless, he freely admits that it cannot be done without citizen help.

Prior to his becoming the city police chief, response time for Level One priority calls was 58 minutes. Under his leadership it is still unacceptably between 8 and 11 minutes. Basically the victim has already been, robbed, raped or murdered.

"When seconds count, police are just minutes away." The chief says, "It's certainly not saying we can't do our job; it's saying we can't be on every block, every corner, every min-

ute of the day to be able to respond in seconds when someone is confronted with a dangerous situation." To the anti-gun few he argues, "We're not advocating violence. We're advocates of not being victims" (*1st Freedom*, June 2014).

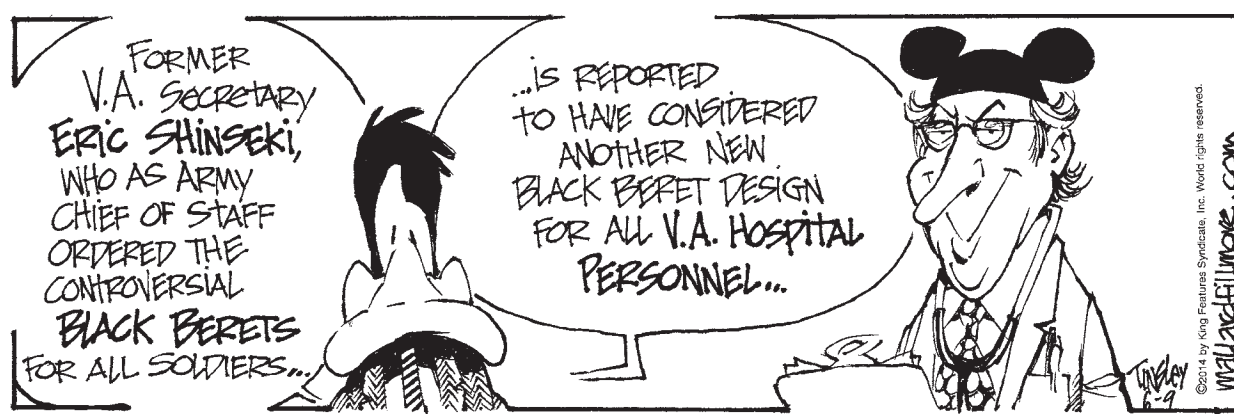
Does law enforcement agree with further arming the citizenry? In a recent survey of 15,000 cops the question was asked. "What would help most in preventing large-scale shootings in public?" Out of eight choices provided, 29 percent chose "more permissive concealed-carry policies for civilians." The next highest category, nearly 20 percent, cited "more aggressive institutionalization for mentally ill persons." All other categories were decidedly lower. With respect to "What effect do you think a federal ban on the manufacture and sale of some semi-automatic firearms, termed by some as 'assault weapons,' would have on reducing violent crime?" Seventy-one percent said none" (*1st Freedom*).

Think about it. Perhaps "Guns Everywhere" laws are the answer to reduced crime. Those with concealed-carry permits must have a virtually spotless record, must have some training and are among our most respected citizens. Why shouldn't we trust them to protect themselves responsibly? We will have a chance to observe crime rates in Georgia and Detroit; my prediction is that in both places crime will go down.

