



## NASCAR legends to race in Colby



Wallace



Schrader

By John Schmidt

Two NASCAR drivers, Kenny Wallace and Kenny Schrader, will be behind the wheel of IMCA Modified cars Sunday as Thomas County Speedway holds one of the biggest races in northwest Kansas.

S&W Supply and the Quality Inn of Colby are sponsoring the drivers' appearance. Also rolling into town will be the BST

Racing Series, bringing IMCA Modifieds, Sport Mods and Stock Cars. The three BST classes and the IMCA Hobby Stocks will be racing for substantially larger purses as well, and drivers are expected from six states.

Schrader is one of the most widely known drivers in the sport. He has been racing for over 40 years and drove in NASCAR's top three series for over 30 years before he re-

tired last November at Homestead Speedway in Miami.

When asked why he still races over 60 nights a year on dirt, he replied, "I love having the opportunity of racing some of the best drivers in the sport and still get a rush every time I buckle into the car."

Schrader will make the trip from St. Louis with his Impressive Chassis, sponsored by Federated Auto Parts. He said he was

excited that his son will be traveling with him for the four-day tour in Colorado and Kansas.

Wallace is making a rare trip this far west for a dirt-track race. He will be in one of the Bracks' IMCA Modifieds for the \$1,000-to-win race. Wallace, known as "Herm" by many of his fans, is the only driver to have

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## Audit shows county spent below budget

By Heather Alwin

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No major problems were found with the county's accounting system, auditors from Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball told Thomas County commissioners on Monday.

The accountants said they reviewed the county's regulatory basis receipts, expenditures and unencumbered cash balances for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 as part of a routine annual audit.

Michelle Ryan said there were no budget violations this year, and the written report shows the county spent less in every fund than the budgeted amount.

The firm had a few recommendations for the commissioners to improve record keeping, noting that many of the improvements recommended last year had been implemented.

The commissioners accepted the report with a unanimous vote. Later in their meeting, they reviewed a report comparing property-tax levies among Kansas' 105 counties.

Commissioner Mike Baughn noted that Thomas County is ranked 97th, meaning there are 96 counties with a higher county tax rate. However, those numbers do not include money levied by townships for road maintenance and some counties have hospital or school taxes included in their rates.

When it comes to property valuation, Baughn read from the report, Thomas County is rated 51st.

Commissioner Paul Steele commented that he thought it was po-

etic justice that the county with the highest rate, Smith, is also the home of a politician who championed valuing agricultural land by its use rather than by its fair market value. The system has resulted in values for ag land well below the market.

The county's budget for next year is not yet final, but commissioners have spent hours working on it in recent weeks. Baughn proposed holding onto the budget for a bit longer while they seek comments from department heads and make a few small changes.

County Clerk Shelly Harms told the commissioners she plans to use some of her budget to hire a part-time election employee to help with a growing volume of election-related work. Steele argued that next year is an off year for elections, so she should not need to hire anyone.

Harms said the software is still changing and she planned to hire a helper regardless of the commissioners' thoughts.

"As a county elected official," she said, "I don't need your authorization."

Steele responded that she needs to have the money in her budget.

Harms agreed, but said that she still plans to hire someone.

The board agreed to wait until its meeting Monday to finish the budget for publication. Once it is published, the commissioners intend to hold a public hearing Monday, Aug. 4. Only after that can they officially adopt it.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Declined to change the zoning

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## Drip irrigation on field day tap

Through drought and wind, hail and rain, for 25 years Kansas State University researchers have studied subsurface drip irrigation technology for field crop production, with much of the work done at the Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby.

To mark the anniversary, the center on Colby's west side will hold an anniversary SDI Technology Field Day on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

"This is where growers can come to have their questions answered," said Freddie Lamm, a research irrigation engineer. "We've built in plenty of opportunities for this to be an interactive day."

The event, from 2 to 8 p.m., will feature presentations by Extension specialists in engineering and agricultural economics, plus field tour stops, refreshments, poster presentations on subsurface

drip irrigation-related topics, a trade show and an evening meal. Farmers using subsurface irrigation technology will give their perspective in a panel discussion.

The event is free, but advance registration is required by Monday, July 28. Contact Vicki Brown at vbrown@ksu.edu or (785) 462-6281 (phone) or 462-2315 (fax) and indicate the number of people being registered.

Tour topics include:

- Comparison of subsurface drip irrigation with alternative methods.
- Strategies to improve crop germination when using subsurface drip.
- Water and nutrient management with subsurface drip.
- Subsurface drip and alfalfa.
- Research facilities and subsurface drip wetting pattern.



## Fly-in sees sunshine smile

Ken Crampton (top, at right) talked with Jim Renzelman as he got ready to fly his rare European-built Panic on Sunday afternoon north of Colby at the annual radio controlled fly-in organized by the Colby RC Flyers. Renzelman's plane (right), a 30-percent scale replica of a Gee Bee model Y, came in for a landing near the end of the event as pilots and friends watched. Renzelman (bottom right) got ready to fly his plane at the Flyers' field several miles north of the Colby airport. He drove here from Guymon, Okla., for the event, which included helicopters and drones. However, planes like the Panic (below) seemed to be the most popular.



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## Vietnam Memorial needs photos

To help complete a new version of the Vietnam Memorial, complete with pictures of those killed, newspapers across the state and the country are looking for photos of soldiers who died in that war.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is working on a new, electronic, addition to the memorial wall, the "Wall of Faces." The group wants to build it in the education center by the memorial before Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The Kansas Press Association is trying to

round up missing photos of Kansas veterans. So far, 25 out of the 265 pictures have been collected.

The organization's list includes the names of Capt. Kenneth Roy Crist, Brewster, who died Nov. 28, 1968; Spec. 4 Ronald Wayne William, Hoxie, who died March 21, 1970; Spec. 4 Donald Dean Wallace, Weskan, who died Aug. 1, 1966; Capt. Richard Lee Goudy, Sharon Springs, who died Aug. 9, 1965; and Pvt. 1st Class Francis Eugene Jordan, Sharon

Springs, who died May 14, 1968.

Anyone with information on these men or who can provide a photo should call the Colby Free Press at (785) 462-3963 or The Goodland Star-News at (785) 899-2338.



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on a parcel near the city. The city-county zoning board had previously recommended denial of the re-zoning request, which then came to the commissioners for a final vote. Langer Industrial Service proposed the zoning change to allow the company to buy land for its salvage business, but nearby landowners opposed the move at a public hearing.

• Approved paying bills of \$62,522 after a discussion of recent repair bills for damage to county vehicles. Research revealed that the county had spent several thousand dollars in recent months repairing vehicles involved in various accidents, including a hit-and-run, a collision with a deer and a rollover. Commissioner Paul Steele also said the bills also included nearly \$10,000 for housing Thomas County prisoners in nearby jails.

• Approved a tax-roll correction of \$2,973 for CES Sutherland Management LLC for a payment made under protest in 2011.

• Reappointed Wayne Horlacher and Vernon Wranosky as the county's representative and alternate to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling board.



HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press Workers from Mid-Continent Restoration worked on loose areas of the courthouse roof last week, taking care of some immediate hazards and noting additional areas that need work. County Clerk Shelly Harms said some of their work near the building's south chimney caused so much dust in the commission room that she had to move the voting equipment stored there and block off the room for a time. At their meeting Monday, the commissioners decided to ask the company to work with engineers from Walter P. Moore to put together a cost estimate for additional work.

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over 900 starts in NASCAR's top three series.

From St. Louis, he started out racing dirt tracks, and says he loves to stay close to those roots by racing over 60 nights a year as well. When he is not behind the wheel, he is in front of a television camera for Fox Sports One. Many fans like Herm for his awesome and wild personality.

Fans can tune to 100.3 The Ride for a chance to win race packages, including a ticket, a shirt, a hat and an opportunity to meet the two NASCAR greats. The drivers will also be doing an interview either before or during the race on the front stretch.

The appearance and the race would not be possible without the two presenting sponsors, S&W and Quality Inn. S&W Supply, a member of Federated Auto Parts, is celebrating 80 years of serving in northwest Kansas. The firm thanks its customers, business partners, suppliers, employees and all the it serves for their support.

Fans can stop by the Colby store to get half-priced tickets for the races.

Quality Inn, which is under new management, has started several remodeling projects. Drivers and fans here for the races should ask for this special "Racer's Rate."

The promoters say this will be the largest purse of the season for Thomas County Speedway. The Stock Cars

and Modifieds will be racing for \$1,000 to win and \$100 to start the A feature. Then the Sport Mods and Hobby Stocks will compete for \$500 to win and \$50 to start the big show. The added money should mean the largest car count of the season and should help draw some of the best drivers in the country.

The track will use Draw Re-Draw format to determine starting positions. The race is sure to draw a big crowd.

Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com. Hot laps will begin at 6 p.m. and racing will start at 7. Check out thomascountyspeedway.com or the track's facebook page for details.

Democrat shrugs off 'Ring' reference

TOPEKA (AP) - Democratic challenger Paul Davis is shrugging off a national Republican figure's suggestion that critics of Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback are akin to the evil "Eye of Mordor."

The Wichita Eagle reports (bit.ly/1mct6n) that former Republican

presidential candidate Rick Santorum made the reference to "The Lord of the Rings" Monday during a rally in Wichita for Brownback.

Santorum said that like the ever-open evil eye in the fantasy saga, the conservative GOP governor's foes are constantly searching "to try to oppress

and defeat." He also said that "the future of the free world is at stake." as Brownback seeks re-election.

Davis said Tuesday after an event in Topeka that he and his supporters are simply responding to voters who are worried about Brownback's fiscal policies and the future of schools.



National Weather Service Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 55. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of thunderstorms before 11 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Monday: High, 84; Low 52

Tuesday: High, 68; Low 55

Precip: Monday 0.03 inches

Tuesday 0.03 inches

Month: 0.92 inches

Year: 10.05 inches

Normal: 13.61 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Thursday 6:31 a.m. 9:09 p.m.

Moon: waning, 65 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Monday 1,963,000 gal.

Tuesday 1,847,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Table of TV listings for Thursday Evening (July 17, 2014). Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels with their respective programs.

Table of TV listings for Friday Evening (July 18, 2014). Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels with their respective programs.

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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.

Required poultry testing Thursday

The Thomas County Extension office will hold a 4-H and open class poultry testing at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. To show your poultry at the fair you must have a certificate for a negative pullorum-typhoid test, so be there and have your poultry ready to be checked. For information call the Extension Office at 460-4582.

