



Water Vision draft stops here on tour

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The Kansas Water Office and Department of Agriculture Water Vision Team stopped in Colby Wednesday morning to discuss their draft plan with more than 30 of the area's farmers, municipal water users, legislators, conservationists and community members.

The vision isn't finalized yet, the team emphasized, but this meeting and others held across the state play an important role in developing a plan to safeguard the state's water resources.

The team, which includes representatives of the Kansas Water Office and Department of Agriculture as well as the heads of both agencies, began the meeting by presenting the highlights of their 46-page "preliminary discussion draft." The draft was unveiled online on July 1 and is open for public comment.

The draft contains more than 170 "strategies," or goals, organized under themes of water management, water conservation, technology and crop varieties and new sources of supply. Although the plan and its specific goals are not yet final, Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter said ignoring water issues is not a good idea. Without addressing water conservation, Streeter said, "we cannot sustain the economy we have today, let alone grow it."

According to the team, studies show the Ogallala Aquifer will be 70 percent depleted in 50 years if no changes are made. See "WATER," Page 2



Guard camps in Colby

SAM DIETER Colby Free Press These national guard vehicles were parked at Colby High School Wednesday evening. The soldiers, who were riding in about a dozen vehicles, said they were with the 134th Cavalry, part of the Nebraska Army National Guard. They stopped at the high school to spend the night on their way to Colorado.



After death, drunk driving sentence given

By Sam Dieter Colby Free Press sdieter@nwkansas.com

A man who was acquitted of vehicular manslaughter in the 2012 death of a friend after a night of drinking in Brewster was given probation instead of a jail sentence Wednesday morning to the accompanying charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

to a different court case which was also settled Wednesday. House got probation for that case in place another six-month jail sentence for driving while suspended because of his credit history.

James House was ordered to serve a year of probation instead of a six-month jail sentence for driving drunk with a child under 14 in his pickup, a class B misdemeanor. This means he will not spend time in jail, other than a mandatory 48 hours, and 30 days under house arrest before the probation begins.

Judge Glenn D. Schiffner made it clear that House would not be allowed to drink at all during his probation, something he said he has not done since the incident. He was tried in April after accidentally killing Gallentine, his friend for 27 years, on March 10, 2012. He was trying to drive home with his son, Hunter House, who had been with the two men when they spent several hours at Chelle's Bar and Grill in Brewster. The jury had been asked to consider if Gallentine - who allegedly ran in front of House's truck - had a hand in his own death.

He will have to pay \$1,370 in costs and fees stemming from the 2012 incident in which he ran over and killed his friend, Val Gallentine, 44. County Attorney Kevin Berens and Jeff Mason, House's attorney, argued over the 30 days of house arrest, which were added on because he drove with his son in the car, before the sentence was handed down.

Previously, evidence showed, House had nine drunk-driving arrests between 1987 and 1997. He told Schiffner that he "settled down" after that and raised a family that includes Hunter and three daughters. He lost his job after the Brewster incident, but since has started working for Dale Oard, who raises hay and cattle in Thomas County. Oard testified on House's behalf.

Independent launches ads

By John Hanna AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) - A northeast Kansas businessman seeking a spot on the ballot for U.S. Senate as an independent candidate launched statewide television and radio ads today suggesting both major political parties are responsible for dysfunction in Washington.

Greg Orman of Olathe, who's hoping to run for the seat held by three-term Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, told The Associated Press he's starting the ad campaign because the general election is less than four months away. He said he's confident his supporters will gather the signatures needed to get him on the ballot.

"The mood in the country is trending towards us. Washington's broken, and people are sick of the dysfunction," Orman said. "They are very frustrated with what's going on."

Republicans have won every U.S. Senate race since 1932. State GOP Executive Director Clay Barker dismissed the suggestion that Roberts is vulnerable.

Campaigns by independent candidates for statewide offices are unusual in Kansas, and Orman's decision to launch television advertising ahead of securing a spot on the ballot makes his campaign even more atypical. The ads include one 60-second and two 30-second television spots, all emphasizing his message that Washington has become too partisan to solve the nation's problems. One of the 30-second spots shows blue- and red-shirted teams in a tug-of-war contest with no apparent winner.

He said of Orman, "He's got a real hard hill to climb as an independent." As an independent, Orman is required by state law to gather the signatures of at least 5,000 registered voters on petitions by Aug. 4, the day before the state's primary election, in order to obtain a spot on the ballot for the Nov. 4 general election. The last independent candidate for the U.S. Senate was Christina Campbell-Cline, a Wichita accountant, in 1992, and she received 4 percent of the vote.

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Board proposes more state aid

By John Hanna AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas would phase in a substantial increase of \$459 million in spending on its public schools over two years under largely symbolic proposals approved Tuesday by the State Board of Education.

lean budgets in the wake of personal income tax cuts championed by Republican Gov. Sam Brownback. The board's proposals also come as a judicial panel considers whether the state is spending enough on its schools to provide every child an adequate education.

er the income tax cuts, enacted by Brownback and the GOP-dominated Legislature in 2012 and 2013 to stimulate the economy.

But the board's work was mostly a statement of its support for education. Its proposals would phase in an increase of about 13 percent in aid to public schools, starting in July 2015, and doing so would force the state to reconsider

With state revenues reduced, the state is burning through its cash reserves to sustain spending. Brownback has argued that economic growth will cause tax collections to rebound, but Democrats believe the state will be wrestling with potential budget shortfalls

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One county pays for records

LAWRENCE (AP) - A northeast Kansas county is trying to make it easier for people born in other states to get copies of their birth certificates so they can register to vote.

Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew said Wednesday that the county will pay for copies of birth certificate for a handful of people who can't afford them. Under state law, people born in Kansas are eligible for free copies of their birth certificates, while voters born in other states pay fees ranging from \$10 to \$60. Shew said the new policy addresses what he sees as an unfairness created by the Kansas statute that requires new voters to prove their citizenship, the Lawrence Journal-World reported (bit.ly/1zqhWW9).

About 19,000 Kansas residents have incomplete voter registrations, because their proof of citizenship hasn't been finished. They have until Aug. 4 to provide proof so they can cast a ballot in the Aug. 5 primary election.

copy of their birth certificate from another state.

In Douglas County, more than 600 people have registrations that are incomplete. Shew said his office has tried to contact all of the voters and identified about five people who couldn't pay to get a

"Even if it's just those five, I think it's important because every single voter should have the same access to the process as other voters in the county," he said. Shew said the office will pay the fee for voters who can't afford it and his office's current budget can cover the cost.

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made to current water policy, and 40 percent of the land now irrigated by the aquifer will not be able to support a well pumping 400 gallons per minute. But that doesn't mean the state government necessarily wants to impose water restrictions or other measures. The plan itself is designed to accept input and encourages local water policies to solve these problems rather than forcing policies at the state level. Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture, emphasized the plan's specific goals, called action items, have not been endorsed by the governor and are still open for discussion.

"We expect most people are going to be interested in the action items," she said, adding "there is no one-size-fits-all goal."

Although questions and comments from the attendees hit on many action items, several talked about the plan's suggestion of a 20 percent reduction in statewide water consumption by 2065.

Mike Schultz, Brewster's city superintendent, said that level of reduction is "ridiculous" and that a much greater reduction is needed.

"If we're going to do something, let's get off our asses and do it," he said, echoing similar comments from several others.

Earl Lewis, the assistant director of the Kansas Water Office, said the team would like to see more Local Enhanced Management Areas, or LEMAs, like the one currently operating in Sheridan County. These manage-



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The audience listened intently to a presentation during the water vision tour that visited Colby on Wednesday.

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Milton Wolf, a Leawood radiologist, with former mail carrier Alvin Zahner of Russell and homemaker D.J. Smith of Osawatimie also in the race. Two Democrats are running, Shawnee

County District Attorney Chad Taylor and Lawrence attorney Patrick Wiesner.

Orman is co-founder of Denali Partners, a business capital and management services firm. In 2010, he helped create the Common Sense Coalition,

a nonprofit group that describes itself as an advocate for "the sensible center." Orman briefly was a U.S. Senate candidate in 2007, when Roberts was preparing to seek his third term, but dropped out early in 2008.

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well into the future. Even Brownback's more optimistic assessment does not allow for as big a short-term boost in education funding as the board has proposed, absent other changes.

But several members said the board has a duty to advocate for public schools. The board's proposals will go to Brownback, who's working on his own budget recommendations to submit to lawmakers when they convene their next annual session in January.

"The finances are lean, but I think that we should ask for what we think we need to educate our children," said board member Carolyn Campbell, a Topeka Democrat.

In the past, legislators and governors have largely ignored the board's proposals for big spending increases.

Board member John Bacon, a conservative Olathe Republican, voted against most of Tuesday's proposals and said later that members need to consider what the state can afford.

"What's realistic in our budget? Hopefully, increases of 2 to 3 percent," Bacon said. "That's what I think we should advocate for."

Meanwhile, a three-judge panel in Shawnee County District Court is reviewing parts of a lawsuit filed in 2010 by parents and school districts. While the Supreme Court resolved issues of whether money is fairly distributed - and lawmakers boosted aid to poor districts - the lower-court panel is considering whether total spending is adequate.

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Grant to help heart health in western Kansas

LAWRENCE (AP)—The University of Kansas Hospital will lead a team working to reduce deaths from heart attacks and strokes in western Kansas. The hospital announced Wednesday that it had received a \$12.5 million,

three-year federal grant to lead the effort.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports (bit.ly/1qnkVst) the hospital will work with Hays Medical Center and 10 critical access hospitals and

primary care providers in western Kansas.

The program will use technology, health data exchanges, preventive health screening and care management to help patients in mostly rural areas.

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.

Sign up open for Levant reunion

The annual Levant reunion will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars, 220 Lake. Let Erma Palmgren or Betty Schroeder, (785) 694-2255, know by Friday, July 25, if you plan to attend, so the count can be given to the food preparer.

Once a Month Lunch coming up

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to everyone who shows up the second Saturday of each month. No reservation. For questions, call the church office at 462-6342.

Founders Day: something for all

The Colby Community College Founder's Day celebration begins at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Cultural Arts Center. Lloyd White, a founding board member, will be honored along with several past presidents, with a reception to follow. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a free community ice-cream and watermelon feed will be held north of the Student Union. Games including a bounce house and fun photo booth will be available for kids. For information, call public affairs director Deb Schwanke at 460-5411.

Lunch, auction to benefit chief

A benefit lunch and live auction to help Police Chief Ron Alexander and his family are planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth. Sloppy joes will be served for a donation; the auction starts at 1 p.m., and a drawing will follow. For information, call Lisa, Kristy or Courtney McCarty at the McCarty Dairy office in Colby, 460-0596.

Radio controlled 'fun fly' coming

Come to a radio-control "Fun Fly" is planned from dawn to dusk Saturday and Sunday at the Colby Flyers Field, seven miles north on K-25. In you have a plane, helicopter or drone, or several, come and enjoy the weekend. Everyone is welcome as a participant or observer. For information, call Ken Crampton at 443-1892.

