



Opponent's tactics decried

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A Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives objected last week to the way he was being portrayed by his incumbent opponent.

Alan LaPolice of Clyde will go up against Rep. Tim Huelskamp of Hutchinson in the Republican primary election Tuesday to decide who will represent the 1st Congressional District. Huelskamp's campaign recently released personal information on LaPolice in a newsletter. LaPolice visited the *Colby Free Press* Tuesday and described this and other campaigning methods Huelskamp used.

"You can expect that the tactics used in the campaign are the tactics they will use in governance," the candidate said.

For instance, LaPolice said, Huelskamp questioned his residency, asking whether LaPolice – who spent much of his life in California before returning to his native Kansas – had been living here long enough before he started to run. LaPolice said he had, and that he could have asked similar questions about Huelskamp's residency but did not. Huelskamp earned a doctorate at the American University in Washington before entering Kansas politics.

Early in his campaign, LaPolice said, he offered to debate Huelskamp as many times as the congressman wanted, and wherever he wanted, preferably in all parts of the

sprawling district.

The only debate he got out of it was a forum in Liberal, where Huelskamp, LaPolice and independent candidate David Joyce spoke. Each candidate was given three minutes for an opening, a minute to speak and 30 seconds to rebut the others' points.

He tried to debate Huelskamp in Garden City, learning first from the *Garden City Telegram* and the city's Chamber of Commerce that the congressman could be available from July 5 to 28. Then he learned the debate would not work out.

So, he said, most of the debates he has had have been with other candidates for the house seat. But Huelskamp sent a camera man to film his rivals, which LaPolice compared to a football coach watching tapes of

a rival's games.

"I always made every attempt to address the camera," he said, "because I know it's Tim."

At other forums where the two actually met in person, LaPolice said, "He literally runs away from me."

Despite differences of opinion, LaPolice said, politicians used to respect and work with one another. Now, he feels that the country has become "genuinely divided," something that must be changed when people move forward.

"People like Huelskamp will never intentionally do that," he said, "because here's the thing, it won't get him re-elected."



Alan LaPolice

Ambulances seek to add new service

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Patients transported by Thomas County's ambulances could soon add intubation to the list of the department's available life-saving services.

County commissioners discussed this option at their meeting Thursday, tabling a decision until they could have more time to think about it.

Emergency Medical Services Director Joe Hickert asked the commissioners for permission to allow qualified ambulance crew members to assist emergency room physicians with insertion of breathing tubes before a patient is

transported elsewhere.

Commissioner Byron Sowers asked Hickert who would authorize the procedure for each patient. Hickert said the sending physician would make that call, adding that the hospital administration would have to give its permission for the change in procedure before any intubations would happen.

Commissioner Mike Baughn asked what types of liability issues this could cause for the county. Hickert said there could be added liability because intubation would take someone who is breathing, however poorly, and assume control of that breathing.

The procedure is standard prac-

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Kids' skills highlighted



The county's finest 4-H showmen displayed their skills at the 4-H Round Robin competition Friday morning, including Chandler Comfort (top) and Layton Werth (above left), who showed in the senior division. 4-Hers in younger divisions, including these girls in the intermediate division (bottom left), showed animals even bigger than the youngsters themselves. The competition rotates participants among multiple types of animals in rounds of several minutes each while a judge assesses their knowledge of the species and style of showmanship. Earlier in the week, Nathan Stramel took charge while showing his market hog.

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Architect gets settlement paid

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Architect Glen Strait will receive \$90,000 to settle claims against the county for his services designing a jail complex, but the money won't come from taxpayers' dollars.

For more than a year, Strait provided drawings and advice to the commissioners for a new county judicial and administrative complex. But public resistance arose over Strait's qualifications to design a jail and the manner in which he had been selected.

Under pressure to cancel his contract with the county, Strait agreed to step down in June, and he and County Attorney Kevin Berens negotiated the settlement.

Following a 15-minute closed-door session with Berens on

Thursday, the commissioners approved a written settlement agreement releasing them from claims Strait could otherwise file in exchange for the \$90,000.

At the same meeting, Sheriff Rod Taylor confirmed his previous offer to pay for the contract termination from his department's drug forfeiture fund. This money comes from a civil forfeiture process that seizes and sells items and cash involved in certain types of crimes. Taylor emphasized this money does not come from tax revenue.

"We appreciate it very much," said Commissioner Paul Steele of Taylor's offer.

At Steele's request, Commissioner Mike Baughn moved to make a special authorization for the check to be issued that day, and the motion passed unanimously.

New director starts at college

Colby Community College has named Angel Morrison as director of data management.

Morrison, a native of Denver, began work last Monday. Before that, she was database manager for Energy Outreach of Colorado, a nonprofit organization. She managed the database which tracked donations and produced program reports.

Morrison and her husband Collin have two boys, Neale, 4, and Logan, 2.



Angel Morrison

Car flips Friday near Oakley

A Colorado woman who wasn't wearing a seat belt was taken to the hospital Friday after the car she was in flipped over near Oakley as

the driver tried to exit Interstate 70 about 11:38 p.m.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said the driver, Jonathan Jared Ritchie, 28, Aurora, was eastbound in a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer when he turned onto the north Oakley exit to U.S. 83. Officers said the vehicle went off the right

side and then veered back onto the road and rolled to the north, landing on its top.

The driver and 1-year-old Savannah G. Ritchie were listed as unhurt, but Clorissa Rose Ritchlin, 22 – the only one not wearing a seatbelt – was taken to the Logan County Hospital in Oakley with a possible injury.



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy; low around 65.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high 89.

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

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 88.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high 89.

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

Friday: High, 89; Low 58
Saturday: High, 92; Low 63
Sunday: High, 94; Low 63

Precip: Friday None
Saturday 0.05 inches
Sunday None
Month: 0.05 inches
Year: 11.11 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:48 a.m. 8:52 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 68 percent
Wednesday 6:49 a.m. 8:51 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 78 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Friday to Sunday 2,453,000 gal. (average)
(Colby Public Works)

Panel begins interviewing Supreme Court applicants

By John Hanna
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) - A Kansas commission today began two days of interviews with 14 judges and attorneys who applied for a seat on the state Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission was expected to forward the names of three finalists to Republican Gov. Sam Brownback on Tuesday. The interviews are open to the public, but the commission will deliberate privately. Five of the commission's nine members are attorneys elected by other attorneys, and the other four are non-lawyers appointed by the governor.

