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Hurrying toward deadline



The old St. Thomas Hospital has almost completed its transformation into an apartment building.

A ribbon cutting is planned for the St. Thomas Historical Residences on Thursday, Aug. 21. David Crook, a manager at the construction site, said work there should wrap up by Friday, Aug. 15, so tenants can move into the affordable housing apartments.

Mayor Gary Adrian and Christy Preston learned that about two thirds of the 30 apartments in the building are already spoken for. They toured the

former St. Thomas Hospital Monday, when workers were vacuuming the otherwise-finished second floor.

The Overland Park-based firm Cohen-Esery started renovating the building last October. Built in the 1940s, the hospital became an office for the school district in the 1980s and fell out of use in 2004. At the start of 2013 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places, providing Cohen-Esery with the tax credits needed to pay for the renovation.



Workers put the finishing touches, on the St. Thomas Historical Residences on Range Avenue (above) this week, bringing several glass doors into the building (top). A stained-glass window over the main entrance (above left), hidden from view for years, could be seen this week. The last of the concrete south of the building was poured Wednesday (left). A ribbon cutting is planned for the apartment building on Thursday, Aug. 21.

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Hunters skeptical about plans

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Hunters and landowners seemed only partly convinced after hearing about conservation measures – money to plant protected habitat to encourage pheasants – offered by the state and federal governments at a meeting here.

Two representatives of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism talked with about 45 people July 28 at the City Limits Convention Center and made the case that conservation is the only viable way to protect pheasants. The representatives listed incentives for farmers to provide the birds with cover, but many of those present questioned whether there was a enough money available.

Jim Pitman, a small game coordinator with the department based in Emporia, said that limits on hunting and bringing pheasants into the wild have little effect on

populations. Wild pheasants, he said, reach the same populations in states with different hunting laws. And they invariably survive longer than hatchery birds in the wild.

Jeff Prendergast, a small game biologist for the department based in Hays, explained how the loss of habitat pheasants need to survive – as much as a third of Conservation Reserve Program acres in some Great Plains states – has affected their numbers. Steve Riley with Pheasants Forever argued that if hatching and releasing birds worked, more people would be doing it.

He pointed out that the birds are polygamous, so with male-only hunting, there is little effect from taking more birds. Roosters mate with up to 10 hens, he said, while ratios of hens to roosters in the wild have only been as high as three to one.

The bag limits and hunting sea-

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Road contracts puzzle boards

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The Thomas County commissioners fielded questions from Rovo Township's board at their end-of-the-month meeting last Thursday, revealing some confusion about the relationship between the two government units.

Treasurer Patrick Jones appeared on behalf of the township to ask the commissioners whether they knew how long the county was supposed to do the township's road maintenance. Township residents voted to allow the county to take over maintenance in 2007, with reimbursement from the township budget. Jones said the board doesn't know whether the county should have continued maintaining the roads after the five-year period described in that ballot measure.

Commissioner Mike Baughn

said he had heard there was a contract between the county and township that extended this period but had not seen it. County Clerk Shelly Harms said her office did not have a copy if there was a contract.

"If we're still doing it, there must be some kind of contract," Baughn said.

"I don't know if it just continues, or if we have to vote on it again," Jones said.

The question remained unanswered at the meeting, with more research needed into the documents and legal boundaries.

"We have proceeded year to year without any change," said Commissioner Paul Steele, adding that he wasn't sure the commissioners had all the facts available. "Whether we have done so legally is a question for the county attorney."

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Those who turned out for horticulture night last year, heard details about the plants cultivated in this blooming border.

Horticulture Day next week

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Horticulture Field Day on Wednesday at the Northwest Kansas Research Extension Station, 105 Experiment Farm Rd., will include speakers offering advice on plants that grow well in northwest Kansas, and people are encouraged to bring samples from their home gardens for identification and diagnosis.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m., followed by a guided tour of the experiment station grounds at 5:30. Bob Gillen, the head of K-State's Western Agricultural Research Centers, will give a welcome and overview of the center's history.

Then, at 6:15, four speakers will discuss plant selection and care: Holly Dickman, Ellis County Extension horticulture agent, will discuss trees; Jared Hoyle, an Extension turfgrass specialist, will talk about picking the right grass and taking care of it; Cheryl Boyer, an Extension ornamental nursery crops specialist, will address shrubs; and Alan Stevens, Extension floriculture specialist, will present information on Prairie Star annual flower trials.

The program's format encourages questions from the audience, allowing people to get information to fit their own needs. The event is designed for home owners and small-scale gardeners rather than large farm operators, Extension officials say.

The Thomas County Master Gardeners will be on hand to share information about the Master Gardener program, and Duane and

Jo Cheney, owners of Sharing the Bounty Garden Market, will be available to talk about community-supported agriculture.

Rodney Zimmerman, who brings tropical plants, house plants and fruiting plants from his home collection to add to the Extension Center's landscape, said the center has many citrus plants as well as some pineapples. Zimmerman will give a guided tour of the grounds to point out many of the edible plants, which are a particular interest of his.

The event is free and open to everyone. Last year, about 100 people heard speakers discuss aquaponics, turf grasses and the Prairie Star Annual Flower Trials. The winners from those trials of flowers tested to survive in the prairie environment are online at www.prairiestarflowers.com.

No advance registration is required. For information, call Zimmerman at 462-6281.



Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Light and variable wind becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.

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

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Wednesday: High, 96; Low 59
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 0.05 inches
Year: 11.11 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Wednesday 6:50 a.m. 8:49 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 93 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,835,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Road contracts puzzle boards

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The commissioners and County Attorney Kevin Berens also told Jones the township board would need to further research the steps needed to change back to the township-controlled maintenance, suggesting it might take a petition and vote.

"What is the concern of the township?" asked Baughn. "Just not knowing what is going on, mostly," said Jones.

Baughn said he reviewed the 2013 list of township maintenance requests and feels the county's road department has done most of what was requested.

Jones said most of the work the county is doing is OK, although some residents com-

plained the county was grading the roads improperly and taking gravel off.

Harms said she had received a complaint that the road department was not maintaining the roads properly and that township Trustee John Schroeder had contracted someone else to do some work.

Jones said Schroeder had asked Jones, as township treasurer, to write a check to reimburse him for the road maintenance he had contracted on his own.

Steele said if a board member contracts for work without the township board's permission, he may have exceeded his authority and the work may not be reimbursable from township funds.

Jones suggested the town-

ship could bill the county instead since the maintenance was for a county responsibility, but Baughn said he did not think the board had any authority to contract for road maintenance once the roads had been turned over to the county.

Jones said the board also had questions about who controlled the township's budget, but the commissioners indicated they were not aware of any effort to remove the township's authority to set its own budget.

Berens told Jones that the township sets its own budget but that the county holds and uses whatever the township board sets aside for road maintenance. He also reminded Jones that township board members can contact his office with legal questions.