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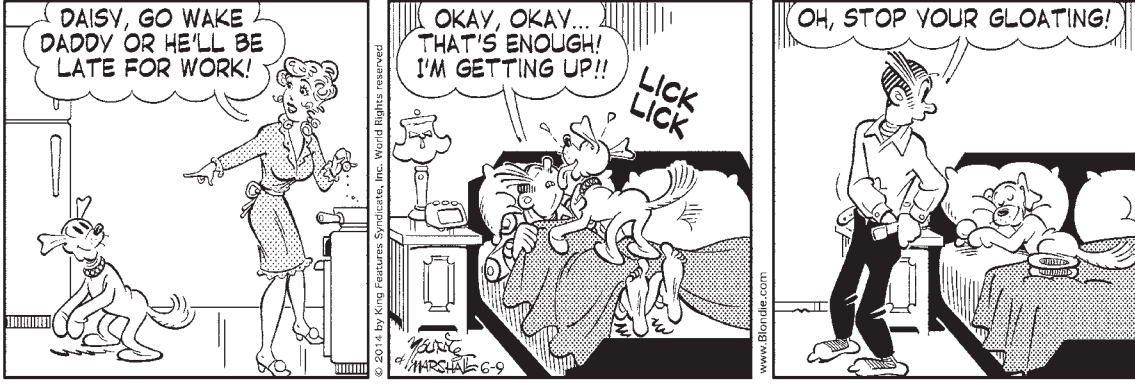
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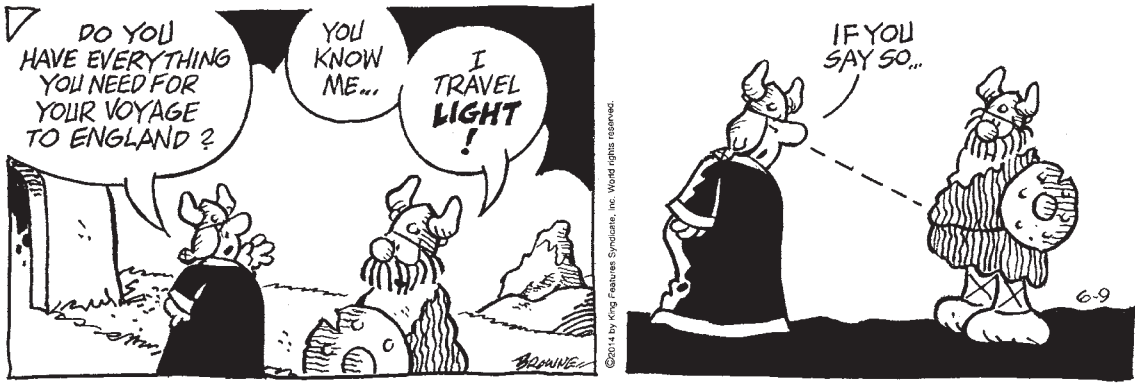
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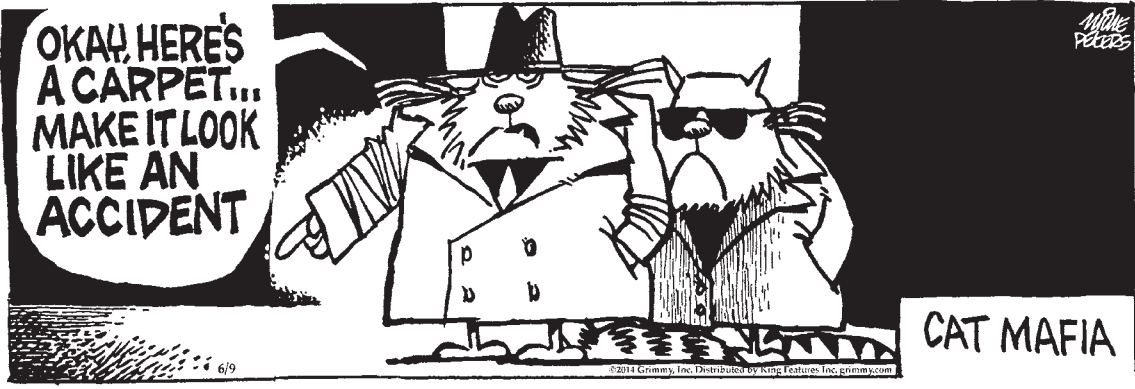