Senior center needs delivery help

The Senior Progress Center is looking for two volunteers to delivery meals to people's homes from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday beginning Aug. 21. Talk to Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information or to volunteer.

Start off Pickin' with free potluck

The 19th annual Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival starts at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Register this week for fall soccer

Kids can register for the American Youth Soccer Organization fall season from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Children must be at least 4 by Feb. 1. Cost is \$50 for the first child, \$45 for others. Games will be played from Saturday, Sept. 6, through Saturday, Oct. 25. For questions, call Emily Griffin at 443-5884.

Concealed carry training available

Kansas Concealed Carry handgun training at Colby Community College will be taught by Barry Kaaz from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union. Completion of the course enables participants to apply for Kansas Concealed Carry certification. Cost is \$125. For information or to register, contact Patty Mead at 460-5550 or Kaaz at 460-5429.

Enter floats for fair parade

It's time to plan floats for the 2014 fair parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. Pick up you entry form at the Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range. Call Brette Hankin for information, 460-3401.

Carnival needs workers to step up

Volunteers, businesses or individuals, are needed to run games and rides for the Thomas County Fair. Volunteers are needed from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 29 to 31. For Friday and Saturday, volunteers are needed from 7 to 9 p.m. and from 9 to 11 p.m. For information or to volunteer, contact Brette Hankin at 460-3401 or colbychamber@thomascounty.com.

Catholic youths taking fruit 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.

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.

**Babies**



**Brody Leigh Call**

Brody Leigh Call, son of Nathan A. Call and Kristina K. Mehl of Colby, was born Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Kayzleigh Alice Call welcomed him home. Grandparents are Tiffany Mehl of Salina and Harlan Call and Judy Call, both of Colby.

**Willow Sky Swagerty**

Willow Sky Swagerty, daughter of Christina Burgess and Swede Swagerty of Protection, was born Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Sisters Kennedy, Ashlynn, Melody, Polaris and Journey and brother Maverick welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Rebecca Aschenbrenner of Oakley, Anthony Gassman of Dresden and Peggy Gassman of Oberlin.

**Colby restaurant makes top 10 list in company**

A Colby restaurant has been named as one of the top stores in the nation by its upper management.

Taco John's is now one of 10 nationally certified training restaurants, out of about 400 of the fast food chain's locations nationwide. Preston Krzycki, a manager and son of general manager Jeff Krzycki, said the restaurant set its sights on becoming certified over a year ago.

When Jeff Linville took over as the company's chief executive officer in March 2013, Preston Krzycki said, he wanted 30 new certified restaurants. The process takes several months. Accord-

ing to the company's website, the first of these restaurants, a store in Minnesota, was certified near the end of January.

"We've been working hard towards it, we've set up a pretty good management crew," he said adding that the rest of the crew are good workers.

Now the Colby store is one of the 10 certified locations in the country, he said. This means that the restaurant will be able to test new menu items Taco John's comes up with, and new equipment the company wants to use. They will also be able to train new franchisees.

**Funds grow organic**

Kansas farmers who use organic production practices or would like to pursue organic certification are encouraged to apply for cost share funds from the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

The program, funded by the 2014 Farm Bill, is administered through the Agricultural Marketing Service. It is intended to assist Kansas farmers by offsetting costs associated with organic certification or recertification. Under the state's agreement with the Department of Agriculture, they are eligible for up to 75 percent of the cost of certification, up to \$750, between Oct. 1, 2013, and Sept. 30, 2014, as long as funds last.

"This is a great opportunity for farmers to achieve this certification at a reduced cost," said Annarose Hart, marketing specialist with the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

To receive cost share funds, Kansas organic farmers and handlers must complete the Organic Certification Cost Share Program Application, and submit it along

with a copy of the organic certification document, an invoice showing the amount paid for that certification and a W-9 form.

KDA was allocated nearly \$73,000 for the cost share program.

Upon receipt of cost share documents, the department will confirm certification and then provide reimbursement. Based on the receipt of the completed application packet, reimbursements will be on a first-come, first-served basis until the limited funds are exhausted.

The program application is posted on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's website, Organic Cost Share Program.

Questions about cost-share funds for organic certification may be directed to Josh Roe at (785) 564-6707 or Annarose Hart at (785) 564-6755 or by email to Annarose.Hart@kda.ks.gov

Information is also available from the National Organic Program website at www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/nop

**Fungicide decision now critical for corn**

Many of the corn fields in Kansas are now, or will soon be, at a critical stage for making fungicide application decisions for gray leaf spot. With years of fungicide application research, the best time to apply a fungicide to corn is from tasseling to silking.

Gray leaf spot of corn is currently the most serious foliar disease in Kansas. It was first identified in Kansas in 1989 in the Republican River Valley. The disease reached economic threshold levels in 1992 and has shown yield losses around 20 to 30 percent in susceptible hybrids.

**Symptoms:** In the early stages of the disease, grey leaf spot can be easily confused with other leaf diseases. A yellow halo surrounding a pinpoint lesion is visible when the plant is held to the light. The lesions will begin to elongate within two weeks and mature lesions will be pale brown to gray or tan in color. These lesions will be narrow and rectangular, restricted by the veins.

On the susceptible hybrids the disease is first noticed attacking the lower leaves before silking. As the corn plant matures, susceptibility to gray leaf spot increases and can spread rapidly. Extensive blighting may continue until all leaves are killed or the plant dies. The plants in situations such as these will have significant yield losses and can be more susceptible to stalk rotting and lodging.

**Spread:** Corn is the only known crop to be attacked by grey leaf spot under field conditions. There is a disease in grain sorghum called gray leaf spot, but is caused by a different fungus. These two species of fungus cannot cross over to other crops under field conditions.

The corn leaf spot fungus survives winters in residue on or above the soil surface. Evidence shows that in a no-till operation grey leaf spot can survive through two winters in Kansas.

The disease becomes prevalent in late June to early July and is not essentially related to high rainfall. Prolonged leaf wetness and high relative humidity with fogs or dews are favorable conditions for the disease to develop.

The disease can thrive in the hottest conditions in Kansas if the correct moisture conditions exist; but favors temperatures of 70 to 85 degrees F. In deciding what the



**Kurt Sexton**

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disease pressure will be one will need to consider "disease risk factors" and scout for the disease.

Disease risk factors include:  
1. Susceptibility level of corn hybrid. Seed companies typically provide information on the susceptibility of their hybrids to gray leaf spot in their catalogs. In general, hybrids that are more susceptible to fungal foliar diseases will have a greater response to a foliar fungicide (if disease pressure is high enough).

2. Previous crop. Because gray leaf spot survives in corn residue, the risk of disease increases when corn is planted back into a field that was in corn the previous year.

3. Weather. Rainy and/or humid weather generally is most favorable to gray leaf spot. In growing seasons when these conditions prevail, the risk for disease development increases.

4. Field history. Some field locations may have a history of high foliar disease severity. Fields in river bottoms or low areas or surrounded by trees may be more prone to having gray leaf spot.

Grey leaf spot is a serious disease that can have a huge economic impact on corn grown in Kansas. Getting out and scouting fields at the right time will help producers decide if the fields need to be sprayed or not.

New hybrids with higher levels of resistance are continually being introduced onto the market. Producers should study the results from hybrid performance tests, local county demonstration plots and seed company plots in making their hybrid selection decisions.

With questions call me at the Extension office at 460-4582.

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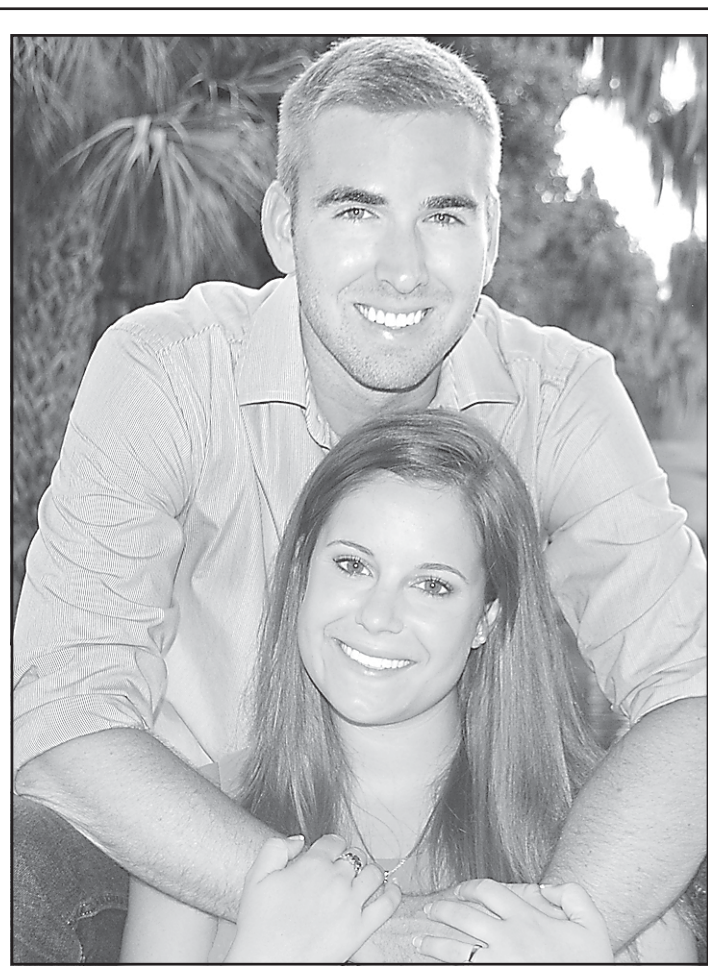
**Patrol reports**

Kansas Highway Patrol personnel assisted 1,294 motorists over the Independence Day weekend.

The Patrol worked one fatal crash, which was not alcohol-related, and resulted in one death.

There were 37 arrests for driving under the influence, 1,407 speed tickets and 1,160 warnings.

With 525 seat belt tickets for adults and 18 for teens, 70 child restraint citations were issued.



Tyler Anderson and Kiri Jo Kendrick

**Colby High graduate to marry here Aug. 1**

Kiri Jo Kendrick and Tyler Anderson of Merritt Island, Fla., will marry in Colby on Friday Aug. 1, 2014.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Amie Kendrick of Colby. She is a 2009 graduate of Colby High School and a 2013 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She studied biology and chemistry and will continue her studies this fall at the Northeastern State University's Oklahoma College of Op-

tometry in Tahlequah, Okla.

