



One photo still sought for Wall

The *Colby Free Press* and other newspapers are still looking for the photo of a Russell Springs soldier to add to a virtual memorial those who died in their nation's services during the Vietnam War.

Pfc. Francis Eugene Jordan, Russell Springs, died May 14, 1968. He is the last of five northwest Kansas men killed in the war whose photos were sought for the "Wall of Faces," an electronic addition planned for the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

The others are Capt. Kenneth Roy Crist, Brewster, who died Nov. 28, 1968; Spc. 4 Ronald Wayne William, Hoxie, who died March 21, 1970; Spc. 4 Donald Dean Wallace, Weskan, who died Aug. 1, 1966; and Capt. Richard Lee Goudy, Sharon Springs, who died Aug. 9, 1965.

The goal of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is to build an electronic memorial for all service members killed in that war by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, in the education center by the Memorial Wall in Washington.

The Kansas Newspaper Association's goal is to collect pictures of the 265 Kansas men who gave their lives serving their country in Vietnam. About 70 pictures have been collected; now Jordan is the only man in the area whose picture is being sought. The association said most of the missing pictures are of men in the state's cities.

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

Fair highlights our best

It's been a busy fair week, but it's winding to a close. Some highlights: Monday Christian Calliham was all concentration (top) as he ran the pole-bending course during the 4-H horse show. Wednesday, Halle Stephens of Arapahoe, Neb., (right) and Zach Bainter (far right) of Selden shared their musical talent on stage at the Texaco Country Showdown. Both made it into the final four, but Brock Wagoner of Colby won with an original song, "Spirit of a Warrior." He goes on to the state show-down next week in Goodland. Lots of excitement was on display all week, enough to wear out this pair of hogs (bottom).



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Range's speed signs reduced

Motorists on south Range Avenue may have noticed a new, lower speed limit, a change that came out of a state traffic study last year.

The speed limit has dropped to 45 mph where it used to be 50, from just north of College Drive to south of Interstate 70. Eric Oelschlagler, Atwood-based area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said the change came out of a study that showed drivers were already going under the old limit. The state found 85 percent of them driving between 50 and 45 mph, he said, an indication that the higher limit was not a safe speed.

City Public Works Director Omar Weber said the signs were changed last week. In May, Weber

said, the city got a resolution from the state on the changes dated Dec. 6, then waited for the issue to be brought up at a City Council meeting this month.

City Manager Tyson McGreen explained then that the lower speed limit was required by the state.

The idea, he said, came out of a transportation study done on South Range last summer by the engineering consulting firm Kirkham Michael and sponsored by the state, city and county. The study led to meetings here last year, and then to a project application from the city to the department in March on extending Sewell and Willow avenues to east traffic on Range.



Candidate sees need for laws

In the story, "'Represent' lines drawn in county" on Pages 1 and 2 of the Thursday, July 31, *Colby Free Press*, comments by Linda Sowers were inadvertently omitted. While Sowers did not return messages left for comments, she did speak with a *Free Press* reporter in person.

Like her husband, Linda Sowers, candidate for clerk of North Randall Township, said she wants to make sure the laws are being properly followed. She also believes the roads in her township should be properly maintained since taxpayers are being charged for road maintenance.

After school no longer free

Kids who come to Colby Grade School on Monday will get to participate in the last free portion of the afterschool program the school district plans to offer next week.

About 70 kids signed up to participate in Jumpstart, Colby Grade School's week of summer learning. Kathy Vaughn, coordinator for the after school program, said kids can come to the school from 9 a.m. to noon from Monday to Thursday for a program similar to that offered after school during the years.

Since the budget for the pro-

gram - the money for which comes from a federal grant - has been cut by 40 percent, the school will start charging kids to participate this fall, Vaughn said. The Colby School Board voted in June to charge \$15 a month for each child in the after-school program and \$2.25 per month for those who qualify for a reduced-price

Voter ID comment questioned

WICHITA (AP) - Some Kansas church leaders are speaking out against Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach for a statement he made this week during a radio interview suggesting no legitimate churches are opposed to the state's voter photo identification law.

The Kansas Legislature passed a law in 2012, at Kobach's urging, requiring voters in the state to provide a photo ID at the polls, *The*

Wichita Eagle (bit.ly/UFairb) reported. Critics said the measure disenfranchises the elderly, minorities and the poor, who may have a hard time getting a photo ID.

When asked during an interview on WIBW radio Monday whether he had considered easing up on the ID law after it came under fire from some churches, Kobach responded that he doesn't know of any church that opposes

voter ID.

"I don't know which churches - and I'd put 'churches' in quotation marks - because the vast majority of church leaders I've spoken to are fully in favor of our voter ID law," he said.

Leaders of black churches in Wichita fired back that Kobach obviously hasn't met with



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 91. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Thursday: High, 87; Low 57
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: None
 Year: 11.06 inches
 Normal: 16.36 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:45 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
 Moon: waxing 37 percent
 Sunday 6:46 a.m. 8:54 p.m.
 First quarter moon at 7:50 p.m.
 Monday 6:47 a.m. 8:53 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 57 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Thursday 2,121,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Serving up breakfast in appreciation

SAM DIETER
 Colby Free Press
 Volunteers lined up to serve biscuits, gravy, potatoes, fruit and breakfast casseroles at the Thomas County Community Foundation's annual fair breakfast Thursday morning.



After school to longer free to kids

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lunch. Children who qualify for free lunches can join the program for free.

Vaughn said she did not learn about the budget cuts until May 15, the last day of the program in the spring.

"We're going to stretch our money as far as we can," Vaughn said. "There's just going to be some changes."

The hours will be the same this fall, Vaughn said, but Jumpstart was cut from two weeks to one, and the hours were cut, too. They had been from 8 a.m. to noon.

All kids from kindergarten to fifth grade who live in the district can participate in the after school activities, even if they do not go to public school. Registration packets for the fall program are included with paperwork for school enrollment, Vaughn said, so parents can register kids for the program at the same time as they sign them up for school next week.

District Business Manager Jo DeYoung said after the June meeting that the district will get only \$75,000 of the \$125,000 it expected to receive to run the program in the coming year.

Started in spring 2013, the program was paid for by a federal grant of just under \$600,000 that the school received through the 21st Century Community Learning Center. The grant was meant to carry the program through September 2017, and the district had used \$217,824 of the money before it was reduced.

Vaughn said her understanding was that the federal money itself was not cut, but the state gets a set amount of money which was reallocated elsewhere.

Leaders question voter ID comment

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any of their congregations.

"He's wrong to say that," said Carieta Cain Grizzel, pastor at Grant Chapel African-American Episcopal Church in Wichita. "He doesn't know what he's talking about."

At a news conference in June, Grizzel described Kansas voter laws as "Jim Crow-ism." On Thursday, she said she was speaking for herself, her church

and the African Methodist Episcopal denomination as a whole when she made that statement.

"We object to the voter ID laws in all of the states," she said.