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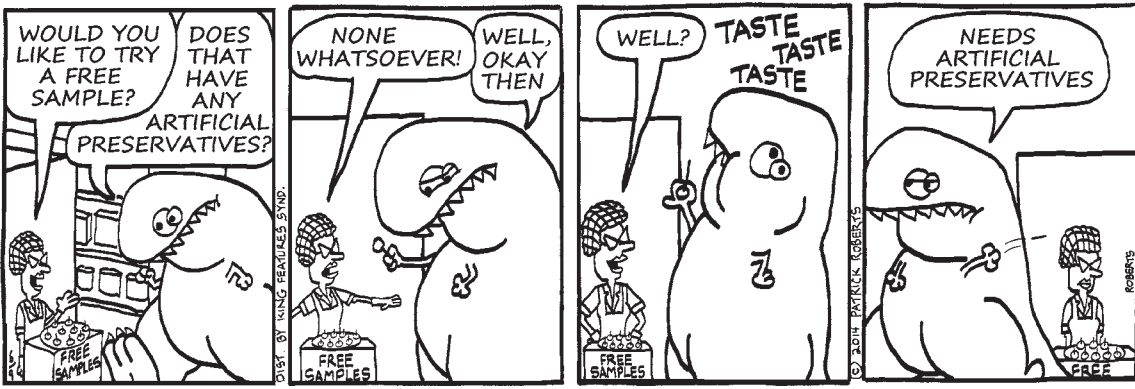
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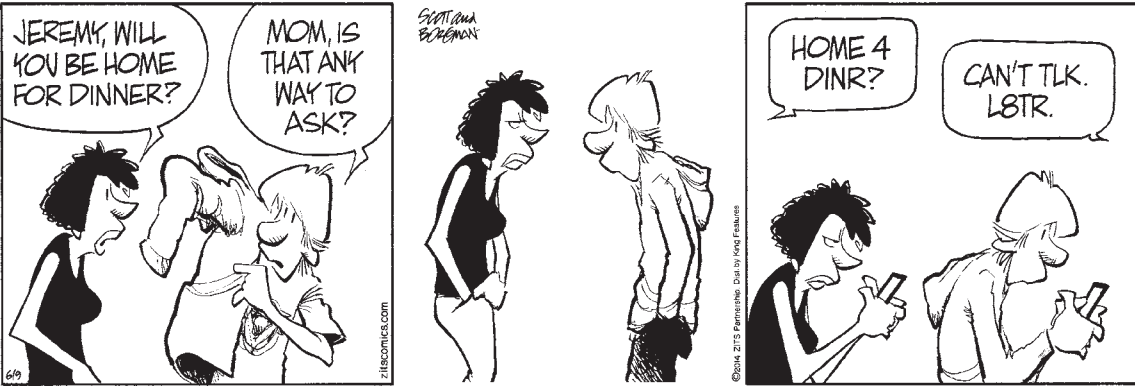
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• Antiques and Collecting