Catholic youths taking orders

The Catholic Youth Organization will be selling fruit through Sunday, Aug. 10. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears or gala apples by contacting any member or Megan Augustine at the parish office, 462-2179. Pickup will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Mosquito fogging underway

Colby city crews are fogging for mosquitoes. Depending on weather, the schedule will be: Mondays or Tuesdays from Webster Street south, and Thursdays or Fridays from Webster Street north. Please empty any container holding stagnant water to help keep the mosquito population down. For information, call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420.

Start off Pickin' with potluck

The 19th annual Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival starts at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday with a potluck supper in the 4-H Building in Colby, drinks and table service provided. It is a good time for fellowship and getting reacquainted. After the platters are licked clean, there's bound to be a jam session or two. Come on out and share in the food and music. For information, call 460-7643.

National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

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

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

Monday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 76.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Table with weather details: Wednesday: High, 88; Low 64. Precip: Wednesday None. Month: 0.63 inches. Year: 9.76 inches. Normal: 13.61 inches. (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset: Friday 6:27 a.m. 9:12 p.m. Moon: waxing, 99 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory). Colby Water Use: Wednesday 2,288,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)



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Other Viewpoints

State finances deserve attention

Kansas ended its 2014 fiscal year on June 30 with \$338 million less in the bank than expected due to revenues that fell short of projections.

If you ask the candidates running for governor this year what is to blame for the shortfall and what possible remedies should be considered, they start pointing fingers.

We'd like to say it's time to stop pointing fingers – what has happened is history – and get into a real discussion about the state of the Kansas economy and the state's budget. Consider it said. Given that this is an election year, however, we expect fingers will be flying in all directions through the primary election in August and right up to the November general election.

That serves no purpose and is a disservice to the voters.

If the state meets its revenue projections through the end of the current fiscal year, which runs through June 30, it will end the year with about \$25 million in the bank, based on projected expenditures. Meeting the revenue projections is not impossible, but it appears unlikely at this point.

And by November, the state and political candidates should have a good idea whether the 2015 Legislature will have to take action on a budget remedy.

Candidates should let the voters know before Election Day what they plan to do if it appears the budget is going to need some remedial action.

To date, Gov. Sam Brownback and his staff are holding firm with their projections the income tax cuts passed in 2012 and 2013 will eventually prove to be an economic stimulus and lift the state treasury to a healthy position.

Everyone hopes that will be the case, but voters might want to know what the governor and the Legislature would do if that isn't the case.

Lawrence Democrat Paul Davis, the presumptive winner of this party's nomination to oppose Brownback in the general election, proposes the state delay implementation of the next phase of the income tax cuts, which would allow restoration of public education funding without raising taxes on Kansans.

But if the problem is the Republican's tax policy, how is freeing the rates going to produce enough money to solve any budget woes or hike education funding? Davis also proposes appointment of a bipartisan commission to evaluate tax law and "incentives for effectiveness." Calling for a study isn't really the answer voters want or need before going to the polls.

Hopefully, candidates will give voters the information they need before the election.

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Flavor making a comeback in America

The blanding of America seemed to start in the 1950s, when television advertising took hold and big manufacturers started to build national brands that shoved many regional products off store shelves.

Everything from beer to steak sauce lost its flavor as manufacturers tried to make one or two products that would please everyone. Bland "regular" beers gave way to even blander "light" beers. Long-time favorites such as Coca-Cola and Heinz 57 sauce got new, milder recipes, sometimes with disastrous results.

Big Food companies geared up for prepared, processed or frozen foods that aimed at the lowest common denominator. Fast Food firms geared "stores," not restaurants, for the "common" (read bland) taste.

This trend spread to everything from clothes to cars. Holiday Inn made hotel rooms both bland and dependable. National networks did the same for entertainment.

I'm not sure when the rebellion began; maybe it was the first guy to open a small brewery or brewpub and produce a few beers with actual flavor. Chefs began to multiply and open small restaurants founded on distinctive, sometimes unorthodox, tastes.

Winemakers sprang up everywhere, not just in California, and dozens of brands began to shove Gallo and other mass producers to the side. Specialty foods, from branded, flavorful beef to free-range, organic chicken appeared in stores to remind us of what we had been missing.



Steve Haynes

• Along the Sappa

Today, major chain groceries and local stores alike cater to the new tastes. It's much more difficult than stocking a few bland items, to be sure, but the variety out there, from beer and wine to beef and crackers, is astounding.

The new products have a couple of things in common: Flavor, for one. And most have been produced by small and medium-sized firms that depend on being different.

Big companies jumped on the bandwagon. Miller took over Wisconsin regional brewer Leinenkugel while Coors started Blue Moon in Golden, Colo. These "independent" websites won't give you a clue that they both are now part of the joint venture MillerCoors, of course, but they compete with Anheuser-Busch brands such as Shock Top, and with hundreds of independent brewers across the country.

Even fast-food giants such as McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken have tried to put the flavor back in their products. Everyone, it seems, wants on the bandwagon, but the small firms and independent producers, the chefs and brewpubs, still seem to have the edge.

Now we have single-malt Scotch and single-barrel bourbon to complement small-batch beers and wines.

Small food producers sometimes are gobbled up by big companies eager to cash in on a trend. Others grow to meet the competition and expand their offerings.

Of course, when you buy small brands and eat at independent restaurants, you take a gamble every time you try something new. It might be great. It could be awful. That's just part of the adventure. Many fall by the wayside while a few grow and prosper.

