



# Population drop to impact college

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Colby Community College Trustees heard last Monday that future enrollment at the college could drop as the number of students coming out of local high schools is projected to fall in coming years and could lead to a drop in enrollment at the

college. Dr. George McNulty, vice president of student affairs, and Amy Melikova, coordinator of admissions, gathered information about high school and college students near Colby for their report to the trustees. The report, presented at the trustees meeting last Monday, indicated the number of high school students graduating near Colby in northwest Kansas,

Nebraska and Colorado will drop steeply in the next seven years. McNulty and Melikova made several suggestions to the trustees to keep students and add more to the college. Considering the effect this will have on enrollment – local high school grads make up most of the student body – they said the college should be sure to advertise effectively among the high schools within a

180-mile radius of Colby. Beyond that radius, they told the trustees, recruiters should focus strategically on places which have the most potential students for the college. Their data showed projected high school graduation numbers dropping in most counties in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. But those numbers rose far enough in just a few counties that the number of students

graduating across those states is expected to rise. The recruiters should use technology like the Internet for ad campaigns, and promote online classes to boost numbers, they said. Finally, the college should try to retain the students it already has, so as not to have to replace them.

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Thomas County Sheriff's Office  
These gift-wrapped packages of marijuana were confiscated by the Thomas County Sheriff's Office last week after a traffic stop.

## Pot seized on traffic stop

The Thomas County sheriff's office seized about 267 pounds of marijuana last week in what is likely the biggest seizure yet this year. Undersheriff Marc Finley said he and a state trooper seized the drugs Tuesday night from Roberto Julian Hinojoza, 24, of Phoenix. Finley said he stopped Hinojoza on I-70 at the Levant exit on a routine traffic violation but smelled marijuana when he approached the vehicle. He spotted what looked like a large square bundle inside a soft-sided suitcase in the back of Hinojoza's vehicle. Based on his experience and training, Finley said, he suspected the bundle was a package of ille-

gal drugs. Hinojoza gave him permission to search the vehicle, the undersheriff said, and that search revealed the large marijuana stash. Finley said officers have seen an increase in marijuana transportation since Colorado legalized the drug recently, but this batch was likely from Mexico. Hinojoza was being held in the Thomas County Jail on charges of possession of a narcotic with intent to sell, unlawful use of a communication facility and failure to have a drug tax stamp. The marijuana will be held in evidence until it is destroyed after the case is complete, the undersheriff said.

## Libraries are for fun



JUDY ROGERS/Selden Public Library  
Diane Martinez (top) tried on a fire helmet Monday when Steve Hirsch gave a presentation on fire safety at the Selden Public Library's "Fizz Boom Read" summer reading program. The girls thought the helmet was very heavy. Valentine Bermudez (left) took a turn at spraying the fire hose with a little help from Hirsch. Breanna Rath (above) worked on a recycled, reusable shopping bag. The third through fifth grade readers made the bags out of recycled T-shirts, along with bringing food to donate to the county food bank as a part of their "Pay It Forward" lesson.

## Wheat hurt after hail, drought

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After a spring with little rain to help the wheat along, hail and wind from recent storms cut down much of the crop in western Kansas. Lucas Haag, agronomist with the Northwest Research Extension, said the hail damaged wheat across a wide swath, including Sherman, Thomas, Wallace and Decatur counties. Wind and hail damage destroyed anywhere

between 30 and 60 percent of the wheat in any given field, and some fields were completely wiped out. The hail fell in several pockets, including north of Gem near the Rawlins County line. Haag did not try to guess what percentage of fields in Thomas County were hit, except to say the hail did not damage over half of the fields. Extension Agent Kurt Sexton said the damage to the wheat included a swath of land near Levant. From what Haag has heard, some combines

could start cutting this week, but the harvest should not be in full swing until next week. Several weeks ago, he predicted the rains which fell with the recent storms would do little to help wheat which had suffered through dry conditions all spring. Looking back at several of the bigger storms, Haag said the rains might help if the flag leaf on the wheat is still alive, which will add weight to the kernels. This means drought-resistant varieties which did not completely shut down before the storms, he said.

## 'Trojan Radio' goes on the air

Local ham radio operators will be enjoying a weekend of their hobby at the terminal building at Shalz Field in Colby. Starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, the American Radio Relay League Field Day runs for 24 hours. Along with 25,000 other enthusiasts around the USA and Canada, six members of the Trojan Amateur Radio Club in Thomas County and surrounding areas will set up antennas especially for the event and fire up gasoline-powered generators, as well as utilize solar panels to power their equipment. This simulates conditions if a disaster were to occur. "It's a fun event with friends," said Colby fire chief Bob McLemore. "And it is also a useful annual tool to exercise both our portable equipment, and our minds and procedures. Ham radio is often used to provide communications when disasters or failures compromise normal lines of com-

munication." The local club members will begin setup Friday. The equipment and antennas will be coming down at the end of the event Sunday afternoon. This is a special year for multiple reasons. The American Radio Relay League, or ARRL, the national organization for amateur radio operators, is celebrating its centennial in 2014. A group from Kansas City Mo., will be operating from the famous World War I memorial tower using the special call sign WWIUSA. The Trojan club members were invited to join that event but decided to stay close to home. "With wheat harvest usually falling near Field Day, we need to be flexible with personnel," said Jeff Morrison. "In recent years we have generally contacted over 1,000 stations in the one-

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## Foster parenting a new experience for couple

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Although Austen and Ashley Moser do not have children of their own, they have had the experience of caring for five as one of just a few families in Colby helping out in the statewide foster-care program.

"It was very stressful at times, because we're kind of new parents," said Ashley Moser. She said she and Austen have been married for seven years and have been foster parents for the past nine months. Working with TFI Family Services, a child welfare agency, they first took in three siblings and are now looking after two brothers. The first three kids each had birthdays

during that time, the couple said. When they left, the boys were 3 and 5 and their sister had just turned 8. In the last week, the kids left the Mosers' house, but they took in two brothers, 3 and 5. Foster parenting, Moser said, involves some "very big lifestyle changes." "But it's worth it," she added, "because these kids come from who-knows-what, so we just want to be able to help them

while they're with us." Making changes to their scheduling to accommodate work, school and everyday life was the big thing, she said, and after that, things fell into place. It also helps that they live on a farm, with plenty of things for the kids to do. They got the kids a bucket calf which they named "Peterbilt" after Austen's truck, she said, and the kids often played

and rode horses on the farm. They took several trips to Denver, visiting the Butterfly Pavilion and taking the kids swimming. Ashley said she also went shopping

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms...

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph...

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3 p.m.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 9 p.m.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: Sunny, high 92. Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Monday: High, 82; Low 59 Tuesday: High, 74; Low 54 Precip: Monday 0.08 inches Tuesday 0.05 inches

Month: 4.62 inches Year: 8.50 inches Normal: 9.84 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 6:19 a.m. 9:15 p.m. Moon: waning, 1 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use Monday 2,000,000 gal. Tuesday 1,802,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Foster parenting a new experience

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with the boys' older sister. She had movie and manicure nights with the girl on a regular basis.

"They appreciated everything we gave them," she said. "They appreciated everything we did."

She described the kids as very energetic, very sweet and grateful. Even the motel they stayed in Denver thrilled them.

"Just feeding them and clothing them, it's a big deal to them," she said.

It will be a little easier with the two boys they have now, she added, because she and her husband are busy with community activities in the summer.

"We probably plan to have them for a little while," Ashley said.

TFI tells parents about a child's family situation before they take the kids in, she added, giving foster parents information to decide whether or not to take them.