The groom is the son of Johnny and Ruby Rutledge of Merritt Island, Fla., where he graduated in 2007 from Merritt Island High School. He graduated from the University of North Florida in 2013 with a degree in communications and public relations.

The pair currently work in Merritt Island and will move to Tahlequah following the wedding.

**Get help with smoking**

Sandy Praeger, Kansas commissioner of insurance, encourages consumers to check with their health insurance companies or employers about coverage for smoking cessation services and the specific benefits in policies.

In May 2014 the U.S. Department of Labor announced that health insurance companies and employer group plans are required to cover tobacco use counseling and interventions, with no out-of-pocket costs or prior authorization.

The department said it will consider an insurance plan to be in compliance if it covers both screening for tobacco use and at least two tobacco cessation attempts per year.

Each cessation attempt includes

four counseling sessions of at least 10 minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling) and all FDA-approved tobacco cessation medications (including both prescription and over-the-counter medications) for a 90-day treatment regimen when prescribed by a health care provider.

"We at the Kansas Insurance Department encourage all individuals who wish to stop smoking to speak with their insurance company or employer to learn about the specific smoking cessation benefits provided under their policy," said Commissioner Praeger.

Kansas consumers who have related insurance questions can call the department's Consumer Assistance Hotline at (800) 432-2484.

**Corrections**

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error

or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

**LaVonne Larson Price Greene**



LaVonne Larson Price Greene, age 101, of Manhattan, died Friday July 11, 2014 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born on April 22, 1913 in Dows, Iowa the daughter of Arthur and Florence Larson. She was a proud graduate of Coe College and spent her career as an educator.

LaVonne and Everett Price were married on June 12, 1938. They were blessed with two children: Jo Ann and Ron. They enjoyed raising their family in Norton, Kansas and later moving to Manhattan, Kansas.

Later in life, LaVonne was married to Ogden Greene. They had the opportunity to travel the world and take an active role in the Trinity Presbyterian Church and many local organizations.

Family gatherings and reminiscing the special moments were always a favorite. LaVonne shared her quiet strength, keen insight, loving personality, and sharp sense of humor with her family, including five grandchildren and their significant others and her four great-grandchildren.

She held her friends close to her heart throughout her life. LaVonne often expressed her sincere appreciation to all her friends and loving caregivers/friends at Meadowlark Hills. Age was never a topic of conversation for LaVonne. Her focus was living each day to the fullest during her entire life.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Everett Price and Ogden Greene.

LaVonne is survived by her children, Jo Ann Tweed and her husband John, of Colby, Kansas and Ron Price and his wife Barbara of Manhattan, Kansas. Also she survived by her five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends during a visitation from 4:00 until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Graveside Services for LaVonne will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Meadowlark Hills - Tinklin Point or to the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Memorial contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

**Markets**

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.08
Corn (bushel)	\$3.97
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.50
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.80

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## Other Viewpoints

# One county clerk goes the extra mile

It's hard to imagine that any county clerk in Kansas is making a greater effort than Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew to help their residents get registered and vote.

Two years ago, Shew and his office were trying to help voters meet the new requirement to present a photo identification at the polls. For people who have a valid driver's license that was easy. However, Shew heard from the operators of several nursing homes and similar facilities that some of their clients no longer had driver's licenses and would find it difficult to go to a driver's license office and wait in line to obtain a state-issued photo ID. To remedy that problem, Shew's office began to issue its own photo ID cards that could be used at the polls.

About the same time, Shew's office sent new cards to every registered voter in the county, telling them where to vote, what party they were registered with, the legislative and congressional districts in which they lived and the address listed on their registration. His goal was to eliminate any confusion triggered by redistricting and new election laws and give voters a chance to check their information and make sure their registrations were up to date and valid.

After the new law went into effect requiring voters to provide proof of citizenship when they registered to vote, Shew and his office have continued to go the extra mile. More than 600 Douglas County residents are among the 19,000 people whose voter registrations have been held up because they don't include the proper citizenship documents. Shew said this week his office had tried to contact all of those people to let them know their registrations were incomplete.

In that process, Shew said he found some people who said they couldn't afford to pay to get a copy of their birth certificate from another state. People born in Kansas can get copies of their birth certificate for free, but people born in other states must pay anywhere from \$10 to \$60 to obtain that document. Shew correctly saw that as unfair discrimination against non-Kansas natives and decided to help remedy the situation. His office not only is making itself available to help people obtain citizenship documents, it is offering to help people of limited means pay for those documents. That's only five people so far, and Shew thinks it will be easy enough for his office's budget to absorb the cost of providing that help. Within reason, it's money well spent in support of fairness and the democratic process.

The net result of Shew's efforts will be to increase the number of Douglas County voters who are properly registered to cast their ballots in the Aug. 5 primary and the Nov. 4 general election. Encouraging voter participating is an important role for any county clerk. Shew obviously is taking that responsibility very seriously. We hope other county clerks across the state will follow his lead and that Douglas County voters will repay his efforts by turning out in record numbers for the upcoming elections.

— Lawrence Journal-World, via the Associated Press

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# Water's more valued when it's not there

You don't realize how much you depend on water until the tap stops running.

I turned on the tap at our house in Colorado last month, and nothing happened.

The water had always worked before. It certainly wasn't frozen, since it was June and the temperature outside was in the 70s.

So where was the water? It was 10 in the morning and we, being on vacation, hadn't taken our showers yet. In fact, we were just getting ready for breakfast.

Breakfast wasn't so bad. You really don't need water to make a couple of pieces of toast and have some fruit.

Luckily, I had already made the coffee, or I'd have been trekking down to the river in my robe and slippers to fill up the pot. That would have been an interesting sight, since the house isn't exactly in the woods. It's in a small subdivision about a block from the Rio Grande, with neighbors and the usual assorted dogs, cats and children.

Still, as soon as breakfast was done, I tried



**Cynthia Haynes**

• Open Season

to rinse the dishes.

Dang. That didn't work. I just had to hope that the jelly didn't harden too much before I could get water.

Before long, it was noon, then 1 p.m. and then 2.

For lunch, we had cold sandwiches on paper plates, but I hate working with food when I can't wash my hands. That just causes cross contamination and a chance at gastrointestinal upsets in the days to come.

We had flushed the toilet before we knew that the water was off, so we couldn't "steal" any from the tank.

Steve opened the faucet on the sink so we'd hear the water when it came back on, and about 3:30 that afternoon, the swoosh of running water could be heard.

We showered and shaved, washed the dishes and filled a couple of jugs just in case the tap went dry again.

Later, when I headed for town, I noticed a Volkswagen-sized hole in the road where the water main had been dug up. I'm not sure what they were fixing, but whatever the problem, it got fixed and we had water again.

You just don't know how often you use water until it isn't available. Thank goodness, I say, for running water and indoor plumbing.

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner and chief financial officer of Nor'West Newspapers, writes this column weekly. Her pets include cats, toads and a praying mantis. Contact her at c.haynes @ nwkansan.com

# Water regulations swamp puddles

To the Editor:

On April 21, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a proposed rule to expand federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. Although the agencies have gone to great lengths to assure farmers, ranchers, and rural businesses that this rule will not affect them, nothing could be further from the truth.

The proposal attempts to bring ponds, puddles, ditches and even dry land under federal regulation. This will require more permits for routine farming activities. Despite what they have said, the agencies narrowed statutory exemptions for agriculture under the act. These requirements will prevent expansions, conservation practice implementation and other beneficial activities that provide jobs and water quality benefits for Kansas. Furthermore, the rule will require the use of additional state resources as the federal government forces Kansas to regulate a broader range of activities under the Clean Water Act.

Members of the Kansas Agricultural Alliance, representing Kansas agriculture and rural businesses, sent a letter to Gov. Sam Brownback, Attorney General Derek Schmidt, and our congressional delegation, asking them to help oppose the proposed rule. All Kansans should join us in writing the agency and our congressional delegation asking them to ditch the rule.

Aaron M. Popelka, Topeka  
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## Thanks for support

To the Editor:

Letter of Thanks to the Community  
I have the privilege to work with some exceptional people, both youths and adults, who are ever so grateful to the community your newspaper reaches. It is my hope that I can express our thanks to the community for hosting an AFS exchange student.

The family of Mark and Lucy Wood, teachers, coaches, church members and many others are to thank for the success of Emma Dyrup Kleist's experiences. The communities in northwest Kansas are treasures in unassuming



**Free Press Letter Drop**

• Our readers sound off

packages, perfectly sized to enter the hearts and minds of the youth of the world. Thank you for taking the time to show the world who you are.

Emma, an international high school student, attended Colby High School, lived with the Wood family and discovered what northwest Kansas is all about. She has now taken Colby back to Denmark. Before her return to her home country, she left words of thanks. Please find a way to share with your readers.

Our organization is always looking for supportive host families. With a volunteer base in Goodland, northwest Kansas is creating global connections. By hosting an exchange student, Colby helps build bridges of intercultural understanding at home and abroad while connecting with an outstanding young people.

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Mary Porterfield, American Field Service volunteer of Goodland, can be reached at (785) 821-3762.

Nickolas Evert

## Thanks for the memories

To the Editor,

I am an exchange student from Denmark and I would like to thank the Colby community for giving me an amazing year here in

Colby, Kansas. I would like to thank Colby High School that's made it possible for me to experience the American high school like in all the movies I've seen. Thanks to AFS and my AFS liaison who have always been there to help me, because it's not easy to be an exchange student. Thanks to my friends who I have had so much fun with. I will never forget our sleepovers, prom, practices and meets, and when we ran out in the rain. Finally, thank you to my wonderful host family, the Wood family. I could not have wished for a better host family. They were always there for me when I was sad and I learned so much from them!

Emma Dyrup Kleist  
Viborg, Denmark

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# On the Beat

## COLBY POLICE June 29

4:08 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed.  
4:14 a.m. – Caller reported someone being assaulted.  
5:20 a.m. – Caller reported someone playing loud music.  
1:16 p.m. – Caller reported theft.  
1:18 p.m. – Fireworks complaint.  
3:14 p.m. – Subject found a wallet in the roadway. Owner contacted, and given to him.  
4:19 p.m. – Helped stranded motorist at westbound I-70 exit 53.  
7:18 p.m. – Fireworks complaint.  
9:08 p.m. – Fireworks complaint.