Jigsaw puzzle unusual find

Collectors sometimes find an unusual "go-with" for their collection. Collectors buy a standard one-sheet movie poster, 27 by 41 inches, or a three-sheet, 40 by 81 inches, or a half-sheet, 22 by 28 inches, or lobby cards that usually are 11 by 14 inches.



This jigsaw puzzle pictures young Susan Hayward, a movie star decades ago. She was born in 1917 and stopped making movies in about 1972. The puzzle was one of seven novelties that sold as a group for \$250 at a Swann Galleries auction in New York in April 2014.

A lucky find for movie buffs this year was a jigsaw puzzle made with a photograph of Susan Hayward (1917-1975), a movie star and leading lady from 1937 to 1972. While there are many movie-star paper dolls, there are very few jigsaw puzzles.

Q: My grandmother was married in 1899 and received a curvy birch bedroom dresser and chest as a gift. Both pieces are mounted with a beveled mirror in a carved wooden frame. My mother wasn't fond of the furniture, but she kept it and now we're using it because we can tell its quality is a lot better than anything else we own. The label on the back of each piece says "Robert Mitchell Furniture Co., Cincinnati, Ohio." Please tell us about the manufacturer and the furniture's value.

A: Robert Mitchell was an Irish immigrant who partnered with Frederick Rammelsberg to open a furniture-making business in Cincinnati in the 1830s or '40s. Mitchell & Rammelsberg incorporated in 1867. In 1881, after Rammelsberg had died, the corporate name was changed to Robert Mitchell Furniture Co. It remained in business until about 1940.

Any Victorian-era furniture made by Mitchell & Rammelsberg or Robert Mitchell Furniture Co. is high-quality and prized by collectors.

Tip: Pewter looks best when displayed against a blue background. Silver is most attractive against a red background.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 7 6 4
♥ 6 4
♦ K J 3
♣ K 8 4 2
WEST
♠ J 9 5
♥ A K 9 8 3
♦ Q 9 4 2
♣ 9
EAST
♠ Q 2
♥ 10 7 2
♦ 10 8 6 5
♣ Q J 10 6
SOUTH
♠ A 10 8 3
♥ Q J 5
♦ A 7
♣ A 7 5 3

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠
Opening lead — king of hearts.

Famous Hand

Some contracts seem impossible to make, regardless of how the opposing cards might be divided. Nevertheless, declarer is obliged to give every contract his best effort, and sometimes the "impossible" turns out to be not so impossible after all.

Take this deal from the final of the 1992 World Team Olympiad. When Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff of the United States held the North-South cards, they reached a normal four-spade contract that appeared to have virtually no chance. Declarer seemed certain to lose at least a spade, two hearts and a club for down one.

But Wolff saw a slim chance to bring in 10 tricks, and he went for it. The French West started by cashing the K-A of hearts and shifted to a spade.

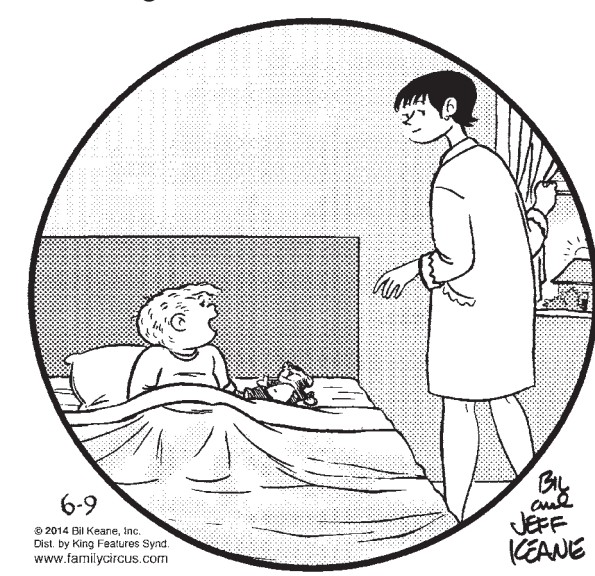
Wolff put up dummy's king, led a second trump to the ace and cashed the heart queen, discarding a club from dummy. Now came the key play: He cashed the diamond ace and then led a diamond to the jack, taking an apparently unnecessary finesse that set the stage for the desired end position.

After the diamond jack held, Wolff cashed the king, discarding a club from his hand. Next came the A-K of clubs followed by a spade, taken by West with the jack.

This was the position Wolff had visualized at the outset -- that the defender with the third trump would have started with no more than two clubs. West had no choice but to return a diamond or a heart, allowing Wolff to discard a club from one hand while he ruffed in the other, and the "impossible" contract was home.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I must have been REALLY tired last night. I slept through all my dreams."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 6/09

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.