Kobach told *The Eagle* on Thursday his comment was referring to individual pastors speaking for themselves and not their churches.

"If one individual who may incidentally be a pastor of a church disagrees with me," Ko-

bach said, "I don't think that means the, quote, church disagrees with me."

"One individual does not make a church. Individuals have their opinions, but I don't know of any church that opposes voter ID."

Wade Moore, pastor at Wichita's Christian Faith Centre, said Kobach "definitely hasn't talked to any African-American churches."

Kobach's comments come

at the heels of complaints by the Greater Wichita Ministerial League that Assistant Secretary of State Eric Rucker was rude and disrespectful at a July 10 meeting, a claim that Rucker denied.

"We tried to get Kobach's assistant to explain the voter ID to the church," said Moore, who is president of the Ministerial League, "but we couldn't get anywhere with it."

World Health: Ebola moving faster than control efforts

By Boubacar Diallo

Associated Press

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP) — An Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 700 people in West Africa is moving faster than the efforts to control the disease, the head of the World Health Organization warned as presidents from the affected countries met today in Guinea's

capital. Doctors Without Borders said its teams were overwhelmed with new Ebola patients in Sierra Leone and that the situation in Liberia was now "dire."

Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, said the meeting in Conakry "must be a turning point" in the battle against Ebola, which is now sickening

people in three African capitals for the first time in history.

"If the situation continues to deteriorate, the consequences can be catastrophic in terms of lost lives but also severe socio-economic disruption and a high risk of spread to other countries," she said.

At least 729 people in four countries — Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria — have died

since cases first emerged back in March. Two American health workers in Liberia have been infected, and an American man of Liberian descent died in Nigeria from the disease, health authorities there say.

Plans are underway to bring back the two American aid

workers — Nancy Writebol and Dr. Kent Brantly — back to the U.S. A small private jet based in Atlanta has been dispatched to Liberia, said missionary group Samaritan's Purse. Writebol remains in serious but stable condition, the group said today.

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.

Pets ready for adoption at Colby Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has two young adults chihuahuas that were found along the Thomas-Rawlins County line available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Library book sales continues all weekend

The Pioneer Memorial Library's Blow-Out Book Sale continues through Sunday at ever-lower prices. Stop by for great bargains. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Carnival needs workers to step right up

Businesses, groups and individuals are needed to help run games for the Thomas County Fair from 7 to 11 p.m. tonight and Saturday. For information or to sign up, contact Brette Hankin at the Colby Area Chamber, 460-3401, or colbychamber@thomascounty.com.

No dance Saturday at American Legion

There will be no public dance this month at the American Legion Hall. The next dance will be a birthday dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Enrollment Monday for Sacred Heart School

Enrollment for Sacred Heart Catholic School will be from 8 a.m. to noon Monday in the school's gym. All students from preschool through fifth grade must enroll at this time. New students will need immunization records, a birth certificate, Social Security card and physical exam form. If you are unable to be at enrollment, call the school at 460-2813 for information.

Kickball to jumpstart hospital building fund

Citizens Medical Center Inc. will hold a kickball tournament to raise money for its building fund 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.

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 Megan Augustine at the parish office, 462-2179.

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We welcome any inquiries or visits to the school. Visit our website at usd314.k12.ks.us, and contact us at 785-694-2236 for more information.

LOCAL TV Listings

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| Monday Evening | | August 4, 2014 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | |
| KAKE/ABC | Bachelor in Paradise | | | | Mistresses | | Local | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Nightline | | |
| KBSL/CBS | 2 Broke G | Mom | Mike | Two Men | Under the Dome | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Ferguson | | |
| KSNK/NBC | Running Wild | | Ninja Warrior | | | | Local | Tonight Show | Meyers | | |
| KSAS/FOX | MasterChef | | Hotel Hell | | Local | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | Longmire | | | | Longmire | | Criminal Minds | | |
| AMC | Jaws | | | | | | Jaws | | | | |
| ANIM | Alaskan Bush | Alaskan Bush | | Ice Lake Rebels | | | Alaskan Bush | Alaskan Bush | | | |
| BRAVO | Housewives/OC | Housewives/OC | | Jersey Belle | | | Happens | Housewives/OC | Jersey | | |
| CMT | Cocktail | | | | | | Cops Rel. | Cops Rel. | Steve Aus | | |
| CNN | Anderson Cooper 360 | Inside Man | | CNN Tonight | | | Anderson Cooper 360 | Inside Man | | | |
| COMEDY | Futurama | Futurama | South Park | | | | Daily | Colbert | At Midnig | South Pk | |
| DISC | Street Outlaws: Full | Street Outlaws | | | | | Street Outlaws | | | | |
| DISN | Austin | Girl Meet | Frenemies | | Jessie | | Dog | Good Luck | Good Luck | Good Luck | |
| E! | Live from The Soup | Kardashian | | Kardashian | | | Chelsea | E! News | | Live from | |
| ESPN | MLB Baseball | | | Baseball Tonight | | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | | |
| ESPN2 | Baseball | Nine for IX Shorts | | Nine for IX Shorts | | | Olbermann | | Olbermann | | |
| FAM | Switched at Birth | The Fosters | | Switched at Birth | | | The 700 Club | | The Fosters | | |
| FOOD | King of Cones | America | Diners | Mystery D | Mystery D | | Diners | Diners | America | Diners | |
| FX | The Sitter | Partners | Partners | Anger | Anger | | Partners | Partners | Anger | Anger | |
| HGTV | Love It or List It | Love It or List It | | Hunters | Hunt Intl | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | |
| HIST | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Cnt. Cars | Cnt. Cars | | Cnt. Cars | Cnt. Cars | Pawn | Pawn | |
| LIFE | Hoarders | Hoarders | | Hoarders | | | Bring It! | | Hoarders | | |
| MTV | Girl Code | Girl Code | Teen Wolf | | Teen Wolf | | Wolf | | MTV Special | | |
| NICK | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Friends | Friends | Friends | | |
| SCI | Red: Werewolf Hunter | Underworld | | | | | Rise of the Zombies | | | | |
| SPIKE | Men in Black | | | | | | Bad Boys | | | | |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | | Big Bang | Conan | Office | Conan | |
| TCM | Strike Up the Band | | | | | | The Clock | | A Star Is Born | | |
| TLC | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | | | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | | |
| TNT | Major Crimes | Major Crimes | | Murder in the First | | | Major Crimes | | Murder in the First | | |
| TOON | King/Hill | King/Hill | Cleveland | Cleveland | Fam. Guy | China, IL | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen | |
| TRAV | Bizarre Foods | Bizarre Foods | Bizarre Foods | | | | Man, Food | Man, Food | Bizarre Foods | | |
| TV LAND | Griffith | Griffith | King | King | King | | Raymond | Raymond | Jennifer | Cleveland | |
| USA | WWE Monday Night RAW | | | | | | Rush | | Graceland | | |
| VH1 | Love, Hip Hop | Hit the Floor | | Love, Hip Hop | | | Dating Naked | | Love, Hip Hop | | |
| WGN | Funniest Home Videos | Funniest Home Videos | | Funniest Home Videos | | | Manhattan | | Manhattan | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Trouble-Curve | Nixon: In His Own Words | | The Hangover Part III | | | True Blood | | | | |
| MAX | Oblivion | | | Sleepy Hollow | | | | | | | |
| SHOW | Dark Skies | Masters of Sex | | Ray Donovan | | | Masters of Sex | | Ray Donovan | | |

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Timothy Adams and Leanna Larmer

Heartland graduate to wed in Mingo church

Leanna Larmer and Timothy Adams of Colby plan to marry at Mingo Bible Church on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Karen Larmer of Garden City and the granddaughter of George and Mary Shackelton of Colby and Oscar and the late Mary Larmer of Manhattan. She graduated from Heartland Christian School in 2009 and holds an associate degree in business administrative technology from Colby Community College. She works at Pioneer

Memorial Library and Sacred Heart School.