In the last few decades, the trend has spread from food and drink to hotels (think bed and breakfast, "boutique" hotels downtown and the popularity of historic hotels) and clothing.

Better often equates to more expensive, but single-malt Scotch is for sipping, not binge drinking, and chef restaurants promote a singular experience, not fast food. You can spend as much as you want, or have, but if you're careful, better does not have to break the bank.

And coupled with the trend toward local, healthy, fresh food and home cooking, you can fix the best right at home – whatever you fancy. You can even take a stab at brewing your own "craft" beer, though I'd just as soon hunt down some Leinenkugel Red Lager.

Whatever your choice, *vive la différence!*

Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers. When he has the time, he'd rather be reading a good book or casting a fly.

Rural students deserve quality education

By Sen. Jerry Moran and Ajit Pai

As sons of rural Kansas, we are committed to ensuring that children who grow up in the Sunflower State receive the same educational opportunities as students anywhere in America.

One of the tools for making certain rural students receive a 21st century education is broadband Internet access. With an Internet connection, where you live doesn't determine what information and resources you can access.

Congress recognized the importance of offering all students access to technology when it directed the Federal Communications Commission to create the E-Rate program nearly 20 years ago. Today, that program distributes more than \$2 billion every year to help schools and libraries connect to the Internet; every American who has phone service contributes to the E-Rate fund through charges on his or her monthly bill.

The bad news is this federal program meant to close the digital divide is actually making it worse for rural schools. A few common sense reforms, including simplifying the application process and providing certainty to schools, could fix that.

Schools in rural areas routinely get less money per-student than those in wealthier, urban areas. For example, E-Rate distributes to students in Washington roughly three times the amount that a Kansas student's school receives – even though our nation's capital has a much larger tax base and broadband is cheaper there than in rural Kansas.

These disparities undermine E-Rate's core mission of giving rural schools the same technological tools as their urban and suburban



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran

• Moran's Memo

counterparts.

One reason for this unfair distribution is the complex E-Rate application process. To apply for this money, schools must complete a seven-step process with six application forms spanning 17 pages – and that's just for basic service. If a school wants to invest in a technology the federal government does not consider a priority, additional paperwork is required.

All of this means that it is expensive and burdensome to apply, forcing some schools to divert money away from the classroom in order to hire consultants to help them navigate the process. Other schools just give up because they just don't have the budget to hire consultants, accountants or lawyers.

Administrative delays and missteps result in E-Rate collecting about \$400 million more from American consumers each year than it spends – money that sits in a bank account instead of going to help out schools in need.

On top of the complicated application process, E-Rate doesn't give schools a budget. Urban schools at the front of the line often get as much as they want while rural schools at the back of the line must make do with what is left. The result is some schools using E-Rate to subsidize Blackberries for administrators while others can't even get money for classroom wi-fi.

To fulfill E-Rate's promise to all students,

we must cut the bureaucracy and refocus the program on our children's needs. We must create a student-centered program.

Let's start by streamlining the process and cutting the initial application down to one page. All schools should be able to apply on their own without hiring a consultant. Let's speed up the funding process. Schools need certainty that E-Rate money will be there before – not after – they sign service contracts.

Next, let's fix the inequities in distributing the money. If we allocate E-Rate's budget on a per-student basis across every school in America, then every school board, every teacher, and every parent will know just how much is available.

If the money follows the student – with higher amounts for schools in rural or low-income areas – we can better give schools the resources they need to connect the classroom.

Sen. Jerry Moran, a Republican of Manhattan, is in his first term representing Kansas. Ajit Pai is a member of the Federal Communications Commission. This column originally appeared in The Wichita Eagle.

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• Bruce Tinsley



KU retirement program helps small business owners

As retirement loomed, Casey Thomas knew he would eventually have to sell his animal hospital of more than 30 years. He spent seven years preparing to sell his business without an inkling of who would actually buy the Junction City veterinary practice.

"My wife and I knew we were entering the latter days of my practice," Thomas said, "and we knew we wanted to keep the business strong until we sold it." They updated equipment and technology, modernized procedures and capabilities, all in preparation for a mystery successor.

But Thomas didn't make his desire to retire known until he received a postcard from the University of Kansas RedTire Program. "It was exactly what we were looking for - exactly what we needed at the right time," he said.

After months of due diligence and negotiations, RedTire brokered its first official match, February 2014, closing the sale of Flint Hills Veterinary Hospital to Julie Ebert, Kansas State University alumna and fellow doctor of veterinary medicine.

"Vets are well-trained in medicine and surgery and, to a certain extent, business management," Thomas said, "but most of us rarely sell a practice until we're ready to retire."

RedTire provided not only an introduction to a willing buyer, but also gave Thomas a structure to begin negotiations, he said.

The Redefining Retirement program, known as RedTire, matches graduates of Kansas Regents institutions with business owners who are looking for a successor. The initiative, operated by the KU School of Business and its Center

for Entrepreneurship, focuses on small- and medium-sized businesses in rural Kansas.

"You hope that when you nurture a business for 30 years, you'll find a successor who will come in and provide clients the level of care that they're used to, and I'm sure Dr. Ebert will do that," Thomas said.

RedTire addresses a major challenge for small businesses in rural America by matching businesses needing replacement management with qualified candidates. The program helps both parties navigate the transaction and provides business counseling as new owners grow the business and create jobs.

