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## Crowds gather for festival

The Pickin' On the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival just keeps getting bigger and better. Nationally-known artist Doyle Lawson, (above left), came to Colby from Tennessee this weekend, performing with former Kansans Eli Johnson and Dustin Prytle (right). The two young men are members of Lawson's band QuickSilver, which has changed membership frequently over the years. The band Driven (right), which includes Colby natives Blake and Brandon McLemore, played during the festival's Gospel Homecoming, held Sunday morning for the last three years. The McLemore twins have been playing at the festival for years, and performed with their mother Susan McLemore (below right) Saturday afternoon. Joseph Eli of Goodland (below) stopped at the festival Saturday morning as he was passing through town. He had time to play at the tail end of the festival's showcase of amateur musicians.



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## Walker spotlights Shriners

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An Idaho woman was closing in the half-way mark on a walk across America this week as she stopped in Colby to talk about her effort to raise money for a group of hospitals that serve children.

Anna Harrington of Meridian, Idaho, left here last Monday on U.S. 24, turning south at the Nine-Mile Junction in order to link up with U.S. 40 and head east.

Harrington said she would be to the half-way mark of her trip from Astoria, Ore., to Boston when she got to Grainfield.

"The people are really nice," she said. "It's just every state has its own beauty."

For four months and 10 days, she's been walking against traffic, while wearing a neon yellow vest, first following the interstate highways and then moving along two-lane roads in Colorado and Kansas, where walking along the freeway is illegal.

The idea for her trip came several years ago, said Harrington, 42, when she read that the Shriners, an international fraternity, was thinking about closing some of its hospitals. In 2005, she was treated for scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, at a Shrine hospital in Sacramento.

"So I decided to give something back," Harrington said.

She says she's trying to help the group which has helped so many kids, inviting people to go to her website at [www.annas-walk.com](http://www.annas-walk.com) and give money, which goes to the organization.

She's visiting Shrine hospitals on the way and talking about her effort, starting in Portland, Ore., then in Salt Lake City, and soon in St. Louis. The website indicates she has about a dozen sponsors.

Harrington said she has always been able to walk long distances. The toughest part so far has been the weather.

"I mean I've had snow, rain, hail, tornado warnings," she said.

Although she brought a tent, Harrington said, she's rarely had to camp. Along the way, members of the Shrine, a Masonic group, have put her in touch with people who took her in. She has a dolly to carry her things, but on this leg of the walk, her new friends in Colby carried it for her.

"They've gone out of their way to do what ever they can do to make this walk successful," Harrington said. "It's been amazing."

Passing through town, she met Rhonda Barton and Howard Culver, who himself had an operation for a club foot at a Shrine hospital when he was 6.

When he learned about Harrington's trek, Culver said, "That definitely touched a chord with me that we definitely need to do whatever we can."

The trip will total 1,700 miles, she said, and each day she knocks off about 20. It should take about seven months. She started on the first day of March, and hopes to be done by mid-October.

## NASA honors moon walk

By Malcolm Ritter

AP Science Writer

NASA honored one of its most famous astronauts today by renaming a historic building at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

It now bears the name of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon when the Apollo 11 mission landed there 45 years ago.

Armstrong, who died in 2012, was remembered at a ceremony as not only an astronaut, but also as an aerospace engineer, a test pilot and university professor. Michael Collins, who orbited the moon as Armstrong took his historic steps on July 20, 1969, said he had a "powerful combination of curiosity and intelligence" along with an intuitive grasp of the complexities of flight machinery.

"Neil probably liked hangars

better than office buildings, but he was certainly good in either venue," Collins said.

NASA renamed the Operations and Checkout building, also known as the O&C, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been the last stop for astronauts before their flights since 1965. It was also used to test and process Apollo spacecraft.

Currently, it's where the Orion spacecraft is being assembled to send astronauts to an asteroid and later to Mars.

The renaming ceremony included remarks by Apollo 11 crew member Buzz Aldrin and backup mission commander Jim Lovell. Armstrong's sons Rick and Mark also spoke.

Online: NASA: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

## Oakley pilot dies in crash

The circumstances surrounding a plane crash that killed an Oakley man northwest of Hays Friday morning are still unknown.

Garrett Loren Moore, 23, crashed five miles north and five miles east of Ellis, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported. He was flying an Air Tractor AT-401B crop duster back home from Missouri.

Tod Hileman, spokesman for the Highway Patrol's Troop D, said the patrol learned about the crash at 10:30 a.m. A farmer was

feeding cattle when he spotted the wreck at 170th Avenue and St. John Road northeast of Ellis.

The crash had happened the night before, Hileman said, and it must have been after 9:45 p.m. Friday when Moore stopped and refueled in Beloit on his way back to Oakley from an airfield north of Kansas City.

He added that the Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the crash, and will make the final determination on the cause.

## City proclaims day for college

July 12, 2014 was Colby Community College Day, not just statewide but in the city of Colby.

Mayor Gary Adrian read a proclamation in which he declared the day to be Colby Community College Day during the college's 50-year Founder's Day Celebration July 12. Adrian said he signed the proclamation the same day. At the same time, Adrian read a proclamation by Gov. Sam Brownback,

which also declared the day to be Colby Community College Day.

He read the proclamations during his opening remarks at the Founders Day's celebration that afternoon at the college. Colby Community College held the celebration on July 12 to mark the day 50 years ago that the college got its charter.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Anna Harrington, who said she is careful to always walk against traffic as she crosses the country this summer, headed south at the Nine Mile Junction last week, almost halfway from coast to a trek to support the Shriners fraternity and the hospitals that it operates.



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Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 92. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

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

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

**Friday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 93.

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

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

Friday: High, 82; Low 58  
 Saturday: High, 90; Low 62  
 Sunday: High, 104; Low 65  
 Precip: Friday None  
 Saturday None  
 Sunday None  
 Month: 1.12 inches  
 Year: 10.25 inches  
 Normal: 13.61 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Tuesday 6:35 a.m. 9:06 p.m.  
 Moon: waning, 16 percent  
 Wednesday 6:36 a.m. 9:05 p.m.  
 Moon: waning, 10 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)  
**Colby Water Use**  
 Friday to Sunday 2,165,000 gal.  
 (average)  
 (Colby Public Works)

# Program helps state collect \$31.8 million in taxes, aid

TOPEKA (AP) — A U.S. Treasury Department program that helps states collect debts from taxpayers brought \$31.8 million to Kansas last year, and that number could grow in the future.

The Treasury Offset Program helps recovers money owed by people who don't pay their taxes or cheat on welfare. Kansas plans to join part of the program that also helps states recover improperly paid unemployment benefits, *The Wichita Eagle* reported (bit.ly/1n6imeW). States also help collect on federal debts through the program, although at a much lower rate.

"It's a great way to help make sure obligations to the state are paid by the folks who owe them," Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes said.

The program generally can recover all of a person's tax refund, garnish vendor payments, take part of federal employees' salaries and capture up to 15 percent of a person's Social Security check.

Since Congress authorized the program in 1996, it has recovered \$33.5 billion for participating states, according to an annual state-by-state report released last week.

Most of the money Kansas collects through the program is from delinquent child support, which made up \$23 million of the \$31.8 million sent to the state last year. The state also received \$8 million in unpaid and underpaid state income taxes and \$800,000 from overpayments to recipients in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps.

Kansas is working on joining part of the program that recovers unemployment benefits that shouldn't have been paid, which has brought in millions of dollars to other states, according to David Saltiel, deputy assistant commissioner for debt management in the Bureau of Fiscal Service.

The process has been slow because the application involves changes in several state departments, Kansas Department of Labor spokeswoman Cassie Sparks said.

"We've gotten some money, but we have not fully implemented it yet," Sparks said, adding the state should recover some income from it in the next year.

# Dutch angry at treatment

By Mike Corder

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The families and friends of Dutch citizens blown out of the sky above Ukraine poured out their grief and anger today at a meeting with their monarch and political leaders.

"This terrible disaster has left a deep wound in our society," a somber King Willem-Alexander said after meeting the next of kin at a private meeting. "The scar will be visible and tangible for years to come."

The Dutch have widely condemned the way the bodies of the victims have been treated in Ukraine and the fact they have not yet been returned home, four days after the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 killed 298 passengers and crew, including 193 Dutch citizens.

In an unusual move that un-

derscored the severity of the national trauma, the king gave a brief televised address to the country after meeting hundreds of grieving relatives and friends of the dead near the central city of Utrecht.

"Many people said to us, 'We at least want to take dignified leave of our loved ones,'" he said. "We understand their frustration and their pain. And we share their heartfelt wish for clarity on the cause of this disaster."

Speaking after the same meeting, Prime Minister Mark Rutte also acknowledged the nation's discontent.

"All of the Netherlands feels their anger," Rutte said. "All of the Netherlands feels their deep grief. All of the Netherlands is standing with the next of kin."

Victor Jammers, policy director of the organization Victim

Support Netherlands, also was in the meeting. He said relatives also were angry at being kept in the dark.

"The people I spoke to direct their anger of course to the Ukraine and to Russia, to give you an example, but there is also anger toward the Dutch government, because relatives wanted more information than they got in the past days," he said.

One of the questions many are asking is: Will the perpetrators face justice?

Prosecutors in the Netherlands said they have begun a criminal investigation, though it remains unclear exactly where any suspects might face a court, if they can be tracked down.

Before meeting the next of kin, Rutte briefed lawmakers who had hurried back from their summer recess.

# Semi driver hospitalized

The driver of a semi-tractor that caught fire after hitting a guardrail on I-70 Sunday morning in Sherman County was taken to the hospital.