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

Cryptoquip

XVUDJKV YPDY FJZ OK D YGI-

BGYUP UGB DWYOKY, O

KJIIGKV POK FWVDYVKY

DKKVY OK POK SOV-DXOSOYZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHAMPOO SPECIFICALLY FORMULATED NOT TO SEPARATE YOUR HAIR INTO LAYERS: NO MORE TIERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Task
4 Croc's cousin
9 Unruly bunch
12 "Exodus" hero
13 Bush successor
14 Rowing need
15 No longer wearable, maybe
17 Definite article
18 W. Hemisphere gp.
19 Escaped hunger
21 Cause
24 At a distance
25 Discoverer's cry
26 Evergreen type
28 Sheet of microfilm
31 "Phooney"
33 "Le Coq"
35 Actor Neeson
36 Helps illicitly
- DOWN**
1 Toast spread
2 Gold, in Guadalupe
3 Piece
4 Be lenient
5 Embarrassed
6 Tit for
7 Last letter
8 Fled
9 Detroit
10 Waikiki's island
11 Rocker
16 — polloi
20 Kite part
21 "My kingdom — horse!"
22 Moby's pursuer
23 "Psycho" setting
27 "Holy cow!"
29 Toroise's opponent
30 Eastern potentate
32 Undo a dele
34 "Swept Away" director
37 Pollen-producing organ
39 Protect
42 Scent
44 Swiss river
45 Hand warmer
46 Storybook villain
50 Scot's hat
51 Jump
52 Ram's mate
53 Fresh

RAM	LAN	DENIS	
OVA	AVE	ALONE	
BED	HAWTHORNE		
ERR	STEEL		
DYES	ARC	SURE	
	HUR	HENSON	
SCOOT	ER	GIANT	
HARVEY	COD		
EDGE	EMU	EZRA	
	AGORA	AJM	
HEMINGWAY	JDA		
ALERT	ERE	RES	
MIXES	DES	ESS	

Saturday's answer 6-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13						14		
15			16						17		
			18				19	20			
21	22	23					24				
25			26		27		28		29	30	
31			32		33		34		35		
36			37		38		39		40		
			41		42		43		44		
45	46						47				
48			49		50				51	52	53
54			55						56		
57			58						59		

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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. ---5/29---TFN---

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. ---5/29---6/9---

High Plains Mental Health Center Site Manager - High Plains Mental Health Center currently has an opening for a part time Site Manager for our Colby House to provide on-site apartment management services. Duties include accepting applications, collecting rent and security deposits and some grounds maintenance. Interested person(s) may send cover letter and resume to Johnny Lang at Johnny.Lang@hpmhc.com or by mail to 208 E. 7th St., Hays, KS. 67601, or you may stop by the branch office at 750 South Range and complete an application. Must successfully pass a background check. Position will be posted until filled. ---5/29---6/11---

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. ---5/29---6/11---

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. ---5/29---6/11---

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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. ---5/29---6/11---

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. ---5/29---6/11---

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Wanted

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Garage Sales

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The Contract Documents will be made available May 29, 2014.

The documents will be posted on the Drexel Technologies plan room.

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Titan top tackler plays in wild All-Star contest

By Wade Gerstner

northcentralkansassports.com

The 8-Man Division II All-Star Football Game was filled with offensive fireworks at Beloit as both teams went pass happy for 706 combined yards and 11 touchdowns in the East's 52-41 victory.

Triplains-Brewster grad Seth Smith was selected to play for the West after his outstanding senior season last fall. Smith averaged 12 tackles per game (108 total), forced two fumbles, made two sacks and picked off two passes during the Titans' 6-3 season.

However, defenders on both sides struggled to make an impact in Saturday's all-star clash. Wallace County quarterback Kyle Wallace threw five touchdown passes to lead the West, but he could not match Baileyville B&B's Dustin Rottinghaus with his six scoring strikes for the East.

The East began the scoring display as Rottinghaus connected with Frankfort's Lucas Adams for a 14-yard touchdown to complete a six-play, 65-yard drive to give the East the early 6-0 lead.

The West took all of 45 seconds to answer as Gfeller found Luke Eiler of St. John's-Tipton streaking down the far sideline for a 63-yard scoring strike. Gfeller then found Isaac Alinor of Dighton for the two-point conversion to give the West an 8-6 lead.

The West extended their lead to 21-14 in the second stanza with a 10-play, 46-yard drive capped by a Gfeller nine-yard touchdown pass to Hayden Walker of Weskan.