## June 30

8:51 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.  
9 a.m. – Caller reported subject is refusing to bring back child.

Civil matter; information given to reporting party.  
10:49 a.m. – Hit and run accident.

2:40 p.m. – Caller reported semi struck car. Report filed.  
3:25 p.m. – Battery report filed for incident.  
7:58 p.m. – Assisted motorist; had help coming.  
10:46 p.m. – Fireworks complaint. Not found.

## July 1

7:43 a.m. – Parked semi moved.  
9:59 a.m. – Dog at large; unable to catch.  
10:15 a.m. – Dog at large taken to Colby Animal Clinic. Owner contacted.  
1:17 p.m. – Child in need of care report filed.  
7:16 p.m. – Accident.  
10:59 p.m. – Caller reported neighbors shooting off fireworks. Unable to locate.  
11:43 p.m. – Caller wanted a large loud party stopped.

## July 2

12:04 a.m. – Caller reported loud party still going. Spoke with subjects and reporting party.  
12:19 a.m. – Caller reported barking dogs. Unable to locate.  
7:32 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.  
9:34 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large, contained. Took dog to Colby Animal Clinic.  
10:34 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.  
7:25 p.m. – Theft report filed for incident.  
11:09 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks going off. Unable to locate but spoke to some subjects.  
11:12 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks going off. Unable to locate.

## THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF June 29

2:56 a.m. – Booked Rosendo Montelongo.  
5:01 a.m. – Booked Tyler W.

Flipsey.  
5:57 a.m. – Booked Douglas W. Heller.  
6:12 a.m. – Released Heller.  
11:16 a.m. – Angela L. Delano arrested on warrant.  
11:18 a.m. – Released Rosendo Montelongo.  
11:38 a.m. – Booked Angela Linea Delano.  
1:50 p.m. – Booked Terrell Samuel Ferguson.  
2:08 p.m. – Released Ferguson.  
7:21 p.m. – Sheridan County Sheriff's Office called about a semi driving erratically at westbound U.S. 24 mile 81. Located truck; was driving OK  
7:56 p.m. – Booked Scott Canas Silva.  
8:01 p.m. – Released Silva.  
10:18 p.m. – Business check at Mattson Farms at 1274 U.S. 24.

## June 30

9:26 a.m. – Booked Duane Neal Brown.  
10:32 a.m. – Booked Charles

Eugene Mack II.  
11:20 a.m. – Released Angela Linea Delano.  
2:11 p.m. – Took three inmates to Scott County Sheriff's Office.  
11:20 p.m. – Released Leeanna G. Windell to Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office.

## July 1

8:50 a.m. – Booked Rene Adbel Velasquez.  
9:16 a.m. – Released Albert LeRoy Williams Jr.  
9:37 a.m. – Transported two prisoners to Sherman County.  
9:44 a.m. – Released Elizabeth June Williams.  
10:10 a.m. – Caller reported dogs attacking animals in 2500 block of County Rd. 2, Brewster. Report filed.  
3:09 p.m. – Brought prisoner from Sherman County to Colby. Brought prisoner from Wichita to Colby.  
3:50 p.m. – Warrant served on Dylan Titus.

5:11 p.m. – Released Titus.  
**July 2**  
12:37 a.m. – Disabled vehicle between miles 40 and 41 of eastbound I-70 ran out of fuel.  
10:29 a.m. – Released Charles Eugene Mack II.  
11:41 a.m. – Released Dee Pet-ty.  
12:50 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Tyler Flipsey  
1:27 p.m. – Booked Kyle W. Shelby.  
1:31 p.m. – House check.  
2:36 p.m. – Identity theft report filed.  
2:36 p.m. – Released Tyler Wade Flipsey.  
4:50 p.m. – Booked Macsen Apollo Eastman.  
6:54 p.m. – Booked Larry Eugene Draper.  
7:18 p.m. – Released Draper.  
7:21 p.m. – Released Eastman.  
7:30 p.m. – Booked Louann Marie Medrano.

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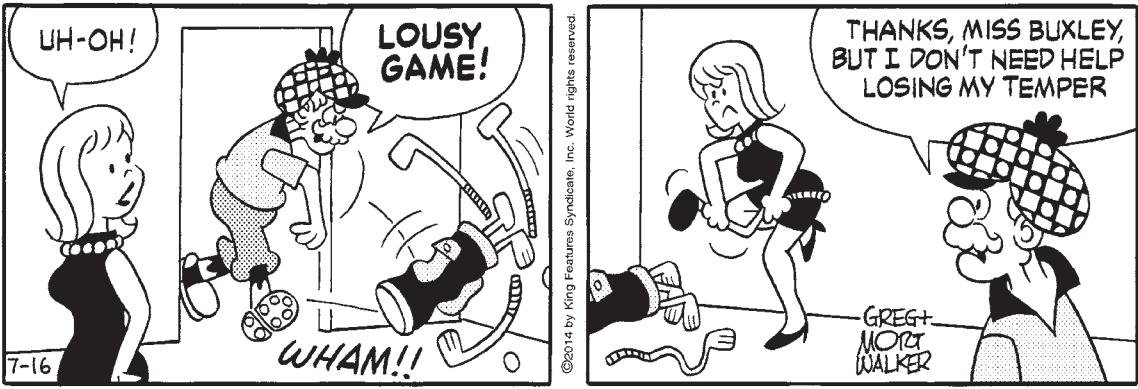
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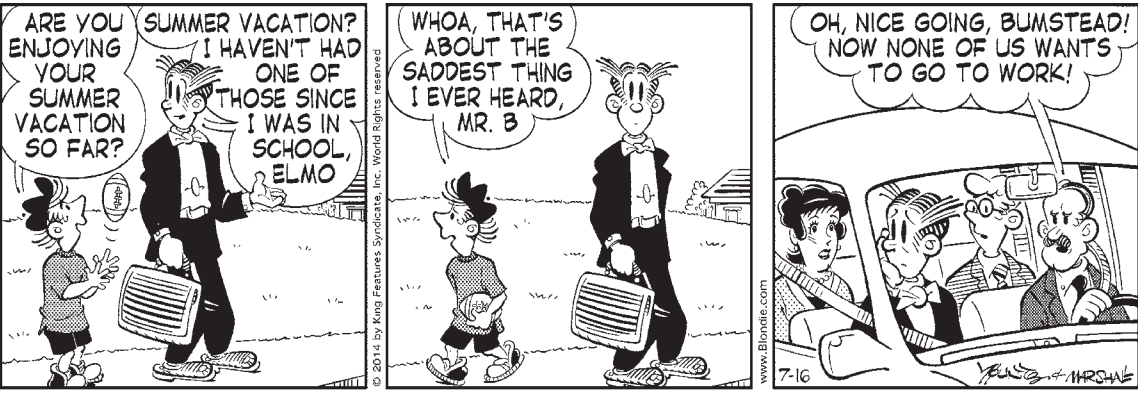
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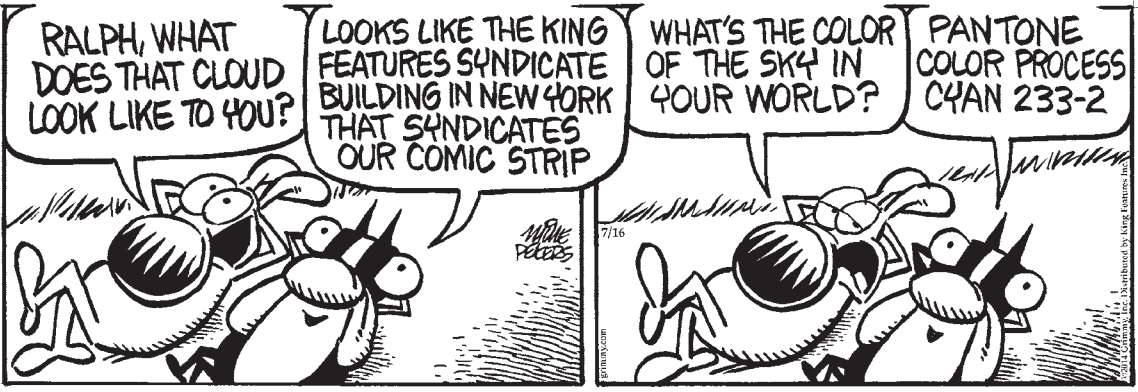
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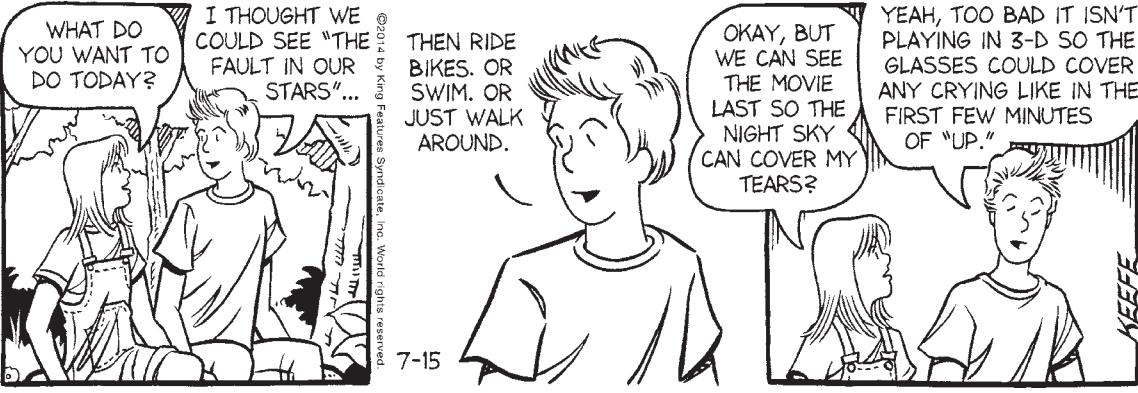
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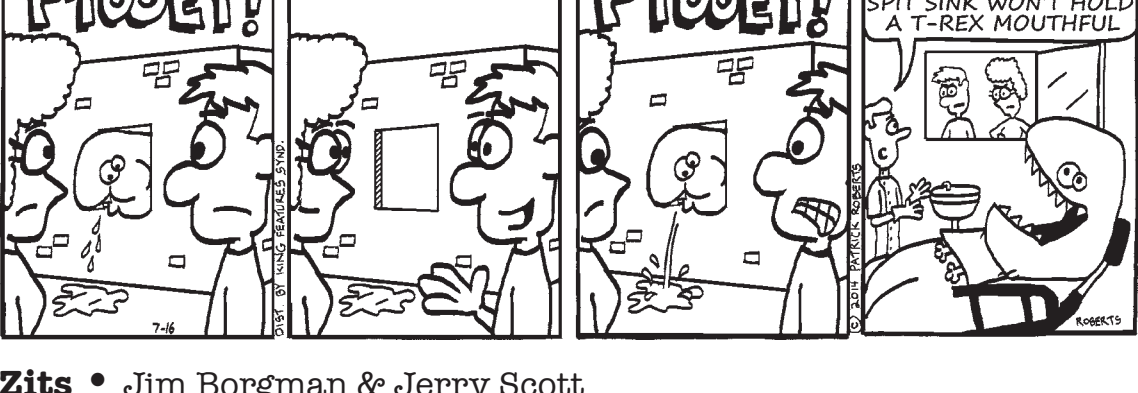
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**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Peanut brittle recipe's a snap**