Yerani Guelmes, 32, Miami, was headed west on Interstate 70 at 8:38 a.m. Sunday, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported, when the tractor trailer rig he was in drifted left. The 1997 Freightliner first hit the guard rail at the side of the road, then

hit a bridge near the Caruso Exit west of Goodland. The rig caught fire as it came to rest in the passing lane, still facing west.

It was unknown when the patrol made its report whether Guelmes was wearing a seatbelt. He was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, which did not have information on his condition by press time.

# Concealed carry applications high

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Attorney General's Office says the state received the second highest number of concealed carry applications in the last fiscal year.

The attorney general announced in a news release Monday that more than 14,205 appli-

cations were received between July 1, 2013, and June 30 this year.

The highest number of applications in one fiscal year came in last year, when 25,316 applications were received.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt says more than 83,000

Kansas currently have active concealed carry permits. The state has received 90,000 applications since 2006.

Thirty-six other states recognize Kansas' concealed carry permits.

# 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.

## Mops plans play date Friday

The newly formed Colby MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group will have its first play date at 9 a.m. Friday at Fike Park. Join us for a fun morning of play and to learn more about the organization. MOPS is a group to encourage, equip and develop every mother to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader. For further information contact Brittney Johnson at (785) 421-8466.

## Baptist Church invites everyone to lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

## Research center plans field day Aug. 6

Register by Monday, July 28, for the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center's free field day on subsurface drip irrigation, with presentations and dinner from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. For information or to register, contact Vicki Brown at vbrown@ksu.edu or (785) 462-6281.

## Jump Start for after school program

The Colby Grade School Jump Start for the after-school program will run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Thursday, Aug. 4 to 7. This year's theme is "All Star Sports Week." Enrollment deadline is next Friday. <July 25> Forms are available online at www.colbyeagles.org and at the School Administration Building. For information, call Kathy Vaughn at 460-5160.

## Area history comes alive at museum

Watch characters from area history come alive as actors take the stage at 6 p.m. Friday for the Prairie Museum of Art and History's Night at the Museum. Reenactors from fourth graders through adults from the museum's afternoon camp will give short performances based on area history and characters in a free program. For reservations or information, call Christina Beringer at 460-4590.

## 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 if you plan to attend so the count can be given to the food preparer.

## 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 entry forms at the Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range. Call Brette Hankin for information, 460-3401.

## Carnival needs workers to step right up

Volunteers, businesses or individuals, are needed to run games and rides for the Thomas County Fair from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, July 29 to 31. For Friday and Saturday, volunteers work from 7 to 9 p.m. and from 9 to 11 p.m. For information or to sign up, contact Brette Hankin at the Colby Chamber, 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.

## Kickball to jumpstart hospital building fund

Citizens Medical Center Inc. will hold a kickball tournament to help raise money for building starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the city ball fields. Registration is \$20 per player. Contact Megan Carmichael at 460-1214 to register a team of 10 to 12 players, to volunteer or to donate.

## Mosquito fogging underway for summer

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.

## Senior center needs delivery help

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

**LOCAL TV Listings** Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS



Tuesday Evening July 22, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Weight Loss				Celebrity Wife Swap		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Person of Interest		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Food Fighters		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	Fam. Guy	Brooklyn	New Girl	Mindy	Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Lost World-Jurassic									
ANIM	Marooned		Marooned		Marooned		Marooned		Marooned	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Happens	Housewives/NYC		
CMT	Country Strong						Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report			CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report		
COMEDY	Tosh.0 Saves				Drunk	Nathan	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Drunk
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Alaskan Bush People		Deadliest Catch	Alaskan Bush People		
DISN	Bolt				Dog	Jessie	Austin	Liv-Mad.	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	Escape Club		Botched		Botched		Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea
ESPN	30 for 30				Shorts		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball				WNBA Basketball				Olbermann	Olbermann
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Chasing Life		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Chasing Life	
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Taken				Tyrant		Tyrant		The Bridge	
HGTV	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Hunters	H Hunt.	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F	Flip or F
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Pawn.		Biker Battleground		Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
LIFE	Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA		Little Women: LA	
MTV	Virgin Territory		Virgin Territory		Virgin Territory		Virgin Territory		Virgin Territory	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off		Wil Whe.	Wil Whe.		
SPIKE	Wrath of the Titans		Ninja Assassin				Enter the Dragon			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Big Bang	Conan		Sullivan	Conan
TCM	Immortal Sgt.				Buffalo Bill				McLintock!	
TLC	Next Great Baker		Next Great Baker		To Be Announced		Next Great Baker		To Be Announced	
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Perception		Rizzoli & Isles		Perception	
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		BBQ Challenge		Food Paradise		Man, Food	Man, Food	BBQ Challenge	
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	King	King	King	King	Cleveland	Jennifer	Everybody-Raymond	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Royal Pains		Covert Affairs		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Royal Pains	
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop		Dating Naked		Candidly		Wild Wild West	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		District 9				Manhattan	How I Met	How I Met	
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Batman Begins		The Leftovers		REAL Sports Gumbel		The Leftovers		True Blood	
MAX	Bourne	Doom			King Kong					
SHOW	Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Muammar Gaddafi	

Wednesday Evening July 23, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Goldbergs	Mod Fam	Middle	Motive		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Extant		Criminal Minds		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent				Taxi Brooklyn		Local	Tonight Show	Meyers	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
<b>Cable Channels</b>										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Big Smo	Big Smo	Big Smo	Big Smo	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Jurassic Park III									
ANIM	Treehouse		Treehouse Mas		The Pool Master		Treehouse		Treehouse Mas	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Million-Miami		Housewives/NJ		Happens	Million-Miami	OC	
CMT	E.T. Terrestrial						Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourd.		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourd.	
COMEDY	Key	Key	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	Meltdown
DISC	American Muscle		American Muscle		Naked and Afraid		American Muscle		Naked and Afraid	
DISN	Phineas and Ferb: The Movie		Dog		Dog	Jessie	Austin	Liv-Mad.	Phil, Fut	Phil, Fut
EI	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup		Chelsea		EI News	Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Soccer		Soccer				Olbermann		Olbermann	
FAM	Young	Mystery	Liar Liar				The 700 Club		Young	Mystery
FOOD	Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout	
FX	Thor				The Bridge		The Bridge		Tyrant	
HGTV	Cousins Undercover		Property Brothers		Hunters		Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
<b>AmericanProfile</b> // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	Bring It!		Bring It!		BAPs		BAPs		Bring It!	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Virgin Territory		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	The 6th Day		Heliboy				Aliens on the Moon: Exposed			
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Police Videos	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan
TCM	Bullitt				Treasure-Sierra				BelleJour	
TLC	Who Do You		Who Do You		Who Do You		Who Do You		Who Do You	
TNT	Castle		Castle							

# Home canning tips start at 'check source'

Headlines the past few years have mentioned the comeback of canning, or preserving, foods at home. Preserving foods is a hobby for some, while many view it as a way to cut down on grocery costs and control the ingredients in homemade salsas, jams, jellies, pickles and many more fruits, vegetables and meats.

Karen Blakeslee, food science extension associate for K-State Research and Extension and coordinator of the Rapid Response Center, teaches food preservation courses and said she's recently seen a surge of young adults interested in canning food at home.

Blakeslee said where these first-time food preservers are learning to can foods could be a problem, though, because not all the information available is correct, especially some information from the Internet. Improperly canning foods increases the risk of people getting foodborne illnesses.

"As extension professionals, we are offering hands-on canning classes ... to teach people the importance of handling food safely," she said.

In the courses, Blakeslee mentions these simple tasks as necessary before canning begins:

Wash your hands before handling food.

Start with a clean kitchen. Make sure food is washed well before you can it or freeze it.

Make sure equipment, including the jars you plan to use, is washed and clean. Check jars for cracks and scratches to prevent breaking that could occur during the canning process or later on in storage.

Use the right canning procedures and equipment based on what foods you plan to preserve.

### Determine your method

"For high-acid foods, such as fruits, jams, jellies and pickles, we can use the boiling water-bath method," Blakeslee said. "With a boiling water bath, you use a large stockpot, rack and lid. It's simple, and you don't necessarily have to buy a specific water-bath canner." Make sure the stockpot is tall enough to hold the filled jars and the water, she said. The water needs to cover the tops of the jars by at least 1 to 2 inches.

"Foods such as vegetables that are not pickled and meats are low-acid foods and must be pressure-canned," Blakeslee said. "There is no other option."

Several manufacturers make pressure canners, and she said there are two main kinds: weighted gauge and dial gauge. The dial gauge canners must be tested every year to make sure the gauge is accurate. If it's off by more than 1 pound, consider getting replacement parts or a new canner. Most local extension offices in Kansas have a pressure gauge tester available and can test it at no cost.

"One thing we caution you not use is a pressure cooker, which basically looks like a sauce pan," Blakeslee said. "They are not designed for canning. They're not big enough or strong enough."

She said a pressure canner, however, could have multiple uses. People can use it as a pressure cooker to cook a large pot of baked beans, for example. When not under pressure, people can use it as a stockpot.

**Focus on temperature**  
Blakeslee recommends clean-

ing and preheating canning jars before placing food in them. Submerge jars in boiling water for 10 minutes to sterilize.

"An alternative is to wash the empty jars in your dishwasher and leave them in the closed dishwasher until ready to use," she said. "If the food you are canning processes for more than 10 minutes, pre-sterilizing empty jars is not necessary."