They got the idea to become foster parents after talking with a friend in the TFI program. In all, they know three families involved with the agency and several more involved with other agencies in this area.

"We are definitely in need of more good-quality homes," said Angela Webster with TFI.

The Mosers are among five foster families in the Colby area, but Webster said there are 65 kids in need of a home here.

for just one day or a whole year. Kids could go back to their parents. They come to foster families with different needs and family situations; some foster families have eight siblings at once, and some have one child.

Families get a license after undergoing training and a home inspection by the Kansas Department Health and Environment. They get some money to reimburse them for raising the kids.

Webster said the agency always needs parents and trains them year-around. After kids have been in foster care for six months to a year, the agency starts considering having them put up for adoption.

To learn about the program or about becoming a foster parent, call Vicki Beisler at 443-0650.

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After the report, college President Stephen Vacik suggested the college should not try to hide the fact that Colby is a small town in the middle of the plains.

Dr. Vacik described the college's recruiting efforts in recent years as a "shotgun" approach which has not always been effective at bringing in even local students.

The college hopes to see a three percent increase in enrollment, in which case students will take around 31,400 credit hours next year, but the shrinking numbers in recent years seem obvious considering the similar downturn in the number

of high schoolers graduating. Over 70 percent of Colby's college students come from within the 180 mile radius, McNulty and Melikova told the trustees.

By 2021, they reported, there should be 22 percent fewer students graduating in the Kansas counties within 180 miles. There should also be 26 fewer in Nebraska counties and 25 percent fewer in Colorado counties the fall within the same radius.

Going off of those enrollment numbers, McNulty and Melikova predicted that students will go from taking 31,400 credit hours of classes next year to just 28,300 credit hours in 2021. When they predicted enrollment in the college's EduKan online classes would grow by five percent, the overall enrollment would still drop to around 28,800 credit hours.

When they predicted that 25 percent of high school grads across all parts of the three surrounding states would come to Colby that projected enrollment jumped up by 2021, to around 34,000. In that time period, the National Center for Education Statistics expects 2,880 more students to be graduating from Kansas high school by 2021. There should also be 2,780 more students graduating in Nebras-

ka, and 7,780 more in Colorado. In other business, the college:

Approved a special meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday to hold a hearing for next fiscal year's budget set goals for the college. The idea grew out of a planning session the trustees attended in early April with Gary Sechrist, who represents the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Approved an incentive proposal that would give international students 30 percent off their fees if they recruit another international student to the college. McNulty, who proposed the incentive said this works out to about a \$200 discount on fees for 17 credit hours of classes; the usual class load, for international students. The rules of the proposal eliminate a good portion of the international students from the program, since the student being recruited must enroll full time and not be an athlete.

Approved the resignations of Ceena Owens, director of massage therapy, and custodians Zafar Sadredinov and Shaklo Sadredinova.

Renewed contracts for the college's staff for the next academic year, with a 2.5 percent increase in salaries.

Voted to allow the college to sell old cars and some furniture

from the dorms.

Approved a policy requiring board members to not discuss or vote on matters in which they have a conflict of interest, and disclose the conflict of interest beforehand. The college decided to draw up the policy after a visit from the Higher Learning Commission, which will inspect the college to decide on its accreditation in September.

Approved agreements with Colby Public Schools and Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital and renewed an agreement with Child Care Aware. The hospital is talking about giving the college classroom space to replace the WaKeeney nursing center the college voted in March to close down. Since the hospital has not made a decision on the agreement, the college will send its approved agreement to hospital administrators.

Approved a travel reimbursement policy for employees. The college will reimburse its employees up to \$36 per day for trips of eight hours or more and up to \$18 for trips of four to eight hours, but not for trips of less than four hours. Lodging will be reimbursed for up to \$125 per night, and lodging and food reimbursement rates will be higher in areas such as New York, Washington, D.C., and California where prices are higher. Meals in those areas will be reimbursed for \$10 for breakfast, \$13 for lunch and \$20 for dinner.

'Trojan Radio' goes on the air Saturday

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day event, unless the sun has adversely affected our ease of communicating."

In fact 2013 was a good year for the Trojan club - they managed to log 1,102 contacts. They hoped to have the best score in Kansas but were beaten out by

a new group of "radiosport" enthusiasts hams in the Kansas City area, who managed to make over 1,500 contacts while using 5-watt radios, which gave them a multiplier factor when calculating scores. The local hams use 100-watt rigs.

"We hope we can outdo them this year" said Bruce Frahm. "If

we're lucky some of them will be involved with the special World War I station."

The local club members extend an invitation to the public to drop by and visit their operation. They enjoy showing off new hi-tech ways of communicating as well as still-popular Morse code. Having visitors

stop by gives them bonus points when scores are computed in the friendly competition that is part of Field Day.

They say the competition and chance to spend the weekend on the radio with friends is great, but exercising public service capabilities is a big motivator as well.

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.

Art club to show biographical movie

The High Plains Art Club will present a free 90-minute movie, "Georgia O'Keeffe," at the Pioneer Memorial Library at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Station 'song sale' to raise money for chief

The Ride 100.3 radio will have a "pay for request" show from 7 to 9 a.m. Friday to help raise money for Police Chief Ron Alexander's medical expenses.

School to sell fireworks near auction

Heartland Christian School will have a fireworks stand from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to Friday, July 4, in the parking lot of Colby Livestock Auction.

Breakfast to help with man's expenses

The Thomas County Fair Board will have a benefit breakfast for medical expenses for the Ron Kogler family from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the 4-H Building.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

No trash pick up on Independence Day

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will not be working on Friday, July 4. Friday's residential route will be picked up on Thursday, July 3.

Lemon AID stand will support shelter

Stop by at Swartz Vet Hospital for the Sixth Annual Lemon AID Stand, run by April Swartz to support the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

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Thursday Evening June 26, 2014. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and channel/program names.

Friday Evening June 27, 2014. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and channel/program names.

## Deaths

### Norma Bernice Washburn

Norma Bernice Washburn, 95, Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Oakley, died Sunday, June 22, 2014, at her home.

She was born Feb. 22, 1919, on the family farm five miles north of Winona, to Louis "Lute" and Lida (Waldmeier) Gfeller. She grew up in the Winona area and graduated from Winona Consolidated Schools.

On May 4, 1938, she married Robert O. Washburn in Hays. They lived in Winona almost all of their married life.

She worked as a clerk at Modern Market and Lockers for several years before the couple purchased the business; they changed the name to Washburn's IGA.

A member of the Winona United Methodist Church, Church Circle, and United Methodist Women, she enjoyed crocheting, especially afghans (over 100), cross stitching and working with plastic canvas. She gave almost all of her work to family and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband in 2008; a

son-in-law, Sam Scott; two brothers Kenneth Gfeller and Harley Gfeller; a sister, Nelda Beesley; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Surviving family includes three daughters: Sharon (Doug) Mackley, Winona; Lynne Scott and Joyce (David) Atkinson, all of Scottsdale; 11 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the United Methodist Church, Winona, with Pastor Sheryl Johnson officiating and burial in the Winona Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to the church in Winona or to Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.kennedykosterfh.com](http://www.kennedykosterfh.com).

### Larry Allen Ashley

Larry Allen Ashley, 68, Loveland, Colo., formerly of Selden, died Sunday, June 22, 2014, in Loveland.

He was born April 20, 1946, in Selden, the son of Donald and Elma (Cramer) Ashley. He grew up on a farm northwest of Selden, graduating from Selden Rural High School in 1964 and Fort Hays State College in 1971.