Dear Heloise: Can you please reprint your Heloise Peanut Brittle recipe? I haven't made it in years, and I cannot find the recipe! - Ellen S. in Indiana

This recipe is so easy and quick, because you make it in the microwave. Gather the following ingredients:

- 1 cup of granulated sugar
1/2 cup of light corn syrup
1 1/2 cups of raw (skin on) peanuts
1/8 teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
1 teaspoon of butter
1 teaspoon of baking soda

Place aluminum foil over a cookie sheet with sides and spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large, microwave-safe bowl, combine sugar, corn syrup, peanuts and salt. Mix together. Place in the microwave (wattages vary, so you may need to adjust the times) and heat on high for 8 minutes, stirring well halfway through cooking.

Stir in the vanilla and butter, and microwave another 2 minutes on high. Carefully take the bowl out, because it will be very hot!

Add the baking soda and stir until foamy and light. Be careful not to overstir!

Quickly pour the mixture onto the cookie sheet using a metal knife. You may need help with this.

Evenly spread the mixture to about 1/4-inch thickness. Let it cool, then break into pieces and store the peanut brittle in an airtight container or a plastic, zip-top bag. - Heloise

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**SELF-RISING FLOUR**

Dear Heloise: As I was growing up, my grandmother said you could use self-rising flour in baking instead of plain flour, baking powder and salt. Is this regardless of the measurements for baking powder and salt? - Renee P. in North Carolina

No, you need to be aware of the measurements, which are the following: 1 cup all-purpose flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder and 1 teaspoon table salt. These measurements are what change plain flour to self-rising flour. - Heloise

**COOKING BACON**

Dear Heloise: We cook our bacon outside in an electric skillet to keep odor and splatters out of the house. We cook at least a pound at a time, and we put what we don't use in a plastic freezer bag. It keeps great in the freezer, and whenever you want a couple of pieces, you pop them into the microwave for 10 seconds. Yum! - Craig and Patti J. in Michigan

**STEMMING STRAWBERRIES**

Dear Heloise: When I stem strawberries, I use the long, skinny potato peeler. This way, I get the stem plus the pithy center and save all the shoulder fruit of the strawberry. - Sue, via email

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: A Q 8, J 8, Q 7 5, J 9 6 4 2. WEST: 7 5 2, K 10 7 4 3, 4, Q 10 8 3. EAST: 6, Q 9 6 5, A K J 9 8 3, 7 5. SOUTH: K J 10 9 4 3, A 2, 10 6 2, A K.

The bidding: West Pass, North Pass, East 3 diamonds, South 3 diamonds. Opening lead - four of diamonds.

**More Than Meets the Eye**

Assume you hold the West hand and lead your singleton diamond against four spades. East wins with the jack and continues with the K-A, on which you play first the seven and then the four of hearts.

East obediently returns a low heart, but declarer goes up with the ace, cashes the A-K of clubs, leads a trump to dummy's eight, ruffs a club, leads a trump to dummy's queen and ruffs another club. South then crosses to the ace of spades, simultaneously drawing your last trump, and discards his deuce of hearts on the jack of clubs to make the contract.

You might go on to the next deal without giving the matter further thought, but the fact remains that you could have stopped South from making his game. Instead of discarding a heart on the third round of diamonds, you should have ruffed your partner's ace and returned a trump!

Had you done this, South would have found it impossible to make the contract. Your trump return would have killed one of dummy's vital entries before declarer could cash his A-K of clubs, and he eventually would have lost a heart trick to go down one.

Trumping partner's ace is, of course, a spectacular and unusual play, but it makes a lot of sense here - if you stop to think about it. To begin with, it's a play that can't cost you a thing, since the trump you are wasting is of no earthly use to you.

More important than that is the 100 percent certainty that if South has a heart or club loser in his hand, it will be utterly impossible for him to avoid losing that trick - provided you trump your partner's ace at trick three and return a trump at trick four to guard against the hand South actually has.

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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

**Cryptoquip**

DSWPCXS YBPY CTLPZZNSK

PFPXJPT LPT BPX P OPZJP GT

N XCOOGXS BS'X XYNFF NT

BNX DPWBSFGZ BGGK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COMIC-STRIP LAD WITH A PRETTY BAD HABIT OF THROWING RAW EGGS AT FOLKS: LI'L ABNER YOLK-EM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals L

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Watch chains, 5 Bankroll, 8 You love (Lat.), 12 Asian nurse-maid, 13 Inventor Whitney, 14 Double agent, 15 Easy task, 17 Benefit, 18 "Jeopardy!" emcee, 19 Deserved, 21 Rd., 22 Leisurely, 23 Clear the tables, 26 Conclude, 28 Biblical poem, 31 "Yeah, right!", 33 "Help!", 35 Director Kazan, 36 Marconi's medium, 38 Make up your mind, 40 Small barrel.

Down clues and crossword grid with filled-in letters.

Yesterday's answer 7-16

Empty crossword grid for puzzle 7-16.

To place your classified ad, mail (155 W. Fifth), fax (785-462-7749), phone (785-462-3963), or stop by our office at 155 W. Fifth

### Notices

**Flying Club Share: Piper Cherokee Archer II**, based at Colby Airport. A great opportunity to fly cheap. Call 785-953-0226 for information and pricing.  
---7/16---7/21---

**Girls Night Out** Thursday, July 17 from 5 - 7 p.m., Plum Creek Ltd. - Colby.  
---7/14---7/18---

**Everyday Treasures, resale and consignment.** Tuesdays and Wednesdays Noon-6:00 pm and the first Saturday of each month noon-6:00 p.m. 315 N. Franklin, Colby (620) 203-0171.  
---6/30---7/18---

**Independent Shaklee Distributer** - Vitamin mineral herbal supplements. Basic H. Skin care products. Wanda Sealock www.wanda.myshaklee.com 785-675-3587.  
---5/15---8/22---

**Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner.** Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673.  
---12/15---TFN---

**Classified ad deadlines** (word ads only). Noon the day before publication (noon Friday for Monday paper). Ads going into the Country Advocate need to be in on Thursdays. Please check your ad the first time it runs. If you find an error, please call at (785) 462-3963 so it can be corrected, since we will not be responsible for errors after that first day. The Colby Free Press.  
---3/1---TFN---

### Help Wanted

**Wanted: Energetic, motivated business leaders** who are looking for a successful, ground-level business opportunity. If that's you, contact me today at 785-443-1458 or visit [www.mitch2014.areal-breakthrough.com](http://www.mitch2014.areal-breakthrough.com)  
---7/9---8/4---

**Wanted to hire Housekeeper,** PT Cook, Pool Tender 785-443-1339.  
---7/2---7/30---

### Public Notice

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS J DAWES, Deceased.  
Case No. 14 PR 23

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of June, 2014, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Terri A Arnberger, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Lois J Dawes," deceased.  
All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.  
Terri A Arnberger, Petitioner

VIGNERY & MASON L.L.C. 214 E. 10th; P.O. Box 767 Goodland, KS 67735 Telephone: 785-890-6588 Attorneys for Petitioner

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### Help Wanted

**Wanted: Immediate Opening** for an experienced diesel mechanic. Signing bonus, benefits and wages are negotiable 308-340-8389.  
---7/2---7/16---

**Grant Coordinator position available** at the Thomas County Health Department, Colby, KS. Temporary position beginning immediately & will end June 30, 2015. Bachelor's degree in the area of health & wellness required. Will be responsible for the management of the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant funded through KDHE. Responsibilities include; grant writing, implementation & reporting of grant activities. Coordinator will facilitate between KDHE & Thomas County Coalition. Position requires travel. Full Single health insurance, KPERs, Life Insurance and cafeteria. Salary commensurate with experience. Call 785-460-4596 or visit 350 S. Range, Ste 2 Colby, KS to apply. TCHD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
---7/16---

**High Plains Mental Health Center** currently has an opening for a part time Site Manager for our Colby House to provide on-site apartment management services. Duties include accepting applications, collecting rent and security deposits and some grounds maintenance. Interested person(s) may send cover letter and resume to Johnny Lang at [Johnny.Lang@hpmhc.com](mailto:Johnny.Lang@hpmhc.com) or by mail to 208 E. 7th St., Hays, KS. 67601, or you may stop by the branch office at 750 South Range and complete an application. Must successfully pass a background check. Position will be posted until filled.  
---7/16---7/28---

**LPN part-time, offering flexible hours and On-call hours.** Competitive wages, Pleasant working environment, Holiday Pay, and AFLAC. Apply in person or send resume to Fairview Estates Retirement Community, 1630 Sewell Ave, Colby, KS 67701 - 785-462-2154 Ask for Gary. - EOE  
---7/2---7/16---

### Help Wanted

**CDL Drivers - Must be** at least 23 years of age, clean MVR, minimum 2 years of driving experience. Hopper experience a plus. Call 785-462-0087.  
---6/11---9/4---

**Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc.,** 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all shop positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire, service call, and alignment technicians. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100.  
---5/29---TFN---

**The Team at Kansasland Tire of Norton** has an immediate opening for a service truck operator/general service person. Must have a valid drivers license. Competitive wages, 401k, insurance, & uniforms. Experience preferred, but not necessary we will train. Please stop by at 11101 Rd E1, Norton and pick up an application or call 785-877-5181 EOE.  
---2/12---TFN---