The water bath should reach boiling temperature, 212 degrees Fahrenheit, and the pressure canning method requires at least 240 degrees F to prevent botulism, a rare but serious paralytic illness that could be foodborne. It is caused by a nerve toxin produced by bacteria, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Another important thing to remember is to adjust processing times for altitude, Blakeslee said. People might not realize that most food preservation recipes, whether they're from extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Ball Blue Book, list process times for altitudes of 0 to 1,000 feet. Always refer to the general instructions for more information.

"Eastern Kansas is below 1,000 feet, but most of central and western Kansas is above 1,000 feet," she said. "If you're using a boiling water bath, you have to add extra time to get up to 212 degrees F. If you're pressure canning, you will need to add pressure to get the temperature up to 240 degrees F."

### Canned food storage

Blakeslee said to make sure the jars are sealed before storing them. The lid on a sealed jar will be concave following a "ping" sound. After processing, let the jars cool completely before checking lids and rings to allow the jars to seal on their own. People should lightly press on the lid to make sure it is tight and not bouncing up and down. They can choose to leave the rings on or take them off.

"If you leave the rings on for storage, I recommend that you clean the jars well," she said. "Remove the ring, clean it and the jar to remove any residue, and let dry. This will help prevent the ring from rusting and will be easy to remove later."

Blakeslee recommends using home-canned food within a year.

"The best storage conditions are cool, dry and dark," she said. "If you have it out in the garage, by your furnace or above your dryer - where large temperature changes can occur - that can change the safety of the product. Dark storage conditions will prevent light from causing color changes."

Blakeslee recommends that first-time canners or anyone needing a refresher course attend one of the hands-on classes offered by K-State Research and Extension.

Information about canning and food safety is available online at [www.rrc.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=28](http://www.rrc.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=28) or K-State Research and Extension's food safety website, [www.ksre.ksu.edu/foodsafety/](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/foodsafety/).

## Corrections

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## Deaths

### John Francis Cooper

John Francis Cooper, 66, Colby, died Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in a single-car accident near Hays.

He was born July 13, 1948, in Colby to Charles and Ethel Cooper. In 1967 he graduated from Colby Community High School, where he was active in football, basketball and track. He moved to Hays and then to California before returning to Colby.

On Nov. 30, 1974, he married Cecilia Marie Antholz at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City.

He worked the majority of his life in the convenience store business, spending many years as a manager and supervisor for Love's Country Stores and as a manager for Butterfield's Convenience Store in Colby, before later working for Walmart and Village Inn. He had several talents, but his favorite hobby was working in his yard.

His parents preceded him in



John Cooper

death. Survivors include three children, Aaron (Danielle) Cooper, Cibola, Texas; John (Melissa) Cooper, Westminster, Colo.; and Lacey Cooper, Council Bluffs, Iowa; a brother, David Cooper, Wichita; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial at Beulah Cemetery.

No visitation. Friends may sign the memorial book from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel, with a vigil and rosary at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

### Anna Frances Albers

Anna Frances Albers, 82, a Selden homemaker, mother of Patricia (Richard) Summers of Colby, died Sunday, July 20, 2014, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Unit in Hoxie.

She was born Aug. 24, 1931, in Quinter, the daughter of John and Francisca (Lang) Haffner, and raised on a farm southeast of Hoxie.

On Nov. 23, 1949, she married Alfred A. Albers in Park. They lived on a farm northwest of Selden until 1992, when they moved to Selden. She moved to the Sheridan County Health Complex in 2012.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St. Ann's Altar Society in Selden.

Preceding her in death were her parents; six brothers, Adam, Haffner, Joe Haffner, Ray Haffner, Steve Haffner Lambert Haffner and John Haffner; four sisters, Mary Rohling, Theresia Schlick, Vera Schlick and Johanna Eberle; and a grandson, Bryar Toll.

Survivors include her husband, of Selden; five sons, Alfred Albers and Bernard Albers, both of Selden; Fredrick Albers, Rexford; Michael (Penny) Albers, Pied-

mont, Okla.; and Ronald (Bernice), Cottonwood Falls; seven other daughters, Ann (James) Johnson and Mary (William) Swann, all of Littleton, Colo.; Donna (John) Gerstner, Hill City; Marjorie (Edward) Waggoner, Newcastle, Wyo.; Geraldine (Todd) Toll, Morland; Shirley (David) Niermeier, Hoxie; and Victoria (Steve) Bailey, Chatfield, Minn.; a sister, Elizabeth Miller, Hays; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Haffner, Newton; and Mary Haffner, Abilene, Texas; 29 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014, at the church in Selden, with the Rev. Mark Berland and the Rev. Bill Surmeier officiating and burial in the Selden Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Pauls Funeral home in Selden and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials for masses or to the health complex, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers' 4-H Club held its annual club tour and July meeting July 13, at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

Club members told about the projects they intended to exhibit at the 2014 Thomas County Fair.

Sarah Lamm will exhibit in the geology/astronomy area. Cassie Wells is taking art, quilt, market and breeding goats and her market steer and heifer.

Jacob Koon is taking arts and crafts pieces, cooking and entomology. Josh Koon will take an entomology exhibit and arts and crafts. Jory Koon is exhibiting shooting sports, entomology, and

self-determined engine project.

Mac Haines is taking goats, pigs and calf. Hunter Vaughn is getting his buymanship clothes, arts and crafts, pigs and calves ready. Hallie Vaughn will compete in photography, clothing construction, pigs and steer.

Lakin Denny is busy with arts and crafts, sewing, sheep and pigs. Kaylee Shields will take her heifer, steer, pigs, quilt and arts and crafts. Tate Emigh is taking a display booth, arts and crafts and his pig. April Swartz is taking her sewing, dog and archery. Makayla Torrence is exhibiting rabbits.

Community Leader Donna

### Aaron Lee McKinney

Aaron Lee McKinney, 33, Hoxie, died Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in a bicycle accident near Hoxie.

He was born March 21, 1981, in Garden City, to Leroy Dean and Mary Louise (Creighton) McKinney. He grew up in Junction City and graduated from the Junction City High School in 1999. He attended Hutchinson Community College, Newman University and Wichita State University where he received his master's degree and physician assistant certification.

On Aug. 9, 2003, he married Tanya Diane Eckhoff in Hutchinson.

Mr. McKinney was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Colby, the Boy Scouts of America, the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Throughout his career he worked as an emergency medical technician and fireman in Junction City and Wichita, a clinic and emergency room physician assistant in Atwood and St. Francis, and an emergency room physician assistant in Sedan and Hoxie.

From hunting to sports, soccer, running marathons to training for the Ironman Triathlon and running Pikes Peak, he enjoyed outdoor activities and maintaining good physical condition. He was active in his church, serving a two-year mission in the Las Vegas West Mission, working with the youth and serving as a clerk. He earned his Eagle Scout badge at 16, was a frequent Red Cross blood do-

nor, and was known as caring and compassionate by patients and co-workers alike. But above all he enjoyed time with his wife, children, family and friends.

His father preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife and three children, Colin McKinney, Ella McKinney and Jackson McKinney, all of the home; his mother, Kincaid; his parents-in-law, Barry and Brenda Eckhoff, Hutchinson; three brothers, David (Tonja) McKinney, LaCygne;

Shawn (Jamie) McKinney, Osage City; and Nathan McKinney, Kincaid; two sisters, Christie Blue, Junction City; and Susanne (Kendell) Anderson, Tulsa, Okla.; brothers-in-law, Marvin Blue, St. John; Barry (Sara) Eckhoff Jr. and Cody (Camille) Eckhoff, all of Hutchinson; and a sister-in-law, Melissa (Chad) Scoville, Salina.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at the church in Colby, with graveside services at 4 p.m. at the Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Visitation will be from 10 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggests memorials instead of flowers to the Aaron Lee McKinney Children's Education Fund, in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Box 987, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

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

### Wanda Shirlene Williams

Wanda Shirlene Williams, 65, family farm near Russell Springs for many years.

The secretary for the American Buffalo Association, she volunteered at the Wallace Museum and the Fick Fossil Museum. She was an avid reader, loved to bake and collected antiques.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Rick Mackey; and a sister, LaTonda Wilson.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirla Mitchell, Oakley; a son, Wilbur Wayne (Jill) Williams, Wiley, Colo.; a sister, Terri (John) Marks, Magna, Utah; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2014, at the Scott County Cemetery in Scott City, with the Rev. Robert Nuckolls officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Huntington's Foundation or Shriners, in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home, 401 S. Washington St., Scott City, Kan., 67871.

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A. McKinney



W. Williams

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## 2014 Thomas County Fair Schedule of Events

### Monday, July 28

6:30 p.m. MUTTON BUSTIN' Sponsored by: Orscheln Farm & Home Supply (Registration starts at 6:00-6:30p.m. at the Commercial Building)  
8 p.m. KPRA RODEO

### Tuesday, July 29

8 a.m. TALLEST CORN PLANT CONTEST (Sponsored by: CPS)  
5:30 p.m. Parade  
8 p.m. KPRA RODEO "Blazin' Saddles Drill Team" Performance  
Carnival OPEN

### Wednesday, July 30

11 a.m. Antique Tractor Show (4-H Building Parking Lot)  
5 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull "Siruta Pedal Pullers" (Sponsored by: Thomas Co. Farm Bureau Assoc.) Registration is at 4:00p.m. Adult Pedal Tractor Pull (immediately following) (Sponsored by: "Siruta Pedal Pullers")  
5:30 p.m. FREE BARBECUE  
8 p.m. TEXACO COUNTRY SHOWDOWN

### Thursday, July 31

7:30 a.m. Thomas Co. Community Foundation Breakfast (4-H Building)  
5:30 p.m. Livestock Auction and Buyers Appreciation BBQ

### Friday, August 1

8 p.m. Monster Truck & Tough Truck Show - Sponsored by: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Member FDIC  
\*\*\*\*Ticket Prices: \$20 for Adult, \$10 for 6-10 years, 5 & under, free\*\*\*\*

### Saturday, August 2

8 p.m. DEMO DERBY (Sponsored by: Cornerstone Ag "Foundation for your marketing needs")

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## Other Viewpoints

### Board of Education flunks school tests

With the announcement that the state Board of Education has decided not to release individual school test results because of cyberattacks and other problems this spring, educators are scratching their heads, as are taxpayers who footed the bill for this system.