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sons in the plains states where pheasants are often hunted ranges from four birds in Kansas to two in Minnesota and from 76 days in Iowa to 97 in Nebraska. Yet Pitman's data showed that pheasant populations in these states, along with North and South Dakota, were similar over the years.

Pitman described the survival rate for pheasants released into the wild from hatcheries as "pretty abysmal." Depending on the method of releasing the birds, he said, survival rates at the end of one month range from five percent to 20 percent. He said he did not even have a number of birds that survived to breed on their own, because they are all close to zero percent. The survival rates for wild birds after one year are between 40 and 60 percent, he said.

Prendergast described the habitat pheasants need to survive, and how the loss of it has affected their numbers. The birds need ground cover about 15 inches tall through June while they are nesting, he said. Newly hatched chicks need cover from broadleaf plants, while insects living in these areas provide them with food.

From 2007 to 2013, his data showed, Conservation Reserve habitat dropped by 30 percent in Kansas, 40 percent in South Dakota, 26 percent in Iowa, 28 percent in Minnesota and 37 percent in Nebraska.

Back when harvests reached a million birds, Prendergast said, farmers still left weeds growing on fallow fields, which gave chicks the cover they need. Now they use weed killer to keep those plants from taking moisture from the soil.

The department has incentives to pay farmers to keep stubble 15 inches high, Prendergast said, and to plant sunflowers or cover crops for young birds. He suggested burning or disking land already in Conservation Reserve every five years to manage the kind of plants growing there.

The presentation met with skepticism as soon as it was over. Matt Mildenerger, a hunter and farmer from Oakley, pointed out that pheasants are not native to this continent. He asked how they were released into the wild to start with if birds from hatcheries do so poorly on their own.

Pitman replied that it took 15 to 20 years to start a pheasant season after the birds were released here, and then wild birds were taken to other areas. But another landowner said he has more pheasants on his land and is convinced that the higher numbers were from animals he released. The released hatchlings included melanistic - or all black - birds, and he has seen their offspring.

Another attendee asked why they were spending money on conservation and not in other areas. Prendergast responded that money spent on hatching birds would be better spent on habitat.

Many people who commented mentioned the difficulty of paying for each program, which some questioned the department's choice of where to put in its conservation plots.

Barry Kaaz, another Colby resident, suggested selling stamps to help pay for the conservation programs. A slew of hands went up when another man in the audience, who declined to be named afterward, asked who would be willing to pay \$15 for a habitat stamp.

Blood drive to be Battle of Badges

The American Red Cross hopes everyone will turn out to support their favorites to see who can bring in the most blood in the "Battle of the Badges" blood drive Wednesday afternoon and next Thursday morning. The annual event pits law enforcement, fire fighters and emergency medical workers against each other to increase the amount of blood donated during the summer months, tra-

ditionally a slow time of year. This year's goal is to collect 137 pints of blood in the two-day drive, the agency says.

The winning group gets bragging rights and custody of a traveling trophy, but the Red Cross says the real winners will be the patients who receive donated blood.

Last year, the fire department won the challenge, but the emergency medical team won in the

previous two years.

Everyone who comes to donate gets a t-shirt and gets to vote for their team of choice. Donations will be accepted from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Community Building. Walk-ins are welcome but donors can make an appointment by going to www.redcross-blood.org.

Make a Difference - Please Recycle



Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Mops play date Friday at Poolside Park

The Colby Mops group will have a play date at 9 a.m. Friday at Poolside Park. Moms to be and mothers of kids through fifth grade are welcome. Come for a fun morning of play and to learn more about Mops, Mothers of Presschoolers, a group which aims to encourage, equip and develop every mom to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader. For information, contact Brittney Johnson at (785) 421-8466.

Church to give away school supplies

The Colby Wesleyan Church will give away free school supplies from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at 320 W. Pine in Colby. Items include supplies required for elementary kids, available at no cost to anyone who need them, first come, first served. Call Gene Rothfuss at 462-8391 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 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.

Pets ready for adoption at Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a young adult chihuahua 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.

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.

Hunting teachers class to be Monday

A workshop for new and veteran Hunter Education instructors will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Holy Ghost Parish Center, Fourth and Main in Sharon Springs. It will cover teaching techniques, equipment, policies, procedures and projects for hunter education. The class fulfills the orientation requirement for certification. To register, call Stacy Hageman at (800) 272-3488. For information, call facilitator Aaron Feist at (785) 852-4920.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call Wynn Duffey at 462-6342.

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 at Montana Mike's with a presentation from noon to 1 p.m. by Abigail Crandall of Kansas-Works on employer services through the state system. Make reservations by noon Monday with Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com.

Candidate for Senate to stop here

Independent U.S. Senate candidate Greg Orman will be at the Thomas County Office Complex conference room at 2 p.m. Wednesday and would love to visit with folks from northwest Kansas. Stop by to say hello.

Family Center offers student physicals

The Family Center for Health Care is offering discounted sports physicals for \$15 from 9 a.m. to noon next Thursday <Aug. 14>, with Dr. Dan Kuhlman and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. with Dr. Kara Kuhlman. Call to schedule an appointment at 462-6184.



Saturday Evening August 9, 2014										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	S.H.I.E.L.D.		20/20		20/20		Local			
KBSL/CBS	Unforgettable		Person of Interest		48 Hours		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC				Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Gang Related		Local		Animation Domination	Local		
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Outlaw Josey		Hell on Wheels		TURN: Washington		Hell on Wheels		Outlaw Josey	
ANIM	Bad Dog!		The Supervet		The Supervet		Bad Dog!		The Supervet	
BRAVO	American Pie 2				American Pie 2				Movie	
CMT	Speed		Dog and Beth		My Dysfunctional		Steve Austin's Broke		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNN	The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties		The Sixties	
COMEDY	South Park						Katt Williams			
DISC	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Un		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISN	Isabelle Dances Into	Jessie	Jessie		Lab Rats		Dog I Didn't		Good Luck ANT Farm	
EI	Shutter Island						True Hollywood Story		Kardashian	
ESPN	Little League		Little League				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	ATP Tennis				Baseball Tonight		E:60		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	New Year's Eve				A Walk to Remember					
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	The Sitter				The Strain		The Strain		The Strain	
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		House Hunters Reno		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	

AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //										
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Time Traveler				Movie				Time Traveler	
MTV	Confessions		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.		Stomp the Yard	
NICK	Cloudy-Mtballs		Instant	See Dad	Friends	Friends	Friends		Friends	
SCI	The 6th Day		The Darkest Hour				Predator 2			
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sullivan	Funniest Wins	Hulk	
TCM	The Thin Man				After the Thin Man					
TLC	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of th		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of th	
TNT	Pirates-Worlds				The Last Ship		The Time Machine			
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Dynamite	Boondocks	Attack	Bleach	Space Dan
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	The Cosby Show	King	King	King	King	King	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	
USA	How to Lose		Failure to Launch		Mod Fam		Mod Fam		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Special	Special	Special	Special	Dazed and Confused				Candidly	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Bones		Bones	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Pitch		Baggage Claim		True Blood		The Leftovers		Baggage Claim	
MAX	Red 2		The Knick		Rush				The Knick	
SHOW	Deep Impact		Boxing							Donovan

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Rising Star		Castle		Local			
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Unforgettable		Reckless		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Ninja Warrior		America's Got Talent				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Teen Choice 2014				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	Break-Bad	Breaking Bad			Breaking Bad					
ANIM	Gator Boys		Wildman	Wildman	Ice Lake Rebels		Wildman	Wildman	Ice Lake Rebels	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Game of Crowns		Happens	Housewives/NJ	NYC	
CMT	Steve Austin's Broke		Steve Austin's Broke		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth		Steve Austin's Broke	
CNN	The Hunt		The Hunt		Death Row Stories		The Hunt		The Hunt	
COMEDY	Tropic T	Tropic Thunder					Katt Williams		Key	Key
DISC	Air Jaws: Fin		Shark of Darkness				Shark After Dark		Shark of Darkness	
DISN	Austin	I Didn't	Girl Meet	Jessie	Dog	Liv-Mad.	Jessie	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck
EI	Kardashian		Kardashian		RichKids	Botched	Kardashian		Botched	
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter			SportCtr
ESPN2	Arena Football					MLS Soccer				ESPN FC
FAM	The Lucky One				Just Like Heaven				J. Osteen	Paid
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Food Network Star		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Network Star	
FX	Twilight				The Strain		The Strain		The Strain	
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Flipping the Block		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flipping the Block	
HIST	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Ice Road Truckers		Horse	Horse	Mountain Men	
LIFE	Maid in Manhattan		Witches of East End		The Lottery		Maid in Manhattan			
MTV	Stomp the Yard					ATL				
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	The Matrix Reloaded				Matrix Revol.				Vikings	
SPIKE	Bar Rescue		Hungry Investors		Gym Rescue		Bar Rescue		Hungry Investors	
TBS	Anchorman				Anchorman				Arthur	
TCM	To Be or Not to Be				True Confession					
TLC	Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium		Escaping Alaska		Long Island Medium		Escaping Alaska	
TNT	Nat'l Treasure		The Last Ship		Falling Skies		The Last Ship		Falling Skies	
TOON	King/Hill	King/Hill	Rick	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken		
TRAV	Big- RV	Big- RV	Bikinis	Bikinis	Waterprks	Waterprks	Man, Food	Man, Food	Bikinis	Bikinis
TV LAND										

Babies

Brooklyn Rose Hills

Brooklyn Rose Hills, daughter of Tyler and Kristina Hills of Colby, was born Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 19 1/2

inches. Sisters Karli, 7, Morgan, 5, and Lizzy, 2, welcomed her home. Grandparents are Craig and Anita Hills of Colby and Michael and Connie Cooper of Atwood.

Rence Jude Fikan

Rence Jude Fikan, son of Brad and Shannon Fikan of Colby, was born Tuesday, July 15, 2104, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 20 inches long. Siblings Taden, Ella, Emery and

Brasen welcomed him home. Grandparents are the late John and Melinda Fikan of Colby and Lowell and Sue Harter of Brule, Neb. Great-grandparents are Bertha Fikan of Colby and Robert and Gay Briggs of Montezuma.

Cort Victor Ziegelmeier

Cort Victor Ziegelmeier, son of Pete and Rosanna Ziegelmeier of Gem, was born Friday, July 18, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 19 3/4

inches. Brother Nash Lee welcomed him home. Grandparents are Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier of Gem and Lee and Pauline Lock of Wallace.

Nadia Rose Williams

Nadia Rose Williams, daughter of Brian and Bethanie Williams of Colby was born Sunday, April 27, 2014, at home. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 20 3/4 inches.



Nadia W.

Sister Olivia welcomed her home. Grandparents are Linda and Tuffy Taylor, Sheila Williams and Rod Williams, all of Colby, and Mike and Jane Linden of Concordia. Great-grandparents are Duane and Doris Brown and Ken Bieber, all of Colby, and Lewis and Edith Linden of Concordia.

Torin Allen Schmitt



Torin Schmitt

Torin Allen Schmitt, son of Edward and Hadassah Schmitt of Colby, was born Monday, June 30, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 19 inches.

Brothers Brody Dallas Schmitt, 5, and Linken Edward Schmitt, 3, welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Bruce and Maryann Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Pamela Barnes of Lyons, Colo.; and Bev and the late Dallas Schmitt of Newman Grove, Neb.

Santiago Meraz

Santiago Meraz, son of E. Ramon and Elsa Meraz of Hoxie, was born Friday, July 4, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 19 inches.

Sister Priscila welcomed him home.

Blake Aaron Koster

Blake Aaron Koster, son of Peter and Maggie Koster of Oakley, was born Monday, July 7, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Brothers Bean and Brett Koster welcomed him home. Grandparents are Harold and Bridget Koster of Hoxie and Matthew and Eleanor Dumler of Oakley.

Books fill interlude before school starts

Welcome to August and the last few weeks before school begins.

I want to share with you about a few books you might read between now and then. Let's call it an interlude. The online Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines that as: "A period of time between events or activities" (www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interlude).

During your interlude, I might suggest a new book titled "The Pearl That Broke Its Shell," by Nadia Hashimi. Hashimi's family was originally from Afghanistan, though she grew up in the United States. Her parents immigrated in 1970 just before the Russians invaded.

This book is about a young girl living in Afghanistan. She is forced to apply the bacha posh custom of dressing like a boy so that she can go to school and even do such mundane things as going to the market. As she grows older, the question becomes how will she transition to being a young woman in her culture, or will she. The author weaves this story with that of a woman of an earlier generation who faced the same dilemma. Read, learn and grow in the cultural difficulties of others around the world face daily.

Another of our newest items is "Indefensible," by Lee Goodman. Federal prosecutor Nick Davis, rushing through traffic in his Volvo, had as passengers the lady who reported suspicious happenings at the park, and Lizzy his daughter. Davis decided that it would be okay to take them to the scene while conducting this initial investigation. Though state troopers and the coroner are following, Davis does not expect to find anything of significance. He's wrong. Captain Dorsey, the state trooper, had contacted both Davis as U.S. attorney and FBI agent Chip d'Villafranca about the suspicious, possible mob activity. The intrigue builds; read the rest of the novel.