A blown coverage in the West secondary allowed the East to



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Triplains-Brewster graduate Seth Smith (left) averaged 12 tackles a game last fall including this eventual stop of Wheatland-Grinnell's Kaleb Holaday during the 44-12 Titans victory. Smith was selected to play in the Eight-Man Division II All-Star Game Saturday evening at Beloit.

take a 22-21 lead late in the second quarter and into halftime as Rottinghaus found a wide open Deters for a 45-yard score with Rottinghaus adding two points.

The biggest play of the game came on the first play of the fourth quarter as Hope's Dustin Davidson intercepted a screen pass attempt by Gfeller and returned the pick 35 yards to give the East a 38-29 advantage as Rottinghaus ran in another two-point try.

Refusing to go away, the West came back to cut the deficit to 38-35 on a 29 yard touchdown pass from Gfeller to Fowler's Ty Clark.

The East would put the game out of reach, however, with an 11 yard touchdown pass from Rottinghaus to B&B's Cameron Haug

and a 18 yard scoring strike from Rottinghaus to Chetopa's Austen Sanders to make it 52-35.

Rottinghaus' six TD passes tied the all-star game record while completing 24 of 35 overall for 297 yards. Gfeller threw for 405 yards in defeat.

Smith will be moving on to Fort Hays State University where he plans on majoring in agribusiness. He is the son of Dan and Ruth Smith.

Swingers gather for Friday fun



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

"Swinging Fore the Lord" attracted many golfers as Colby's Sacred Heart parish played host to its annual tournament at Meadow Lake Course on Friday. Golfers both chipped (above) and putted (left) on the greens that are looking good after recent rainfall. Sunny skies were present through much of Friday's activity. No results were obtained in time for today's press deadline, but details likely appear in an upcoming edition.



Foundation tourney scheduled for Friday

Just a reminder that Colby's annual Citizens Foundation golf tournament is set for Friday at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Registration is 8 a.m. and golfers tee off at 9 a.m.

The \$100 entry fee includes lunch and prizes.

However, playing golf is not re-

quired to participate in the silent auction and raffle.

Anyone interested can browse through those items after 9 a.m.

Raffle winners will be announced after tournament play.

Contact Megan at (785) 460-1214 for tickets and other information.

Bat thrower denies toss was intentional

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's Manny Machado claimed there was no ill-intent Sunday after being at the center of another heated dugout-clearing confrontation with the Oakland Athletics.

Oakland left-hander Fernando Abad threw inside to Machado in the eighth inning of Baltimore's 11-1 loss to the A's. The bat flew out of Machado's hands and went down the third-base line.

Both players exchanged words before benches and bullpens emptied. Machado and Abad were ejected.

"The bat slipped out of my hands," Machado said. "Trying to make contact and the umpire thought it was intentional."

On Friday, Machado didn't like the force of the tag by Oakland third baseman Josh Donaldson and the two had to be separated.

Weekend weirdness

By R.B. Headley

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rbheadley@nwkansas.com

While enjoying the less-eventful summer sports weekends, *Free Press* scribbler R.B. Headley can't help but notice certain moments that seem a little odd.

1. Horses and wheelchair kids. California Chrome owner Steve Coburn perhaps made some valid points during his post-Belmont race interviews, but I bet not even the horse would have appreciated his "basketball vs. wheelchair kid" comment.

Imagine Chrome thinking "I won you how many millions of dollars during the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. One bad day and you're comparing me to a wheelchair kid? What's that about?"

2. Tom Cruise movie time.

Observers were surprised that "Edge of Tomorrow" did not win this weekend's movie box-office battles. Come on, isn't this like the 37th sci-fi/action movie featuring Cruise? How many more before he starts rolling out there in a wheelchair?

3. Super-super sensitive.

The above story about hard tags and flying bats causing so much unhappiness seems silly to me. In the legendary words of Joker/late Oscar-winning actor Heath Ledger, "why so sad?"

Just play the game and be happy somebody still watches these 3 1/2-hour slow-moving baseball contests.