He was the owner of the Ashley Crane Service in Loveland.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Lin-

da Ashley, Loveland; a son, Chad (Lori) Ashley, Littleton, Colo.; a daughter, Kelly (Van) Quiett, Castle Rock, Colo.; a brother, Kent (Teena) Ashley, Selden; a sister, Karen (Frank) Bennett, Oberlin; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the Selden Cemetery, with the Rev. Cyd Stein officiating.

No visitation.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Richard Paul Patrick Jr.

Richard Paul Patrick Jr., 55, Hays, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 7, 1958, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Rose Marie (Clark) and Richard Paul Patrick, Sr. In 1975, he graduated from Hubbard High School in Hubbard, Ohio, going on to play baseball at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio.

On June 11, 1998, he married Thonda "T.J." Jennings in Reno, Nev.

He worked at Hays Ford Toyota, was the manager of the Hays Alco Store for many years, was a cook at the Pheasant Run for the last 2 and 1/2 years, and owned and operated his own food truck, Rick's Rollin Roadhouse.

He enjoyed cooking, playing golf and bowling, loved his dogs

Aspen and Reno, took pride in his 1987 Chevy El Camino, and enjoyed tinkering and repairing things.

Preceding him in death were his father, in 2008, a sister, Colleen Marie Patrick, and a brother, Philip Paul Patrick.

Survivors include his wife, of the home, his mother, of Hays, and his godmother, Donna Jean Morgan of Hubbard.

There will be a celebration of his life from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, at the Pheasant Run restaurant, 3201 Vine in Hays.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's choice or in his name in care of the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 1906 Pine St., Hays, Kan., 67601.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.haysmemorial.com](http://www.haysmemorial.com).

### Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 25 members.

Jeff Horlacher presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to Marilyn Unger and Nancy LePell, who received her second level award.

President Marilyn Unger gave the "Year in Review" report for the program. Committees were recognized and club service projects for the year were highlighted.

The officers for the year beginning July 1 were installed as follows: Eric Griggs, president;

J.L. Evins, vice-president; Vernon Hurd, secretary; Wayne Horlacher, treasurer. Marla Crumrine, Mike Tubbs, Marilyn Unger and Nick Wells will serve as board members.

On behalf of the club, Griggs presented outgoing President Unger with a plaque of appreciation. Marla Crumrine won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union.

— Relda Galli

### 'Joy of Painting' to be shown

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan is offering the "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit" from Friday, July 18, through Sunday Aug. 17.

Students from the Joy of Painting Workshops held at the Hansen Museum for the past decade look forward to showing off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum Gallery.

Although Bob Ross died in 1995, his "Joy of Painting" still lives on in workshops across the U.S. Although not considered fine art, these classes encourage people to paint, to laugh, to feel a sense of accomplishment, to believe in themselves and to realize "you can do it."

Each student takes an individual approach to the painting they are producing, which allows for a tremendous array of personalities in

the exhibit as a whole. Each piece speaks for itself in representing the world of art.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 5 p.m. Saturday. Sunday and holiday hours are 1 to 5 p.m. It is handicapped accessible and admission is free.

For information about this and other exhibits, contact Nova Bates at (785) 689-4846 or go to [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

## Summer activity means more water

Rachel Juenemann  
Thomas County Extension Intern

Soaking up the sun while at the pool or fishing at the lake are some of the top activities people try to get in during the summer. As you are enjoying all of the outdoor activities of summer, remember to drink plenty of fluids.

Water is an essential nutrient many people often overlook. In adults, water accounts for about 60 percent of body weight. It is contained in every cell, tissue, and organ in our bodies.

In your body, water helps to:

1. Keep your body temperature normal.
2. Lubricate and cushion your joints.
3. Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues.
4. Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements.

If one does not take in enough water, deficiency symptoms will appear faster than any other nutrient deficiency. Dehydration causes a reduction in blood volume, which impairs the ability to deliver oxygen and nutrients to cells and remove waste products. Symptoms of dehydration include thirst, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, dry eyes and mouth, and dark-colored urine.

Most of the time, people get enough fluids by drinking when they are thirsty and with meals, but when one is out in the heat or doing physical activity for prolonged periods of time, more fluids will be needed. Older adults and infants are at a higher risk for dehydration than other populations.

The elderly are at risk because the thirst mechanism becomes less sensitive with age. Infants are at risk because their body surface area relative to their weight is much greater than that of adults. Because of this, they lose proportionately more water through evaporation. Their kidneys also

cannot concentrate urine efficiently, so they lose more water in urine. They also cannot tell us when they are thirsty.

To increase your fluid intake and prevent dehydration, remember some simple tips.

1. Carry a water bottle with you for easy access when you are at work, enjoying the outdoors, or just running errands.

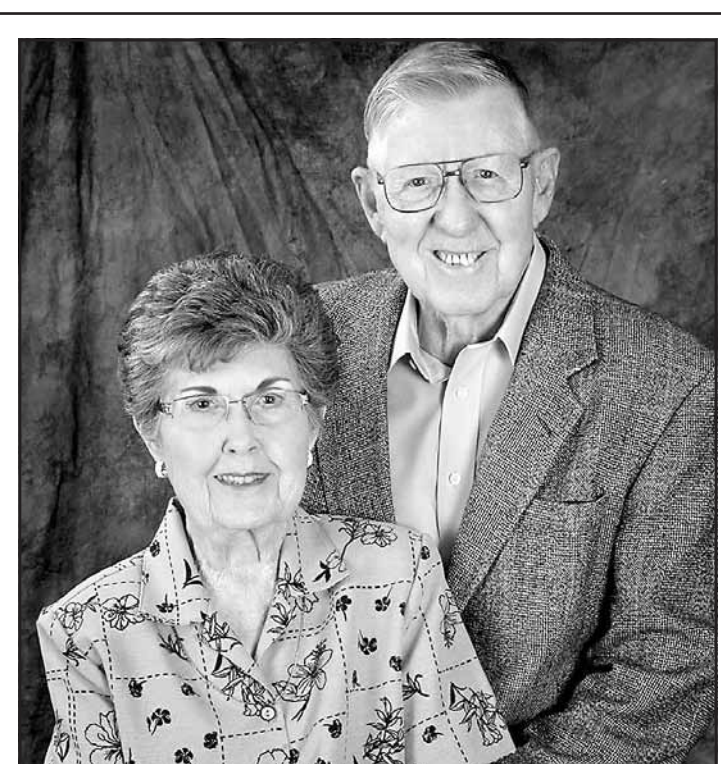
2. Freeze some freezer-safe water bottles. This will provide you with ice cold water, all day long.

3. Choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages at home and when eating out. Generally, you will save money and reduce calories.

If you are not consuming enough plain water, but don't want the extra sugar in flavoring packets or soft drinks, try adding fresh fruit. If left to set, the fruit will add a subtle flavor to the water to give it a little more pizzazz. If this isn't sweet enough, you can add a teaspoon of sugar or other sweetener. This teaspoon of sugar with 16 calories is much better to consume than the 126 calories from sugar contained in the average soda. You can also use frozen fruit, letting it melt while you drink, or freeze fresh berries or citrus zest into ice cubes.

For strawberry-flavored water, simply combine four to six strawberries, hulled and quartered, half a lemon, sliced, a small handful of basil, scrunched, ice and cold filtered water. This water is best if you let the water infuse for at least an hour.

If you like to read blogs and want more information, check out the K-State Food and Fitness Focus page at [blogs.k-state.edu/foodandfitness/](http://blogs.k-state.edu/foodandfitness/). New information is posted each week by Kansas county extension agents and specialists who share up-to-date and credible information on food, fitness, nutrition and wellness. A link to the blog can also be found on our website at [www.thomas.ksu.edu/](http://www.thomas.ksu.edu/).