The next suspenseful mystery is, "Big Little Lies," by Liane Moriarty. If you read her last book, "The Husband's Secret," you will be ready for this. Detective Sergeant Adrian Quinlan is investigating a violent incident at the Pirriewee Public School. Elderly widow Patty Ponder heard the ruckus from a window at the back of her house overlooking the schoolyard. She could not believe what she was witnessing – two men dressed like Elvis lookalikes, attending a dress-up trivia pursuit night, were punching it out. Ladies dressed like Audrey Hepburn were screaming.

When police cars arrived Quinlan began to bring the situation into order. After a long interview process, no real understanding was gained. This incident will be woven into the lives of three mothers in the story, Madeline, Celeste and Jane, as they learn about each other and the secrets of the past they wish to keep hidden. The next item is written by



Melany Wilks

Library Links

Marcia Muller. Muller has received several Private Eye Writers of America awards. In her latest, "The Night Searchers," private detective Sharon McCone finds herself joining a group that hunts treasures in the night. Sharon did this to find out just what was happening on Russian Hill in San Francisco.

Her old friend, attorney Glen Solomon, had referred Camilla and Jay Givens to her. Camilla seemed in need of a psychiatrist, not a private investigator, but Glen said he had a hunch he'd like Sharon to check out.

The night searchers group is doing some weird things in San Francisco. She is surprised by those involved in this high class neighborhood. The mystery drives her to look deeper when some strange events collide. Read the book and enjoy the suspense.

We have added some DVDs recently: "The Angriest Man in Brooklyn," by Lions Gate Studio; "Heaven is for Real," by Sony Studio; and "The Other Woman," by 20th Century Fox; and "Noah," by Paramount.

Audio-books and print editions added are: "A Perfect Life," by Danielle Steel; "The Silkworm," by Robert Galbraith; "Sight Unseen," by Iris and Roy Johansen; "Power Play," by Catherine Coulter; and "Four," by Veronica Roth.

The Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library are putting together a Hobby Fair at the library. It will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. We are inviting all hobbyist or craft persons. Do you have a hobby you absolutely love? It could be a hobby like wine making, photography, stamp or coin collecting, painting, drawing, scrapbooking, antiques or just collecting fun items of interest.

Have you ever thought about sharing your hobby with others? I'm sure you have the passion, knowledge and expertise someone else might benefit from! Why not create a community around it? Surely there are others who share the same interests as you, even if they're just starting for the first time. Come share at our Hobby Fair in October. We are hoping to have a wide variety of hobbies on display along with those collectors to share their knowledge about their hobby. Pick up a sign up form at the library or call the library, 460-4470, and we can email you a form.

Remember our normal summer hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you in the library!

Deaths

Eunice Louise (Knudson) Dechert

Eunice Louise (Knudson) Dechert, 98, a retired Colby business owner, died Tuesday, July 29, 2014, in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

She was born Feb. 4, 1916, the daughter of Kanute Christian Christopher and Grace Leah (Kelly) Knudson. Though her family lived in Rexford for a time when she was young, she grew up primarily on the family's Sappa Creek farm near Cumberland Corners. In 1933, she graduated from Rexford High School.

She grew up running trap lines along the creek bottoms to supplement the family income. As well as a trapper, she was a hunter, horsewoman, farmer and rancher, though she abandoned hunting when she was older.

On Aug. 17, 1937, she married

Conrad Dechert. He died in 1992.

An inveterate collector of antiques, she opened Colby Antiques after her children were grown. In her 60s, she was in the movie "The American Success Company," along with her husband. In her mid-80s she hiked to Iceberg Lake in Glacier National Park with her children. In her early 90s she rode jet skis in the open ocean in the Virgin Islands. In her later years she continued riding as well.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Dechert.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

No visitation.

Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby is in charge of arrangements.

Aviation Expo takes off across state next month

After a successful inaugural event last year, state aviation officials are gearing up and partnering with the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education to host the 2nd Annual Kansas Aviation Expo, Sept. 22 to 26.

This year's Expo will feature a week's worth of events, including the Fly Kansas Air Tour, two around-the-world pilots and business seminars. Last year's inaugural event featured several leading industry speakers.

"This year our theme will be 'where dreams comes true' because there is something for everyone when it comes to aviation," said Jesse R. Romo, director of aviation for the Kansas Department of Transportation. "One of our goals this year is to reach out and engage as many school kids as possible to encourage them to pursue their dreams and consider a career in aviation."

During the air tour, pilots will fly their aircraft throughout the state. For three days, three stops a day, the group will barnstorm in aircraft that range from a vintage Stearman to a modern Cessna 182. Each stop will highlight a different aspect of Kansas aviation and draw in several local school kids. Day 1 kicks off Sept. 22 in Wellington, moves to Hutchinson for lunch and ends in Dodge City with an evening event. Day 2 begins in Scott City, continues to Salina and ends in Topeka. The third day will go through Pittsburg and Independence before ending in Benton.

Following the air tour on Sept. 25, Barrington Irving, the young-

est person to fly around the world solo, will bring his Flying Classroom to Wichita and demonstrate to high school students how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is used in aviation. The Flying Classroom event will include a career fair at which hundreds of high school students will learn about all the options aviation has to offer.

On the evening of Sept. 25, Amelia Rose Earhart will talk about her around-the-world flying trip and her Fly With Amelia Foundation that helps high school girls learn how to fly. Amelia Rose, who is not related to her namesake, recreated the route the earlier Amelia Mary Earhart had charted for her ill-fated 1937 attempt to fly around the world.

The schedule for Friday, Sept. 26, will include speakers from the FAA, TSA, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and more.

Gov. Sam Brownback said the week's events are valuable to highlight the importance of aviation to the Kansas economy and to introduce young people to aviation and possible careers.

"Kansas is proud of its history in aviation," said Gov. Brownback. "The popularity of this event highlights the importance of aviation and the contributions Kansas and Kansans continue to make in this critical industry."

For information, go to www.flykansan.org/ or visit the event Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KansasAviationExpo.

Wedding site at hockey rink

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) – The bride wore white – and stainless steel.

Ben and Courtney Sikkenga were married Saturday at a western Michigan ice rink where they first met in seventh grade.

Ben is a 23-year-old lifelong hockey player. Twenty-four-year-old Courtney is his biggest fan.

The Muskegon Chronicle (bit.ly/1tHQI7) says groomsmen and bridesmaids got dressed in locker rooms at Lakeshore Sports Centre before skating on the ice.

Guests had the option of sitting in chairs on the ice or on benches behind the protective glass.

The newlyweds left the rink under raised hockey sticks.

Giant tortoise strolled away

ALHAMBRA, Calif. (AP) – A giant tortoise found ambling down a street in suburban Los Angeles has been reunited with its owners.

The Alhambra Police Department says a local family claimed the 150-pound reptile named Clark on Sunday, a day after it was spotted strolling on the street.

It took two officers to heft the creature into a patrol car so they could turn it over to animal control authorities.