"We are overjoyed by the completion of RedTire's inaugural transaction," said Wally Meyer, director of KU's entrepreneurship programs. "Flint Hills Veterinary Hospital provides an essential service to the Junction City and Manhattan communities and we're thrilled to provide support for these veterinarians so they can realize their respective goals of retirement and business ownership."

KU partnered with the College of Veterinary Medicine at K-State University to raise RedTire's awareness among small business owners around the state.

"We're proud of the exemplary performance of both veterinarians since their graduation from Kansas State," said Ralph Richardson, dean of K-State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. "And we're pleased to work cooperatively with the RedTire program and KU to assure a successful outcome."

Thomas said RedTire played a critical role in making the transaction happen. "RedTire took

us from a place where we didn't know each other, didn't know much about the sale, to where we were ready to make the agreement formal," Thomas said. "I truly believe that, without RedTire, this deal would have never happened."

"As a public institution, we are committed to the growth of Kansas," said Neeli Bendapudi, dean of the KU School of Business. "As a business school, we are proud to find private sector solutions to social challenges. RedTire typifies entrepreneurship in action."

RedTire is currently assisting 20 business owners as they seek new ownership to preserve their

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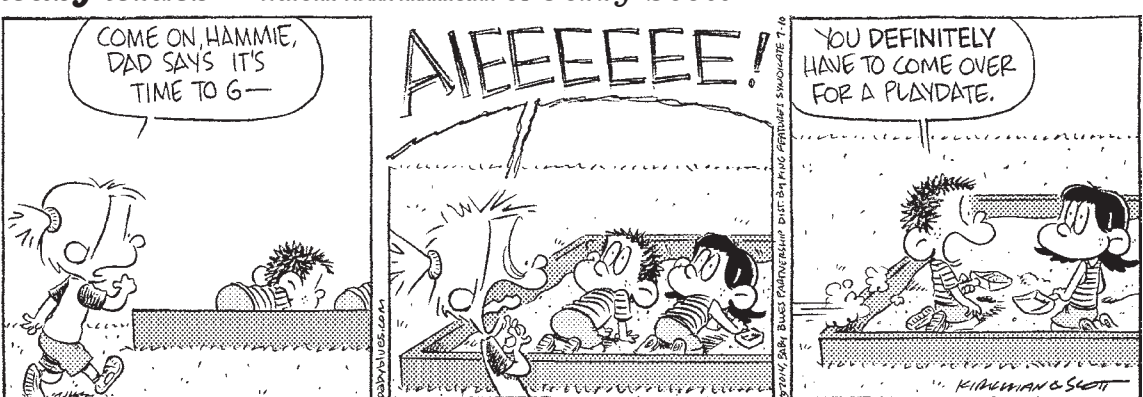
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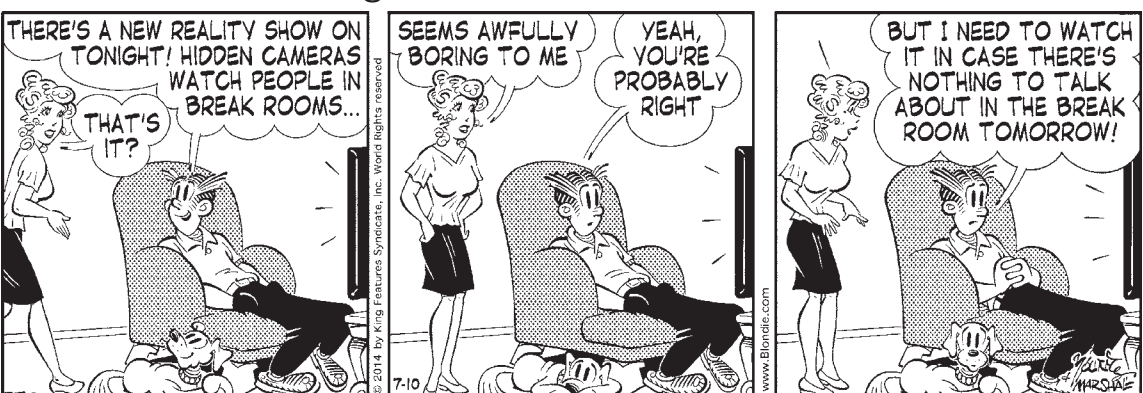
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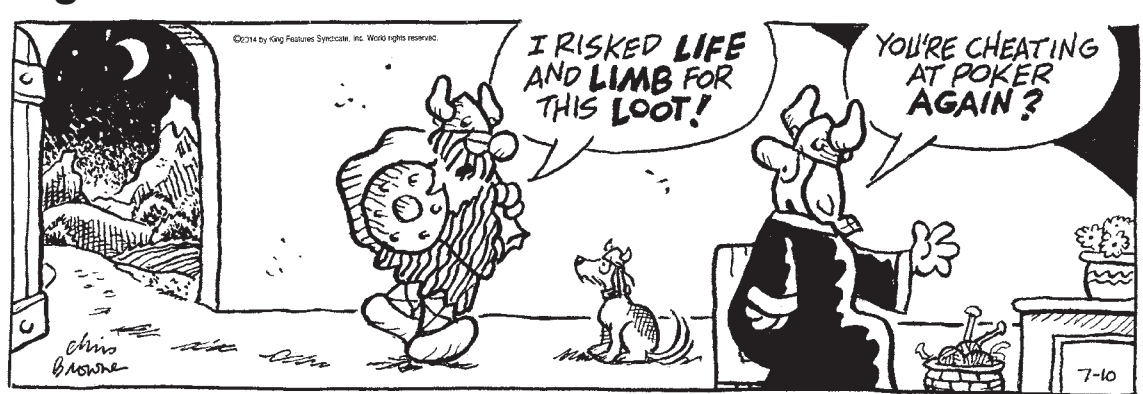
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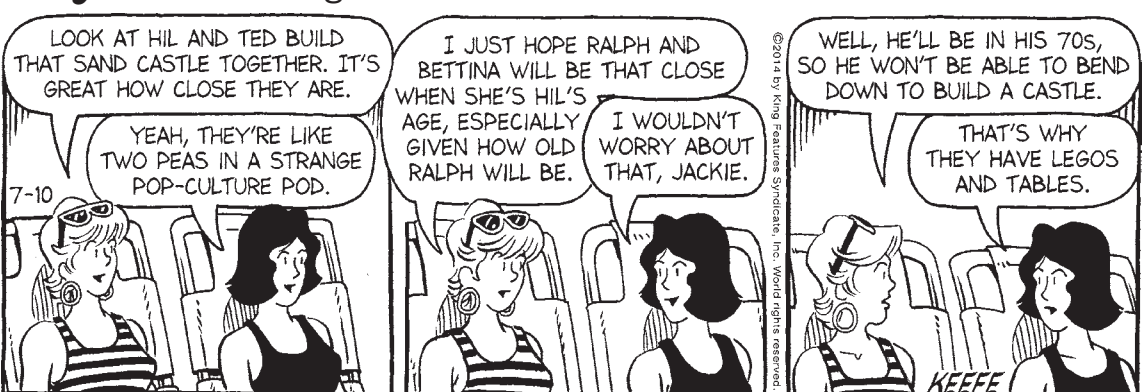
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Dresden lamp probably 1930s