Because the usual data showing improvements, or declines, in public school student performance on reading and math tests isn't available, school administrators, school boards and the general public have no way to know how their schools stacked up against the rest of the state or their previous scores. Typically, these results are released each fall.

Schools gain from that. Students and teachers put considerable work into the tests to continue improving. For this year, those efforts were for nothing.

But the testing cost far from nothing. The Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation at the University of Kansas was paid \$4.6 million to conduct the tests. Although the state board voted 9-0 not to release the results (because they might not be accurate), board member John Bacon, an Olathe Republican, expressed frustration and suggested the contract with KU be reviewed. That's certainly in order.

Around the region, reactions varied among administrators. Hutchinson School Superintendent Shelly Kiblinger wasn't pleased.

"Obviously, we are very disappointed that we will not be receiving that data," Kiblinger said. "It makes it difficult for us to adjust our material."

On the other hand, Haven Superintendent Rick White said that while the district uses the data, he doesn't think that this year's results are legitimate.

"I don't think it's fair to release something that's flawed," said White.

Both viewpoints are valid. This is disappointing, and the results are flawed. Consequently, the vendor should be held accountable.

— *The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press*

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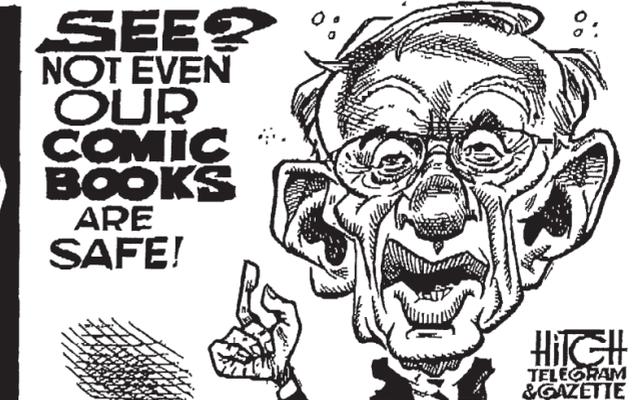
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## Lieutenant colonel died at Casablanca

This is the 17th column on the history of the Thomas County Courthouse and the stories of those from Thomas County who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. armed services. This column continues those who died during World War II. The information comes from a book organized by a memorial committee in 1991. Permission to use this material was given by Leland Kindler, of that committee.

In future columns I will be writing about: Cpl. William L. Gilchrist, Tech. Sgt. Lynn Virgil Barnett, Lt. Robert G. Bellamy, Lt. Melvin Byfield, Leroy Edward Sites, Phillip J. Bremerkamp, Capt. Victor B. Graper, Harree John Miller, 1st Lt. Bill J. Evans, and Sanford Shreve. Descendants who want their names listed as survivors of these soldiers should call me at (785) 462-3515 or email me at marj-jim-brown@st-tel.net.

**Lt. Col. Charles Leroy Wheaton** was born on May 6, 1907, to George and Elizabeth Wheaton in Brookville. They moved to Menlo in 1913 and to Colby in 1918, where his father worked in the draying business and carried mail. He graduated from Colby High School in 1925 and went to the Denver University Commerce School.

Wheaton was personnel adjutant of the Old Colorado National Guard and entered the Army with the Guard in 1940. He was stationed in Accra, capital of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) in Africa and in Casablanca, Morocco, chief of plans for the North African Division of Air Transport Command under Brig. Gen. James S. Stowell. Wheaton was a favorite of his men, probably because he liked to organize athletic games among them. Tennis was his favorite.



**Marj Brown**

### • Marj's Snippets

Wheaton was killed on Feb. 23, 1945, when his plane crashed at Casablanca. According to a letter to Wheaton's wife from Chaplain Malcolm H. Stern, who had been in the plane when it crashed, of the 30 men on board, 13 were killed instantly and 17 survived, 15 of them walking out on their own. Stern was thrown out the side of the plane and hospitalized in Casablanca for some time before he wrote.

Stern said the reason for the crash was never determined. Mrs. Wheaton later heard that there were several high-ranking officers and three chaplains on the plane.

Wheaton is buried in French Morocco, Africa, in the North African Memorial Cemetery overlooking the ocean and facing America. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

I hope my readers will forgive me for spending more time with this than with others, but, due to the fact that Wheaton was my uncle, I happen to know more about his situation.

My family was living in Oklahoma City at the time of Uncle Charles's death, and I was alone with my mother when she received the news. I answered the phone, and an unemotional woman's voice said, "This is the American Red Cross calling person to person for

Mrs. Florence Williams." Of course I was all excited as I called Mom to the phone. She told me later that when she answered, this was the message she heard: "We are sorry to inform you that your brother, Charles Leroy Wheaton, was killed in a plane crash in Casablanca, Morocco. Please accept our condolences." Then the phone went dead. My mother broke out in tears after she put the phone down and couldn't tell me why she was crying. Imagine how difficult that was for a 10-year-old to watch. Of course, it was more difficult for my mom.

However, we should forgive the Red Cross for that brief, unfeeling, phone call. After all, 416,800 members of the U.S. Armed Forces were killed in World War II. The Red Cross had a big job notifying all of their relations.

A memorial service was held for Uncle Charles at the Central Christian Church in Denver on March 18, 1945, with complete military honors by the American Legion.

At that time, Wheaton's survivors were his wife Elizabeth of Denver, son Charles and daughter Nancy; his parents; brother Arno Wheaton and sisters Genevieve Messamore, Florence Williams and Edith Ashford.

Survivors today include: a son, Charles (Kay) Wheaton, Rancho Mirage, Calif.; their son Douglas; a daughter, Nancy Mowery, of Torrence, Calif.; her children, Devin Dreiling, Tammy Robben and Debbie Dreiling. In Colby are a nephew, Robert "Jerry" (Florene) Messamore and myself, niece Marj (Jim) Brown and our son Duane and daughter Linda; also numerous nieces and nephews elsewhere.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby since 1947 and has spent a good deal of that time writing.

## Tech school jobs follow middle class

China is producing too many college graduates. That was the view of Yale University president Richard Levin. Before he retired from the presidency of Yale University, President Levin was interviewed by China's CCTV. His view of Chinese higher education was the traditional American perspective of supply-and-demand.

China thinks otherwise. Seizing a school leadership vacuum that was the result of closing down education during China's Cultural Revolution from 1965-1975, China's Ministry of Education re-organized their university system in the late 1990s. They closed poor-performing colleges, consolidated and moved some national universities to provincial jurisdiction. Select universities were chosen for infusions of funding that doubled their university enrollments every five years.

This "massification" of higher education has exceeded any effort to expand higher education in human history. No other expansion — including the GI Bill era in the United States — comes close. As a result, China added 7.3 million college graduates this spring. However, with the 2008 Great Recession that originated in the United States slowing the world economy, upward mobility in China has likewise slowed. As a result, for several years the opportunities for college graduates in China has tightened, similar to the plight of students in many Western countries. New graduates here have a phrase that roughly translates: "the fight for desk jobs."

After that earlier 10-minute interview with Richard Levin, the CCTV television host then interviewed the retiring president of a Hong



**John Richard Schrock**

### • Education Frontlines

Kong university and asked him the same question: is China overproducing college graduates? His answer showed the different Asian "long view."

No, the distinguished president asserted. China is not educating students for today's talent demands. It is looking decades down the road to what it will need when 60 percent and then 70 percent of its population has moved into the developed zones. And he had clear figures that showed the proportion of the adult populations college-educated in European countries and elsewhere. To think short-sighted and follow today's market demand would leave China short of talent tomorrow.

I personally suspect that part of their strategy was to also force a portion of their surplus talent to move out into the countryside "by accretion." But the young graduates have little desire to move into hinterlands that in some ways resemble our Appalachia of the 1930s.

Therefore it is no surprise that this year, China has announced that it is going to convert about 600 colleges and universities into technical schools. Details have not been released but it appears that China will maintain its academic university capacity.

The need for more true technical schools

is driven by China's rapid and massive shift away from being a country of cheap labor. As they have dramatically increased the level of education of these last generations, they are rapidly losing the cheap factory jobs to less-developed countries. China needs more plumbers, electricians, mechanics and other skilled workers to service a wealthier population that now has a middle class bigger than the United States.

As a result, China will be infusing money into expanding new tech schools beyond what they already have. Some are already high end, such as the school focusing solely on electrical engineering and underwritten by Hewlett-Packard in the massive University City in Chongqing. A Beijing technical school has formed an alliance with Mercedes-Benz and will focus on automotive engineering.

The distinction between technical schools and academic universities is very clear in China. When I describe how Kansas allows our technical schools to teach academic courses to apply toward a bachelor's degree, jaws drop. Why would you do that? Who would teach such courses? How could it be as rigorous compared to a real university?