It will be Brownback's first

appointment to the seven-member Supreme Court. His selection will replace Nancy Moritz, who took a seat on the federal appeals court for six western and Plains states, including Kansas. Four state Court of Appeals judges, three district court judges and seven attorneys applied for the position.

Brownback must pick one of the finalists, with no role for legislators.

Brownback has called the process undemocratic, and other GOP conservatives argue that it isn't accountable to the public. Backers of the process contend that it minimizes partisan politics.

The applicants include Caleb Stegall, Brownback's chief counsel until the governor ap-

pointed him last year to the Court of Appeals under a new law pushed through the Legislature by GOP conservatives. The law cut the commission out of screening applicants and allowed the governor to make the appointment, subject to state Senate confirmation.

Brownback did not release the other applicants' names, but the Senate's debates on Stegall's appointment were open, and he submitted more than 300 pages of material to lawmakers.

Lawmakers did not revise the selection process for Supreme Court justices because it would require amending the state constitution, which takes two-thirds majorities in the Legislature and approval by a simple majority of voters.

Ambulances to add service

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project.
"Approved bills of \$53,826 for the road department, \$21,705 for the weed department and \$154,982 for the general fund."
The general fund amount included \$5,598 paid to the Kansas Natural Resources Coalition, a group fighting federal protection for the lesser prairie chicken, to which the county has already paid \$10,630. Steele voted against this expenditure but the payment was approved after Baughn and Sowers voted to continue participation in the coalition through the end of this year.

Commissioner Paul Steele said he was ready to vote on the change but he wasn't sure Baughn and Sowers were. Sowers responded with a motion to table the issue until their next meeting, which was held this morning. At today's meeting, the commissioners gave their permission to allow the paramedics to participate in intubations.

In other business at last week's meeting, the commissioners:

- Authorized Hickert to seek bids for a lease-purchase for a new ambulance chassis to replace one of the department's vehicles that has brake problems. Hickert said the ambulance "runs like a top" otherwise but the brakes have consistent issues, and as the 19-year-old vehicle ages it becomes more difficult to find parts. The department would keep the ambulance body to use on the new chassis.
• Allowed Health Department Director Kasiah Rothchild to hire an employee under a state-provided Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant. Rothchild said she thought the applicant she wanted to hire was highly qualified and proposed a pay rate of \$40,000 a year, to come from the grant.
• Accepted a bid from McKee Air Conditioning and Heating to replace two mini-split air conditioners at the county office complex for \$1,820 each. Another company had declined to bid on the

project.
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"It's not in the budget, and I think it's a waste of taxpayer's money," Steele said.

Approved a total of \$303,370 in payroll expenses.
Corrected tax records to give a \$9 credit to Robert and Connie Renner for minerals taxed to someone else, \$35 to Pamela Sourk and Laura Carr because they own the land as well as the taxed minerals and \$743 to Shawn and Cindy Reinert based on an adjusted 2013 valuation for their property.

Planned to go to the next fair board meeting to emphasize that they cannot begin paying the fairgrounds groundskeeper's wife unless she is actually doing the groundskeeping work. The groundskeeper had requested the board put his wife's name on his check to avoid interfering with his disability payments.

"I understand what he's trying to do," said Steele, "but I don't want to participate in fraud."

Candidate top fund raiser

TOPEKA (AP) - Republican Ken Selzer has raised nearly \$235,000 through July for his campaign for Kansas insurance commissioner, leading the five GOP candidates in fundraising.

Finance reports show Selzer loaned his campaign an additional \$33,100 and spent \$264,000 through July 24. He is a Leawood accountant and reinsurance company executive.

His nearest rival in fundrais-

ing is Eudora health care consultant Beverly Gossage, who collected nearly \$116,000 in contributions and loaned herself an additional \$65,000. She spent nearly \$167,000 through July 24.

State Sen. Clark Shultz, of Lindsborg, raised about \$102,000 in contributions and

spent \$80,000.
El Dorado insurance agency president David Powell raised \$19,000 and spent \$9,000.
Johnson County Commissioner and former state Rep. John Toplikar of Olathe raised nearly \$13,000 and spent about \$9,500.

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 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.

Blood drive coming up Aug. 13, 14

A Community Blood Drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in the basement of the Colby Community Building. It will feature the Battle of the Badges, where law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency medical workers all compete to see who gets the traveling plaque and bragging rights for the year. Come out, vote for your favorites and enjoy a chicken-salad sandwich. For an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome. For questions or to volunteer, call Bev Vaughn at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

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 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.

Once a Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to all who show up the second Saturday of each month. No reservations. For questions, call Leisa Hansen at 460-2710.

Catholic youths taking fruit orders

The Catholic Youth Organization is selling fruit through Sunday. 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.

Talk to cover state job resources

The Colby Chapter of the Western Kansas Human Resource Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Montana Mike's with a presentation from noon to 1 p.m. by Abigail Crandall of KansasWorks on employer services offered through the state system. Make reservations by noon Monday, Aug. 11, with Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include pears, salmon, potato flakes, diced tomatoes, dried cherries and applesauce. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

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 Thursday, Aug. 21. Talk to Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information or to volunteer.

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 containers holding stagnant water to help keep the mosquito population down. For information, call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420.

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LOCAL TV Listings



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Table of TV listings for Tuesday Evening, August 5, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels like KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, KSAS/FOX, and Cable Channels.



Table of TV listings for Wednesday Evening, August 6, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels like KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, KSAS/FOX, and Cable Channels.

Are they open yet?



KATHRYN BALLARD/Colby Free Press
Summer's usually a time for kids to sleep in, but these kids got out bright and early Tuesday to line up at F&M Bank for half-price wristbands for the Thomas County Fair's carnival that night. Wristbands went to the first 100 people.