**PSI Transport, LLC,** is always looking for livestock hauler: owner/operators to pull our trailers and/or company drivers. Newer equipment and excellent benefit package. We primarily stay within the Midwest. To visit about our opportunities give us a call M-F at (785)675-3881 or (913)533-2478.  
---6/16---TFN---

**Carriers needed to deliver** the Colby Free Press! Great for someone needing extra income. A few hours a day, 4 days a week. Bonus after 3 months. To apply please stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby or for questions call 785-462-3963.  
---3/21---TFN---

### Public Notice

#### ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE

Vehicles will be sold for charges due to date of sale.  
1988 Ford Bronco II VIN 1FMCU14T0JUC21616  
2001 Ford Taurus 4D VIN 1FAPP55U21A146786  
Sale date July 19, 2014 at Noon. Terms of Sale Cash. Location 1870 S. Range Ave. Colby, Kansas  
(Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, July 2, 9, 16, 2014)

### Public Notice

The Thomas County Landfill is taking sealed bids on three pickups located at the Landfill.  
1998 Ford F150, Odometer reads 171,000. Hail damage plus needs a fuel pump. Engine used oil. Doesn't run.  
1986 Dodge Ram 1/2 ton. Odometer reads 99,320. Hail damage plus needs complete exhaust. Doesn't run.  
1999 Dodge Ram 1500 X-Cab 4X4. Odometer reads 135,912. Hail damage. Doesn't run.  
Pickups will be sold as is where is with no express warranties. They have more issues than stated. True mileage unknown on all units. Send bids to Shelly Harms, Thomas County Clerk. 300 North Court Ave. Colby, KS, 67701. Bids will be opened in the Commissioners Room at 9:00 a.m. on July 21 during regular meeting. The Thomas Co. Commission reserves to reject or accept any or all bids.  
(Published in the Colby Free Press on July 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 2014)

### Public Notice

Kansas, directed: I will on the 4th day of August, 2014, at 10:00am, central daylight time, offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the Court House in the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, the following described real estate, fixtures and personal property situated in Thomas County, Kansas, all as directed by the Court in an amended order of sale, to-wit:

PARCEL 1

ALL OF LOT ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12), THIRTEEN (13), FOURTEEN (14), FIFTEEN (15), SIXTEEN (16), SEVENTEEN (17), EIGHTEEN (18), AND NINETEEN (19), IN BLOCK SEVEN (7), SOUTH PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

(A/K/A 785 West Webster, Colby, Kansas)

PARCEL 2

LOT TWO (2), THREE (3), FOUR (4), FIVE (5), SIX (6), SEVEN (7), EIGHT (8), NINE (9), AND TEN (10), BLOCK EIGHT (8), SOUTH PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. LESS AND EXCEPT A TRACT OF LAND IN LOTS 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, AND 10 IN BLOCK EIGHT (8), SOUTH PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 0.6 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 8, 0.8 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST

CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 0.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE 1.4 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE WEST 1.4 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 8; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

(A/K/A 175 South Range, Colby, Kansas)

Including all improvements, appurtenances and fixtures thereon.

The said property being taken as the property of Defendants Medical Arts, Inc., and/or Colby Medical & Surgical Center, and will be sold as two separate units, pursuant to the findings and order of the court made on September 9, 2013, filed January 30, 2014, as amended, in the above captioned proceedings, and to satisfy the lien of Plaintiff and judgments rendered as reflected therein, and for any taxes that may be due and owing upon the premises, and for costs of suit and sale, and accruing costs of suit, and further that the above described property shall be sold without appraisal or redemption.

ROD TAYLOR  
Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas

E. Edward Brown #06559  
CALIHAN, BROWN, BURGARDT & DOUGLASS, P.A.  
212 W. Pine St., P.O. Box 1016  
Garden City, Kansas 67846  
(620) 276-2381  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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### Child Care

**Licensed Daycare in Colby** has openings for 18 months and up. Please call for more information 785-269-7509.  
---7/16---7/21---

### Office Space for Rent

**Newly remodeled professional office.** Utilities included, call Shirley at 785-460-6284.  
---7/9---7/21---

**1,214 sq. feet** at 345 N. Lake. Please call 785-443-2454 or 785-460-7492.  
---7/2---7/23---

### Storage

**Camper and Boat Storage** in Wilson, KS. Protect your investment! We have 14' wide X 70' long storage units for lease. Concrete floors, 110v outlets and a private dump station. Call now 620-791-8582.  
---7/16---7/21---

### Apartments for Rent

**Large 3 bedroom plus office** apartment, Colby, no smoking, no pets 785-443-1346 or 785-462-8169.  
---7/16---7/28---

**2 BR Apt., washer-dryer,** stove, refrigerator, a/c, dishwasher, non-smoking, no dogs, in Colby. 785-460-0916 or 785-462-0274.  
---7/7---7/18---

### Houses for Rent

**Nice 3 bedroom house** for rent in Colby. No smoking, no pets. Call 785-443-1969.  
---7/9---7/31---

### Houses for Rent

**Nice 2-3 BR house,** sprinkler system, no pets. Call 785-443-1339.  
---7/2---7/30---

### Land for Lease

**Accepting cash lease bids** on 510 ac. dryland farm ground on state line NW of Herndon. Also, on land in SE Rawlins County. Dick Kompus 785-687-4655.  
---7/11---7/24---

### Houses for Sale

**3 Bedroom, bull bathroom,** basement, metal roof, 7 out buildings, big lot, 515 N. St., Rexford, KS 785-687-8006.  
---7/16---8/4---

**3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 1/2** corner lot, new metal roof. 780 S. Mission, Colby - call 785-460-7996.  
---7/10---8/6---

### Land for Sale

**Two large lots** (2.1 acres) in El Chaparrel subdivision in Colby. 785-760-4829.  
---7/14---7/25---

### Misc. for Sale

**Solid Oak Dining Table** with 4 chairs. Less than 1/2 of new 785-460-2966.  
---7/16---7/28---

**One 16' and one 20' round,** above ground new swimming pools \$1,599 each 785-443-2465.  
---7/10---7/16---

**Pebble Embossed Plastic Banquet** rolls 40'x300' (white) \$30 + tax. Can be purchased at the Colby Free Press, 155 W. 5th St.  
---3/21---TFN---

### Vehicles for Sale

**Call us before you pay** your next insurance premium. American Family Insurance - Rita Peters Agency - Colby 785-462-8246.  
---1/18---TFN---

### Recreation Vehicle

**2013 40 ft. TT 2 Bedroom,** 2 slide-outs, W/D, 2 A/C's, awning, fully loaded, excellent condition, \$25,000 - OBO. 870-718-7638.  
---7/14---8/1---

### Services

**Beckman Fencing - For all** your fencing needs specializing in barbed-wire, pipe corrals, continuous fence, chain link, privacy fences, and concrete flat work. Contact Jerad 785-672-7607.  
---6/12---7/28---

**I specialize & analyze** the situation surrounding the environment. Pines, Deciduous, Evergreens, Shelterbelts, Fruit Trees, Cleanup, Removal, Trimming, Nurseryman, Gardening, Landscaping, Shrubs & Yard Care. Dave's Tree Service 785-443-0994. Also do handyman work.  
---7/9---8/4---

**Tree Service: Call** Abel Tree Service LLC for tree removal, stump grinding and trimming. Equipped with a bucket truck. In the Colby area now! Call 785-871-7275 now for free estimates. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
---5/9---TFN---

**Tree Trimming & Removal** Call Kerry @ Infinite Connections, bucket truck, stump grinder, insured and free estimates. Family owned and operated. 785-626-4261.  
---1/31---7/17---

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Rexford will meet on August 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, Rexford, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, Rexford, Kansas and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2014 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2015 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2013		Current Year Estimate for 2014		Proposed Budget for 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	73,956	31.506	95,500	30.500	92,300	22,826	29.791
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	17,995				7,268		
Utility	44,168		130,949		118,909		
Totals	136,119	31.506	226,449	30.500	218,477	22,826	29.791
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	136,119		226,449		218,477		
Total Tax Levied	22,635		22,521		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	718,434		738,403		766,214		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	2012	2013	2014				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

**Jolene Hansen**  
City Official Title: City Clerk  
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# Want to know what's happening?



## Society Editor

The Colby Free Press is looking for a part-time society editor to do social notes, weddings, engagements, obituaries, church and club items, features and other news of interest to the town. This is a great way to be in touch with the pulse of your town and get to know a lot of people. It requires accuracy, speed and attention to detail. Work week would be 10-15 hours. Pay commensurate with experience and ability. Send a letter and resume to Sharon Friedlander, Publisher, at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701, [sfriedlander@nwkansan.com](mailto:sfriedlander@nwkansan.com) or apply in person at the address above. No calls please. This could be the job you've been looking for. EOE m/f/h.

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

TO: All persons who are or may be concerned.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of an Amended Order of Sale issued and directed out of the above entitled Court pursuant to the judgment and decree entered therein, wherein the Western State Bank was Plaintiff, and Medical Arts, Inc., and Colby Medical & Surgical Center and others were Defendants, the same being case number 12-CV-48, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Thomas County,

# Classifieds

To place your classified ad, mail (155 W. Fifth), fax (785-462-7749), phone (785-462-3963), or stop by our office at 155 W. Fifth

## Services

**Do you have weeds every year?** Want a great looking yard? Call JM Tree & Lawn Service to fill ALL of your needs this year. We offer full tree care and sprinkler system maintenance/installs as well. Call today to get a free quote. 785-462-6908. ---5/13---TFN---

**Do Your Feet Hurt?** We can help with I-Step Technology. We also provide medicare approved diabetic shoes up to size 15 with doctors prescription by appointment only. Currier Drug, Inc, Atwood. 1-800-696-3214. ---4/22---TFN---

**Have a leaking roof** and need it repaired? Look no further. Murray Roofing & Construction, LLC will give you a free estimate and roof inspection. We specialize in residential and commercial roofing systems. Call our office to schedule an inspection. 785-462-6908. ---3/11---TFN---

## Pets/Supplies

**Kittens free to good home.** Call Doggone Critters, 497 N. Franklin, Colby - 785-462-6388. ---6/25---7/23---

## Pets/Supplies

**McNab puppies for sale.** Out of working parents Long Island, KS. Leave message 308-645-9085. ---5/12---TFN---

## Garage Sales

**Moving Sale - Recliner, Exercise Bike,** Weight Bench, New Twin Mattress Set w/ bedding and frame, Coffee Table, Men's Oakley M-Frame Sunglasses, Luggage on Wheels, Igloo Cooler, Large Dresser with Mirror and Framed Mirror. Call 785-443-5433. Some items with pictures on Nextech @ <http://www.nextechclassifieds.com/listings/view/822736/> and <http://www.nextechclassifieds.com/listings/view/822751/> ---7/16---7/25---

**1020 E. 9th - Friday, 4 - 7 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon.** Generator, computer, hutch, TV and stand, clothing, toys, movies, and lots more. ---7/16---7/18---

**Half Price Sale All of July** Wednesday's & Saturday's 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Second Time Around Shop, 115 Center Ave. Oakley, Kansas. ---6/23---7/21---

## Garage Sales

**1035 Brookside - Friday, noon - 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon.** Lots to choose from. ---7/16---7/18---

## Kansas Classified Network

**Help Wanted/Truck Driver** Quality Drive-Away hiring drivers for South Hutchinson and Salina locations. \$250 Sign-On Bonus! Deliver vehicles nationwide with plenty of reload opportunities! No CDL or truck required! Commercial experience preferred but not required! Apply online at Quality-DriveAway.com or call 1-866-764-1601 today!