And just how can I explain it? China knows the difference between an academic education and job training. Our educational leadership doesn't.

John Richard Schrock, a professor of biology and department chair at a leading teacher's college, lives in Emporia. He emphasizes that his opinions are strictly his own.

### Mallard Fillmore

### • Bruce Tinsley



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# Study links depression to death risk

U.S. adults 50 and older who suffer from major depression face a 43 percent increase in the risk of death, especially cardiovascular disease or cancer, according to a study involving a University of Kansas researcher published recently in the *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* by Oxford University Press.

"There's a major link between major depression and mortality. Taking all these other health behaviors out of it, you can continue to find this unique relationship between depression and mortality," said Jaron M. Saint Onge, a KU assistant professor of sociology and the study's lead author.

"There's something that's leading to early death. And that's taking out smoking, taking out exercise, all these behavioral factors that would explain it."

Saint Onge said the study's findings are significant because they suggest that the relationship

between depression and mortality is not due solely to people smoking or exhibiting unhealthy behaviors or experiencing chronic conditions that contribute to a higher risk of mortality.

When the researchers adjusted for factors such as marital status, education, employment status, family income, alcohol consumption, level of physical activity, smoking status, body mass, functional limitations and chronic conditions, they still found an independent association among major depression and increased risk of non-suicide mortality among the age group.

"What we're finding here is it's important to be vigilant to find depression among people older than 50 because of a host of reasons," Saint Onge said. "It's important because of its relationship with health-compromising behaviors, but it's also important because it stands as an independent risk factor

in mortality. There might be something unique about depression, taking aside all of your other behaviors, that there's something about depression that might lead to an increased risk of mortality."

He said related research has suggested major depression may have a physiological effect on blood pressure or arterial tightening that can cause cardiovascular disease.

"It's physiologically important, but it's also socially important to think of depression as a risk factor for death as well," he said.

Saint Onge, who also serves in the University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Health Policy within the School of Medicine, co-authored the study with Patrick M. Krueger, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Colorado at Denver, and Richard G. Rogers, a professor of sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

For the mortality data, researchers examined the 1999 National Health Interview Study linked to the 2006 National Death Index, which included a sample size of 11,369 adults respondents ages 50 and older, of whom 2,162 have died from non-suicide or accident related deaths. To measure major depression, they used data derived from the World Health Organization's Composite International Diagnostic Interview Short-Form, or CIDI-SF, which is generally accepted as an accurate measure of major depression.

Saint Onge said he hoped the study would bring awareness to the issue of major depression among people older than 50. For example, white men older than 65 represent a group with one of the highest suicide rates. He said increased vigilance in recognizing the problem and coming up with better coping mechanisms to help adults deal with depression in a

healthy way would be key.

"We are always thinking of 20 year olds with depression because there are highly publicized suicide rates among 20 year olds," Saint Onge said. "But increasing rates of depression among the elderly pose continued health risks, beyond suicide"

He said people who suffer from major depression often turn to unhealthy habits – like smoking or binge drinking – in addition to social withdrawal and disobeying doctors' recommendations for treatment that lead to long-term health problems. It also could help, he said, to promote treatment of depression and healthy habits among younger people before they reach the age of 50, because it can be more daunting for people of older ages to start exercising, for example, if they haven't done it much in their lives before.

"It's related to health behaviors and that you continue to see that

risk of mortality goes down once you start accounting for some of these health behaviors," Saint Onge said. "When we think about that, it just suggests how important it is to focus in on behaviors like physical activity, especially among people who are depressed."

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF TESTING OF THOMAS COUNTY ELECTRONIC/ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING SYSTEMS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4411(b), 4610(b) that testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be conducted on Monday, July 28, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. AND 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby, Kansas 67701 to ascertain that the equipment will cast ballots and correctly count the votes cast for the Primary Election, to be held on the 5th day of August, 2014.

Shelly A. Harms,  
Thomas County Clerk/Election Officer

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Helen B. Hagler, Deceased

Case No. 14-PR-26

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 15, 2014, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sherry L. Ummel, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Helen B. Hagler deceased, dated October 20, 1989 requesting that the instrument previously filed with the court be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court order that supervised administration may ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

SHERRY L. UMMEL,  
PETITIONER

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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Lynn D. Hagler, Deceased

Case No. 14-PR-26

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 15, 2014, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sherry L. Ummel, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Helen B. Hagler deceased, dated October 20, 1989 requesting that the instrument previously filed with the court be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

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# Exhibit is a graphic history of the American flag

"Long May She Wave: A Graphic History of the American Flag" is scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 22, and run through Sunday, Nov. 16, and the Dane G. Hansen Museum, 110 W. Main in Logan.

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From Civil War-era flags and Native American moccasins to political campaign buttons and original flag art, "Long May She Wave: A Graphic History of the American Flag" assembles thousands of American flag-related objects and artifacts from the private collection of Kit Hinrichs, one of the

world's leading graphic designers and a partner in the international design firm, Pentagram.

Together, the range of objects and memorabilia presented comprise their own genre of folk art

and are a unique part of American heritage.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, extended to 5 p.m. Saturday. Sunday and holiday

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

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## On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE**  
**July 12**  
 3:15 a.m. – Caller reported several intoxicated subjects. They had a designated driver.  
 9:48 a.m. – Caller reported dogs out. Owner found and notice to appear issued.  
 4:03 p.m. – Caller reported tire came off car; blocking roadway. Wrecker ordered.  
 5:25 p.m. – Semi broke down at eastbound I-70 mile 54 off-ramp. All OK; had help coming.  
 8:20 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.  
 9:26 p.m. – Caller reported hearing fireworks. At 9:30 subject reported hearing either fireworks or gunshot. Not found.  
 9:50 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks being used. Located and warned subjects.  
 11:59 p.m. – Narc violation report filed.

**Last Monday**  
 1:20 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.  
 11:48 a.m. – Assisted Code Enforcement on house inspection.  
 6:29 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.

**Tuesday**  
 2:35 a.m. – Served search warrant.  
 9:40 a.m. – Caller reported lost wallet.  
 11:12 a.m. – Spoke to subject about two mailboxes put up on their property.  
 5:50 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.  
 6:57 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.  
 11:53 p.m. – Helped disabled motorist at Willow and Country Club – overheated.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**July 11**  
 9:39 a.m. – Caller reported cow walking eastbound on roadway in the 800 block of Veteran's Memorial Drive. Owner contacted to handle.  
 10:40 a.m. – Funeral block for Kersenbrock's Funeral Chapel to Brewster Cemetery  
 1:54 p.m. – Released Travis James Raymond Graves.  
 2:17 p.m. – Released Richard Deryl Birmingham.  
 4 p.m. – Provided traveler's assistance.

7:59 p.m. – Traffic block at Range and Veterans Memorial Dr. for Midwest Energy.  
 11:40 p.m. – Caller reported hay bales in the roadway on I-70 mile 33 westbound.

**July 12**  
 9:41 a.m. – Found suspect in domestic at eastbound U.S. 24 at County Rd. 30; arrested for Colby Police.  
 9:55 a.m. – Booked Benjamin Lincoln Bohall.  
 11:07 a.m. – Booked Scott Henry Burris.  
 11:25 a.m. – Helped police on call at Oasis Travel Center.  
 1:57 p.m. – Traffic control for Legion Riders from U.S. 24 and U.S. 83 junction to Colby.  
 3:24 p.m. – Civil standby.  
 4:15 p.m. – Helped Colby Police at I-70 mile 53 westbound.  
 9:51 p.m. – Caller reported cattle out at County Rds. 28 and L. Attempted to contact an owner;  
 9:57 p.m. – Helped Court Services at Sunflower Apartments.  
 11:20 p.m. – Booked Kevin C. McKampson.

## Clean getaway a mystery to cops

SANDY SPRINGS, Ga. (AP) – Police are trying to figure out why a trio of hygiene-minded thieves walked into a CVS pharmacy in Atlanta's northern suburbs and stole \$2,000 in soap and other personal care items.

Authorities say the three men were filmed by surveillance cameras as they carried out the July 1 heist

at a store in Sandy Springs, just north of Atlanta. Sandy Springs police Sgt. Ron Momon tells WSB-TV (bit.ly/1tiEho6) the suspects walked into the store and casually grabbed the items, then walked out of the store past cashiers.