Q: My aunt left me a lamp. The base is a figurine of an 18th-century woman sitting at a piano gazing affectionately at a man with a lute. On an oval brass base, two curved arms decorated with a metal vine and tiny porcelain flowers extend from the back. In the 1940s, my aunt was window shopping in Chicago with a friend, when she spotted and admired this lamp. Later, the bell boy in her hotel delivered it to her room as a gift. I'm interested in its maker and history. Value, too.

A: Your lamp is a typical example of porcelain made in Dresden, Germany. Dresden porcelain is known for its naturalistic flowers and gilt trim, reticulation (cutout areas) and lace decorations. Figurines of 18th-century ladies and gentlemen, romantic couples, animal groups, cherubs and mythological subjects were popular.

The most famous Dresden figurines are called "crinoline groups," which show court-life scenes like people dancing and playing instruments. More than 200 porcelain-decorating studios operated in Dresden in the late 1800s and early 1900s. They decorated white porcelain made in Germany, Austria and France. Most porcelain blanks were not marked with the manufacturer's mark. Your lamp probably was made in the 1930s and would sell for about \$100.

Replace the cord. Old cords can be fire hazards.

Q: I found a silk scarf in my grandmother's belongings. The scarf has a small hand-sewn hem. In the center is a circle with a statue of a horse and rider standing on a pediment that reads "1688" and surrounded by "The Glorious & Immortal Memory of 1688 & 1690." Other symbols, including the harp of Ireland, are in the four corners of the scarf and the words "Aughrim," "Derry," "Enniskillen" and "Boyne" are along the sides. My grandmother's parents were from Ireland. What does this represent?

A: Your scarf commemorates battles in the "Glorious Revolution," when the Catholic king of England, James, was overthrown and replaced by the Protestant King William. The figure on the horse is William, who invaded England at the invitation of parliament in 1688. He and his wife, Mary, were crowned as monarchs of England in 1689. Then William invaded Scotland and Ireland, and became king of those countries, too. The places on your scarf were famous battles in Ireland. These battles still are commemorated by Orangemen in the Protestant parts of Ireland.

Q: What marking should be on the bottom to identify something as Fenton glass? I have seen different markings on items on eBay.

A: Fenton was founded in 1905 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. The company is known for its carnival glass made between 1907 and 1920. Most is marked "Fenton," but some other marks also were used. Pieces with an "F" in an oval were made from molds bought from other glass companies. Pieces with the three letters "O," "V" and "G" are part of Fenton's Olde Virginia Glass line, made from 1960 to 1979. Fenton stopped making art glass in 2011. Currently are being made by an unrelated company, Fenton's Collectibles, using original Fenton molds. The copies are marked with both the Fenton mark and Fenton's Collectibles mark.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 6 3
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ J 7

WEST
♠ —
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ K Q J 10 5
♣ Q 10 8 3

EAST
♠ 5 2
♥ J 9 2
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ K 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 7 4
♥ K 6
♦ A 9 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
6 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A Tough Combination to Beat

Sometimes what looks like a hopeless situation turns out not to be as hopeless as it might at first seem. All that's required is a steady hand at the helm and, perhaps, a little bit of luck.

Take this case where South is in six spades and West leads the king of diamonds. If declarer wins with the ace, he eventually goes down one, losing a heart and a club. But if South is on his toes, he realizes he has a reasonable chance for the slam.

So instead of taking the ace, declarer ruffs the first diamond and leads a low heart toward dummy at trick two. This play has a Machiavellian twist. If West follows low, as most players would, the slam is ice-cold. Dummy's queen wins, and South -- after drawing trumps and discarding the king of hearts on the ace of diamonds -- concedes a club trick to make the contract.

However, as the cards lie, even if West goes up with the heart ace at trick two, South still makes the slam. Thanks to East's having started with the J-x-x of hearts, declarer's three club losers can eventually be discarded on the ace of diamonds and Q-10 of hearts after East's jack falls on the third round of the suit.