Soy hummus makes hot-weather lunch

April is National Soyfoods Month. You may be thinking that this is August, not April, and you'd be right. But the soyfood promotion folks sent us a recipe booklet this spring to celebrate the month and I'm just now getting around to trying them!

Soy can be a healthy, inexpensive substitute for more expensive products like meat and nuts, adding protein, fiber and other nutrients. It packs a good nutritional bang for the buck, making it a frugal favorite.

I find it a little difficult to cook with many soy products because the texture and flavor are somewhat foreign to the flavors and textures I grew up with. But I may now have a new favorite substitute for a lunchtime sandwich – soy hummus.

Sounds a little weird, you say? Try it! Inexpensive? Check. Nutritious? Check. Easy to make? Double check.

To make, combine 2 cups cooked, shelled edamame (found



Heather Alwin

• Frankly Frugal

in the frozen veggie section) with 2 teaspoons garlic, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/4 cup vegetable oil, a dash of salt and 3/4 teaspoon cumin. Puree the mixture in a blender until mostly mushy and enjoy with carrot chips, crackers or other crunchy dip-delivery devices.

And even though April is the month for celebrating soy, this particular dish is great for summertime since it requires absolutely no ovens, stovetops or even microwaves. My air conditioner is grateful, I'm sure.

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Thomas County deputy graduates from center

Deputy Aaron Schriener of the Thomas County Sheriff's Office was among 57 new officers who graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Yoder.

Ottawa Police Department Chief Dennis Butler congratulated the 229th basic-training class during commencement July 11 at the center southeast of Hutchinson, a division of University of Kansas Continuing Education.

The graduates, who began their training March 31, represented 39 municipal, county and state agencies from across Kansas. They received certificates of course completion from the center and state law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training.

Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers

to solve problems they may face in the line of duty. Established by the Kansas Legislature in 1968, the center trains most city, county and state officers and oversees the training of those at seven authorized academy programs, including the Kansas Highway Patrol.

About 300 officers enroll annually in the 14-week basic program. The center offered continuing education and specialized training to as many as 5,600 officers each year. The budget is generated from court docket fees from municipal and state courts, but does not include any state tax money.

Deaths

Maria L. (Salazar) Finley

Maria O. (Salazar) Finley, 89, a Rawlins County farm wife, died Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the Citizens Medical Center, in Colby.

She was born July 29, 1925, to Perfecto and Aurelia (Mares) Salazar in Watrous, N.M., where she attended school. Her family moved to Law Vegas, N.M., when she was a teen.

On July 29, 1945, she married Fredrick Finley in Las Vegas. She stayed with her family while he served in the Army in World War II. Following the war they returned to Kansas, where they farmed southeast of Atwood. A few years later, they moved to the current homestead, which remained her home for over 65 years.

For years, she worked in Colby at the IGA store, and the old TG&Y store. She also worked at St. Thomas Hospital, starting in the laundry department and eventually moving to the surgical department as a surgical technician. When Citizen's Medical Center opened, she worked there briefly before she started working at the Thomas County Care Center in Colby. Later she worked at Rawlins County Hospital, retiring from there in 1997.

In the summertime she canned garden produce, and she always enjoyed cooking for her family, especially baking. Her hobbies in-

cluded embroidery, photography, stamp collecting, gardening and collecting treasures from her children and grandchildren.

She was an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; four sisters, Fina Castellano, Julia Reeves, Dora Mueller and Lila Miller; a brother, Perry Salazar; and a granddaughter, Heather Draper.

Survivors include six children, William (Nicki) Finley and Pat (Betty) Finley, all of rural Rawlins County; Stella (Robert) Draper, St. Francis; Mike (Sondra) Finley, Colby; Susan (Kenny) Toebben, Vienna, Mo.; and Sara Finley, Lawrence; four siblings, Frances Lisenbee, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Stella Allen, Robert Salazar, Barney (Rey) Salazar, all of Las Vegas, N.M.; 22 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were to be today, Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood, with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Atwood.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the Baalmann Mortuary, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.baalmannmortuary.com.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds for lunch and their weekly meeting with 32 members and guests Margot Baker, Dr. Mark Gundlach, Millie Horlacher, Cassie Wells and Dale Yonkers.

Nick Wells had the program. His guest was his daughter Cassie Wells who brought her market beef project, a 1,285-pound steer named Almo for members to see. Cassie is an eight-year member of 4-H and the Abilene Hustlers Club. She also showed a market heifer and a goat at the fair and entered arts and craft items.

Nick Wells noted that Cassie's

steer is the ideal weight for a market steer and discussed the details of the market beef project. He said it is one of the lengthier projects as participants purchase their calves in the fall and feed and care for them until county fair time, approximately nine months. Nick also discussed the positive impact 4-H has on members by providing them with life skills and leadership development. He said 4-H is an activity that can involve the whole family.

The club meets each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.

— Relda Galli

Selfies lead to arrest

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill. (AP) — Police investigating the theft of clothing and jewelry from a southern Illinois boutique say they arrested a woman after she posted Facebook photos of herself wearing one of the stolen items.

WSIL-TV (bit.ly/1yLsEW6) reports that police arrested 27-year-old Danielle Saxton, of West Frankfort, earlier this month on misdemeanor retail theft charges. She's free on her own recognizance.

Authorities say a distinctive leopard-print dress was among the items stolen July 11 from Mortie's Boutique in West Frankfort.

The store's co-owner, Kert Williams, says he posted about the stolen items on Facebook and that people who saw Williams' posting and those of Saxton made the connection and helped police.

Online court records don't show whether Saxton has an attorney. She does not have a listed home telephone number.

Old gift certificate honored

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts pop culture store has honored a 25-year-old gift certificate.

Sierra Wales, assistant manager at That's Entertainment in Worcester, says a longtime customer recently brought in the \$10 gift certificate bought in 1989.

She tells The Republican newspaper (<http://bit.ly/1mO9p9V>) that the gift certificate had been sitting in a drawer for years. The customer had been meaning to bring it in for some time and finally remembered over the Fourth of July weekend.

She noted that the gift certificate was older than most employees and had actually been bought at the store's old location.

The customer used it to buy a graphic novel.