The groom is the son of Mark and Marilyn Adams of McDonald and the grandson of George and Norma Jean Adams of Olathe and the late Levon and Ruth Osborn. He graduated from Wawasee High School in Syracuse, Ind., in 2003 and holds an associate in Biblical studies from New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson, Mich. He works at Schwan's.

The couple plans to live in Colby.

August's busy schedule leads from summer back to school

The Thomas County Fair is about over and school and college are about to begin. Where did the summer go?

Fair events left include the Monster Truck Show at 8 p.m. tonight. Saturday is the ever-popular Demolition Derby at 8 p.m. Carnival will run from 7 to 11 p.m. both evenings. Thanks to the fair board, Thomas County Amusement Association and many volunteers for another successful fair. Congratulations to the 4-H members who qualified for the Kansas State Fair.

The book sale continues through Sunday at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

I will be attending the Tour Kansas Showcase for group tour leaders and motor coach companies Monday and Tuesday in Omaha. Kansas Dialogue will be held Friday to Sunday, Aug. 15 to 17, in Iola.

The Leadership Thomas County board of directors met for a retreat at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Troy Unruh, our program mentor from the Kansas Leadership Center, met with us as we discussed planning for the future and recruitment. Board members are seeking members interested in the class scheduled for this autumn. If you are interested or would like information, please contact me at 460-7643 or Cindy Black at 462-8255.

Now for August events, including racing. Flat track motorcycle racing comes to the Thomas County Speedway Saturday, Aug. 9. Gates will open at 2 p.m., practice is at 2:30 p.m., heat races are at 4 p.m. and the main event is at 7 p.m. This event is brought to you



Leilani Thomas

On the Road Again!

by Ride 'n Slide Racing.

Stock car races will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 and the Jeff Hartwell Memorial Car race will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24. Hot laps begin at 6 p.m.

Golf tournaments are also on the schedule. The senior tournament will be Thursday, Aug. 7, with tee time at 9 a.m., Colby 1-Lady Scramble is Saturday, Aug. 16, with registration at 8 a.m. and the Colby Community College Men's Basketball fund raiser is Friday, Aug. 22 with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The college is holding its Volleyball Colby Classic on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29 and 30. Matches will be held at Colby High School and Colby Community Building.

Special programming is planned at the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center. The Subsurface Drip Irrigation field day will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Horticulture Night will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the same location. The program is "Trees, Shrubs and Flowers for Northwest Kansas."

The Colby Community Blood Drive will be from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

This the "Battle of the Badges" among the fire department, Emergency Medical Services and law enforcement. When you donate you can select which team will get the credit. The Fire Department won in 2013 and Emergency Medical Services in 2011 and 2012.

"Quilting on the Plains" will be Thursday to Sunday, Aug. 14 to 17, at Colby Sew and Vac. The trunk show will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. Quilting classes will be given from 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15 and 16.

The Gem Hog Roast will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Enrollment for the Colby Public Schools will be Thursday, Aug. 7, with freshman orientation at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12. The first day of school will be Thursday, Aug. 21, with fall sports practices beginning Monday, Aug. 18.

Residence halls at Colby Community College open Saturday, Aug. 16. First day of classes is Monday, Aug. 18. The college's Community Block Party will be at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. This is the opportunity for businesses, clubs and organizations and interested persons to welcome students to Colby and to the college.

Another busy month as we wind down our summer activities and head into autumn.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Unclaimed property scam reported

State Treasurer Ron Estes warns Kansans of suspicious postcards labeled as an "Unclaimed Property Notification."

"These postcards should be ignored as they are not being sent from our unclaimed property division or any other state agency," said Estes. "I urge all Kansans who have received these postcards to avoid responding in any manner."

A series of postcards varying in color are instructing individuals

to call a toll-free number and enter personal identification information. A recorded message then directs callers to search for unclaimed property at a website that is not the state treasurer's official webpage.

The postcards, which are post-marked from Denver, have led to consumer complaints received by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators and unclaimed property administrators in multiple states.

Estes reminds Kansans that the state will never request individuals to provide personal information to a call-in number or charge a fee to return unclaimed property — both common indicators of scams related to unclaimed property.

"If you're ever uncertain of any correspondence or phone call regarding unclaimed property, please don't hesitate to contact my office for verification or assistance," said Estes.

Kansans who believe they may

have unclaimed property available to claim at the State Treasurer's Office should search the state's official website, www.kansascash.com, or call the Unclaimed Property Division at (800) 432-0386.

Estes is the 39th treasurer for the state of Kansas. He was elected to serve as the Midwest Regional Vice President for the National Association of State Treasurers 2012-2013, and now serves on the College Savings Plans Network Executive Board.

Herzogfest comes to Victoria

The 32nd Annual Herzogfest in Victoria will kick off at 5 p.m. next Friday, with Fun Cycles and Banana Bikes, a clown and free swimming. The Wes Windholz Band will entertain at 5 p.m., followed by the welcome ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Free main stage concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. featuring D.O.C. followed at 9:30 p.m. by national artist Granger Smith, also known as Earl Dibbles Jr.

On Saturday, Aug. 9, the festival continues at 8 a.m. with a 5K Run/Walk and the fifth annual rod, custom and cycle show. Vendors open at 10 a.m. The Polka Mass will be at 4 p.m. followed by the Hot Shots Band entertaining at 5:15. Free main stage concert begins at 9:30 p.m. featuring Paramount.

All entertainment is free thanks to the continued support of sponsors. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

For information, go to www.herzogfest.com.

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Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day | |
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| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Corn (bushel) | \$3.80 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$6.20 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$11.24 |

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CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 285 E. 5th - Colby Community Building. Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercersory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

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Other Viewpoints

Defiant gun law difficult to enforce

As political statements go, the Second Amendment Protection Act, which the Kansas Legislature approved in 2013, doesn't bother with subtlety.

It was an act of defiance of the Obama administration's efforts to strengthen gun laws in response to more mass murders than most Americans can keep track of.