Dixie and Bob Ekberg

## Reception to honor couple's anniversary

In honor of their 65th wedding anniversary, the children of Robert "Bob" and Dixie Ekberg will hold a come and go reception from 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, at the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars, 220 Lake Ave.

The Ekbergs were married June 17, 1949. Dixie grew up in Colby and graduated from Colby High School. Bob grew up in Levant and graduated from Levant High School. They raised their family in Colby, where Bob retired from McKee

Sheet Metal and Dixie from Sunflower Bank.

They have five children, Gerald (Nikki) Ekberg, Burlington, Colo.; Penny Fryback, Colby; Janet (Jim) Hinton, Hays; Scott (Karen) Ekberg, Great Bend; and Alicia (Eric) Moore, Colby; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests no gifts.

For those unable to attend, cards may be sent to the Ekbergs at 680 N. Garfield Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Kansas Girls top nation

The Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Council won the Great American Can RoundUp-Scout Council Challenge for the third year in a row after recycling 32,199 pounds of aluminum cans.

Two troops in Hutchinson were tops in the national recycling challenge. Both collected around 15,000 pounds of aluminum cans each — more than 900 pounds per Girl Scout — to help the Heartland

Council earn the National Recycling Champion award.

The challenge, sponsored by Can Manufacturers Institute, began Jan. 15 and ended April 30, with 800 Girl and Boy Scouts across the country competing.

"We are extremely proud of our girls' hard work and the incredible commitment they make to recycling," said Liz Workman, head of the council.

## Scholarships awarded to two

Two Golden Plains high school students were awarded 2014 Next-Generation scholarships from Nex-Tech.

Kylie Jones lives in Rexford and is the daughter of Alan Jones and Sally Graham. She plans to attend Barton County Community College where she will be study-

ing pre-medicine.

Leea Juenemann is the daughter of Tom and Jan Juenemann of Selden. She will be attending Fort Hays State University this fall, where she will be working towards a degree in special education and psychology.

## Emporia names honor roll

Haley Kistler, an Emporia State University music education major from Monument, was named to the honor roll in the spring 2014 semester. She was also named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list for the semester.

To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a 3.80 semester grade average in at least 12 graded hours. For the dean's list, students must earn a semester average in the top 10 percent of students in the college and have a cumulative 3.5 average.

## Graduates

### Park University

Jennifer Thompson of Colby received a Master of Public Affairs degree in nonprofit and community service when Park University held its May 2014 Kansas City Area Commencement ceremony on May 10 at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence, Mo.

More than 600 Park University students were eligible to graduate — 181 students received a master's degree or graduate certificate, and 438 students receive a bachelor's degree, associate degree or undergraduate certificate.

### College of the Ozarks

Abbie Reed of Harrison Ark., formerly of Colby and a Heartland Christian School graduate, graduated May 11 from College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo. Reed received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

This year, 321 students participated in graduation at College of the Ozarks, dubbed "Hard Work U" by the *Wall Street Journal*, where all full-time students work

on-campus jobs rather than pay tuition. This opportunity allows students to graduate debt-free.

*U.S. News & World Report* repeatedly ranks College of the Ozarks among the nation's top colleges. For information, go to [www.cofu.edu](http://www.cofu.edu).

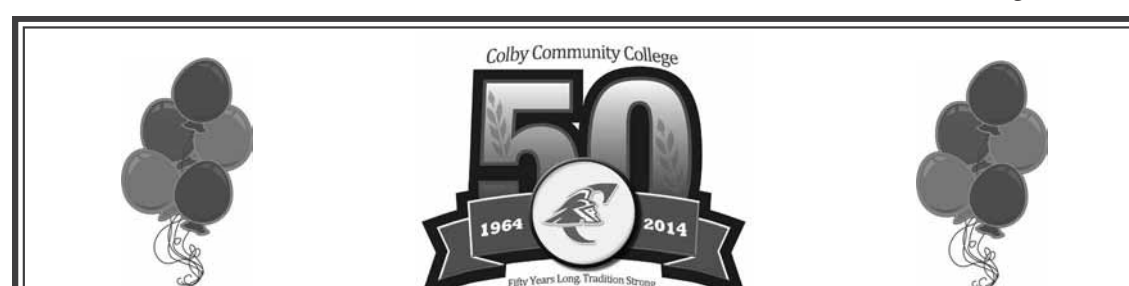
## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.80
Corn (bushel)	\$4.43
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.23
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.13

## Corrections

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We want your local news: e-mail to [colby.editor@nwkansas.com](mailto:colby.editor@nwkansas.com)



## Founder's Day Celebration

Colby Community College

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m.	Fun Walk/Run (Free t-shirt) Register online at <a href="http://colbycc.edu">colbycc.edu</a> .	Walking Trail (Poolside Park)
3:00 p.m.	Proclamation; Comments by dignitaries and former Presidents (Dr. Mosier, Dr. Tangeman, Dr. Ary, Dr. Heim) Entertainment by Sunflower Singers' alums	Cultural Arts Center (Open to the public)
4:00 p.m.	Reception to meet with Founders, CCC employees and former Presidents	Cultural Arts Center (Open to the public)
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Ice cream, watermelon provided by S & T Communications, cotton candy, drinks and more. Carnival games provided by the Colby Girl Scouts, bounce house, a fun photo booth with props, and much more.	CCC Campus (Open to the public)

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## Free Press Viewpoint

### It's about time to protect reporters

Surprise passage of a reporters' shield law by the House of Representatives raised the real possibility that a federal law protecting news people from being forced to reveal sources will be passed this year.

And about time that would be.

Courts have consistently refused to protect reporters from being ordered to reveal the names of sources in both criminal and civil cases. The journalist then has the choice of going back on a promise – or going to jail for contempt of court. Quite a few have gone to jail over the last 30 years rather than endanger someone who trusted them.

So why is this a big deal?

Because many important stories might never reach print without judicious use of confidential sources: stories of government corruption, organized crime, shoddy consumer products, you name it.

If the subject is touchy, people don't want to talk about it, at least not for publication, unless their name can be protected. A source's job, even their life, could be in danger. Government lawyers might put them on the witness stand, even send them to jail.

No one particularly likes stories that cite unnamed sources, reporters least of all. Most news organizations reserve them for stories that really count, but those are the ones where the source has the most to lose.

Supporters were surprised when the law, attached as an amendment to a Justice Department spending bill, passed the House, dominated as it is by conservative Republicans. But this is not a partisan issue. The bill had even more support than the 225-183 margin, with 53 Republicans and all Democrats voting yes, because many Republicans objected to putting it in an appropriation bill.

Now, the issue goes on to the Senate, where it's had strong support for several years, particularly from Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Chuck Schumer of New York. Top Republicans, including Charles Grassley of Iowa, the ranking minority member on the Judiciary Committee, and Orrin Hatch of Utah, support the concept, and a veto- and filibuster-proof 60-vote majority seems likely.

Support from Kansas senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran would be critical in any vote.

Nothing is certain in the halls of Congress, of course, and in any event, a new law may not come in time to keep *New York Times* reporter James Risen from going to jail to protect sources for his book on the CIA and Iran.

Closer to home, Jana Winter, a former Fox News reporter, has to avoid Colorado for fear of being ordered to reveal who gave her information in the James Holmes theater-slashing case. (A New York court ruled that while there, she's protected by that state's law.)