The 34-year-old business sells

comic books, graphic novels, toys, sports memorabilia, music and other pop culture items.

Wales says, "When we say it never expires, we really mean it."

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.90
Corn (bushel)	\$3.75
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.11
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.15

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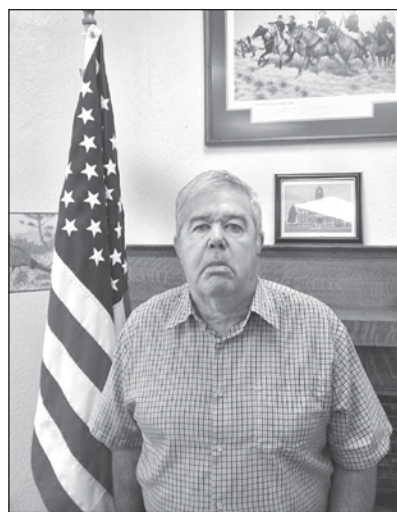
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Summers Township Thomas County**

will meet on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at 1267 Hwy K25, Colby, KS 67701 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 Thomas County Clerk's office 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	146,462	15.835	132,000	14.976	211,500	140,753	14.580
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	146,462	15.835	132,000	14.976	211,500	140,753	14.580
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	146,462		132,000		211,500		
Total Tax Levied	140,604		141,943		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	8,879,188		9,477,940		9,653,668		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
2012	0		0		0		
2013	0		0		0		
2014	0		0		0		
Other							
Lease Purchase Principal	151,243		142,644		133,745		
Total	151,243		142,644		133,745		

Lynn Goossen
Treasurer

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Other Viewpoints

Repeated reports need deeper checks

The number of children in the custody of the Kansas Department for Children and Families is at record levels at a time when some child advocates say the state is too slow to remove kids from homes where they are abused and neglected.

Reading between the lines could lead one to the conclusion that although the number of children in the state's care is at a record high, the number should be much higher still.

On the other hand, families have complained that the state is too quick to remove children from their homes and, once taken into state custody, it is a long and arduous task to get them back. It's difficult to write about those incidents because, due to the reluctance of state officials to discuss specific cases, reporters hear only one side of the story.

But according to a recent story in *The Topeka Capital-Journal* and at CJOonline, prosecutors who get a child-in-need-of-care case sometimes are surprised that the child's case had been investigated numerous times and someone each time had found the complaint of abuse or neglect to be unsubstantiated.

Such was the case of a 14-year-old girl who finally was removed from her home after nine reports of neglect and abuse, eight of which were determined unsubstantiated. The girl weighed 66 pounds when she was taken from the home.

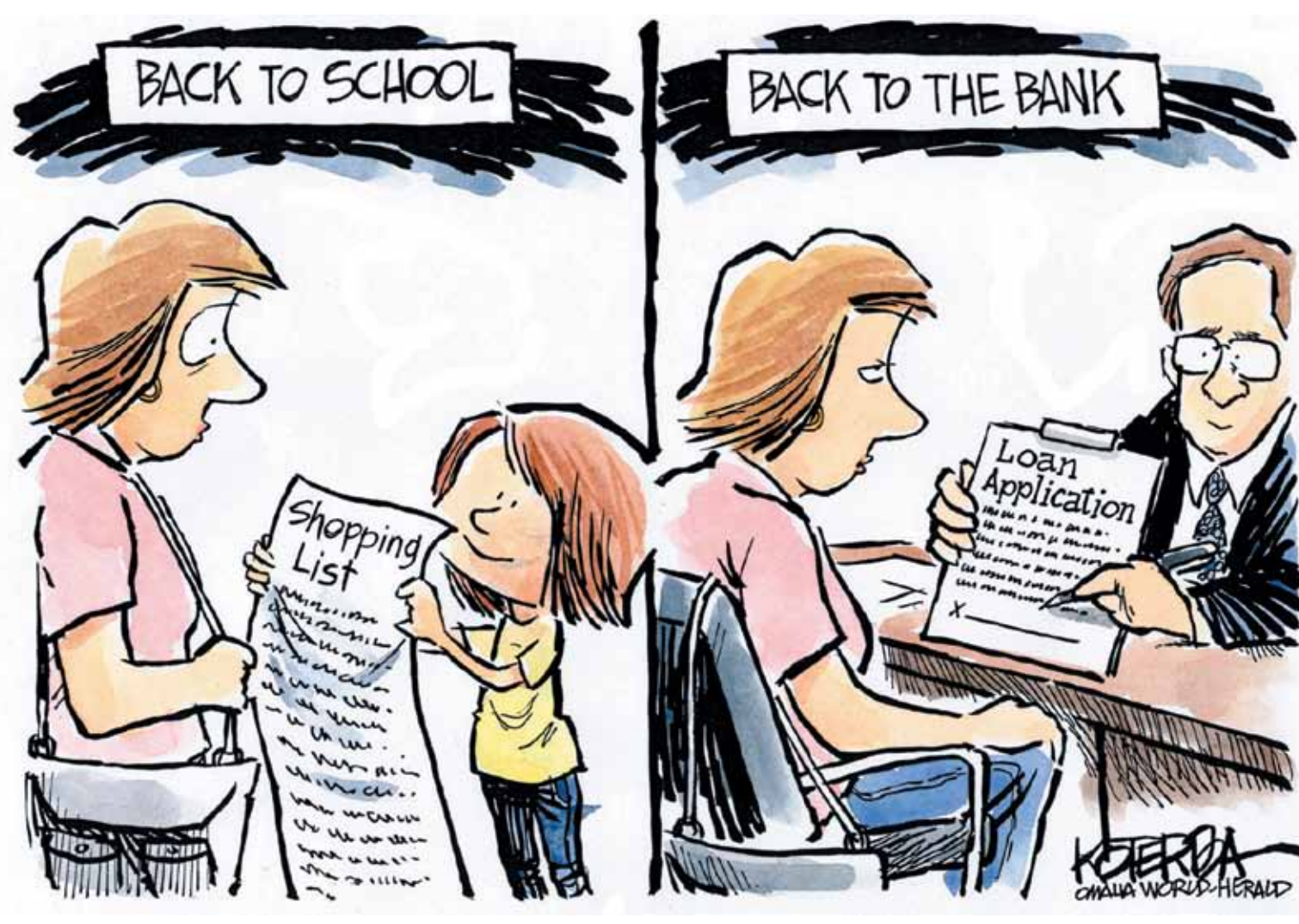
Records show 94.8 percent of child-in-need-of-care investigations in 2009 resulted in a finding of "unsubstantiated." For 2013, 93.5 percent of such cases resulted in a finding of "unsubstantiated." That really isn't much change, although a spokeswoman for the department says in child-in-need-of-care cases, a substantiated claim isn't necessary to temporarily remove a child from a dangerous situation.