Whether the law will ever be enforced is another matter. As for the Second Amendment, it's not in any peril.

The Kansas law declares that the federal government has no jurisdiction over firearms made and sold in Kansas. Further, the law makes it a felony for any U.S. government employee to attempt to enforce federal regulations on Kansas-only firearms, ammunition or accessories. For good measure, the law also prohibits state and local officials from attempting to enforce federal gun regulations involving Kansas-only firearms.

The legislation was a lawsuit waiting to happen the moment Gov. Sam Brownback signed it. And a lawsuit — or lawsuits — won't be cheap. Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has estimated costs to defend the law at \$625,000.

The first lawsuit came in early July from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. (The campaign is named for Jim Brady, who as President Ronald Reagan's press secretary was seriously wounded in the March 1981 assassination attempt on the president.) The issue also has drawn the attention of U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, who told Gov. Brownback in a letter that, "... a state certainly may not criminalize the exercise of federal responsibilities."

As Kansas lawmakers well knew when they lined up to support the measure, U.S. courts have ruled that states cannot set aside or override federal laws. A federal appeals court last year struck down a Montana law that, like the Kansas statute, applies to a small number of firearms that supporters think don't fall under the federal government's authority to regulate interstate commerce. Like the Second Amendment itself, that authority is in the U.S. Constitution, which asserts the document itself and federal laws are "the supreme law of the Land."

We're not aware of any arrests by Kansas officials of federal employees for trying to uphold the supremacy of federal law over Kansas law on this matter. Perhaps that's because there hasn't been a confrontation. And perhaps that's because the governor and the Legislature fear that an expensive and embarrassing defeat will spoil the fun of thumbing their noses at Washington.

— The Manhattan Mercury, via the Associated Press

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REPORT: MIDDLE CLASS HAS LOST 36% OF ITS WEALTH SINCE 2003



Pacific, Europe claim Colby servicemen

This is the 18th column on the history of the Thomas County Courthouse and the stories of the heroes from Thomas County who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. armed services, continuing the list of those who died during World War II.

This information comes from a book organized by a memorial committee in 1991. Permission to use this material was given by Leland Kindler, a member of that committee.

I will be writing about these soldiers in the future: 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 462-3515 or email marj-jimbrown@st-tel.net.

Lt. Cmdr. Charles Littell was born Aug. 2, 1911, in Thomas County to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Littell. He graduated from Colby High School in 1931.

Littell learned to fly in Pensacola, Fla., and in 1938 he enlisted in the Navy. He was assigned duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp. On Sept. 15, 1942, he was killed when the Wasp was torpedoed by the Japanese.

At that time he was survived by his wife Carolyn; his parents; three brothers, Wayne, Arthur and Morris Littell; and five sisters: Mary, Patricia Ann, Mabel, Bertha Mae and Pearl.

The only one of those surviving today is



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

Pearl, said to be living in Arizona. A sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Wade, still lives in Colby. There are numerous nieces and nephews in various parts of the country.

Cpl. William L. Gilchrist was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Gilchrist, May 17, 1914, in Rexford.

He entered the service, reporting first to Fort Leavenworth, then to Camp Beal, Calif., for a year, then to Brownwood, Texas. He was finally shipped out in the Headquarters Battery 496th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 13th Armored Division, U.S. Army.

Gilchrist was wounded in the Ruhr Valley, near Delbrück, Germany, and was taken to the 5th Evacuation Hospital, where he died April 25, 1945. He received the Purple Heart. He was buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery in Germany and later moved to the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.

At that time, he was survived by his wife Marjorie, son William, parents and sisters, Bertha and Irene.

Tech. Sgt. Lynn Virgil Barnett was born in Thomas County to Lester and Grace Edelle

Barnett on April 25, 1919. He graduated from the Colby High School in 1937. He was the second son the Barnetts lost in the service to their country in World War II. The other, Tech. Sgt. Samuel L. Barnett, was mentioned earlier.

Lynn Barnett enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Aug. 9, 1940. He was an instructor until 1944, when he trained as an aerial engineer on a B-29. He went overseas March 11, 1945, and was stationed at Guam. While flying a mission, his plane was shot down, and he was killed.

At that time he was survived by his wife Marianna; daughter Marilynn; his parents; sisters Helen and Grace; and five brothers, Vernon, a paratrooper; Morris, in the European Theater; Victor, stationed in Midland, Texas; Wilbur; and Bernard.

Today, Barnett's daughter Marilynn is living in Tampa, Fla. Her four sons, Charles, Donald, Daniel and Joseph, also live in Tampa. His sister, Helen Klein, lives in California, and sister Grace Jones lives in Colby. His only living brother, Bernard (Marian) Barnett, lives in Alabaster, Ala. Sisters-in-law still living are Mildred (Barnett) Green and Anna Mary Barnett, Colby, and Olivet Barnett, Fort Morgan, Colo. There are numerous nieces and nephews in other areas of the country.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby since 1947 and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here. She says its one of her favorite things to do

Congress should learn oversight lesson

The crush of demand for Veterans Affairs services in the wake of two wars was easily foreseeable, had Congress been on its toes. Legislators must exercise their oversight responsibilities more diligently, so as to catch problems before they mushroom.

Like other federal scandals before it, the mess involving veterans hospitals has followed a well-trod path. First comes the revelation of misdoing. Then comes the reaction: a shocked public, an administration on the defensive and grandstanding members of Congress. Finally, major reform bills get introduced, debated, then put aside when the heat dies down, or the target agency gets more money.

With Veterans Affairs, we're at the reform part of the cycle. The House and Senate each passed their own legislation to fix the health-care system, including a massive infusion of money to allow veterans to seek private health care. In its rush to address public outrage, Congress is proposing changes that could have benefited from more thorough consideration.

The irony is that this need not have happened — not with Veterans Affairs, nor with the Internal Revenue Service or the Federal Emergency Management Administration, or any of the other cases in recent years where the federal bureaucracy proved to be dysfunctional and Congress rushed in with a half-baked fix. Mostly what is needed is for Congress to do its job properly in the first place.

This means exercising its oversight responsibilities and catching problems before they mushroom. Diligent oversight can repair unresponsive bureaucracies, expose misconduct and help agencies and departments become more effective. A lot of federal employees are doing good work, including at Veterans Affairs; Congress needs to encourage that work

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while ridding the government of shoddy practices.

To do this, it first needs to know what's happening. Each committee and subcommittee with oversight responsibility should be keeping track — on a close, even intimate basis — of the department and agencies in its purview. Performance, budget, personnel, management challenges, major and minor problems: members of Congress ought to be experts on them all. They should also listen carefully to their constituents and interest groups focused on the performance of a particular agency, which are often in a position to give valuable information.

Understanding the facts, working cooperatively with the agency and anticipating problems is a far more useful approach than Congress's usual pattern of throwing up its hands at a scandal and blaming everyone else for the problem. The demand for services in the wake of two wars was easily foreseeable. Had Congress been on its toes, it could have prevented what happened.