Let's hope these two are near the last of a line of news people who've had to choose between jail and their sources. Something like 49 states already have a shield law. It's about time the federal courts had one, too. — *Steve Haynes*

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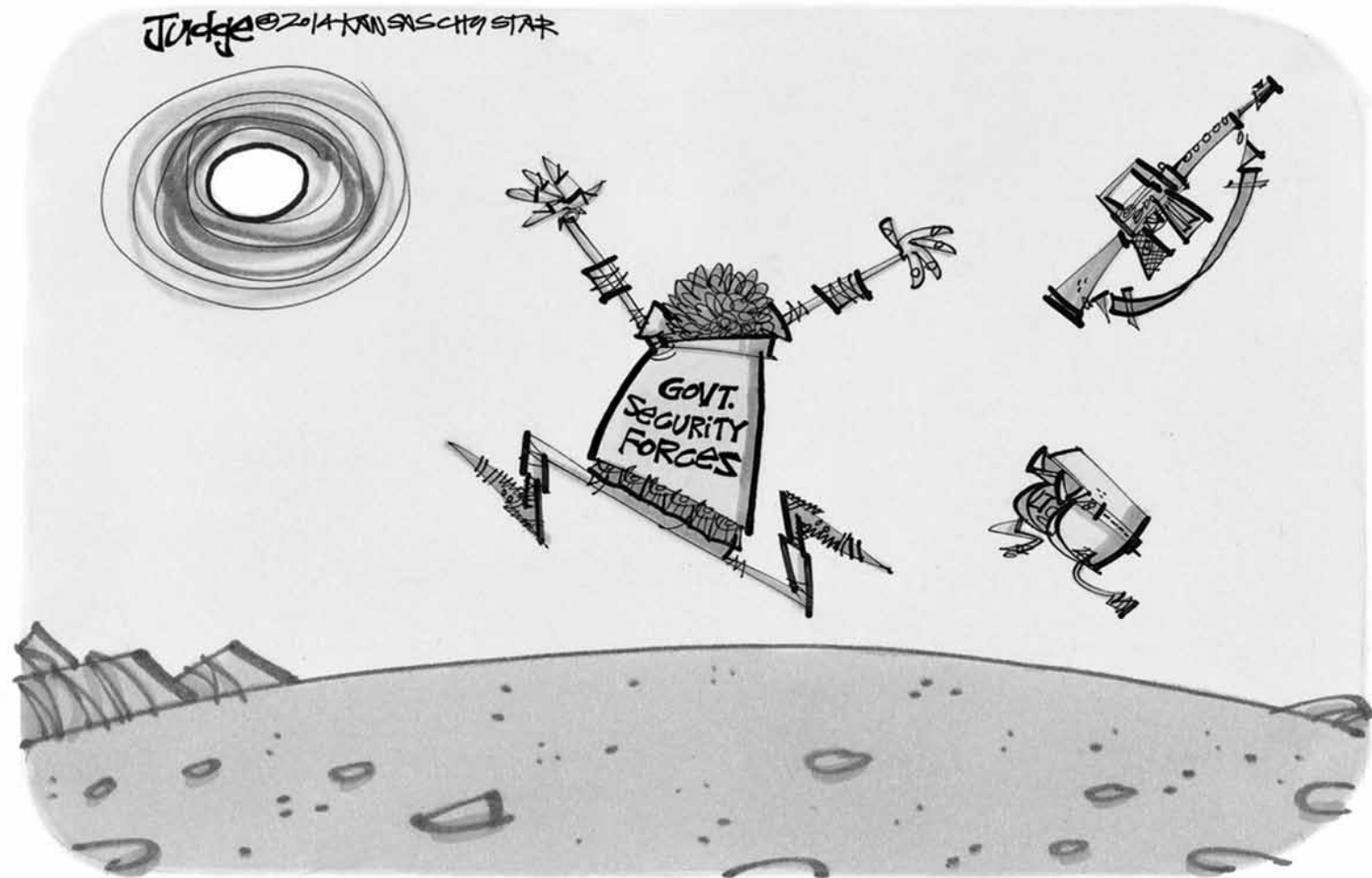
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## Take Scouts, add pickup, sprinkle

My scouts were adamant about wanting to ride in the back of my pickup, and Gordy was their spokesman. "Riding in the front of a pickup is stupid," he said. "Riding in the back is awesome."

I have always felt that when it comes to working with scouts, a person has to pick his battles. Some battles truly are worth fighting head on, for others an alternate way should be found, and then there are those that should not be fought at all. I found this to be a good philosophy, especially in my case with the 18 boys in my troop. They were hard working farm boys, and there were certain things they would really dig their heels in about.

I had always felt that riding in the back of a pickup wasn't safe. However, when I was scoutmaster, there was no rule against it, so I knew that particular battle would be one based solely on my own opinion.

With these ideas in mind, I took some time to considered my options before I answered. As I was thinking, Gordy tried to strengthen their position. "We've been working so hard that we really need a chance to cool off."

I had to admit that the boys had worked hard. We had done a service project, mowing and raking all of the widows' lawns in the community. Though the boys were quite typical, and did lots of crazy things while we worked, they had also done a good job.

Finally, taking everything into account, I decided I would let them ride in the back, on the condition that they sat down in the bottom of the pickup. I also told them that I would drive slower. They agreed to that, even though they

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were anxious to get back to the church to play basketball.

The boys packed into the back of my pickup, stuffing their rakes under their feet. We started down the road at about 30 miles per hour. Then I saw something that I thought might help the boys reconsider the joy of riding in the back of a pickup. It was a huge center pivot sprinkler with a high volume end gun that was putting out gallons of water every second. I could see the huge stream of water booming out like a water cannon, and it was moving toward the road. I slowed my pickup to synchronize it to the distance and speed of the sprinkler.

The boys didn't see the sprinkler. They only had one thing on their mind, and that was basketball.

"What's the matter?" Gordy yelled. "Won't this pickup go any faster?"

"You need to get a Chevy," Mort said. "A Chevy?" Devon questioned. "If it were a Chevy it would be dead in the road, and we wouldn't be going any..."

Devon didn't even finish before the water hit them with the force of a fire hose, and in seconds it dumped tens of gallons of water over

them. Even as they hollered I slowed my speed to about five miles per hour, matching the turning speed of the sprinkler. I worked the gas, brake, and clutch making the pickup stutter, and lurch, finally coming to a complete stop just as the back of the pickup finished filling with water and the sprinkler turned away.

Through all of the screaming, Gordy yelled, "What the devil was that all about?"

"You guys are right," I answered. "I need to get a new pickup that doesn't stall out in water."

"Yeah, right," Gordy said sarcastically.

I started the pickup back up, and we headed on our way. And, can you believe it, there was another sprinkler that hit the road just as we went by with the exact same experience, except that the boys saw it coming this time and were hollering even before it hit them. And I don't know if you believe in coincidence, but we even had an unimaginable third one hit us before we finally arrived at the church.

When we pulled into the church parking lot, the water was still draining from the pickup. I opened the tailgate and water poured out like I was opening a flood gate. I smiled as the boys slogged out and tried to dry off so they could go inside to play basketball.

"I guess that is a chance you take when you ride in the back of a pickup," I said, smiling.

"Or the chance we take when we have an idiot driver," Gordy growled.

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## Time stands still for test in China

Police cars blocked the street, parked front bumper to back bumper, forming a barricade to traffic. Five blocks ahead, a similar barricade prevented any oncoming traffic. I had told my taxi driver "Yangling High School" and we had arrived. I faced the quietest scene in China since I landed in Beijing one week after the Wenchuan earthquake and the whole country came to a halt in a moment of silence.