It's important to remember that behind the numbers — the children in state custody and the percent of unsubstantiated investigations — are children, many of whom need help through no fault of their own. Those who should be in their home should be there. Those who need help should get it.

Does the state sometimes act too quickly, as some parents have claimed? Does the state sometimes act too slowly? Knowing that no system is perfect, common sense tells us the answer to both questions probably is yes.

The real question is how to improve the system so it gets better results. We're not suggesting that isn't the goal of the department, but we will suggest that more eyes on a case that involves more than one complaint might be helpful. Regardless of how many different people have investigated a child's case, a lot of smoke usually indicates a fire somewhere.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal*, via the Associated Press



Family farm takes a special breed

People outside of agriculture routinely try to define the family farm. These same folks have a tendency to question corporate farming whether family owned or not.

Let's take a look at the family farm. In Kansas, farm and ranch families grow up with the feel of the prairie earth beneath their feet, the wide-open sky overhead and the rhythm of the seasons in their blood.

Throughout their lifetime, these farmers and ranchers love, care for and respect the land entrusted to them. Ag producers adhere to an ethic that enlarges the boundaries of our community to include soils, waters, plants and animals — collectively — the land.

This entity known as the family farm is based on owner operation. The rights and responsibilities of ownership are vested in an entrepreneur who works the farm for a living.

Another key ingredient of the family farm system is independence. Independence means financing from within its own resources using family labor, management and intellect to build equity and cash flow that will retire the mortgage, preferably in the lifetime of the owner.

Economic dispersion is another integral part of the family farm. Economic dispersion in-



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cludes large numbers of efficient-sized farms operating with equal access to competitive markets worldwide.

No family farm would be complete without the family core. All family members share responsibilities and the children learn the vocation of their parents.

At an early age, young men and women learn to work with their dads and moms on the family farm. Here, they develop self-reliance and initiative. They often rise with the sun and finish work when it sets. Yet, they rarely take this place called home for granted.

The ideal family farm is commercially diversified. Diversified commodities help reduce price risks and maximize the use of farm resources to produce crops and livestock that in turn provide greater self-sufficiency.

One final attribute necessary in defining

today's family farm is the use of innovative technology. It not only enhances farm labor but also helps boost production.

Family farming carries with it a commitment to specific, independent values. These values become part of the community and include conservation, frugality, responsibility, honesty, dignity in work, neighborliness, self-reliance and concern and care for future generations.

While it's rare indeed that one particular family farm may possess all of these attributes, together they have created a system of agriculture that has been a part of our rural culture since this nation's beginning.

Today, detractors of this profession are making it increasingly difficult for this vital industry to progress and prosper. Maybe they should learn more about the ag industry, visit a farm or connect with a farmer or rancher. That way farmers and ranchers can continue doing what they do best — responsibly producing the healthiest, safest food in the world.

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Plagiarism reflects long tradition

It was the strangest request I have ever received: "Can you help me plagiarize my thesis?" asked the young Chinese student. I did not think I had heard correctly. When she repeated her request, I figured that she merely misunderstood the word, or had poor English and was asking for help avoiding plagiarizing.

I was speaking at five universities last year, and I had a free day between lectures. I am known for helping proofread papers. She had her flash drive in hand. It was the last month of their school year and she was fretting about finishing her thesis. I asked her to sit down and talk.

"You want me to help you a-v-o-i-d plagiarism, right?" I emphasized.

"No," she repeated back to me, in slow English so I would clearly understand. "I need help plagiarizing my paper."

(OK, Schrock, maintain composure. Don't roll your eyes. Don't hold your head in your hands and moan.)

"Tell me what plagiarism means to you," I directed.

"I need to change enough words so it won't be detected by the computer."

Now I knew exactly why she was asking.

Five years ago, China's Ministry of Education issued a directive to universities to check every master's thesis and doctoral dissertation for plagiarism. Plagiarism has become a worldwide problem, thanks to online access and the ease of the cut-and-leave function.

Just as American professors use programs such as Turn-It-In to detect students who have bought their term papers from "paper mills," Chinese universities installed plagiarism-check software on well-intentioned "orders from above." And their universities passed the responsibility down to the students. Before they turn in their first draft, they are to go to the library where a designated computer runs it through the plagiarism-check. They are not to hand it in until it clears the check.

So students learn a functional definition of



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plagiarism: it is the number of English words (or Chinese characters) in-a-row that are identical to other works on file. To avoid plagiarism, some believe that all you have to do is change enough words so there are never seven or more in a row that match other work.

"Why not put quotes around all the sentences that are from other people, and then put their names in parentheses at the end of the sentence?" I asked.

"Oh, I know all about that," she said. "My whole thesis will be in quotes."

"Didn't you add some ideas yourself?" (I really wanted to help.)

"No. We are just students. How can we come up with new ideas? Those people get Nobel Prizes. Everything in here I got from the books and articles I read."

"How about putting some of these ideas in your own words. We still have to credit the authors — it's called paraphrasing?"

"That's what I want you to help do, so there is enough difference the computer won't detect it. But I can't list all the sources because that would be everything." She was beginning to suspect that I would not help her. We talked for a half hour. I never did succeed in getting her to understand why we give credit by citation.

This problem is pervasive throughout Asia and other countries that have a heritage of didactic teaching. Throughout their education, the teacher is the "master" and the students are apprentices. Whole classes engage in group recitation of identical texts. For 12 years you are rewarded when you can repeat the teach-

er's explanation or the textbook answer, word-for-word. And now in college, they change the rules on you, and call this copying "plagiarism."