The department posted photos of Clark on its Facebook page in hopes of finding the owner and cracked a "Tortoise and Hare" joke about officers capturing the reptile after a brief pursuit.

No word yet on how far the tortoise had gone from home when it was caught.

A call to a police spokesman wasn't immediately returned.

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Other Viewpoints

Tuesday's primary not a game changer

Tuesday's primary election was hardly a game changer for conservative Kansas, though some returns delivered unmistakable messages for the incumbents and forecast real races ahead.

Gov. Sam Brownback's re-election bid was never in doubt at the primary, and he won easily over Wichita businesswoman Jennifer Winn. But that so many Republicans favored an unknown one-issue candidate to Brownback is another sign of the discontent with the governor within the GOP ranks, to go along with the recent endorsements by 100 Republicans of Democrat Paul Davis and numerous opinion surveys.

As expected, Secretary of State Kris Kobach also won big Tuesday, against high-quality challenger Scott Morgan, but now must defend his controversial record on and off the Kansas taxpayers' clock in a challenge from Democrat Jean Schodorf.

Kansas Republican voters threw cold water on the nationally watched campaigns for the U.S. Senate and 4th Congressional District seats, sticking with Sen. Pat Roberts and Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Wichita, over tea party firebrand Milton Wolf and former congressman Todd Tiahrt, respectively.

The arguments that Roberts didn't qualify as either a conservative or a Kansan lacked credibility, especially coming from a physician revealed to have found humor in grisly X-rays online. But it was telling that Roberts didn't win 50 percent of the vote, and now he has to hope the ill will created by his negative ads against Wolf won't weaken him going against Democrat Chad Taylor.

And what can be said about Tiahrt? He was so well-liked during his productive 16 years in Congress that the contest should have been closer. But voters couldn't make sense of Tiahrt's motives for running or misleading criticisms of Pompeo.

Though Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler, prevailed in the 1st Congressional District, he let political newcomer Alan LaPolice get uncomfortably close. Huelskamp hasn't paid with his job — yet — for his ejection from the House Agriculture Committee, vote against the farm bill and general inability to work well with others in the House GOP caucus or even the Kansas delegation. But the farm groups' unhappiness with Huelskamp isn't going away anytime soon either, and his bad behavior should help Tuesday's winning Democrat, James Sherow, in the fall.

The five-way GOP race to replace Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger shook out in favor of Ken Selzer, who now takes on Democrat Dennis Anderson.

So the lessons of the primary went deeper than the win-loss column, raising expectations for an interesting autumn.

— *The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*

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Farm visit shows where food comes from

In the circles I have traveled, I have often met people from many walks of life. I was raised on a large ranch, and I still live on a few acres in a farming community. I often associate with farmers, ranchers and people whose living comes from the land.

I have also worked in theater, business, research, technology, and now at a university. In these areas I have associate with businessmen, professionals, professors and administrators who have a wealth of knowledge and academic learning. These people have a diverse background, often different from those I spend time with in the farming community. It is almost as if these people, though not far apart in distance, are miles apart in experiences.

Interesting results can occur when people from one walk of life crosses into another. Now and then I watch as someone experiences what it is like crossing those boundaries.

In one particular case, a couple we are friends with wanted to bring their two sons out to experience "where food comes from." They had lived much of their lives in a city, and recently moved to the area. The mother was the product of three generations of city living. The father, though from a smaller town, was still not familiar with the world of agriculture.

They had read books and talked to their sons about farming, but that was as far as their experience went. When they were at a grocery store, they told their young sons that food is not grown in the supermarket, but is shipped there from farms. Their boys, 8 and 10 years old, were skeptical. Even though they now lived among fields of wheat and other crops,

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they could not imagine that something growing in the field could end up in an edible form in the refrigerator. One boy went as far as to question his father's truthfulness when the father said some of the wheat they saw growing could actually become part of a pizza. Surely pizza could not come from a farm.

Thus the parents decided to take advantage of their new surroundings and provide an opportunity for their sons to learn first hand. Knowing that I grow a lot of my own food, they called and asked if it would be all right if they brought their sons out to our small farm.

"Sure," I told them. "Milking time is at 6, so why don't you come out at about 5."

They arrived promptly, and we started off by taking them out to our large garden. They were able to pick and eat raspberries right off of the plants. They enjoyed this immensely. We also showed them how peas are grown, and had them eat some fresh from the pod. They had never eaten raw peas before, and one boy expressed his view that peas were "disgusting." However, his father insisted he try one, and once he did, the young boy ate so many I thought he would clean out our whole patch.

We had strawberries, dug a few potatoes, and even showed them how corn grew in ears, though none were ripe enough to eat.

Eventually we moved to the animals. I prepared the milking buckets, and we went to the barn. Our cow is very gentle, and I introduced her to them. She likes bread, so I gave each of them a slice to feed her. The boys were slightly grossed out when she licked them with her sandpaper tongue. That feeling only increased when, after she had licked them, she cleaned out her own nose with that same long tongue.

I tied her into her place, fed her grain, and washed her. As I did, I talked about how she gave about three gallons per milking from which we made cheese and butter. I still don't think the boys grasped it all until the minute I started to stream the milk into the bucket. Suddenly, seeing the milk, they put it all together.

The younger boy looked as if he was going to hurl, while the older boy had a look of shock on his face as if he would eat his cereal dry for the rest of his life. Even the parents seemed less than enthusiastic. Though they had all known that milk came from cows, knowing it and seeing it can be quite different.

The older son expressed the opinion of all of them when he simply said, "You have got to be kidding!"

The younger one joined in. "Yeah. I don't think I ever want to drink milk again."

I just laughed, enjoying their discomfort, and I decided to add to it. "Just wait til I show you where eggs come from!"

Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist, playwright, and author, can be

Addressing reasons government fails

Whatever our political stripe, we all want government to fail less often. Citizens and the media need to pressure elected officials to spend more time digging into the nitty-gritty of fixing bureaucracies.

As election season approaches, I've been pondering a crucial issue about the role of government. It's that our government often fails — and that we need to address this. What's odd is that while the frequent failures in government's performance are on people's minds, politicians don't talk much about fixing them. True, you might hear a few words about the issue when members are back in their districts this month revving up their re-election campaigns, but for the most part they'll be focused on issues like jobs and the economy. This is understandable, because that's what their constituents expect to hear about.

But it's also a shame, because we need a healthy dialogue about why government often fails and how to fix it. There's ample cause for concern. The VA appointments scandal; the botched launch of the Affordable Care Act; duplicative programs to help low-income families; the 28 years of missed inspections that led to the explosion of the fertilizer plant in West, Texas; scandals at the General Services Administration and the Secret Service; a broken federal appointments process; the regulatory screwups that contributed to the Great Recession; auto recalls that should have happened much sooner than they did; the failure to prevent the 9/11 terrorist attacks by sharing information within government; bridge collapses and infrastructure failures.... There's a long and dispiriting list of occasions when the federal government has fallen short.