**Help Wanted** Want a Career Operating Heavy Equipment? Bulldozers, Backhoes, Excavators. "Hands On Training" & Certifications Offered. National Average 18-22 Hourly! Lifetime Job Placement Assistance. VA Benefits Eligible! 1-866-362-6497

## Kansas Classified Network

**Help Wanted** \$2000 Bonus! Oilfield drivers. High hourly, Overtime. Class A-CDL/Tanker. 1 year driving Experience. Home 1 Week Monthly. Paid Travel, Lodging. Relocation NOT necessary. 1-800-588-2669. www.tttransports.com

**Auctions** Custom Country Estate Auction August 5-6 PM On-site: 11404 10 Rd, Ingalls, KS Previews: 7/17 5-7 PM; 7/20 2-4 PM UCNRA. com - 316-655-3690 See website for terms. UC-National Realty & Auction Regan & Co Real Estate

**Help Wanted/Truck Driver** Drivers - START WITH OUR TRAINING OR CONTINUE YOUR SOLID CAREER. You Have Options! Company Drivers, Lease Purchase or Owner Operators Needed (888) 670-0392 www.CentralTruckDrivingJobs.com

## Kansas Classified Network

**Help Wanted** DRIVERS WANTED NOW Multiple Locations throughout Kansas Haul Railroad Crews 21+, Valid Driver's License, Clean MVR Drug & Background Checks Apply Online: www.RCXhires.com

**Help Wanted/Truck Driver** "Partners In Excellence" OTR Drivers APU Equipped Pre-Pass EZ-pass passenger policy. 2012 & Newer equipment. 100% NO touch. Butler Transport 1-800-528-7825 www.butlertransport.com

## Kansas Classified Network

**Pet Supplies** All New! Happy Jack DuraSpot(R): Kills & Repels fleas, ticks & larvae. Repels mites, lice & mosquitoes. Contains Nylar(R) IGR. Orschlen Farm & Home. www.happyjackinc.com

**Sporting Goods** GUN SHOW JULY 19-20 SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 9-3 WICHITA CENTURY II EXPO HALL (225 W DOUGLAS) BUY-SELL-TRADE INFO: (563) 927-8176

## HELP WANTED

The Thomas County Sheriff's Office is currently seeking applications for a **Detention Deputy**. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and meet required standards in the following categories: background investigation; written, oral and psychological testing, keyboard skills; health screening.

The Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer and provides employees single health insurance, sick leave, vacation, KPERS, retirement benefits, overtime provisions, and uniforms (cleaning supplied). Salary depends on qualification and experience.

Persons wishing to apply may pick up an application at the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, 225 N. Court, Colby, Kansas 67701. (Phone: 785-460-4570). Position to remain open until filled. Interviews will begin immediately.

Use the Classifieds!

## Wound Care Specialists seeks a Community Liaison/RN



To serve as a liaison for the medical community in the Goodland, Atwood, Colby, Hays, Russell, Kansas area.

Develops and maintains community relationships with current and cultivates future referral sources. • Fills in as RN for clinics served in the area. • Prior healthcare/sales experience and 5-7 years in healthcare setting required. • Wound care experience preferred. • Benefits and competitive pay.

Send resume to [mbelford@woundcarespecialists.com](mailto:mbelford@woundcarespecialists.com)

## AMERICAN IMPLEMENT

Positions now open at American Implement in Colby. Truck driver minimum 2 years wide load experience. Detail technician washing cleaning and detail of all ag equipment. Setup predelivery technician on tillage such as drills and air seeders. American Implement John Deere is an excellent place to have a career. Positions are all full time with benefits. Stop by and see David Oren or call 1-800-JD-Colby.



## WE NEED SATELLITE TECHNICIANS WHO ARE MOTIVATED AND READY TO GET PAID!

Blue Sky Satellite is DISH Network's leading service provider with 12 locations in the Midwest.

We offer Paid Training, Top Hourly Rates, 4 Day Work Week, Company Vehicles, Excellent Company Benefits including 401(k) and Performance Bonuses.

If you are looking for a rewarding career, apply online TODAY at [careers.blueskydish.com](http://careers.blueskydish.com) or call Ray Ziegler at 316-619-2552. BSS is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center

is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Head Start Teachers (Sherman/Gove Counties)
- Gifted Facilitator
- Speech Pathologists
- School Psychologist
- Early Childhood Special Education Teachers
- Interrelated Teachers (Oberlin/Grinnell)
- Head Start Aides (Rawlins/Thomas County)
- Para-educators (Golden Plains/Quinter)

Applications are available at [www.nkesc.org](http://www.nkesc.org) or 785-672-3125. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. \*NKESC is an EOE\*

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Rep: Fred Brittan - Scott City, KS  
Phone: (620) 214-1434  
Office: 620-282-2226

## CMCI JOB OPENINGS

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Environmental Services:</b><br>ES Tech/Laundry Tech, Full-time & Part-time<br>Supervisor, Full-time      | <b>Nursing Service:</b><br>Administrative Assistant, Full-time<br>CNA, Full-time - CMC<br>CNA, Full-time & Part-time - PSLC<br>RN, Full-time & Part-time - CMC<br>LPN/RN, Full-time & Part-time - PSLC |
| <b>Food Service:</b><br>Diet Aide, Full-time & Part-time - PSLC<br>Relief Aide/Dishwasher, Part-time - PSLC | <b>Radiology:</b><br>Manager, Full-time<br>Sonographer/Rad Tech, Full-time   |
| <b>Rehabilitation Services:</b><br>Physical Therapist Assistant, Full-time                                  |  |

Please Contact: Human Resources  
**CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER, INC.**  
100 E. College Dr., Colby, KS 67701  
785-460-4877 EOE  
[www.nwkshealthcare.com](http://www.nwkshealthcare.com)



## S&T Customer Service Representative

Full Time (temporary), Colby

In keeping with our mission for providing quality products and services, this position supports the company's mission statement by responding promptly to customer inquiries and resolving problems in a thorough and effective manner while maintaining a focus on excellent customer service. Tasks may include serving as primary contact for customers, processing orders, customer applications, and disconnects; as well as dispatching technicians, maintaining records, selling and promoting all S&T services, answering phones, etc. Those interested must have a high school diploma, 2-3 years computer experience, one year customer service and valid KS driver's license with good driving record.

Applications available at all S&T locations: Brewster, Colby, Dighton, Goodland, Colby. See our website for more details. Drug testing required. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 1-800-432-8294 [careers@sttelcom.com](http://careers@sttelcom.com) [www.sttelcom.com](http://www.sttelcom.com)

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# Sweet! Colby Thunder play for state title

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Thunder shook up Salina almost all weekend as Colby's Sweet Thunder softball team reached the Kansas ASA 18-and-under state championship game.

Once again, evil-sounding forces were no match for Thunder stars — many who helped Colby High's softball team win 15 games last spring.

Sweet Thunder conquered the Olathe Diamond Devils, 4-2, and Dodge City Monsters, 4-3, before clobbering Kansas Renegades by a 12-5 count to reach Saturday's championship showdown.

Unfortunately, the Rossville Rampage suddenly unleashed their own power with two home runs. The momentum ignited them to a 14-6 victory over Colby.

Sweet Thunder had still earned another title shot in this double-elimination format. Though game two was far closer, Rossville still prevailed 6-4 and took home the state title.

Colby still earned an impressive second-place state finish.

Thunder will likely become more dangerous in upcoming years considering how many Colby girls are dedicated to softball.

Until then, here are final recaps and highlights from Sweet Thunder state tournament play on Saturday:

## Colby 4, Olathe 2

Diamond Devil offense disappeared after a two-run first inning.

In fact, Thunder winning pitcher Desi Schippers permitted just one more Olathe hit during the



next five frames. She finished with a complete-game two-hitter, striking out four and walking three.

Leadoff girl and master thief-Elissa Zerr ignited the Thunder quickly. Her walk started a speedy trek around the bases that no Devil could stop.

Zerr stole second, swiped third and dashed home with Colby's first run of this state tourney.

Sweet Thunder still trailed 2-1 until Stephanie Farney turned a free pass into an opportunity to take more bases.

Farney also swiped second and would dash across home plate on Kylee Martin's grounder.

Amber McDonald delivered the go-ahead run just one inning later. She singled, made another another daring theft of second and scored when Elizabeth Koel ripped another Colby base hit.

Darby Sager doubled and tallied the final victory-clinching run. One win down and more trouble

Thunder power was on full display whether Colby girls were pitching, hitting or playing good defense Saturday in Salina. Pitcher Desi Schippers (left) earned two wins while helping Colby Sweet Thunder advance into the Kansas ASA state championship game. Schippers started with a two-hit complete game. Good fielding supported Schippers' effort as first baseman Darby Sager (right) never lost her focus on the throw during this close play. For the season, Sweet Thunder also featured six players who posted .300 batting averages or higher.

to come for Colby state foes.

## Colby 4, D.C. Monsters 3

Being no-hit and shut out for four innings couldn't rattle the Thunder in this second state game on Saturday.