Congress must also get serious about reforming the federal bureaucracy. It needs to be careful not to indulge in bureaucrat-bashing, but managers do need more flexibility with personnel systems than they currently enjoy. Employees deserve to feel they're being lis-

tened, respected and treated fairly, but management also must have flexibility to hire and fire, and to handle personnel problems proactively. Congress also has to insist that these agencies are training, recruiting and retaining the necessary talent.

These are immense agencies. Veterans Affairs is the nation's largest health-care system. In 2012, it dealt with 83.6 million outpatient visits. Its proposed budget for 2015 is \$164 billion, and it employs more than 300,000 people. This is work on a scale most of us can barely imagine. Mistakes are bound to happen.

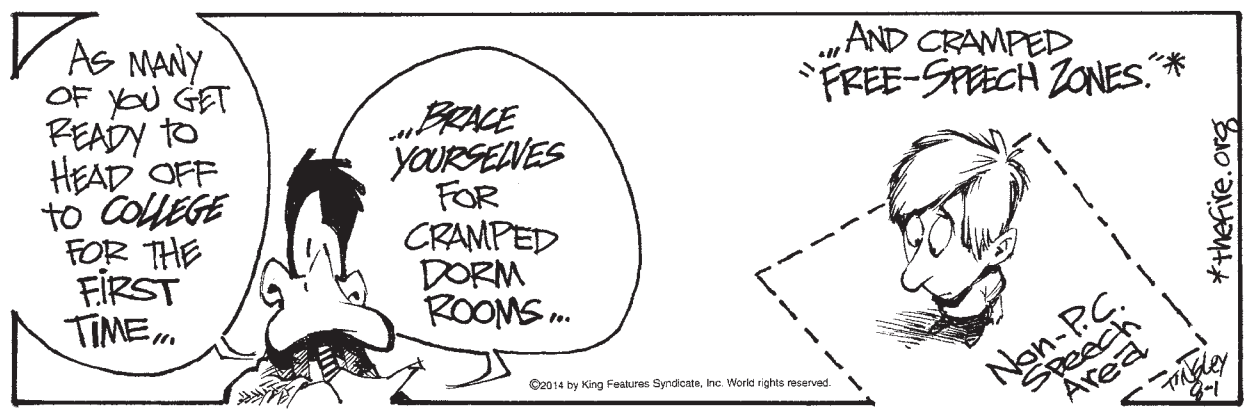
This may be an argument for thoroughgoing administrative reform, but it is also a fact Congress can't ignore: if it wants federal agencies to work better, it has to work tirelessly to understand problems and address them before they explode. Does the agency have adequate resources? How can it control bloat and tighten the gap between the people at the top and people on the front line? Are there problems that need addressing right now? Congress cannot eliminate politics from this oversight process, but politics should not drive the whole oversight enterprise.

The point is that many failures of the federal bureaucracy can be avoided with robust congressional oversight. It's a crucial part of improving the performance of government, and Congress has a duty to get ahead of problems, not lag constantly behind. Unless it's willing to accept its responsibility for diligent oversight, the next scandal is only a matter of time.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



Deadline coming to register for conference

Aug. 15 is the early deadline to register for the K-State Risk & Profit Conference, this year to be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 21 and 22, at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan.

Dermot Hayes, Pioneer Hi-Bred international chair in agribusiness and professor of economics and finance at Iowa State University will give the keynote address, "Impact of Chinese Reforms on U.S. Agriculture." Hayes leads the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development and is co-director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, a research center administered by the center at Iowa State and the University of Missouri.

Michael Springer will be featured during "A Conversation

with a Kansas Producer." Springer farms, raises hogs and does public appearances to help educate consumers about what farmers do to raise healthy, quality food.

K-State Research and Extension agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor and Dan O'Brien will present the "Livestock Market Outlook" and "Grain Market Outlook," respectively.

Eighteen breakout sessions presented by K-State Department of Agricultural Economics faculty, include such topics as: Do You Know Your Consumer? Differences in Consumer and Producer Views of Animal Welfare in the Beef Industry; Historical Impacts of Precipitation and Temperature on Farm Production in Kansas; Adoption and Intensification of

Conservation Practices, Risk and Policy; and Getting the Most Value from Limited Irrigation Water.

A complete list of presentation topics, along with online registration and more information is available at www.agmanager.info/events/risk_profit/2014/default.asp. The fee for the full two days is \$200 if paid by Friday, Aug. 15, and \$225 after that date. One-day registrations are \$125 per person by Aug. 15; \$150 after that date. Registration includes conference materials plus lunch, a social with cash bar and dinner on Aug. 21 and light breakfast and lunch on Aug. 22.

More information is also available by contacting Rich Llewellyn at rwl@k-state.edu or (785) 532-1504.

Senior Progress Center

There will be a board meeting and blood pressure checks Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Sunday:** National Watermelon Day. **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. thomas County Health Department blood pressure test; after lunch - board meeting. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. domino game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

creamed potatoes, peas, mixed fruit. **Thursday:** liver and onions, parslid potatoes, cook's choice vegetable, applesauce. **Friday:** baked fish, macaroni and cheese, beets, strawberries and bananas.

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Fun at the museum

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A dozen young actors – and some older ones – helped make this year's Night at the Museum at the Prairie Museum of Art and History a success. Luke and Kara O'Brien (above) talked about the decision to play their ancestors Ralph and Ada Jain last Friday evening after the program. Trinity Pfeifer (right) talked about her character, Ina Grey. Like Grey.



Armenians plan to watch National Guard in action

Representatives from the Republic of Armenia will be observing the Vigilant Guard 2014 disaster response exercise being held in Salina on Tuesday. The delegation is comprised of military and emergency management/response personnel from Armenia.
The delegation is here to observe how the Kansas National Guard provides military support to civilian authorities and civil military emergency planning.
While in Salina, the Armenian delegation will visit the Salina Regional Hospital and then travel to Crisis City, a training venue near Smoky Hill Weapons Range, to observe the exercise and tour the Expeditionary Medical Support System (EMEDS) which is a mobile hospital the Kansas National Guard's 190th Air Refueling Wing can deploy for emergency response efforts.
Kansas is the host state for Vigilant Guard 2014 Monday through Thursday, a large-scale, multi-state disaster response exercise spon-

sored by U.S. Northern Command and the National Guard Bureau that tests the capabilities of emergency response agencies at all levels of government, both military and civil.
More than 2,000 local, state, and federal personnel are expected to take part over the course of the six-day exercise. The exercise will take place at several locations in the state, including Fort Riley, Overland Park, Salina, Crisis City and Smoky Hill Weapons Range outside of Salina, Topeka and Wichita.
Other events on the Armenian delegation's agenda include a tour of the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute, the KU Medical Center and the 911 Call Center in Kansas City, Kan.
The delegation's visit is through the National Guard's State Partnership Program. The Kansas National Guard has been partnered with Armenia since 2003 to foster mutually beneficial military-to-military, military-to-civilian, and civilian-to-civilian relationships.