She was certain that this plagiarism rule was just a way to force people to pay money to buy permission to use the words, similar to copyright and trademarks. I never did succeed in teaching her the value of giving credit to sources. I asked her how old her major professor was — he was "old school." She was not a bad person. She just needed to be taught. The young Chinese professors coming back from study in the West have been doing that teaching and China is changing fast.

Last week I flew to Harbin in far northeast China to work with faculty and graduates on research and publication integrity. Their Office of Science Integrity in their Ministry of Science and Technology is holding these sessions nationwide. I hope that I will never be asked by a student to help them plagiarize, ever again.

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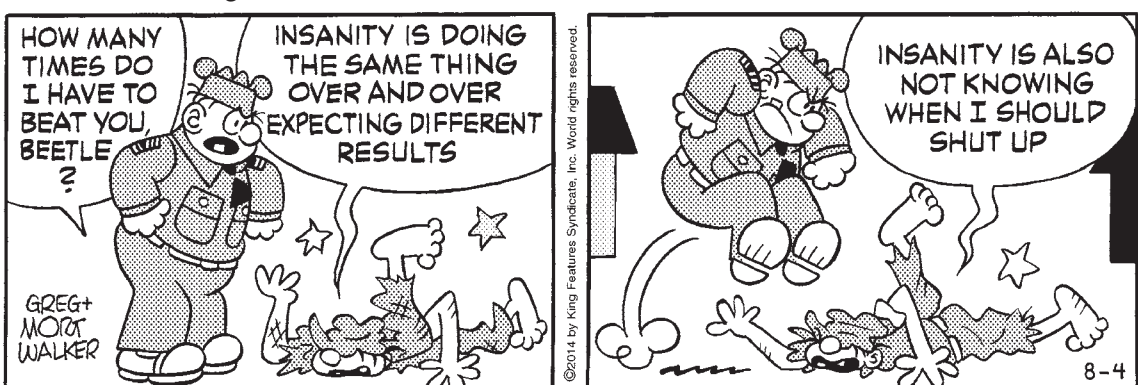
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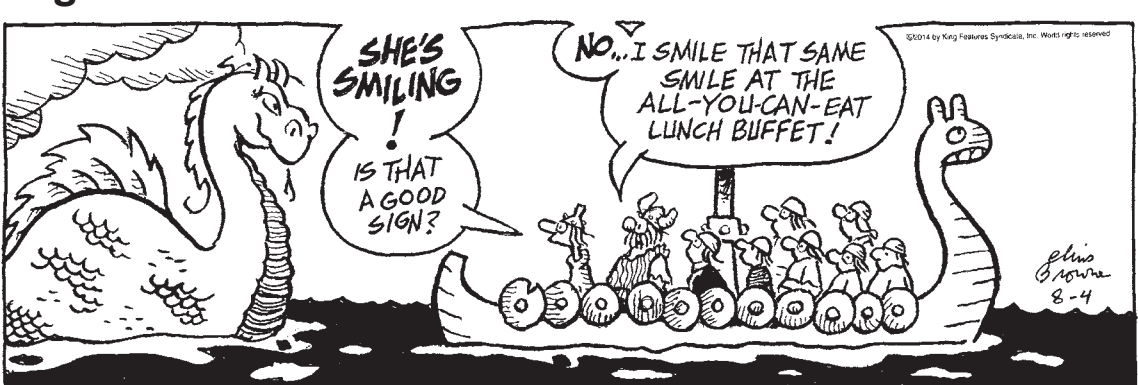
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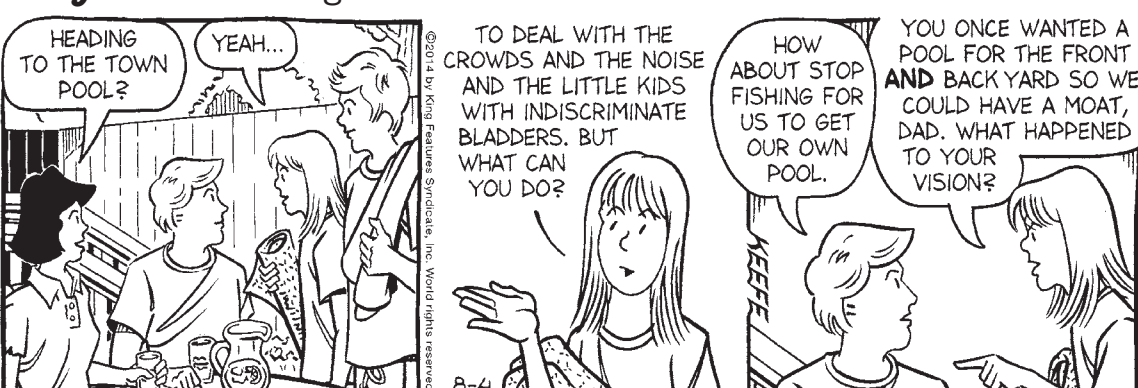
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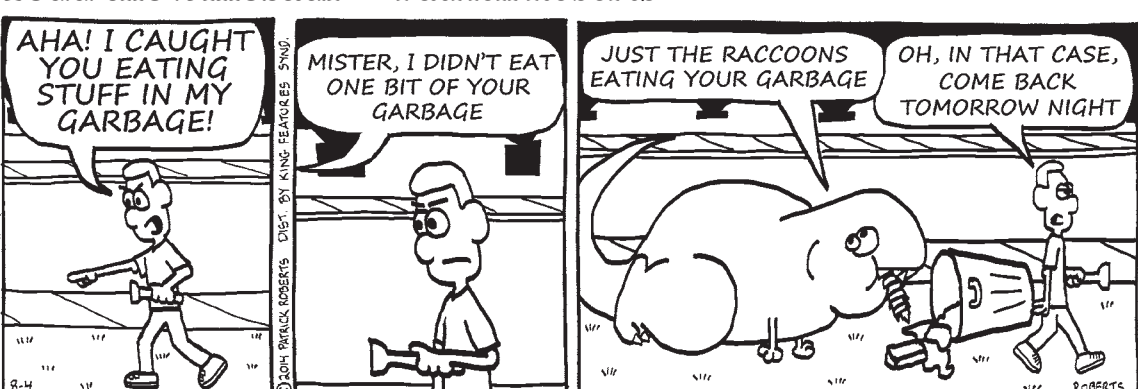
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• Antiques and Collecting

Furniture styles go international

Collectors in the 1950s usually wanted furniture and accessories in earlier styles, or perhaps a piece that represented the family's background, like a German stein or English china.