At the start, South ruffs the opening diamond lead primarily to try to steal the contract with a low heart play at trick two. As it happens, though, his attempted larceny works no matter what West does. The combination of skill and good luck is always hard to beat.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy! Can't we send Billy to summer school or camp or somethin'?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/10

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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DR XSBJMI. F'G PBA ESIA'JI

TJII OBDXIJP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE SUNLIGHT WAS HITTING THE TREE TRUNK, I THINK IT COULD BE SEEN CASTING A BARK SHADOW.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals R

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Ella's specialty
5 Convent denizen
8 Flight component
12 Horseback game
13 Praise in verse
14 "Damn Yankees" vamp
15 Biblical kingdom
16 Present
17 Austen heroine
18 Mambo and samba
20 Quake
22 Chopper
23 Wall climber
24 Barn storage area
27 Paginated
32 Playwright Levin
33 Mme., across the Pyrenees
34 Reproductive cells
35 Hastily
38 Remain
- DOWN**
1 Raced
2 Pop flavor
3 "Two and a Half Men" role
4 Alley wanderer, often
5 Poppycock
6 Japanese salad
7 Mr. Gingrich
8 Place for an ace?
9 Poppycock
10 Ticklish Muppet
11 Early contents
58 Deadly septet
- 19** Alimony recipient
21 Cage component
24 Back talk
25 Raw rock
26 Poppycock
28 Web address
29 Poppycock
30 Actress Mendes
31 Rotation duration
36 Jim who rode Apollo 13
37 Larry's pal
38 Skiers' mecca
41 Lindbergh book
42 Presentation
43 Grow weary
44 Partner of Crosby and Stills
46 It often accompanies a mani
47 "— go bright!"
48 Crazy
51 Vast expanse

Yesterday's answer 7-10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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56				57				58		

Can Sweet Thunder storm through state?

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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Devils, Monsters, Rampage, Renegades and Rockin Jays are all converging upon Salina for an ultimate girls' fastpitch softball showdown beginning Saturday morning.

But there's only one Sweet Thunder.

Only Colby can claim the nickname that connects with ice

cream, summer showers and AC/DC's classic "Thunderstruck" hit song.

Just don't mention rain to Thunder coach and lawn mowing guru Alan Sager, who's seen nine of Colby's scheduled games washed away this summer. An entire tourney at Wichita last month turned into most men's ultimate nightmare: a weekend of malls and shopping trips (egads!).

Nothing can dampen the Colby girls' confidence entering Kansas

ASA 18-and-under state tournament play.

Sweet Thunder won their season-opening tourney at Hays with a 12-2 final victory over Salina Rampage.

Who could Colby be seeing in Friday's state opener?

The Salina Rampage, if they can get past Olathe's Diamond Devils in their opening-round state game.

Sweet Thunder (5-3-1 season record) has earned a bye to play the Salina-Olathe winner at 9:30

a.m. on Saturday.

A victory would advance Sweet Thunder into the 12:30 p.m. quarterfinal against either DC (Dodge City) Monster or Topeka Rockin Jays.

Semifinals are set for 3:30 p.m. with the championship game of this one-day, double-elimination state tourney is scheduled at 8 p.m. If necessary, a second state title game would begin around 9:30 p.m.

Other teams competing for a

Kansas state title will be Abilene Attack, Marion, Rossville Rampage, Kansas Renegades and NCK (North Central Kansas).

A busy Saturday indeed, but more great experience for this Sweet Thunder team featuring mainly Colby High softball players. The Eagles went 15-7 last spring and were one run from earning a 4A state tournament spot.

Sweet Thunder's expected roster at state will feature Kylee Mar-

tin, Elissa Zerr, Darby Sager, Desi Schippers, Danielle Foster, Elizabeth Koel, Amber McDonald, Kaylee Rehmer, Bailey Foss and Stephanie Forney among others.

Tessa Krzycki has also been supporting Sweet Thunder all season despite being sidelined with a broken hand suffered during the 4A regional championships at Goodland in May.

Editor's note: Highlights from the Sweet Thunder's regular season will be featured on Friday.

Purple and Pink not feeling pretty



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Playoff intensity is building in Colby's Rookie Girls Rec League with the post-season tournament set for next week. The Purple and Pink teams collided Wednesday evening with Purple delivering big hits (above) while coaches offered baserunning tips (below left). Pink's players even discussed strategy (below right) during a brief break in the contest.



Schedule

A glance at upcoming Colby Legion baseball contests:

Tonight
Colby K-18 1 at Hill City, 6 p.m.

Friday
Burlington, Colo., at Colby Sluggers, 6 p.m.

Sunday
Colby Sluggers at Norton, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Goodland at Colby Sluggers, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 18
Colby Sluggers at Oakley, 6 p.m.

Colby Sluggers coach Brian Quagliano also announced this year's Zone 7 tournament in Colby will likely begin on Wednesday, July 23 and continue through Friday, July 25.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

A Colby K-18 Team 1 hustles to first base and makes this play close against Colby K-18 Team 2 Monday evening.

All-star's blast lifts Royals, 5-4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Salvador Perez gave the Kansas City Royals a late lift Wednesday night heading into a key mid-season series.

Perez hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth inning and Kansas City beat Tampa Bay 5-4 to take two of three from the Rays.

The second-place Royals return home Thursday night to begin a four-game series against American League Central-leading Detroit, which has a 4 1/2-game lead.

"That was a huge win for us," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "That's the difference between 4 1/2 games back compared to 5 1/2 games back. Definitely nice to have a little momentum going home for the last four games before the All-Star break. It's a lot better than the alternative."