Police said they wanted to catch up with the men to find out why they took the products.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **West Hale Township** **Thomas County** will meet on August 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Brewster City Building 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 225 Manchester Street, Brewster KS 67732 and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2013		Current Year Estimate 2014		Proposed Budget 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	6,140	1.731	10,425	1.340	11,025	7,411	1.507
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	19,663	11.448	36,205	10.886	56,874	22,826	7.896
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery	14,100						
Totals	39,903	13.179	46,630	12.226	67,899	30,237	9.403
Less: Transfers	7,000		0		0		
Net Expenditure	32,903		46,630		67,899		
Total Tax Levied	28,382		28,952		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	4,051,537		6,520,490		4,917,502		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					2,890,701		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2012	2013	2014
	G.O. Bonds	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Willard Crumrine  
 Township Treasurer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **The City of Colby** will meet on August 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers 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 the Colby City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 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	2,684,879	4.964	2,744,340	6.357	3,242,088	472,284	10.559
Debt Service	1,267,273	5.723	1,284,521	5.597	1,301,588	180,656	4.039
Library	237,200	4.854	245,488	5.000	251,328	223,637	5.000
Recreation	143,692	2.913	147,300	3.000	150,797	134,182	3.000
Noxious Weeds	10,322	0.043	6,500	0.108	13,000	5,947	0.133
Special Fire/Police	61,018	0.749	87,607	0.761	51,500	27,649	0.618
Special Liability	18,187	0.325	20,650	0.305	26,000	19,034	0.426
Employee Benefits	954,677	11.582	1,022,469	11.081	1,176,140	376,454	8.417
Economic Development	56,556	1.085	856,926	1.070	2,051,867	47,500	1.062
Special Highway	477,476		55,000		266,963		
TIF	98,190		96,565		99,940		
Electric Fund	6,608,353		5,952,755		7,004,785		
Water Fund	935,202		1,127,066		1,480,391		
Sewer Fund	1,162,010		1,224,233		1,349,002		
Sanitation Fund	637,150		685,290		780,452		
Convention/Tourism	210,255		235,598		222,474		
Law Enforcement Trust	101,553		96,255		114,896		
Special Parks/Recreation	27,229		27,985		38,300		
E911	76,303		43,463		52,300		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	2,507,697						
Totals	18,275,221	32.238	15,960,009	33.279	19,673,810	1,487,342	33.254
Less: Transfers	2,832,396		1,815,599		2,930,058		
Net Expenditure	15,442,825		14,144,410		16,743,752		
Total Tax Levied	1,391,715		1,483,165		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	43,170,524		44,566,075		44,727,418		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2012	2013	2014
	G.O. Bonds	9,263,000	8,227,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	6,993,532	6,626,694	6,249,624
Lease Purchase Principal	166,384	1,859,381	1,701,848
Total	16,422,916	16,713,075	15,202,472

Joni L. Ketchum  
 City Official Title: City Clerk

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# Make safe camping a priority

While the preparations for a family camping or hiking trip usually include a review of the necessary gear, Safe Kids Kansas recommends parents also review safety guidelines with their children.

“Going camping or hiking can be wonderful activities for children and families but it’s also a time when kids are often in an environment they’re not used to,” says Cherie Sage, coordinator of Safe Kids Kansas. “It’s really about preparing kids so they know what to do in different situations like sitting near a campfire or swimming in open bodies of water. Serious injuries can be completely avoided by following a few simple tips.”

Safe Kids Kansas recommends these five tips to stay safe while camping.

1. Be safe around the campfire. Actively supervise children near a campfire or portable stove. Follow posted rules about campfires, and do not light fires in windy or excessively dry conditions. Keep a bucket of water and a shovel near a fire and extinguish the fire completely before going to sleep or leaving the

2. Be prepared for emergencies. Keep first aid supplies and emergency phone numbers handy and know where the nearest phone is located. Cell phones might not work in remote areas.
3. Protect against sudden weather change. Dress children in layers of clothing to help prevent heat-related illness and hypothermia. A child’s body temperature changes faster than an adult’s does. Bring waterproof clothes to protect against rain or wind.
4. Actively supervise around water. Never leave children unattended around water. We know it sounds strict, but there is no room for compromise on this one.
5. Wear a life jacket. Always have your children wear properly fitting life jackets approved by the U.S. Coast Guard while on boats, around open bodies of water or when participating in water sports.

To learn more, go to the safety tips section on the Safe Kids website at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org), or call (785) 296-1223 or (785) 296-0351.

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **East Hale Township** **Thomas County** will meet on August 01, 2014 at 7:00 P. M. at East Hale Township Hall 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 A. D. Deaver Residence, 316 First St., Levant KS 67743 and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2013		Current Year Estimate 2014		Proposed Budget 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	49,013	22.453	56,405	19.680	55,395	48,984	17.357
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	49,013	22.453	56,405	19.680	55,395	48,984	17.357
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	49,013		56,405		55,395		
Total Tax Levied	41,222		43,035		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	1,835,917		2,186,779		2,822,123		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2012	2013	2014				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Scott Collett  
 Treasurer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Menlo Township** **Thomas County** will meet on August 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Guill Residence 1631 County Road 32, Menlo KS 67753 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 1631 County Road 32, Menlo KS 67753 and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2013		Current Year Estimate 2014		Proposed Budget 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	7,983	2.404	10,000	2.840	11,000	7,105	2.361
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	42,000	22.452	56,814	26.224	75,780	72,897	26.557
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Employee Benefit	4,366	2.721	4,600	1.278	4,600	3,463	1.151
Special Machinery							
Totals	54,349	27.577	71,414	30.342	91,380	83,465	30.069
Less: Transfers	6,850		0		0		
Net Expenditure	47,499		71,414		91,380		
Total Tax Levied	49,237		63,210		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	2,048,070		2,618,409		3,009,952		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					2,744,913		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1

	2012	2013	2014
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	150,344	145,373	143,321
Total	150,344	145,373	143,321

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Susan Guill  
 Treasurer

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **South Randall Township** **Thomas County** will meet on August 8, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. at Colonial Steak House, Oakley KS 67748 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 3524 County Road B, Oakley KS 67748 and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
 Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2013		Current Year Estimate 2014		Proposed Budget 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	19,169	2.614	17,110	1.518	19,350	18,331	2.252
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	86,526	12.201	107,532	12.995	105,532	97,091	12.261
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery							
Totals	105,695	14.815	124,642	14.513	124,882	115,422	14.513
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	105,695		124,642		124,882		
Total Tax Levied	95,714		96,394		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	6,624,572		7,047,791		8,141,605		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					7,918,873		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1

	2012	2013	2014
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

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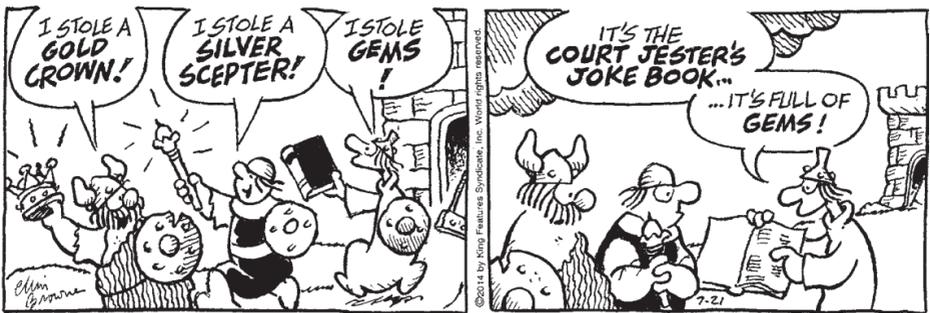
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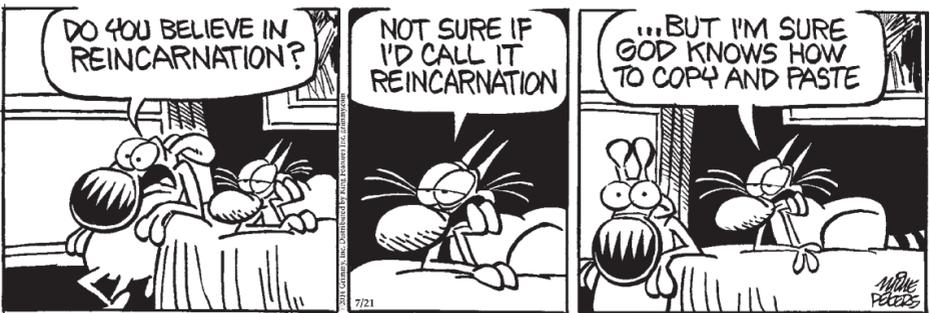
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**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



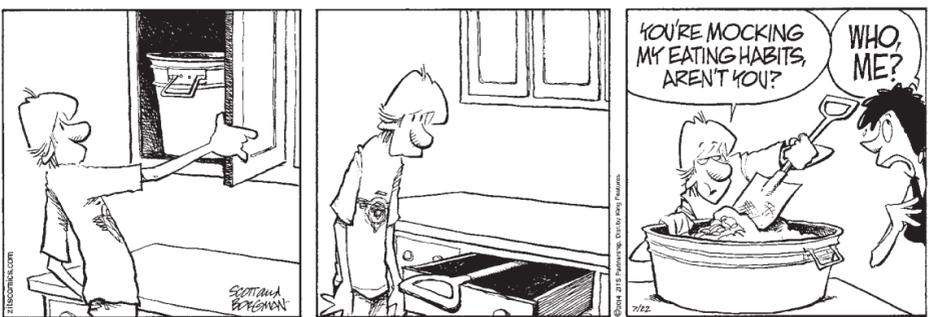
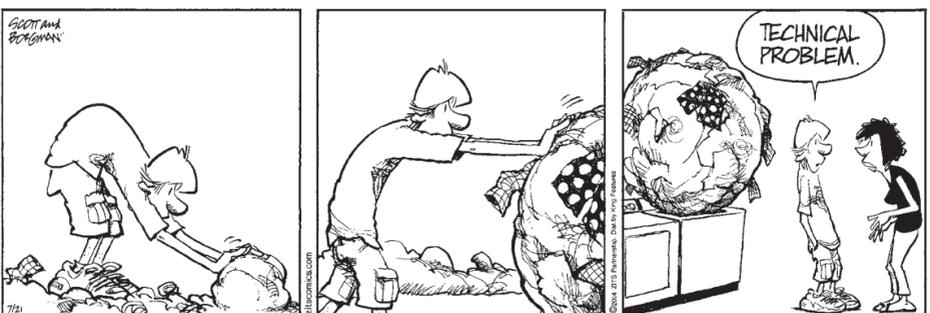
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**  
• Antiques and Collecting



**Amazing jug shows politics**

Artists often express political ideas in their work, and many years later, collectors have trouble understanding the politics. Kirkpatrick/Anna pottery, worked from 1839 to 1896 in Illinois and made pottery jugs and other containers. But they also created some very strange pieces. Pottery pigs marked with railroad routes were made in the 1870s and 1880s to give to politicians, important owners or employees of the railroads. Those pigs sell today for about \$12,000 up to a record price of \$35,000. But mysterious "Temperance" jugs were decorated with three-dimensional figures that can be confusing to someone from the 21st century.