But today collectors can see and buy items from all over the world on the Internet, and auctions have become more international.

Carved wooden furniture from 18th- and 19th-century China, painted chests from Scandinavia and "Black Forest" benches and tables with large, carved bears from Switzerland (although they were first sold as German) were not bought to use in many homes. But now interior designers and collectors want something "different" to decorate modern homes.

Anglo-Indian furniture that's elaborately carved still is a bargain because it is not well-known. The British East India Co. explored the world, and had created industries in many parts by the 1700s. There was profitable trade in both Chinese and Indian furniture made for the British market.

Samples of popular British chair styles, like Chippendale and Queen Anne, were sent to workmen in India to copy, and British tradesmen were sent to train Indian workers. The resulting furniture was a blend of cultures: British shapes and Indian woods like teak, ebony or rosewood. An inlay of ivory or silver was used on expensive pieces. An entire piece might be carved with a lacelike frame filled with birds and flowers.

There are many records of shipments of Anglo-Indian furniture, but little documented history. There even were complaints from British cabinetmakers that the quantity of imported furniture was harming their business.

Today, an average Anglo-Indian carved chair in good condition made before 1900 auctions for \$150 to \$300. Small center tables go for \$500 or more. When you buy, be sure any damage is minor and can be repaired, because the carvings often break.

Tip: Don't leave vinyl tablecloths or rubber or plastic placemats on a wooden tabletop for a long time. They may react with the finish and cause damage.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 9 8 4 3
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ J 4 3

WEST
 ♠ 10 6 5
 ♥ A J 5 3 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 7 5 2

EAST
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ K 7 6 4
 ♦ Q 8 6 5 4 3
 ♣ 10

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 7 2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ A K Q 9 8 6

The bidding:
 North Pass East Pass South 1 ♠ West Pass
 1 ♠ Dble 1 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Famous Hand

Bridge and poker are two entirely different games, but they have at least one thing in common: both incorporate — and even encourage — a certain degree of bluffing and deception.

Today's deal, from the final of the 1992 U.S. Bridge Championship, features a classic deceptive play by declarer. South, Jeff Meckstroth, reached three notrump as shown after a sequence that began with an artificial and forcing one-club opening.

There would have been no story to tell if West had led his best suit — hearts — but he opted to lead the king of diamonds in response to his partner's lead-directing double of North's artificial one-diamond bid.

Meckstroth took the king with the ace and considered his chances. Eight tricks — six clubs, a spade and a diamond — were in plain view, and a ninth could easily be developed by conceding a diamond at trick two, the opponents would shift to hearts and put a quick end to the proceedings. The alternative of running his club suit first offered little hope, since that would reveal too much about his hand and lead to the same unhappy conclusion.

So Meckstroth decided that the best way to fight fire was with fire, and he calmly tabled the queen of hearts! West won with the ace and continued diamonds. East took the ten with the queen and, though he appeared to consider other options, finally returned a third diamond.

As soon as the diamond hit the table, Meckstroth unabashedly claimed nine tricks, leaving a chagrined East to ponder whether he could or should have found the winning defense.

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"August has five weekends this year. That means we get to take a really long vacation."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/04

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WANTED THE WATER MAMMAL TO BE REJECTED AS A JUDGE, BUT THIS WAS AN OTTER I COULDN'T RECUSE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals W

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Zip-a-Dee-Do-oo"
- 4 Canonized figure
- 9 Corn castoff
- 12 Praise in verse
- 13 Academy Award
- 14 Mr. Lincoln
- 15 Ship that came to the Titanic's rescue
- 17 Director Howard
- 18 Gold, in Granada
- 19 Walked unevenly
- 21 More risque
- 24 — gin fizz
- 25 Carte lead-in
- 26 Party bowlful
- 28 Composer's creations
- 31 John Irving hero
- 33 DDE opponent
- 35 "Hurry up!" in the ER
- 36 According to
- 38 Jewel
- 40 Ostrich's cousin
- 41 Harem rooms
- 43 Followed
- 45 Zedong
- 47 TV alien
- 48 Lubricate
- 49 Luggage of the 1800s
- 54 Citric beverage
- 55 Moore-head or DeMille
- 56 Wall climber
- 57 Prohibit
- 58 Minimal
- 59 Leg, slangily
- 60 Cattle comments
- 61 "What's up, —?"
- 62 Okla-homa city
- 63 That girl user
- 64 Took to the skies
- 65 Oregon port city
- 66 German pronoun
- 67 Falls behind
- 69 Wood-worker
- 70 Reed instrument
- 71 Flex
- 16 Luau side dish
- 20 Cattle comments
- 21 Sitarist's rendition
- 22 "Oh, woel!"
- 23 HOV lane
- 27 Cribbage scorer
- 29 Chess or checkers
- 30 Poker variety
- 32 Mani—
- 34 South-of-the-border shawls
- 37 Imp
- 39 Really bother
- 42 Theater floor
- 44 Sternward
- 45 Old Dead Sea kingdom
- 46 Verdi opera
- 50 Genetic matter
- 51 Huge Gardner of Hollywood
- 53 Workout venue

Saturday's answer 8-4

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of MARILYN MARIE SELBY, Deceased

Case No. 2014 PR 29

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on July 24, 2014, a petition was filed in this Court by Robert B. Selby, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Mary Marie Selby," deceased, dated May 27, 2011, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before August 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the District Court, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/Robert B. Selby, Petitioner

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Kevin N. Berens, #19304
PO Box 525
410 N. Franklin Ave.
Colby, KS 67701
785-462-2266
Attorney for Petitioner

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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.