Kirby Yates (0-1), the fifth Tampa Bay reliever, entered with runners at the corners and gave up Perez's one-out shot into the left-field corner.

Perez wasn't sure if the drive would stay fair or even clear the low fence near the foul pole.

"As soon as the ball hit on the other side, good for us," he said.

It's been a big week for Perez, chosen Sunday to start at catcher for the American League in next week's All-Star game.

Aaron Crow (4-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Greg Holland got three outs for his 24th save.

All-Star outfielder Alex Gordon (sprained right wrist) and third baseman Mike Moustakas (flu) were not in Kansas City's starting lineup. In addition, left-hander Jason Vargas was taken to the hospi-

tal for an appendectomy.

Gordon entered as a ninth-inning defensive replacement. He will have an MRI exam Thursday.

"I don't think it's anything serious," he said.

Former Royal hurts face
CLEVELAND — New York Yankees and former Kansas City outfielder Carlos Beltran suffered two small facial fractures in the batting cage Wednesday when a batted ball caromed off an L-screen and ricocheted back into his face.

"You don't expect that to happen when you're practicing," Beltran said. "The ball hit the screen and bounced back and hit me in the face."

The injury occurred just before Wednesday night's Yankees-Indians game, which New York won.

Sluggers knock off Norton

By R.B. Headley
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Bases loaded, nobody out, last inning and Norton clearly seeing a great comeback win over the Colby Sluggers Wednesday evening.

It must be time for summer eye doctor visits.

Starting pitcher Casey Quagliano and the Slugger defense had seen enough after Norton scored twice to slice an 8-4 deficit into 8-6.

Despite all the pressure of Norton's potential lead run reaching base, Quagliano got that next visiting batter to pop up.

Shortstop Luke Cox promptly took charge as he ranged behind second change and made the good catch.

How about a game-ending double play next? Again, the moment was in sight when Quagliano gloved a grounder back at him.

Yet this cowhide provided a little slipperiness, so Quig calmly made one sure out with his smooth throw to second base.

Perhaps some Slugger fans grumbled since it meant Norton's rally hopes still had life.

Not really. Quagliano quickly delivered a death sentence with three lethal pitches to fan the final batter.

Game over, and the Sluggers (6-9) had their third consecutive win of this week-long homestand.

"It was a big game for sure, especially since we are going to Norton (for two games) Sunday," coach Brian Quagliano said. "They are a zone foe and we wanted to see how we matched up. Casey pitched well, and our defense made the plays when we needed them."

Colby's 8-6 victory also fea-



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

The throw won't arrive soon enough for Norton's catcher as Colby Slugger Tate Carney, right, races home Wednesday night in Colby. Carney scored one of the game's crucial runs during an 8-6 Sluggers victory to begin this league doubleheader.

tured clutch hits from many Sluggers like Tate "Tater Chip" Carney.

Now tater chips were taboo during Carney's surge to the 4A state wrestling finals last winter — though he did celebrate with a long-awaited chocolate chip milkshake.

However, hitting and running are for more acceptable during most sports seasons. Carney did both as his drive to center field was dropped while allowing Col-

by's first of three late crucial runs to score.

Luke Cox promptly smashed a low blast off the first baseman's glove. Both Josh Matchell and Carney motored home on this roll-away hit to give Colby an 8-4 advantage.

Quagliano then finished his complete-game winning effort.

More details and results from Wednesday's second contest were not obtained before today's press deadline.

Colby tennis champ will instruct camp

Caitlyn Wark, two-time state champion for Colby High School, will have a tennis camp for kids of all ages Monday through Thursday, July 21 to 24, at Fike Park.

Sessions are an hour or more, according to age groups, between

8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Cost is \$20.

To sign up or for information, contact Wark at 443-1454 on caitlynawark@hotmail.com. It will be the second Colby tennis camp at Fike Park this summer.

Public Notice

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WINFRED D. INLOES AND MARGARET LEE INLOES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE MARGARET LEE INLOES TRUST DATED AUGUST 23, 1989; AND WINFRED D. INLOES AND MARGARET LEE INLOES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE WINFRED D. INLOES TRUST DATED AUGUST 23, 1989, Plaintiffs,

v.

HAZEL Z. ROOT, GLENN F. ROOT, JOSEPHINE Z. MULLINAX, ELI H. MULLINAX, LILLIAN LABUT, HELEN C. PETER; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased; and any Other person or entity having or claiming an interest in the severed minerals in and under the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North Half (N/2) of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 36 West of the Sixth P.M., Thomas County, Kansas, Defendants.

Case No. 14 CV 28

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The North Half (N/2) of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 36 West of the Sixth P.M., Thomas County, Kansas

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, by Winfred D. Inloes and Margaret Lee Inloes, as Trustees of the Margaret Lee Inloes Trust dated August 23, 1989, and Winfred D. Inloes and Margaret Lee Inloes, as Trustees of the Winfred D. Inloes Trust dated August 23, 1989, praying for an order quieting the title to the above-described real estate.

The Petition further seeks an order holding the plaintiffs to be the owners of the interests previously claimed by said defendants, that the court determine the adverse claims of each of the defendants to any estate or interest therein, that the plaintiffs' title to the interests of said defendants in and to said real estate be quieted against the defendants and that said defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them be forever barred and excluded from any estate or interest in or lien upon or claim against the said oil and gas leasehold estates, and for such other and further relief as plaintiffs may be entitled to either in law or in equity, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before the 14th day of August, 2014, in this court at Thomas County, Colby, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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