One spectacular salt-glazed jug, 10 1/4 inches high, was made with more than 18 applied designs representing the Civil War, slavery and the drinking of alcohol. There is a bust of a Union soldier with a goatee being bitten by a snapping turtle. The rear end of a man in red pants "going in" probably is a reference to the evils of alcohol that "trap" him in the whiskey jug.

One of the many snakes on the jug is eating a thin, bearded man. The head of a man, perhaps Abraham Lincoln, is shown near an eagle. The head of a black man and loose pottery chains represent slavery. A man smoking a pipe and drinking from a mug, and a classical figure of a woman holding a lyre still are unidentified.

The jug is well-marked, with the words "from Kirkpatrick Anna Pottery, Anna Union Co, Ills." It may be the most amazing of all of the Anna Pottery message pieces, and it sold at a Crocker Farm auction in Sparks, Md., for \$69,000 in March.

**Tip:** If you are selling a car, rug, quilt or upholstered furniture and do not smoke, your ad should mention that it was owned by a nonsmoker. That is a plus for many buyers.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

North dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8  
♥ J 10 7 5 4 2  
♦ J 4 3  
♣ 8 7 3

**WEST**  
♠ K J 10 9  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ K Q 2

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 7 6 4 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K Q 8 5 2  
♣ 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ K 9 6  
♦ 10 9  
♣ A J 10 9 6 4

The bidding:  
North 2♦, East 2♠, South Dble, West Redble  
3♥, 3♣, 4♣, 4 NT  
5♣, Dble

Opening lead — king of spades.

**Famous Hand**

Without question, the most controversial deal of the 1990 world team championship — and the one that had the greatest bearing on the eventual outcome — was this one.

The deal occurred midway through the third quarter of the semi-final match between Canada and Germany. At the first table, the German East-West pair bid routinely to the laydown small slam in spades and scored 1,430 points.

When the deal was replayed with a Canadian pair holding the East-West cards, the bidding went as shown. North's two-diamond opening, indicating a weak two-bid in hearts or spades, started a frenetic auction that ended with the German South in five clubs doubled.

West's king-of-spades lead was overtaken by East in order to switch to his singleton heart. The Q-A and a heart ruff followed, and the defenders cashed two diamonds. West still had to get two trump tricks, so declarer was down six — 1,400 points.

Since the Germans had been plus 1,430 with the East-West cards at the other table, the net gain for them should have been 30 points, or one IMP. But on the official scorecard approved by both teams, the result at the second table was recorded as 1,100 (the score for down five doubled) rather than 1,400.

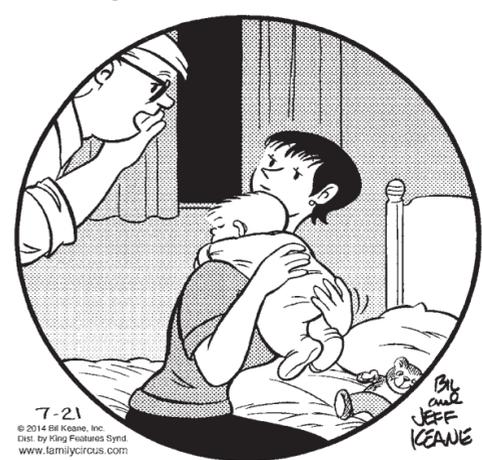
The Germans were therefore credited with a 330-point -- or 7 IMP -- pickup on the deal, and they went on to win the match by just 4 IMPs. Had the score on the tainted deal been recorded correctly, Canada would have won by 2 IMPs.

Overnight, the Canadians discovered the error and lodged a protest. The appeals committee met early the next morning and disallowed the protest on the grounds that a correction could be made only if the score entered was "manifestly incorrect," and that the given circumstances did not fulfill that definition.

Later that day, the Germans, given a second life, went on to defeat the United States for the title.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Do you realize you're humming him to sleep with the theme from 'Mad Men'?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

**Cryptoquip**

WGEVL, YPSEQ NEOVOY PI  
SXRNY PH ZBIEPHY WGEJAY  
QOSEZOIOQ WGIPXAG NPYW  
PHHEVOY: VGXJL RBES.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEING THAT I COULDN'T SUBDUCE THOSE CONSTRICTING SERPENTS, I DECIDED TO LET PYTHON BE PYTHONS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Explosion noise  
5 Mandible  
8 Cushions  
12 Risky  
13 Boxing legend  
14 "— for All Seasons"  
15 State with certainty  
16 Florida city  
18 Cruelty in a snare  
20 Catch in a snare  
21 Bickering  
23 Symbol before "com"  
24 Derisively mocking  
28 Ferris wheel, for one  
31 Mature  
32 Accelerator or brake  
34 Shap turn  
35 Luxurious  
37 Bosnian capital

**DOWN**

39 Scot's chapeau  
41 Actor Rob  
42 Simultaneously  
45 False  
49 Cramped fish  
51 Vocalized  
52 Big name in daredevilry  
53 "Rocks"  
54 First (Abbr.)  
55 Staffer  
56 100 cts.  
57 NBA team  
1 Lingerie items

2 Volcanic spillage  
3 Scored 100 on  
4 Innumerable  
5 Tea-new  
27 Merry-go-round  
6 Carte lead-in  
7 Telegram  
8 Church VIP  
9 Write off  
10 Information  
11 Break suddenly  
17 In addition  
19 Halt

22 Re ebb and flow  
24 Enervate  
25 Past  
26 Made good as  
27 Merry-go-round  
29 Arith. operation  
30 Id counterpart  
31 Church  
33 Croquet venue  
36 Take care of  
38 Astro's master  
40 Former telecom giant  
42 On the briny  
43 "Rikki-Tikki-"  
44 Okla-homa city  
46 Unusual  
47 One  
48 Easter symbols  
50 Environmentally friendly

Saturday's answer 7-21

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

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<p><b>Independent Shaklee Distributer</b> - Vitamin mineral herbal supplements. Basic H. Skin care products. Wanda Sealock www.wanda.myshaklee.com 785-675-3587. ---5/15---8/22---</p>	<p><b>High Plains Mental Health Center</b> currently has an opening for a part time Site Manager for our Colby House to provide on-site apartment management services. Duties include accepting applications, collecting rent and security deposits and some grounds maintenance. Interested person(s) may send cover letter and resume to Johnny Lang at Johnny.Lang@hpmhc.com or by mail to 208 E. 7th St., Hays, KS. 67601, or you may stop by the branch office at 750 South Range and complete an application. Must successfully pass a background check. Position will be posted until filled. ---7/16---7/28---</p>	<p><b>Office Space for Rent</b> <b>Newly remodeled professional office.</b> Utilities included, call Shirley at 785-460-6284. ---7/9---7/21---</p>	<p><b>Land for Sale</b> <b>Two large lots</b> (2.1 acres) in El Chaparrel subdivision in Colby. 785-760-4829. ---7/14---7/25---</p>	<p><b>Beckman Fencing - For all your</b> 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---</p>	<p><b>McNab puppies for sale.</b> Out of working parents Long Island, KS. Leave message 308-645-9085. ---5/12---TFN---</p>
<p><b>Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner.</b> Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673. ---12/15---TFN---</p>	<p><b>Wanted: Energetic, motivated</b> 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.arealbreakthrough.com ---7/9---8/4---</p>	<p><b>1,214 sq. feet at 345 N. Lake.</b> Please call 785-443-2454 or 785-460-7492. ---7/2---7/23---</p>	<p><b>Misc. for Sale</b> <b>For Sale Propane Gas Range,</b> electric range, microwave oven, under counter dishwasher, window air conditioner and new electric water heater. 785-695-8013 ---7/21---8/15---</p>	<p><b>I specialize &amp; analyze</b> the situation surrounding the environment. Pines, Deciduous, Evergreens, Shelterbelts, Fruit Trees, Cleanup, Removal, Trimming, Nurseryman, Gardening, Landscaping, Shrubs &amp; Yard Care. Dave's Tree Service 785-443-0994. Also do handyman work. ---7/9---8/4---</p>	<p><b>Multi-family Yard Sale</b> - 812 Hope St., Oakley - Saturday, 8 a.m. - ?? Desk, bikes, gently worn clothes &amp; household items. ---7/21---7/25---</p>
<p><b>Classified ad deadlines</b> (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---</p>	<p><b>Wanted to hire</b> Housekeeper, PT Cook, Pool Tender 785-443-1339. ---7/2---7/30---</p>	<p><b>Storage</b> <b>Camper and Boat Storage</b> 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---</p>	<p><b>Solid Oak Dining Table with 4</b> chairs. Less than 1/2 of new 785-460-2966. ---7/16---7/28---</p>	<p><b>Tree Service: Call</b> 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---</p>	<p><b>Youth Benefit Garage Sale</b> - 1160 Cattletrail St., of Walmart, off of Hwy 27 in Colby - Friday, noon - 6 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, dishes, linens, toys. ---7/21---7/25---</p>
<p><b>Help Wanted</b></p>	<p><b>Wanted to hire</b> Housekeeper, PT Cook, Pool Tender 785-443-1339. ---7/2---7/30---</p>	<p><b>Apartments for Rent</b> <b>Large 3 bedroom plus office</b> apartment, Colby, no smoking, no pets 785-443-1346 or 785-462-8169 - Rented. ---7/16---7/28---</p>	<p><b>Vehicles for Sale</b> <b>Call us before you pay</b> your next insurance premium. American Family Insurance - Rita Peters Agency - Colby 785-462-8246. ---1/18---TFN---</p>	<p><b>Do you have weeds every year?</b> Want a great looking yard? Call JM Tree &amp; 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---</p>	<p><b>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.</b> 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---</p>
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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby K-18's Rex Branum pitched all six innings of a 9-4 win over Hoisington on Saturday that clinched the team's state spot.