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Lee Hamilton Center on Congress

Yet the issues surrounding government performance don't stir passions. Progress comes slowly, the media's not interested in the tedious story of building competence, and politicians look for home runs, not singles. They want to make grand proposals, not dig into the nuts and bolts of fixing bureaucracies.

Moreover, as political scientist Paul C. Light has demonstrated, government failures happen for a long list of reasons that cannot be fixed easily, painlessly or quickly. Sometimes problems are rooted in policies that were ill-conceived, too complicated, or not well communicated. Sometimes the policies were fine, but the resources necessary to implement them were inadequate or misused. Politics often gets in the way of good policy, with efforts to undermine programs by making their implementation difficult or by cutting staffs and budgets.

There are organizational and institutional problems, poor oversight, poor leadership — no matter how good a policy, if good people aren't available to carry it out, it will fail — and government's difficulty attracting and keeping highly qualified administrators. Often, leaders are bored by the nitty-gritty of management.

Still, these are challenges, not barriers. If political leaders wanted to focus on improv-

ing management and policy implementation, there's no shortage of fixes they could make.

- They could ensure that federal agencies use pilot and trial programs more frequently.

- They could mandate better and more rigorous evaluation and the use of metrics that lay bare what works and what doesn't. There's more attention being paid to efficacy than there used to be, but it's still a trickle.

- They could avoid rushing to announce programs, strive to get it right rather than get it quickly, and pay as much attention to follow-through as to the launch. Think about long term, not the next election, and make sure the mission is sharply defined.

- They could devote far more attention to how government will recruit, retain and train the smart, highly qualified workers needed to carry out ever-more-complex programs. And they could vow to reduce the number of political appointees in favor of filling most positions on the basis of merit.

- They should flatten the chain of command and reduce the layers of bureaucracy, so it's easier for top administrators to see what's taking place on the front lines.

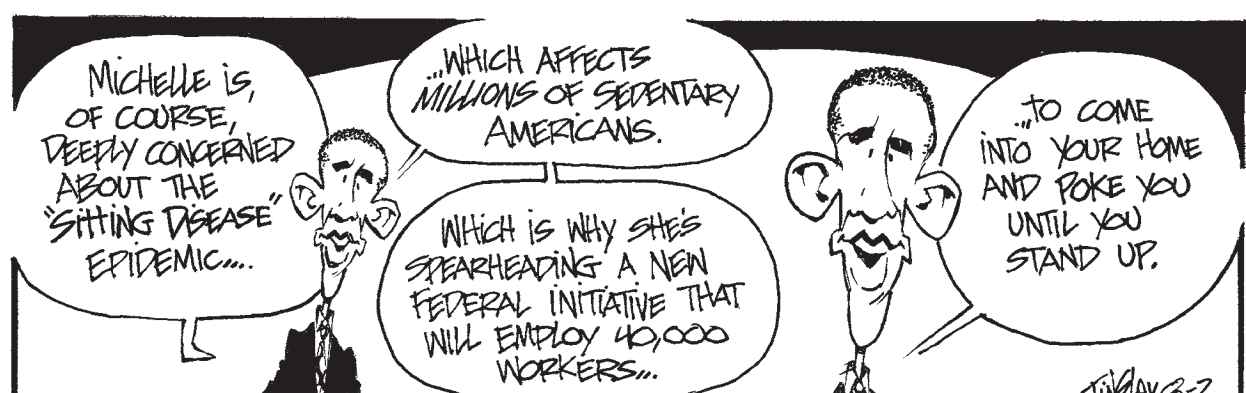
- In the case of Congress, it needs to ensure that vigorous oversight of programs becomes a habit, not the rarity it is now.

All of us want government to fail less often, whatever our politics. So here's my suggestion: Insist that your favored candidate work harder on making government more effective and efficient.

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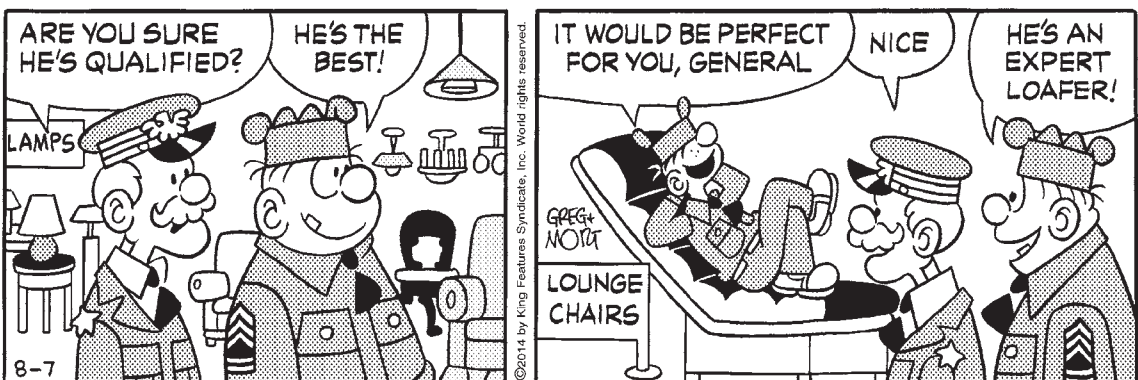


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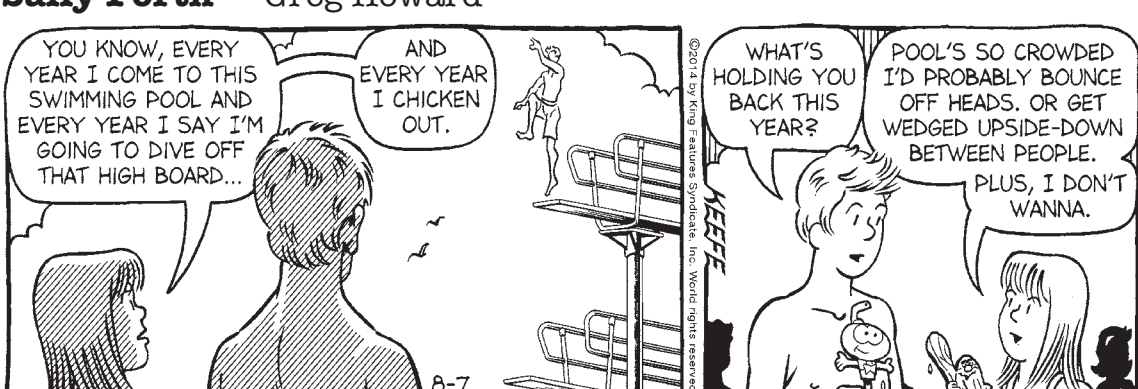
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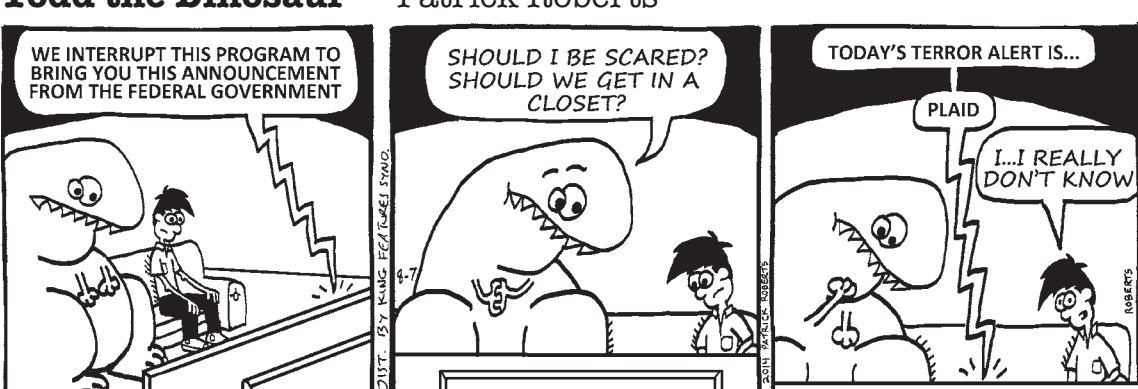
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Monkey bank not an original