But this was an annual event. It is the most critical time in the life of any Chinese youth. This was the second day of the two day national high school leaving exam (or college entrance exam), the gao kao. About 9 million graduating seniors across China were taking this test today. A little over 7 million will have scores high enough to enter college. And the higher the score, the higher rank the college.

Those that fail? Their life will be harder; their pay far, far lower. And it is not just the student that fails, but parents and grandparents too. China has not yet achieved a social security system and for many, their child remains the "social security" for two parents and four grandparents.

That is why parents and grandparents crowded this street outside the school fence. As I walked among them, the quietness was eerie. China is a country of constant chatter. But the little being said was in low and somber voices. You did not have to speak Chinese to detect the fretting and the anxiety.

Yangling is not a tourist town. You can count the number of Westerners here on one hand. So I am accustomed to heads turning as I pass through. But today, no one looked up or noticed me. I was like a ghost drifting invisible through this crowd. Their minds were on



**John Richard Schrock**

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their student who had now come to this decisive moment in their lives. If he or she failed, they all failed.

My boss here is a vice president at the university and has oversight of this high school. He had explained how his team had tested out the cameras the week before. In every one of the test classrooms, cameras were mounted that could scan every corner of the room. And they were all linked to Beijing. In some cities, parents can even watch their child on camera during these two days of testing, but not here.

Tests were delivered in armored cars by armed police (normal police in China are not armed). Students filed in for the test through security scanners, similar to our airport security, and are patted down and wanded. During these two days, police also man full-frequency scanners to detect any transmissions from inside the classrooms. Last year over 60 such cases were detected nationwide. Not only the student, but the parents, the equipment salesmen and anyone remotely involved received the harshest of sentences. This is one issue for which China has "zero tolerance."

These students and parents will not learn their scores today. It will take weeks to grade the Chinese, math and English papers, plus the sub-tests. That process is also under high secu-

rity. A professor colleague in Nanjing regularly graded exams, and he was incommunicado for a solid week, locked on a floor of a hotel. I could never visit him the second week of June.

Scores will be posted when finished. The names will be there for all to see, from top score to bottom, with the cut-off clearly marked. We fret about privacy and have our FERPA laws to hide our students' failures. But here in China, this total transparency is absolutely essential so that all can see that admission to college did not give preference to the wealthy and powerful.

This test has always been a one-time event, with students all across China beginning and ending at the same time. But today, television is making a big deal over two students who cannot take the test. They were victims of a knife attack on a train the day before the test, and are in the hospital. The news media has focused heavily on their plight. Security camera footage of the stabbing is on all the channels. The Ministry of Education will administer a special test to them when they recover.

But how about those who had less dramatic medical events or became sick with normal but debilitating illnesses on these days? With nearly 7 million students, those cases would run into the thousands, and the opportunity for cheating would rapidly get out of control. They get no dispensation. It has to be that way — for the good of all.

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### Mallard Fillmore

#### • Bruce Tinsley



**On the Beat**

**COLBY POLICE  
June 12**

10:20 a.m. – Tried to make contact with subject about garage sale signs on light poles.  
 10:34 a.m. – Caller reported possibly someone inside residence. Report filed.  
 1:02 p.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.  
 1:31 p.m. – Caller wanted officer to pick up a dog. Civil matter.  
 5:59 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.  
 6:08 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.  
 6:45 p.m. – Subject came to station about custody matter. Information sent to other agency.  
 7:53 p.m. – Caller reported subject being unruly. Spoke to subjects; all OK.  
 9:21 p.m. – Caller reported subject in a minivan almost caused another to wreck motorcycle.  
 10:09 p.m. – Caller reported barking dogs. Contacted owner to take inside.  
 10:46 p.m. – Caller reported subject backed into another vehicle in parking lot.  
 10:46 p.m. – Transporting open container report filed.

**June 13**

10:07 a.m. – Oakley Police request subject be picked up. Not found.  
 11:06 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.  
 11:35 a.m. – Caller reported stray cat caught.  
 12:09 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle being keyed.  
 5:07 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to owner.  
 7:16 p.m. – Caller reported pickup parked in handicap stall. All OK; spoke to owner; subject in wheelchair.

**June 14**

1:55 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed.  
 2:59 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed.  
 4:34 p.m. – Assisted sheriff's deputy.  
 5:24 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle left in lot for more than 24 hours.  
 5:54 p.m. – Caller reported semi trailer parked on street for more than 24 hours causing visibility issues. Trailer was moved.  
 6:32 p.m. – Recovered wallet brought to station. Owner contacted.

7:42 p.m. – Caller reported allowing subject to use vehicle who has not returned it. Civil matter.  
 7:58 p.m. – Caller reported receiving repeated calls from a possible telemarketer. Information given.  
 9:08 p.m. – Caller reported dog howling in yard. Officers were busy at time of call.  
 9:14 p.m. – Caller reported belligerent subject was asked to leave. Report filed.

**June 15**

12:32 a.m. – Caller reported an intoxicated subject. Located vehicle, had a sober driver.  
 3:14 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle driving recklessly. Vehicle located without subject. At 4:46, report filed on locating subjects.

**Last Monday**

7:31 a.m. – Unable to catch dog at large.  
 8:49 a.m. – Provided information about traffic control.  
 11:06 a.m. – Subject called about a phone scam; reporting party's phone number was used to make a scam call.  
 11:10 a.m. – Illegal parking; vehicle was moved.  
 1:09 p.m. – Car blocking driveway moved.  
 5:11 p.m. – Accident. Subjects had made contact with insurance companies already; no report.  
 9:35 p.m. – Civil standby.

**Tuesday**

7:01 a.m. – Dog at large contained, taken to Colby Animal Clinic.  
 10:46 a.m. – Removed debris from road at I-70 and K-25.  
 12:49 p.m. – Assisted motorist.  
 2:26 p.m. – Vehicle parked without current tags. Spoke to owner, they will get current tags on vehicle.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF  
June 12**

8:48 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Sharon Lanning.  
 5:28 p.m. – Caller reported her daughter is being harassed by her ex. Spoke to subjects.  
 6:06 p.m. – Caller reported possible vandalism to horse corral in Brewster. No report at this time.  
 10:45 p.m. – No one around vehicle in the ditch in the 2600 block of K-25.

**June 13**

2:37 a.m. – Accident with deer at I-70 mile 68 westbound.

10:19 a.m. – Assisted Colby Police on Grant.  
 11 a.m. – Business contact at Thomas County Cabinetry, Brewster.

1:49 p.m. – Caller reported loss or theft of license tag off trailer at High Plains R.V. Park.  
 5:39 p.m. – Caller reported man and woman walking from stalled vehicle; man shoved woman in the 1100 block of U.S. 24. All OK.

6:56 p.m. – Provided child car safety seat inspection.  
 8:17 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on traffic stop at westbound I-70 mile 59.  
 9:03 p.m. – Took inmate to Larned State Hospital.  
 9:25 p.m. – Caller reported man and woman sitting in a van at the Frontier Ag Fuel Depot for more than an hour. All OK.

**June 14**

3:25 p.m. – Subject reported her children witnessed her ex-husband have fight with his girlfriend. Report filed.  
 9:46 p.m. – Oakley Police advised storm broke out windows on business and vehicles at J&J Oil at 465 U.S. 83.

**June 15**

3:21 p.m. – Helped Colby Police look for vehicle driving recklessly in the vicinity of Fifth and Riddle.  
 6:21 p.m. – Stranded motorist at westbound I-70 mile 45. All OK; help coming from Colorado.  
 10:04 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks being used in the 200 block of Hastings Road, Brewster.