# Colby K-18 qualifies for state

By R.B. Headley  
Colby Free Press  
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## Team will play East Regional champ on Friday

Cool down and get ready to catch fire again! That's the Colby K-18 game-plan after qualifying for state tournament play during regional play in Hays.

The boys brilliantly delivered a 9-4 win over Hoisington Saturday morning that clinched their return to Lucas, where Colby reached last summer's K-18 state title game.

However, the current squad didn't quite reach its goal of a region title. Colby lost its next two games to Ellis, 12-2, later on Saturday and 23-13 against Victoria in Sunday's third-place game.

"We had some things unravel on us that never really happened before this year," coach Travis Branum said. "We couldn't seem to get the bats going against Ellis. Against Victoria, we struggled with pitching a bit even though

Carter Stanley came in at the end and did fine."

"It was hotter than fire out there (at Hays), so we decided the best thing is to give the guys a couple days off," he added. "Take a little break and don't think about baseball. Hopefully, this will make us stronger."

Second-seeded Colby looked strong during the crucial opening win over Hoisington.

Rex Branum pitched a complete game, striking out eight and permitting just four or five walks according to coach.

"He (Rex) really stepped up for this game," coach Branum said. "That's what we need from our older guys. Step up and show some leadership. Some games they do a really good job of that."

Meanwhile, Shevin Martin's sizzling home run over the fence ignited Colby's suddenly-blazing hitting attack.

Brooks Curry, Parker Wright

and Zach Hart were others who blasted crucial hits during a six-run inning.

Yet Ellis took over the big innings during Saturday's semifinal game.

"Ellis jumped on us, and we couldn't respond," coach Branum said. "One thing we should have learned is it's not all peaches and cream. Teams don't bow down to the 'C' on our hats. You have to go out there ready to play."

Colby clearly brought a better approach into Sunday's game. The offense caught fire again and scalded several hits past defending K-18 state champion Victoria while building a 10-2 lead.

"We were ahead 10-2 for quite awhile," coach said. "But we ran out of pitching. We had a couple of guys with an inning or two left, but we didn't not to go with them."

Victoria's victory means Colby will take the No. 4 West seed into

state tournament play. Norton, Ellis and Victoria earned the top three Western regional spots.

Consequently, Colby opens against the East Regional champion/No. 1 seed at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in Lucas.

The single-elimination tourney continues through Sunday afternoon.

"We have to remember that seeding is just a number. You still go in and start the games 0-0," coach Branum said. "As an assistant, I remember we needed to beat No. 1 20-0 team just to make state, and we did it. This team can do the same thing."

When practice resumes, Colby will practice on an all-dirt infield similar to the Lucas diamond.

Complete state pairings were not available before Monday's press time.

Watch for them later this week in the *Free Press*.

# Golfer's hole-in-one highlights scramble

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winter months, Grafel appears to stay busy coach Colby Community College men's basketball.

Grafel's team was not found among top finishers in either Scramble fight. Taylor reported that 28 golfers played through the beautiful Sunday weather featuring triple-digit high temperatures.

The results from both flights:  
First flight: A tie for the championship between Taylor/Stomberg and Goetz/Goetz.

Second flight: 1. Augustine/Denneler, 2. Strutt/Arnberger.

There were other two pin prizes besides Grafel's achievement.

Audrey Hines earned "Closest To The Pin" on hole No. 2, while Darren Goetz claimed "Longest Putt" at hole No. 9.

Meadow Lake Golf Course will be busy again with this weekend's annual "Buffalo Chip" tournament. A total of 120 golfers have entered, Taylor said.

The Buffalo Chip tees off at 9 a.m. both days.

With one shot, Rusty Grafel proved he's more on target than any other *Free Press* sports columnist.

Grafel really didn't need to prove that point Sunday afternoon — but his remarkable clarity during the Meadow Lake 2-Couple Scramble was still something that all Colby golfers and fans should remember.

His 170-yard tee shot did far more than win "Closest To The Pin" honors on hole No. 8.

The drive was so perfectly on-target that it became a rarely seen Meadow Lake hole-in-one.

"We don't have very many of those," Meadow Lake Club manager Kevan Taylor said. "Maybe one or two a year."

Attempts to obtain Grafel's own insightful remarks about the moment — and whether it featured enough cheering to awake many napping referees in the area — were not successful Monday morning.

When he wasn't writing *Free Press* guest columns during the



Rusty Grafel

# Even NASCAR drivers love these wheels

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Famous NASCAR drivers Kenny Schrader, left, and Kenny Wallace made their mark at Thomas County Speedway in more ways than one Sunday evening. Besides competing against many of the area's best race car drivers, Schrader and Wallace both autographed bicycles being awarded to those who entered a Genesis Food Bank drawing. A total of four new bicycles were presented. All regular classes also competed at the Speedway Sunday night, but results were not obtained for today.



# Colorado runners rule race

The 2014 Lake Atwood Ten Mile was held in Atwood recently on a humid day.

The winner of the men's race was Matt Levassier representing the Boulder, Colo., Running Company with a time of 53:10.1. Second was Jonny Bernasky of Garden City with a time of 53:49.2. Third was Robby Young of the Boulder Running Company with a time of 55:03.03.

In the women's competition Christie Foster of the Boulder Running Company won with a time of 1:00:46.92, with Heather Utrara of Greeley, Colo., second with a time of 62:11.74.

# Sluggers enter zone with big sweep of Oakley

The Colby Sluggers regained their winning ways as they swept Oakley, 13-8 and 7-2, Thursday evening.

Colby (12-12 record) has won seven of its last 10 contests with the Zone 7 tournament set to begin on Wednesday.

Here are quick recaps from both Slugger victories from gamechanger.com.:

### Game one

Scoreboard operators were busy on Thursday as Colby Sluggers and Oakley combined for 21 runs. Colby Sluggers eventually won the offensive battle in seven innings.

There were 28 hits, including four extra base hits in the game.

Matt Barnum went a perfect three-for-three at the plate for Colby Sluggers. He singled in the second, third and fifth innings.

Oakley jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first.

Colby Sluggers matched its one-run second inning with one more in the fifth.



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Brady Holzmeister hustled to make this a close play for the Colby Sluggers against Burlington, Colo., recently. Holzmeister's three-RBI hit helped Colby beat Oakley Thursday evening.

In the second, Colby Sluggers scored on an RBI single by Macen Shull, bringing home Barnum. However, Colby took the lead

in the third, scoring six runs on a two-RBI double by Austin Hart, a sacrifice fly by Hudson Stramel and a three-run single by Brady Holzmeister.

Colby Sluggers tacked on another three runs in the fourth. The inning got off to a hot start when Josh Matchell singled, bringing home Caleb Mazanec. That was followed up by Shull's double, plating Barnum and Stramel.

Barnum battled through several Oakley rallies and eventually earned a complete-game pitching victory. Though he allowed 13 hits, he walked only two while striking out three.

### Game two

Four first-inning runs helped Colby Sluggers to a 7-2 win over Oakley on Thursday.

Colby Sluggers scored in the first on a two-run double by Hart, an RBI single by Caleb Mazanec and a wild pitch.

Macen Shull went a perfect

three-for-three at the dish for Colby Sluggers. He singled in the first, fourth and sixth innings.

Austin Boehme handled Oakley's lineup with ease, racking up six strikeouts. Austin Boehme allowed one earned run, five hits and one walk over seven innings.

Colby Sluggers piled on two more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Shull singled, scoring Josh Matchell to start the inning.

That was followed up by Boehme's double, plating Shull. Boehme pitched a five-hitter, throwing 58 of his 89 pitches for strikes. He walked just one and struck out six.

Colby totaled 26 hits in the doubleheader. A 15-hit opening effort was followed by another 11 during the nightcap.

Complete zone tournament pairings were not available for today's *Free Press*. Again, earlier announcements said the tourney will likely begin on Wednesday.

# British Open champ kept lead all weekend

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — Walking off the 18th green as the Open Championship champion, Rory McIlroy kept gazing at all the greats on golf's oldest trophy.

On the claret jug, his name is etched in silver below Phil Mickelson.

In the record book, he is listed behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the youngest to get three legs of the career Grand Slam golf greats.

And over four days at Royal Liverpool, he had no equal while dominating the tournament.

"I'm immensely proud of myself," McIlroy said after his two-shot victory Sunday that was never really in doubt.

"To sit here, 25 years of age, and win my third major championship and be three-quarters of the way to a career Grand Slam ... yeah, I never dreamed of being at this point in my career so quickly."

He had to work a little harder than he wanted for this one.

Staked to a six-shot lead going into the final round, McIlroy turned back every challenge.

He made two key birdies around the turn, and delivered a majestic drive at just the right moment to close with a 1-under-71 and complete his wire-to-wire victory.

In another major lacking tension over the final hour, what brought The Open to life was the potential of its champion.

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