Zerr's double started an awesome three-run, fifth-inning rally.

Bailey Foss' sacrifice bunt moved Zerr closer to scoring that first Colby run.

The real hitting thunder then took over when Darby Sager and Martin smashed consecutive singles. Both eventually motored home as Colby caught the Monsters at 3-3.

Starting pitcher Martin promptly retired Dodge City 1-2-3 to finish the fifth.

The Monsters never recovered. Before they took their next swings, Colby had gone ahead 4-3.

Once again, McDonald scored the decisive run after delivering a leadoff hit in Colby's sixth. Koel



walked and Foss reached safely before Sager's grounder broke this 3-3 deadlock.

Sager finished with a Thunder-leading three hits and two RBIs.

Martin pitched all six innings to earn the win. She allowed five hits and didn't issue one walk while striking out eight.

With one more win, Sweet Thunder would reach the state championship game.

## Colby 12, Renegades 5

Mission accomplished.

Sweet Thunder didn't depend on any late drama, pounding the Kansas Renegades for 10 runs during their first three frames.

No fewer than eight Colby players collected hits led by Martin's three-for-three effort. The all-Great West Activities Conference outfield this spring doubled, singled twice, scored two runs and drove two home.

Dani Foster also singled, doubled and delivered three huge RBIs.

Kaylee Rehmer was equally powerful from the cleanup spot with two hits, two runs and two RBIs.

Zerr ripped two doubles while No. 2 batter Farney singled twice. Both went on to score two runs with one RBI each.

Sager (hit, run, two RBIs) and Schippers (hit, two runs, RBI) put the final touches on Colby's most decisive win of the state tournament.

Schippers also five innings in the pitcher's sirc. She didn't walk a batter and most of the Renegades' offense came after Sweet Thunder built its 12-2 advantage.

## Rossville 14, Colby 6

Zerr and Sager both singled to

give Colby a quick 1-0 lead.

However, two surprising home runs ignited the stunning six-run Rossville response.

Colby displayed its own terrific recovery skills, plating another four runs to close within 6-5.

Foss' brilliant bases-clearing double drove Foster, Koel and Zerr home. Foster reached on a Rossville error before Koel and Zerr ripped singles.

Yet Rossville tallied three more runs and never let Sweet Thunder rally again.

Before Martin motored across the ultimate destination on Foster's RBI-double, Rossville had established an 11-5 margin.

The Rampage hit two more home runs to finish with four in this first title game.

## Rossville 6, Colby 4

Thunder couldn't have made sweeter early nose again as Zerr, Farney and Sager slammed back-to-back game-starting doubles.

Yet again, Rossville wiped Colby's 2-0 lead by plating four first-inning runs. The Rampage rumbled ahead, 6-2, through two and fought off Sweet Thunder from there.

Consecutive singles from the same Colby trio — Zerr, Farney and Sager — led to those other two Thunder runs.

One more threat was delivered when Martin (error), Schippers (single) and Foster (walk) reached to load the bases in Colby's fifth.

However, Rossville promptly recorded the final state title-clinching out.

## State tournament leaders

Sager's .563 average, 14 total bases and eight RBIs powered the Thunder state attack.

Other leaders in each offensive category:

Hits: Sager 9, Zerr 7, Martin 5.  
Runs scored: Zerr 8, Farney 5, Martin, Rehmer and Schippers each scored 3.

Doubles: Zerr 4, Foster 2.  
Triples: Sager 2, Foster 1.  
Stolen bases: Zerr 4, Schippers 4, Martin 3.

## Friday

### Colby 7, Larned 3

Sweet Thunder did secure one tournament championship, as a rescheduled Great Bend tournament title game was played Friday evening before state.

Colby was ready with four runs before the first inning was completed. After Zerr walked, Sager launched another impressive run-scoring double.

Rehmer was plunked by a pitch and Martin singled. Both would follow Sager in reaching home to create the 4-0 Thunder lead.

Sager later tripled, Farney singled and Koel walked en route to scoring those other three runs.

Martin finished with three RBIs and also pitched six innings for the victory. She walked one and struck out four Larned Renegades.

## Regular season leaders

Overall, Colby Sweet Thunder posted a 9-5-1 record this season which included nine rainouts.

The top three leaders in each offensive category:

Total hits: Sager 18, Schippers 13, Martin 12.  
Runs scored: Zerr 18, Martin 10, Schippers and Farney with 9.

Runs batted in: Sager 15, Foss and Schippers with 7.  
Doubles: Zerr and Sager with 4; Foster 2.  
Triples: Sager 3.



Colby Sweet Thunder captured this second-place trophy at the Kansas ASA state softball tournament on Saturday. Team members are listed from left. Kneeling: Stephanie Farney, Elissa Zerr, Bailey Foss, Dani Foster and Elizabeth Koel. Standing: coach Donald Zerr, coach Alan Sager, Kylee Martin, Tessa Krzycki, Amber McDonald, Darby Sager, Kayee Rehmer, Desi Schippers and coach Andy Schippers.

## K-18 will be No. 2 zone seed

Colby K-18 coach Travis Brannum confirmed his team will be a No. 2 seed entering Saturday's zone baseball tournament at Hays.

Norton (17-3 record) earned the top seed despite three of four game against Colby this summer.

Colby (15-3) finished second partly because the team could never get two earlier rained-out games against Oakley re-scheduled.

"He (the Oakley coach) didn't return my calls," Brannum said. "But it doesn't really matter whether this team is seed No. 1 or No. 8. If we play like we're capable, I feel we can advance (to state)."

Plus Brannum pointed out there are no first-round byes in the tournament. All eight teams at Hays will be playing openers on Saturday.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press  
Colby's Zach Hart didn't let any sting of catching a sharp line drive wipe the smile off his face during K-18's recent win over Goodland.

## All-Star denies 'piping' pitch to Yankee

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — New York Yankees great Derek Jeter was a huge hit from the very start in his final All-Star Game Tuesday night at Target Field.

OK, so maybe National League starter Adam Wainwright threw something juicy for Jeter to hit.

Batting leadoff for the American League on Tuesday night at Target Field, Jeter soaked in an ovation that lasted more than a minute, then seized the moment by hitting a double. He soon crossed the plate for the game's first run.

"I was going to give him a couple of pipe shots," Wainwright said in an interview during the AL's 5-3 win. "He deserved it."

After the remarks stirred controversy on social media, the right-hander said he misspoke.

"What I meant to say was I'm intentionally trying to throw a strike to get him out. It's what I do most of the time, almost all the time," he said. "Piping one" is the wrong window for that. It really is. If I'm going to get taken to the slaughterhouse for saying a stupid

phrase, then I deserve it. What can you do?"

For his part, Jeter said he didn't think he was being given a gift and thought Wainwright was throwing hard.

"He grooved them?" he asked. "I don't know, man. ... If he grooved it, thank you. You still have to hit it."

The double was one of Jeter's classic, opposite-field line drives to right. He singled to right field in his next at-bat, too, raising his All-Star batting average to a robust .481 — 13 hits in 27 at-bats. That's second-best all-time for players with 20 or more at-bats, behind Hall of Famer Charlie Gehringer.

The 40-year-old New York Yankees shortstop was ceremonially removed from his familiar position in the field after three innings of action, receiving one more round of revering cheers as his mom, dad, sister and nephew watched from the stands.

New star Mike Trout earned Most Valuable Player honors.

## Royals trade for bullpen help

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The Kansas City Royals acquired veteran right-handed reliever Jason Frasor from the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

The Rangers acquired right-handed pitcher Spencer Patton, who has spent the entire season

at Triple-A Omaha, in exchange for Frasor, who was 1-1 with a 3.34 ERA in 38 appearances this season.

Patton, 26, has a 4-3 mark and a 4.08 ERA this season, converting 14 of 15 save chances. He was picked to play in Wednesday

night's Triple-A All-Star Game and will participate as scheduled before reporting to Round Rock, the Rangers' Triple-A affiliate.

The 36-year-old Frasor will help solidify the Royals' middle relief for a bullpen that is strong in the back end.

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6:30 Free Pre-festival Kick-off  
Potluck & Jam  
(Public Welcome)

**Friday Night, July 18**  
6:00-6:30 Larry Booth  
6:40-7:10 Sappa Strings  
7:20-8:00 The McLemores  
8:10-8:50 Triple L  
9:00-9:45 Driven  
9:55-10:45 Blue Highway  
**Saturday Morning, July 19**  
10:00-1:00 Workshops  
10:00-11:50 Junior Showcase & Open Stage  
(Sign Up at Info Booth)

**Afternoon**  
12:00-12:30 The McKinney Sisters  
12:40-1:25 Triple L  
1:35-2:20 Blue Highway  
2:30-3:15 Driven  
3:25-4:10 Spinney Brothers  
4:20-5:05 Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver  
**Saturday Evening**  
5:15-6:00 The McLemores  
6:10-6:55 Triple L  
7:05-7:50 Spinney Brothers  
8:00-8:45 Driven  
8:55-9:40 Blue Highway  
9:50-10:35 Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver  
**Sunday Morning, July 20**  
9:30-9:55 Sappa Strings  
10:00-10:30 Triple L  
10:30-11:40 Bluegrass Gospel Homecoming  
11:45-12:30 Spinney Brothers

**Bluegrass Gospel Homecoming**  
If you are a gospel music fan then don't miss the "Bluegrass Gospel Homecoming" on Sunday morning featuring more than 20 of the best pickers and singers you'll ever hear. It starts off with Sappa Strings and ends with a gospel set by The Spinney Brothers. It's the perfect way to spend Sunday morning!

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The Junior Showcase features young bluegrass musicians. Youth under 18 may sign up at the CVB/POP booth prior to the start of the showcase, and may play up to three songs (depending on the number of participants) on instruments typically associated with bluegrass music. If time allows, open stage will follow. Anyone who wishes to perform with bluegrass instruments is welcome. Early registration is encouraged

### Youth Activities

For the youngsters in your group, "Make and Take" crafts, games with prizes, painted tattoos and horse rides are all FREE for the kiddos with admission to the festival! Children must be attended by adults at the animal activities. Pickin' On the Plains and providers are not responsible for accidents.

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3:00-6:00 Painted tattoos with the Colby Community College Art Club  
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	<b>West Side</b>	<b>East Side</b>
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11:00	Vocal (Blue Highway)	

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