Q: My wife recently acquired a metal mechanical bank titled "Monkey Bank." It's 7 1/4 inches long. A monkey sits on one end, and an organ grinder on the other. When you put a coin in the monkey's mouth and press the lever behind him, the monkey flies forward and "deposits" the coin into the organ held by the organ grinder. Do you know the age or value?

A: The original Monkey Bank you describe was produced by the Hubley Manufacturing Co. of Lancaster, Pa., probably in the 1920s. Originals, however, are nearly 9 inches long. Reproductions abound. Some used molds made from original banks, which is why the copies are smaller. An original Monkey Bank recently sold for close to \$600. Copies sell for \$15 to \$25.

Q: I have a blue-and-white beaded purse with a metal clasp and chain. It's needlepoint with cut steel beads. It was my grandmother's, so it must be 60-80 years old. Does it have any value, and where can I sell it?

A: Beaded purses were popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many were imported from Europe. Beadwork was a popular form of needlework, and directions for making beaded bags were printed in women's magazines. Beaded purses are still popular fashion accessories and are made by some well-known designers today. Any vintage clothing store will be interested in your beaded purse if it's in good condition. Price depends on style, intricacy of the design and condition. Good purses sell for \$150 to \$250, while exceptional examples have brought about \$800.

Q: I have a Heineken beer mug marked "Blue Delfts" on the bottom. I thought it ought to say "Delft." Do I have a fake?

A: That depends on what you mean by "fake." You don't have an antique piece of Dutch delft pottery. They are not marked the way yours is. And while Heineken beer has been around for more than a century, blue-and-white pottery with that brand name on the front was made as giftware much more recently. Your mug might not even have been made in Holland. A mug like yours sells online for about \$10.

Q: My mother gave me three nun figurines. The bottom of each figurine is marked "Dave Grossman Designs, copyright 1971, MEM." Two of the figurines also have paper stickers that read "Made in Japan." Can you provide information on their value?

A: David Grossman opened his company in Hazelwood, Mo., in 1968, making figurines, limited editions, music boxes, ornaments and snow globes. Some of the popular series of figurines include Norman Rockwell, "Gone With the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz." The company was sued by Warner Brothers for copyright and trademark infringement. The suit was settled in 2014. The value of your figurines is about \$10 each.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 5 2
♥ Q 6 4
♦ A K 3
♣ Q 9

WEST
♠ 7
♥ A K J 10 5
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K 10 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 2
♦ 9 4
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q 7 5 2
♣ A 6

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 1♥ Dble Pass
2♣ Pass 4♣
Opening lead — king of hearts.

A Delectable Concoction

Some plays that can significantly increase declarer's chances of making a contract are very easy to miss. For example, consider this deal where West leads the K-A and another heart after East plays high-low.

East ruffs and returns a club. Since both the bidding and the club return strongly indicate that West has the king, South goes up with the ace.

Declarer must now take the rest of the tricks to make the contract. Obviously, this can't be done unless South finds a way to avoid losing a club trick.

One possibility is to draw the missing trumps and cash the A-K-Q of diamonds. If the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3, South's seven becomes a trick on which dummy's remaining club can be discarded.

As the cards lie, declarer goes down if he adopts this line of play. The diamonds turn out to be divided 4-2, and he eventually loses a club to West to finish down one.

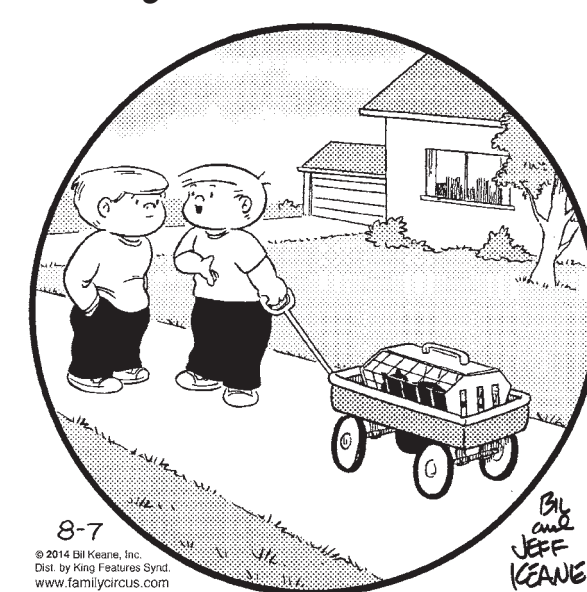
But another, less obvious line of play allows South to make the contract. Instead of banking everything on a 3-3 diamond division, he should first cash all of dummy's trumps, discarding his six of clubs on the last trump. This reduces his hand to the Q-7-5-2 of diamonds while dummy has the A-K-3 of diamonds and queen of clubs.

But note what happens to West while the spades are being cashed. On the last trump lead from dummy, he must discard from his J-10-8-6 of diamonds and king of clubs. Whatever he chooses, declarer takes the rest of the tricks.

The indisputable advantage of this method of play is that declarer preserves his chances of making the contract if the diamonds are divided 3-3, while at the same time he improves his chances if West started with four or more diamonds.