**Last Monday**

12:26 p.m. – Caller had questions about conceal carry laws. Provided information.  
 2:47 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Zachary Aaron Bowers.

**Tuesday**

8:13 a.m. – Took transient to Rawlins County.  
 8:54 a.m. – Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby.  
 10:49 a.m. – Lost tag report filed; entered in National Crime Information Center.  
 11:26 a.m. – Possession report filed on traffic stop at I-70 mile 62 eastbound.  
 2:32 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on David Hubert Matthews.  
 5:48 p.m. – Report filed on incident at County Rds. 17 and W.

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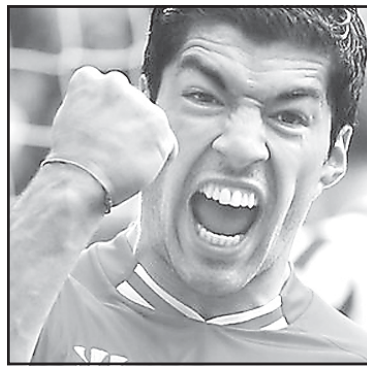
# Alleged Cup biter faces ban

NEW YORK (AP) — FIFA has announced it will investigate the Luis Suarez alleged biting incident with Liverpool's Uruguayan striker likely to face a lengthy ban if found guilty.

Suarez appeared to bite Italy's Giorgio Chiellini towards the end of Uruguay's 1-0 Group D World Cup win, leaving teeth marks on his shoulder.

FIFA asked the team to present evidence, which can include video recordings, by 5 p.m. local time today. A decision must be published before Saturday, when Uruguay plays Colombia.

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# Colby alum set to fight again

Ultimate fighter and Colby native Danny Mainus expects his next bout when the Resurrection Fight Alliance returns to Broomfield, Colo., in July.

"Do not miss it. I need all my fans and supporters with me," Mainus commented on his Facebook page about RFA 16 set for Friday, July 25 at Broomfield's 1stBANK Center.

Mainus added to being "not sure yet" who will be his bantamweight opponent.

The main bantamweight fight features Zac Chavez — who won a split decision over Mainus last year — facing Boston "Boom Boom" Salmon.

Whoever challenges Mainus must deal with a hungry pro fighter coming off two tough defeats.

Mainus' last bout was on April 18 at Fight to Win in Denver.

No fewer than 97 percent of fans voting at topology.com picked Mainus to win, but Colon



Colby native Danny Mainus (right) traded punches with bantamweight opponent Scott Ingram during a Resurrection Fighting Alliance match in Broomfield, Colo., last fall.

(3-5 pro record) scored a split-decision victory. A fighttowinmma.com report suggested "groin keys were a key to Colon's success:

"The fighters spent a prolonged time working probing strikes from the outside until Colon landed a kick to the groin. On the restart

both fighters landed solid with their strikes.

Round two was almost all standing striking with both fighters having periods of landing well with combinations and probing strikes. Near the end of the round Mainus scored a takedown then defended an inverted triangle until the bell ended the round.

Round three had an early accidental groin kick from Colon. No penalty point was taken and on the restart the fighters probed with strikes from the outside until Mainus scored a takedown. Off of his back Colon was active with strikes and he worked his way to standing. From their feet, Colon scored a takedown and flurried until the bell ended the round. The scorecards were read and the winner by split decision was Isaac Colon."

Mainus will try to even his pro record at 3-3 in RFA 16. Fights begin at 9 p.m. central time with tickets available through www.caigetix.com.

RFA's 16 showcase bout matches undefeated Josh "Cuddly Bear" Copeland and Jan "The Animal" Jorgensen fighting for the vacant RFA heavyweight world title.

Watch for details about Mainus' bout in an upcoming Free Press. Danny is the son of Colby's Dan and Sylvia Mainus.

# Look out! Sharks swimming faster in Colby

By R.B. Headley  
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An awesome eight Colby Sharks broke team records during a strong performance from the swim club at Saturday's annual home meet.

The Sharks totaled 265.5 points — nearly 100 more than their two most recent efforts. They took second behind only powerful rival Goodland (332 points) among eight teams competing from three states.

Leading the Shark attack were two champion relays that swam faster than any Colby foursome before in their events and age groups.

Some of coach Sondra Finley's youngest Sharks made a big splash.

Calista Carney, Annie Morris, Blayne Reid and Cai Lanning won the eight-and-under mixed 100-meter freestyle relay with an all-time Colby fastest 2:03.48.

Meanwhile, another four proven champion Sharks were breaking Colby's 200-freestyle relay record for age 13-14 girls.

Madisyn Lemman, Desiree Foster, Paige Schroer and Tayler Bieberle teamed to set the new mark of 2:20.32. They were seven seconds faster than Colby's 13-14 boys relay which also captured a championship on Saturday.

Bieberle wasn't finished biting into the team record books. She finished the 100-breaststroke in 1:29.82 for another of her four victories on the day.

Besides the two records, Bieberle's 32.41 timing also won a 50-freestyle title and joined Colby's champion 200-medley relay-among age 13-14 girls.

All Colby Sharks relay results from Saturday's home meet. All individual races were featured in Monday's Free Press.

## Age 8-and-under girls

Swim Club A 100-medley of Annie Morris, Calista Carney, Alisabeth Barton and Anna Brown placed third, 2:31.64; 100-freestyle of Amanda Jaeger, Brown, Taylor Bienhoff and Barton placed fifth, 2:19.53. Swim Club B 100-freestyle of Madison Bohall, Kallan Rothchild, Karyssa Applebury and Brecklyn Wahlmeier placed seventh, 3:02.01.

## Age 8-and-under boys

Swim Club A 100-medley of Jace Keen, Blayne Reid, Blair Niblock and Cai Lanning won the race, 2:03.48; 100-freestyle of Caden Schriener, Jamison Zurcher, Hunter Cromer and Eli Hutton placed fourth, 2:48.4. Swim Club B 100-freestyle of Tony Jaeger, Dalton Earl Bell, Tanner Vyzourek and Jace Keen placed fifth, 3:07.7.

## Age 8-and-under mixed

Swim Club A 100-freestyle of Calista Carney, Annie Morris, Blayne Reid and Cai Lanning won the race, 2:03.48.

## Age 9-10 girls

Swim Club A 100-medley of Jeanie Strick, Jade Schroer, Baylei Kraft and Madison Krejci placed third, 1:45.7; 100-freestyle of Alizah Schielke, Kraft, Schroer and Jillian Niblock placed fifth, 1:31.55. Swim Club B 100-medley of Niblock, Schielke, Jayla Rush and Kayla Jaeger placed fifth, 1:59.43; 100-freestyle of Strick, Kamrynn Elling, Jaeger and Rush placed sixth, 1:39.48.

## Age 9-10 boys

Swim Club A 100-medley of Lincoln Myers, Conner Lanning, Dawsyn Lemman and Breon



Colby Shark record-setting swimmer Tayler Bieberle moved along to the team's all-time fastest 100-meter breaststroke finish

Barton placed second, 1:38.74; 100-freestyle of Lanning, Aaron Lindsey, Barton and Lemman placed third, 1:30.84. Swim Club B 100-freestyle of Joshua Berens, Joshua Yanez, Isaac Smith and Beau Mettlen placed fifth, 1:43.44; 100-medley of Joshua Berens, Lindsey, Mettlen and Matthew Berens placed fifth, 2:19.06.

## Age 9-10 mixed

Swim Club A 100-freestyle of Madison Krejci, Matthew Berens, Blair Niblock and Lincoln Myers placed seventh, 2:04.03.