SHERY L. UMMELE, PETITIONER

BROWN, CREIGHTON & PECKHAM
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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

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Public Notice

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

Case No. 14-PR-26

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Smith Township Thomas County** will meet on August 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Rexford 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 1959 County Road 36, Rexford 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	2,512	1.918	4,850	1.628	46,985	6,000	1.341
Road	13,028	12.730	54,500	13.783	116,470	41,659	11.229
Special Machinery							
Totals	15,540	14.648	59,350	15.411	163,455	47,659	12.570
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	15,540		59,350		163,455		
Total Tax Levied	36,680		46,695		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	3,128,494		3,090,524		4,474,189		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					3,709,935		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
Mark Anderson
Treasurer

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Motorcycle races revive old Kansas tradition

By Sam Dieter
Colby Free Press
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Motorcycle races are coming back to Colby Saturday, reviving a tradition that dates back half a century.

The 2014 I70 series Flattrack Series starts next Friday at Goodland's Northwest Kansas Free Fair, and the second race will be at the Thomas County Fairgrounds the next night. The third and fourth races will be Monday and Tuesday Aug. 12 at the Rooks County Fair in Stockton. The last race will be Saturday, Sept. 13 at the RPM Speedway in Hays.

Paul Covert, who organizes the series, said racers like coming to Colby because of the unique way the track here is banked. He thinks this is the fifth year in a row the races have been come to Thomas County. But he pointed out that

the number of races ever held here is much higher.

"They used to race in Colby back in the 1960s and 1970s," Covert said. "It was kind of revived in Colby back about five years."

At that time, he said, almost every county fair across the state had a flat track motorcycle race, allowing professional motorcyclists to race almost every night for four or five weeks in the summer. Often their families came with them.

"That's how they paid their bills," Covert said, adding that in the summer, "you would just have this caravan of racers."

The series as it exists now usually has around 100 racers, he said, but around 140 to 160 entries.

That because each race is divided up into over 20 classes, including categories for modern and vintage bikes, and local racers. There are also categories for drivers over 50 or 60 years old.

Although it's confusing for spectators, Covert said, it makes it worth it for the drivers, many of whom come from as far away as Georgia or Florida. Races started in Kansas in the 1950s and 1960s, he added. Racers come here mainly for the history of the sport, including men who are a part of that history.

"There's quite a few guys that actually raced back in those days," he said.

One racer, Jim Henry of Damon, Texas, is in his 70s, Covert said. Henry has been racing here for 52 years, starting in 1961 or 1962. Others have been racing or 30 or 40 years.

Covert himself was a flat track racer. He now runs Crooked Creek Promotions of Little Rock, Ark., and took over running the series when the old organizer left.

Around 10 years ago, he said, motorcycle racers just raced for their

own entry fees in Kansas. Then a Plainville citizen got several businesses in the oil industry to pool in prize money for the Stockton race. Eventually businesses in all the towns in the series pooled together their own prizes; in Colby there is a \$5,000 prize. Covert said this is a unique aspect to the races here.

Admission is \$10 for every one 12 and up, \$5 for six to ten-year-olds and free for kids five and under.

You may have seen one of these posters around town announcing that the 2014 I-70 Flattrack Series of motorcycle races will be coming to Kansas again this summer. The Colby race — the second in the series — will be on Saturday evening.



Monsters take over at the fair

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
A monster truck cleared a pair of cars Friday night at the Thomas County Fairgrounds (left). The trucks built up their enthusiasm gradually at the fair's first monster truck show, until this driver took the first jump over a soon-to-be crushed minivan (below left). Other weekend warriors signed up for the tough truck show, racing over dirt jumps as the monster trucks took a breather (below). The winners of the show will be announced in the Wednesday edition of the Colby Free Press.



Pitcher brings win to the Royals

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) James Shields pitched quite a gem for Kansas City. It certainly helped that Oakland abandoned its usual patient approach at the plate.

Shields pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in nearly a month, and the Royals beat the Athletics 4-2 on Sunday.

"This team was a free-hacking team today, which is not really their game," Shields said. "They have a bunch of hitters over there that were being aggressive and I was able to execute my pitches early in the count."

Shields retired his first 15 batters before Josh Reddick hit a leadoff homer in the sixth. Alberto Callaspo then had a one-out single before Sam Fuld lined into a double play.

The 32-year-old Shields (10-6) allowed two runs and four hits. He walked none for the fifth time this season.

"You watch the way that he's pitching, it's like, 'OK boys, let's just give him a couple runs and he'll take it from there,'" Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "A good indicator for him was he was managing his pitch count."

Shields threw 102 pitches while helping the Royals to their ninth win in 12 games.

"As far as I'm concerned we can match up with anyone, any team, any starting rotation," Shields said. "As long as we go toe to toe with those guys we're going to be in every game."

Reddick homered twice, getting to Shields again in the eighth.

The A's have the best record in baseball at 67-43, but have sputtered offensively since trading cleanup hitter Yoenis Cespedes to Boston on Thursday in a deal

for ace Jon Lester. They lead the stacked AL West by one game over the Los Angeles Angels, who beat Tampa Bay 7-5 on Sunday.

Oakland was without injured leadoff hitter Coco Crisp, though it hardly mattered the way Shields was pitching.

Shields allowed only three balls out of the infield through the first five innings. One of them was a deep fly to center by Josh Donaldson in the first, the closest Oakland came to getting a man on base before Reddick's home run.

"We just haven't been our best offensively here," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "Shields was using all his pitches, going to the change, to the cutter, and he had good command."

Shields got his first win since he beat his former team, Tampa Bay, on July 7. Greg Holland pitched the ninth for his AL-leading 31st save.

Nori Aoki's RBI single in the fifth gave Kansas City a 1-0 lead. Omar Infante followed with a two-run double and later scored on a single by Salvador Perez.

All the runs came against Scott Kazmir (12-4).

Reddick has four home runs since coming off the disabled list July 22. It's the sixth multi-homer game of his career and second this season.

Kazmir lost at the Oakland Coliseum for just the second time this season. It's also the first time since June 24 that the left-hander allowed more than two earned runs.

It was Yost's 798th win as a manager, moving him one ahead of Melvin for 76th on the career list.

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