Snake 'burglarizes' woman's home

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – Authorities say officers in New Mexico rushed to a home invasion call and found an unusual intruder – a large snake.
Albuquerque police say officers recently removed the slithering reptile after a woman called 911. Officials believe the snake slithered its way into the woman's home, possibly through an open door.

The animal was removed and later released in an open space in the city. No injuries were reported.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of
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will meet on August 18, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, Kansas 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 Year for 2015 | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate* | Budget Authority for Expenditures | Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax | Estimate Tax Rate* |
| General | 492,227 | 1.094 | 573,228 | 1.264 | 577,328 | 542,714 | 1.125 |
| Employee Benefits | 57,501 | 0.140 | 86,800 | 0.184 | 89,800 | 84,240 | 0.175 |
| Totals | 549,728 | 1.234 | 660,028 | 1.448 | 667,128 | 626,953 | 1.300 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditures | 549,728 | | 660,028 | | 667,128 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 510,165 | | 612,136 | | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX | | |
| Assessed Valuation | 413,680,552 | | 423,087,261 | | 482,619,791 | | |

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
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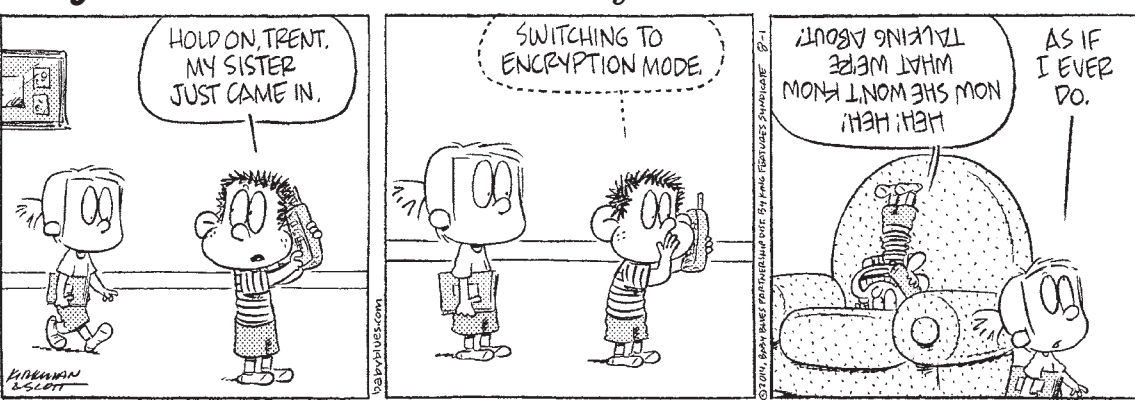
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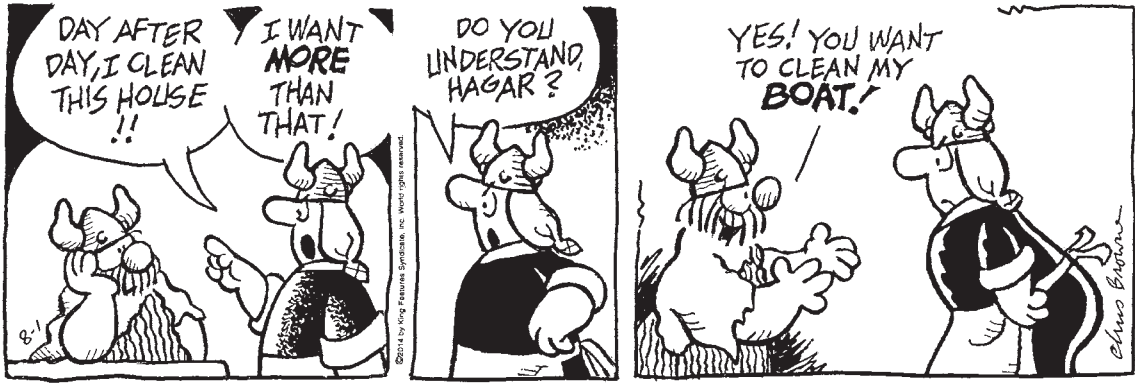
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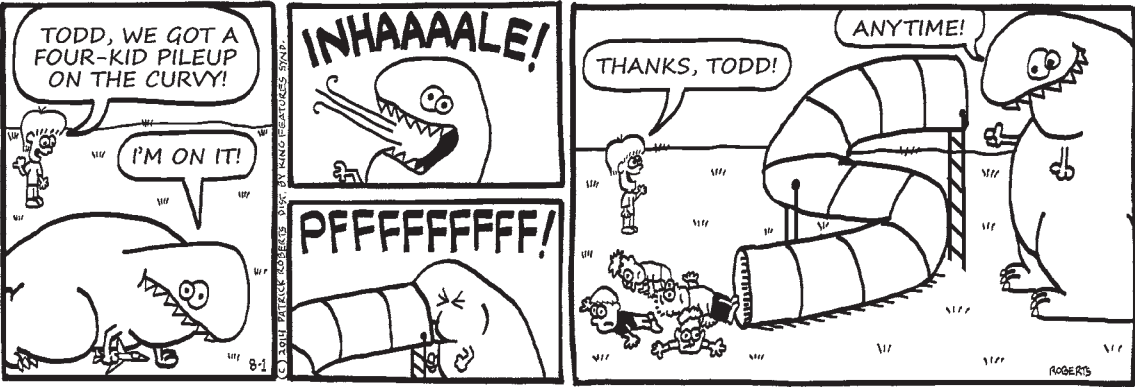
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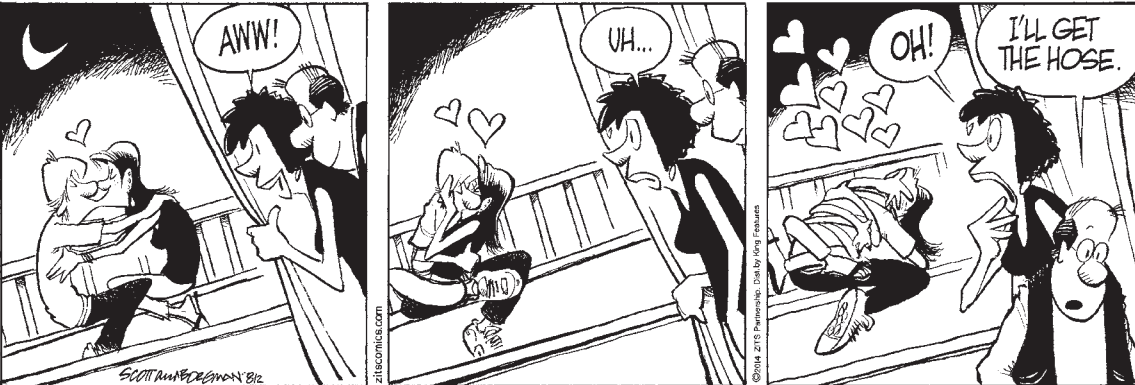
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General Description: This Tract consists of Crop and Pasture Ground. Current lease: the Tenant receives 2/3 of growing crop and land owner receives 1/3 of growing crop and pays for 1/3 of fertilizer. Buyer/s will receive Seller's/Landlord's share of any 2015 wheat crop and pay 1/3 of the fertilizer expense. Seller will retain Landlord's share of the 2014 fall crop/s. The well (18164) has not been used for quite some time, it is registered at 200 acre feet and 250 gpm (please stop by and pick up water report or check with Ground Water Management for questions 785-462-3915). There is an old homestead on the property which has a domestic well that the tenant has used to spray. There is also an old cess pool which caved in (disclosure).
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TRACT 2:
Legal Description: The SE 1/4 of Sec. 28-6S-33W Thomas County, KS containing 142.9+/- acres prior to survey (Exact acres to be determined by survey, acreage will be taken out and added to Tract 3 so the windmill can be included in the grass)
Land Location: From Colby, KS go north on Hwy 25 to Co. Rd. AA, then go 3 miles east to Co. Rd. 22 go 1/2 mile south to the northeast corner of the property.
General Description: This Tract is Crop Ground. Current lease: the Tenant receives 2/3 of growing crop and land owner receives 1/3 of growing crop and pays for 1/3 of fertilizer. Buyer/s will receive Seller's/Landlord's share of any 2015 wheat crop and pay 1/3 of the fertilizer expense. Seller will retain Landlord's share of the 2014 fall crop/s. The well (15900) is registered at 94 acre feet and 700 gpm (please stop by and pick up water report or check with Ground Water Management for questions 785-462-3915). There is an Oil Lease with Manhattan Energy One, LLC, copy of the lease is available at Stock Realty & Auction Office. It is a 3 year lease starting on 1/17/2012 with a 2 yr option to extend at \$45.00/acre based on gross acres of 300. B.E.B. will complete a survey to be paid by Seller and completed by the time of sale/closing. The newer 1,000 gallon propane tank belongs to Tenant.
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TRACT 3:
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General Description: This Tract is Pasture/Grassland with 27+/- acres of cropland. This property will retain the windmill that is in good working condition. There is an Oil Lease with Manhattan Energy One, LLC, copy of the lease is available at Stock Realty & Auction Office. It is a 3 year lease starting on 1/17/2012 with a 2 yr option to extend at \$45.00/acre based on gross acres of 300. B.E.B. will complete a survey to be paid by Seller and completed by the time of sale/closing. The Buyer will receive pro-rated share of the cash rent for 2014 on Grass/Pasture. The Panels will remain with the Buyer on this Tract.
2013 Taxes: \$147.20
Irrigation Equipment: The Pivot, Trailer and Panels on Tract 3 and some Pipe on Tract 2 belong to the Seller and will stay with the land, the motor on the well belongs to the tenant and will be removed.
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K-State kicks off among football elite