## Age 11-12 girls

Swim Club A 200-medley of Carissa Brogan, Emeline Hutton, Kourtney Finley and Mandy Summers placed second, 3:19.02. 200-freestyle of Finley, Meghann Elling, Brogan and Hutton placed third, 2:42.01.

## Age 11-12 boys

Swim Club A 200-medley of Brysen Barton, Wade Rush, Cade

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a variance request will be heard at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 17, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall for Nate and Lindsey Moore, 735 Sunset Drive (All of Plot "D", in the Re-Subdivision of Blocks Fifty-seven (57) and Fifty-eight (58), South Park Annex to South Park Addition to the City of Colby, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof).

Owners are requesting a variance to encroach upon the 15' setback in the side yard at their residence in an R-1 -- Single Family Dwelling District, which is not permitted in Zoning Ordinance No. 1527.

This public hearing will be held for the Board of Zoning Appeals. The public is invited to attend.

/s/ Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

### Public Notice

#### Section 8.

That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its natural gas transmission and distribution system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Gem, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

#### Section 9.

It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void, or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court.

#### Section 10.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

#### Section 11.

This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated.

#### Section 12.

The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in The Colby Free Press, the official city newspaper.

#### FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE

by the Governing Body of the City of Gem, Kansas, this 19th day of June, 2014.

/s/ Phyllis Ziegelmeier  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
/s/ Pete Ziegelmeier II  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Earnest A. Lehman  
President, Midwest Energy, Inc.

ATTEST:  
/s/ Sharon K. Dreher  
Assistant Secretary, Midwest Energy, Inc.

(SEAL)

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## ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF.

BE OBTAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GEM, KANSAS:

**Section 1.** That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Gem, Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called "City", there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called "Grantee" or "Company", its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places within the City of Gem, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining and operating a natural gas transmission and distribution system including mains, pipes, conduits, services and other necessary structures and appurtenances, in, under, upon, over, across, and along the streets, alleys, bridges, and public grounds within the present and future corporate limits of the City of Gem, Kansas, for the furnishing, transmission, distribution, and sale of natural gas, for heating, cooling, domestic, industrial and other purposes, and for transmitting natural gas into, through and beyond said City for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 19th day of June, 2034.

**Section 2.** All mains, pipes, conduits and services shall be installed and maintained so as to interfere as little as practicable with traffic over the streets, alleys, bridges and public places of said City.

When Grantee shall do any work of construction, repair or maintenance of said system in the course of which any pavements, curbing or gutter upon any street, alley, bridge or public place shall be excavated, Grantee shall properly protect excavations and shall promptly restore such

street, alley, bridge or public place as far as practicable to as good condition as before such work was done.

**Section 3.** That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of natural gas will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company's service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City for any damages resulting from such temporary cessation of service.

**Section 4.** That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its transmission and distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company's natural gas facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its natural gas facilities at Company's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its natural gas facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons City right-of-way on which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company.

**Section 5.** It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having

jurisdiction over the Company, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company.

**Section 6.** Subject to any restriction placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of Gem, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of natural gas and of 1.5 cents per therm for gas transported to any customer within the corporate limits of said City. Payment shall be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period.

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area.

**Section 7.** Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable natural gas sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may renegotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void.



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## No marshmallows among these campers



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby Community College's volleyball camp was happy to be invaded last week as more than 50 determined players worked on their volleyball skills with Trojans head coach Carey Jones (above right) and assistant Chelsea Funk. The camp in Colby's Community Building involved all ages from first through 12th grades. "We were really excited to have such a large number of players participating in our camps this year," Jones said. "These were the largest camps we have held since I've been here. We were able to learn a lot, get better, and compete at the sport we love. I hope the campers had as much fun as our coaching staff."

## Biting adds a little sick flavor

By R.B. Headley  
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After exhaustive Google research that encompassed almost 30 seconds, I uncovered three important facts:

1. There are no new lasagna colognes or aftershave currently being marketed across Italy.
2. Homemade leftover pizza has yet to find a pocket in current soccer uniforms.
3. There can be no excuse for Uruguay's Luis Suarez allegedly biting that Italian during World Cup play on Tuesday. America's team should also understand this onen clear message: there will be no chomping of Ger-

mans tomorrow unless someone mentions German chocolate cake. Perhaps my current sugarless, sluggish condition explains why there is no outrage.

Anyone who's gotten trapped under an American football pile knows biting can rank fairly low among painful predicaments.

Plus yesterday's teething actually inspired me to watch 10 minutes of World Cup coverage without an appetite for channel changing.

Uruguay may actually leap up World Cup television rankings, and it already ranks above the U.S. among most "livable and greenest countries" according to listofcountriesoftheworld.com.

I've clearly got too much time

to waste on a Wednesday.

Besides, biting's nothing new in sports or real life for that matter. It would only list about fourth on my worst sports moments behind:

**1. Punched in the ribs during basketball jump shots.** My oldest brother did this constantly during a neighborhood game where fouls are never called. The worst part is I could still find my ribs back then.

**2. Girl in eighth grade** wearing velcro dartboard t-shirt punched me every time I missed my target with one of those spongy, sticky balls. I never even asked her out for a date.

**3. Playing soccer.** I made the "World's Drunkest Man" look coordinated.

## Couples, ladies both tie in Colby golf title chase

Results from Meadow Lake Golf Course competition during the past week:

### Couples Night

Couples again proved they can play nice together as 12 competed in a 1-Couple Scramble Friday evening, with three sharing the Flight 2 championship.

Melissa Vogt teamed with Jason Stomberg to win Flight 1 while Justin Barrett and Janel Barrett earned second place.

Meanwhile, a trio of couples could not decide who was the finest Flight 2 team. Ben Kahle and Lisa Stithem tied Kerry Wark and Lisa Wark, who also matched the winning effort of Gene Rothfuss and Joy Rothfuss.

Potential matches could take place when couples meet again for a 2-Couple Scramble starting at 6 p.m. on Friday.

### Ladies Night

A Least Putts showdown featuring 14 ladies also finished in ties for first and second places on Tuesday, June 17.

Wendy Weishaar and Susan Wark shared this title. Joy Rothfuss, Cheryl Edmundson and Lisa Stithem putted along to their three-way tie for second.

A 2-Lady Modified Scotch was set for Tuesday this week where every golfer would drive and putt with unlimited mulligans. Proceeds from a \$1 fee for each participant was going to the Ladies Golf Association.

### Men's Night

A 4-Man Scramble with free mulligans drew 72 participants on Wednesday, June 19, but no results had been obtained before today's press deadline.

The men are scheduled to play a 2-Man Blind Draw starting at 6 p.m. tonight.

### Upcoming tournaments

Besides the rescheduled Junior Golf tourney on Thursday, Meadow Lake will be busy with Sunday's 2-Man Modified 27-Hole

Tournament.

The shotgun start is set for 9 a.m. with fees being \$100 per team.

Call Kevan at (785) 460-6443 for information on all upcoming Meadow Lake tourneys.

Just one week later, golfers can cap their Fourth of July festivities by playing a 2-Couple Scramble on Sunday, July 6, at Meadow Lake.

Fee is \$80 per couple with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

### Buffalo Chip registration

Registration has also started today for the annual Colby Buffalo Chip tournament at Meadow Lake scheduled for July 25-26.

The annual pre-tourney horse race takes place on Thursday, July 24.

Entry fees not paid by Wednesday, July 2 will be removed from the registration list and replaced with names on the waiting list.

Again, call Kevan 460-6443 to register.

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