4. Now I'm whining. Good time to run out of space for this thing.

Chrome owner sorry for post-race 'rant'

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Coburn, the co-owner of California Chrome, apologized for his two-day rant against Belmont Stakes winner Tonalist and the Triple Crown rules during an emotional interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" today.

Coburn and his wife, Caroline, hoped to undo any damage inflicted by his previous interviews, saying he wanted to "apologize to everyone associated with Tonalist" and "all the horse racing in the world."

"Very ashamed of myself," Coburn said. "Very ashamed. I need to apologize to a lot of people."

California Chrome, which had won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes and had hoped to become the first Triple Crown winner in 36 years, finished in a dead-heat for fourth with Wicked Strong behind Tonalist Saturday. Tonalist had not competed in either the Kentucky Derby or the Preakness Stakes, which drew



California Chrome could still hold his head high despite failing to become the first Triple Crown horse-racing winner since 1977.

Coburn's ire in an interview immediately after the race.

"It says Triple Crown. You nominate your horse for the Triple Crown. That means three," Coburn said in the track-side interview with ESPN on Sunday.

"Even the Triple Crown trophy has three points on it. So when you earn enough points to run in the Kentucky Derby, those 20 horses that start in the Kentucky Derby should be the only 20 allowed to run in the Preakness and the Bel-

mont for the Triple Crown."

He also made a questionable analogy of why Tonalist's participation Saturday was unfair.

"These people nominate their horses for the Triple Crown and then they hold out two [races] and then come back and run one," Coburn told ESPN. "That would be like me at 6'2" playing basketball with a kid in a wheelchair. They haven't done anything with their horses in the Triple Crown. There were three horses in this race that ran in the first two — California Chrome, Ride on Curlin and General a Rod — none of the other horses did. You figure out. You ask yourself, 'Would it be fair if I played basketball with a child in a wheelchair?'"

Today, Coburn was apologetic to Tonalist and the horse's backers.

"I need to apologize to the winners. They run a beautiful race," he said. "They deserve that. I didn't mean to take anything away from them."

"Congratulations, you got a fantastic horse. He deserved to win. He won the race, fair and square."

'Cool' Heat even NBA Finals James scores 35 in game two win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — No cramps, no problems for LeBron James.

And with their superstar making it to the finish this time, the Miami Heat bounced back from a loss, just as they always do in the playoffs.

"Obviously, having No. 6 in the game at the end was a plus for us," Dwyane Wade said.

James had 35 points and 10 rebounds in a powerful comeback from the cramps that knocked him out of the opener, as the Heat tied the NBA Finals with a 98-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 2 Sunday night.

Chris Bosh made the go-ahead 3-pointer on a pass from James with 1:18 remaining for the Heat, who have won 13 straight following a loss in the postseason. Just like last year, they rebounded after losing Game 1 to the Spurs.

Bosh had 18 points for the Heat, who are headed home for Game 3

Tuesday night.

James played more than 37 minutes, making 14 of 22 shots. He was 1-for-4 with three turnovers in a shaky first quarter, then made 11 of his next 13.

After two days of enduring criticism for not finishing the game and getting suggestions on how to avoid cramps, James changed the subject.

"What happened on Thursday was Thursday," James said. "My whole focus was how I was going to try to help this team."

He had a key strip of Tony Parker down the stretch, playing a dominant game on both ends as if he had something to prove.

As usual, James found a way to silence his haters.

Parker scored 21 points and Duncan had 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who had

won eight straight at home by at least 15 points.

The game was played in comfortable conditions inside the AT&T Center, where an air conditioning failure in Game 1 sent temperatures soaring to about 90 degrees. The broken circuit breaker was fixed by Friday afternoon, and it was much cooler inside the arena.

NBA leader speaks out

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In his first NBA Finals media address, commissioner Adam Silver said he is satisfied the air conditioning issue that plagued Game 1 has been resolved, but also admitted the situation could have been handled better.

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