The Wichita Eagle

For the second time in the last three seasons, Kansas State was ranked 21st in the Preseason Amway Coaches Poll released Thursday morning as the Cats were one of four Big 12 teams ranked in the season's initial top 25.

The Wildcats were also ranked 21st by the coaches prior to the Big 12 Championship season of 2012, which was the first time K-State was in the preseason poll since 2004. It is the first time overall Kansas State has been included in the coaches poll since the final 2012 survey when the Wildcats finished the year at No. 11.

Other Big 12 programs joining the Cats in the 2014 preseason poll were Oklahoma (third), Baylor (10th) and Texas (24th). Oklahoma State, TCU and Texas Tech were among 27 schools that received votes but sit outside the top 25. Additionally, Auburn — K-State's opponent on Thursday, September 18 — checked in at No. 5.

The Wildcats return 39 letter-winners — including 14 starters — from last year's squad that tallied an 8-5 record, which included a victory over Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

The group is headlined by wide



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Top receiver Aaron Lockett's return is one of many reasons why Kansas State has earned a Top 25 national ranking from coaches to start the 2014 college football season. Lockett's shown catching a long pass against the West Virginia Mountaineers.

receiver Tyler Lockett and defensive end Ryan Mueller — both 2013 Second Team All-Americans — as well as multiple awards

candidates in quarterback Jake Waters, place kicker Jack Cantele and offensive linemen B.J. Finney and Cody Whitehair.

Kansas State will host its annual media day on Wednesday while Fan Appreciation Day is set for Saturday, Aug. 16, at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Head coach Bill Snyder and the 2014 team captains will address the fans at approximately 6 p.m., with an hour-long autograph session to follow. Complete details of Fan Appreciation Day will be announced at a later date.

The Wildcats kick off the 2014 season with an Aug. 30, matchup against Stephen F. Austin at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The sixth-annual K-State Family Reunion will begin at 6:10 p.m., and be shown world-wide on K-State-HD.TV.

Season tickets for the 2014 campaign sold out on June 5, while

only a small number of scattered singles remain for games against Texas Tech (Oct. 4), Texas (Oct. 25) and Oklahoma State (Nov. 1).

Standing-room only tickets are available for the Stephen F. Austin, UTEP, Texas, Oklahoma State and Kansas contests.

As far as the remaining top 25 teams, defending national champion Florida State has earned the No. 1 ranking again while Alabama — who has won three of the previous national titles — has earned No. 2.

Alabama did drop its final two games last season including a Sugar Bowl debacle against Oklahoma, but the Sooners start one spot behind the Crimson Tied at No. 3.

Big 12 champion Baylor cracked the top 10, while former Big 12 Conference rival Nebraska is exactly one spot below Kansas State at No. 22.

'Cats will play three in Top 10

The coaches' pre-season Top 25 college football features three Kansas State opponents and four Big 12 teams. All of those appear in bold type.

1. Florida State (56)
2. Alabama (2)
3. **Oklahoma (3)**
4. Oregon (1)
5. **Auburn**
6. Ohio State (1)
7. UCLA
8. Michigan State
9. South Carolina (1)
10. **Baylor**
11. Stanford
12. Georgia
13. LSU
14. Wisconsin
15. USC
16. Clemson
17. Notre Dame
18. Arizona State
19. Mississippi
20. Texas A&M
21. **Kansas State**
22. Nebraska
23. North Carolina
24. **Texas**
25. Washington

Pack the pigskins! Wild trip is near

Laken Litman of *USA Today* offered an interesting spin on the fantastic fall journey known as college football's national championship race:

"Things aren't looking too good for Florida State.

In the last 10 years, no team that has been ranked No. 1 in the pre-season coaches' football poll has won the national championship. Southern California would have been an exception in 2004, but that title has since been vacated as a consequence for NCAA violations." In other words, pre-season No. 1 means little more than one big bullseye targeted on your team.

Yet the real question for *Free Press* readers has to be: **can No. 21 somehow finish No. 1?**

Somehow websites have already mentioned Kansas State as a potential surprise Final Four playoff team.

Amazingly, the Wildcats climbed from this same No. 21 spot to No. 1 two years ago until a late-season debacle at Baylor.

The Baylor game doesn't arrive until a Dec. 8 regular-season finale in Waco, Tex. Cold Christmas season weather might just help cool that Bears' passing attack which burned K-State.

Meanwhile, as always, the joy of college football is potential pitfalls each and every week. And since he's still celebrating his second 200 bowling game, *Free Press* scribe R.B. Headley has a selection of curve balls that could knock down Top 25 teams:

No. 25 Washington. Quack, quack, quack, down go the Huskies on Oct. 18 in Eugene, Ore.

No. 24 Texas. Ouch, this ball bites because it's the big bad Bruins from No. 7 UCLA. A rising power under coach Jim Mora, Jr., will spoil Texas' first big after-Mack-Brown game on Sept. 13 — again, in Arlington, where the hometown Dallas Cowboys know how to lose big.

No. 23 North Carolina. Tar heels finished strong last season, but they're one of these teams that tends to falter in pressure games until basketball season. Even hoops haven't gone too well in recent years. The best ball to throw? How about No. 17 Notre Dame knocking Heels down Oct. 11 at South Bend, Ind. Though I'd love to see the Heels still standing.

No. 22 Nebraska. So many choices starting with K-State transfer Daniel Sams and McNeese State visiting on Aug. 30. One only shudders to think about the rumbles from Cornland if that upset happened.

Instead, a more likely downfall will hit Oct. 4 at Michigan State. Huskers were lucky to escape the last time they visited Spartyville.

No. 20 Texas A&M. It's after Johnny Manziel, and an Aug. 28 opener at No. 9 South Carolina means the Aggies will likely fall

before anyone.

No. 19 Mississippi. Just seeing the Rebels this high since Eli Manning left 10 years ago is a surprise. However, Rebels are picked only fifth in SEC West which means Alabama, LSU and Auburn all await. Take your choice on where they go down.

No. 18 Arizona State. Another perennial underachiever falls somewhere around Seattle and the Washington Huskies on Oct. 25, if not before. Doubtful Colorado will deck them in Boulder Sept. 13.

No. 17 Notre Dame. Again, so much fun to see who rolls this proud powerhouse-no-longer first. No Michigan State schedule, but Stanford rolls through South Bend Oct. 4. Also an Oct. 18 trip to Florida State.

This entire bowling event needs to roll along faster, so let's knock down No. 16 on.

No. 16 Clemson. at No. 1 Florida State on Sept. 20. **No. 15 USC** at No. 11 Stanford Sept. 6.

No. 14 Wisconsin vs. No. 13 LSU on Aug. 30. Should be quite an early showdown, though.

No. 13 LSU to Wisconsin or No. 5 Auburn, Oct. 4.

No. 12 Georgia at **No. 9 South Carolina** Sept. 13. If the Bulldogs win this one, they could stay on their feet quite awhile. Schedule not strong until November.

No. 11 Stanford at **No. 18 Arizona State**, Oct. 18. Cardinal beat Sun Devils twice last year, so revenge is waiting in the desert.

No. 10 Baylor at **No. 3 Oklahoma**, Nov. 8. Remember Baylor's 41-12 win last year? Be assured no Sooner has forgotten.

No. 9 South Carolina at **No. 16 Clemson**, Nov. 29. Old ball coach Spurrier's Gamecocks could be 11-0 by this point, but coach Dabo Swinney and the Tigers are due to beat their Palmetto State bullies.

No. 8 Michigan State at **No. 4 Oregon**, Sept. 6. Would love to see the Big Ten "slow boys" prevail. Tough to slow Ducks in Eugene, Ore., fast track.

No. 7 UCLA at **No. 25 Washington**, Nov. 8. Actually, this reporter sees the Bruins as a possible Final Four team, but most will stumble.

No. 6 Ohio State at **No. 8 Michigan State**, Nov. 8. Re-match of Sparty Big 12 title game win, so Buckeyes will be ready.

No. 5 Auburn at **No. 21 Kansas State**, Sept. 18. Tigers' magic ends early, and go Wildcats.

No. 4 Oregon at **No. 7 UCLA**, Oct. 11. Bruins take Pac 12 top spot, at least for a few weeks.

No. 3 Oklahoma vs. **No. 21 Kansas State**, Oct. 18. Come on, did you expect anything else?

No 2 Alabama at **No. 13 LSU**, Nov. 8. Tigers are one team not terrified of Tide.

My final Four from there: Florida State, UCLA, Ohio State and someone most will never expect. It will be fun yet again.

Keep your focus fuzzy



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Lexy Kraft (above) kept her eyes on the fuzzy ball as she chased down and returned a tough lob shot during Colby's late-summer tennis camp at Fike Park this week.

The early-morning shadows show campers were busy at 8 a.m. and continued through 10:30 a.m. each day except Wednesday, which was cancelled due to summer showers. New Colby High coaches Wendy Weishaar (left) and Susan Wark instructed more than 20 tennis players during the three days.

Others pictured above (from left) are Alyssa Kraft, Caitlyn Wark, Bridget Bickner and Amelia Culver. Caitlyn Wark also assisted with the camp after winning two 4A state titles during her Colby High School athletic career.

Practice begins for all Colby High fall sports teams on Aug. 18.

Royals lose star; still win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals' clubhouse mood was somber after a 6-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday.

First baseman Eric Hosmer will be going on disabled list after an X-ray revealed a displaced fracture of the third finger of his right hand.

"Very frustrating, bad timing," Hosmer said. "The good thing is I can still get back for that last month and make that last push. They said as quick as three weeks and long as six. Obviously, I'm going to be shooting for the three."

Hosmer was hit by pitch from Jon Lester on July 20 and was held out of the lineup for six of the next seven games. He returned to the lineup Tuesday and aggravated it on a check swing.

Alcides Escobar hit a two-run triple and Yordano Ventura pitched seven effective innings as the Royals completed a 5-2 home-stand.

McCarty captures co-ed title

McCarty Dairy fought through The Effin' Grizzlies to win two title games and take home the Colby Recreation Co-ed softball tournament title recently.

McCarty conquered several other elimination games after suffering an early defeat in the tournament, according to Colby Rec Department information.

Trojan hoops set golf date

Coach Rusty Grafel announced the Colby College Men's Basketball Fundraiser Tournament will take place on Friday, Aug. 22, at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Registration is 9 a.m. followed by the 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The \$280 fee per team includes a prime rib supper and auction following play. There will also be hole prizes.

Fee for the meal alone is \$25. Please call and make arrangements.

Contact Grafel at (785) 475-8360 or by E-mailing rusty-grafel@colbycc.edu.

Pro guy leaves tour

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Dustin Johnson, one of the top American players, is taking a leave of absence to "seek professional help for personal challenges I have faced" and will not play in the Ryder Cup.

Johnson, 30, an eight-time winner on the PGA Tour, released a statement through his management company.

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