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"It's my cat. She doesn't like goin' for walks, so I'm taking her for a roll."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/07

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

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

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

Cryptoquip

WJBGY DEY WTXYLRLQNYD
EQC WP RQBZ CJAAYLYBD
XJGNVY GEPJGYW, J APTBC
RZWYVA JB Q CJVV-YRRQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN DEMOGRAPHIC DATA IS GATHERED ABOUT A PRISON POPULATION, I ASSUME IT WILL BE A CON-CENSUS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 35 C-note, slangily | 57 Chances, for short | 10 PC picture |
| 1 Fragment | 38 Actress Pinkett Smith | 58 Certain sch. | 11 Without "Unh-unh" |
| 5 Fa lower | 39 Festive consonants | DOWN | 21 Longoria or Mendes |
| 8 Greek | 40 Have bills | 1 Doltish sort | 24 Symbol of intrigue |
| 12 "Rose" ("The Music Man" song) | 42 "The Da Vinci Code" monk | 2 Apiary structure | 25 Lemieux (Lat.) milieu |
| 13 Singer Rita | 45 Decline of Dr. — | 3 The same (Lat.) | 26 Wren, for instance |
| 14 Cape near Lisbon | 49 Seethe | 4 Acapulco gold | 28 Reagan era prog. |
| 15 Finished | 50 "7 Faces of Fear" | 5 "Send in the Clowns" writer | 29 Loud |
| 16 Artesian appellation | 52 Hexagonal state | 6 Acapulco gold | 30 Comical Caesar |
| 17 Part of the loop | 53 Farm fraction | 7 Aladdin's find | 31 Timetable abbr. |
| 18 Insist on | 54 Flightless bird | 8 Expensive | 36 Incarcerated |
| 20 Praline ingredients | 55 Church section | 9 Short musical work | 37 Author Rand |
| 22 Homer's interjection | 56 Lincoln in-law | | 38 Inspid Lindbergh book |
| 23 Old pro | | | 41 Blind as — |
| 24 Sagacious | | | 42 Crazy |
| 27 Lamb, for example | | | 44 Bread spread |
| 32 Green prefix | | | 46 Handy pc. of Latin |
| 33 Berlin's "What'll —?" | | | 47 Bear lair |
| 34 Pen point | | | 48 Yon folks |
| | | | 51 Pump up the volume |

Solution time: 24 mins.

P	A	C	K	T	A	J	T	E	E	M
I	R	A	N	I	D	O	A	G	R	A
E	G	R	E	S	S	E	S	U	G	L
R	O	D	E	O	H	O	P	E	D	
				L	U	G	S	M	E	L
A	C	E	S	R	A	T	E	A	H	F
D	O	G	R	O	B	I	N	N	E	O
S	P	Y	O	G	R	E	S	T	Y	X
				P	A	M	A	R	I	A
C	I	T	I	E	S		S	H	O	R
U	N	I	S		E	G	O	M	A	N
E	T	A	L		M	A	W	A	R	E
D	O	N	E		I	L	L	A	R	E

Yesterday's answer 8-7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13			14				
15				16			17				
18				19			20	21			
				22			23				
24	25	26		27	28	29			30	31	
32				33					34		
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53				54					55		
56				57					58		

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

Notices

Divorce Recovery for women 10 weeks of classes/support group. Mondays, 6:30 - 8 p.m. CST. Starts Sept. 8, 2014. Sunflower Bank basement - Colby, KS. All women welcome. Are you sad, angry, confused? We can help! 785-675-8606

Kansas Army National Guard Colby Armory Open House, August 16 & 17. Come learn more about the opportunities and benefits of serving with your local Army Guard unit. Call Sgt. Joe Leroux for more information 316-213-3806.

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

Help Wanted

Pioneer Feedyard, LLC., Oakley, KS is looking for good help in the cowboy, mill & maintenance departments. Good starting salary, 401K & health insurance. Contact Jason at 785-672-0688.

We're accepting applications for Housekeepers. Salary to be determined based upon qualifications. Apply in person and pick up applications at the Sleep Inn & Suites, 2075 Sewell Ave., Colby, KS.

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is accepting employment applications. Applicants must be at least eighteen, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, have the ability to lift at least 100 lbs, possess a valid driver's license and will be required to take a pre-employment drug test. Applicants should be motivated, responsible, possess good communication and people skills, be a team player, and flexible to change. Duties include processing materials for recycling, building and equipment maintenance, forklift and machinery operation, and loading and unloading trucks/trailers. Interested applicants may contact 785-460-1840 for an application or send a resume with references to P.O. Box 43, Colby, KS 67701. EOE.

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Full benefits:
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Retirement Plan,
6 Paid Holidays
Hours:
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computer, & people skills.

Call 460-7507 for
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PALACE DRUG STORE

Help Wanted

Holiday Inn Express has an opening for a full time housekeeping position. Competitive wages and paid vacation time. Pick up an application at 645 W. Willow, Colby, KS 67701.

Maintenance Director, LPN's, RN's, CNA's and CMA's. Full and part time positions available. Please contact Amy or Rhonda @ Deseret Health and Rehab, (785) 462-6721, or come in for application.

Full-time groundskeeper and maintenance position in the Grainfield area. Must have a clean valid driving record, lift heavy items and operate machinery. Contact Trish at 785-673-8002.

The Salina Journal is looking for a independent contractor to deliver the newspaper in the city of Colby, approximately one hundred seventeen customers. Early mornings needs dependable vehicle and would receive approximately \$689.96 per month. For information call 1-800-727-6363 Ext. 300 or 1-866-737-5680. We are also looking for a dependable person to distribute newspapers to our racks and dealers in the city of Colby seven days per week. 1-800-827-6363 or 1-866-737-5680.

Top Pay for RN's, LPN's/LVN's, CNA's, Med Aides. \$2,000 bonus - Free Gas. AACO Nursing Agency. 1-800-656-4414 ext. 51.

Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services is now accepting applications for the position of Juvenile Supervision Officer/Case Manager. The position will be based initially in Colby, KS. This position involves supervising high risk juvenile offenders, making appropriate referrals, coordinating with community agencies, and monitoring the juvenile's compliance with their probation. Applicants must have excellent organizational and time management skills. A Bachelors Degree in criminal justice or related field is required; bilingual a plus. Salary is \$31,000.00 plus benefit package. Send resume to Peggy Pratt, PO Box 89, Oberlin, KS 67749. All resumes are due by August 15, 2014. EOE.

An Energetic person for full-time Registered Veterinary Technician/ Receptionist for our growing Veterinary Clinic. The right CVT will be considered. Responsible for all aspects of customer service, computer skills necessary, as well as self-motivated team player!! Dependability a must! Some Saturdays and kennel duties involved. Apply in person at the Colby Animal Clinic 810 E. 4th, Colby, KS.



Community College

Colby Community College is accepting sealed bids for installation of roofs on the Health Sciences Building, Thomas Hall, the southeast corner of the Student Union and the Maintenance Building. Bid specifications are available by contacting Scott Williams at (785) 460-5471 or email scott.williams@colbycc.edu. Deadline for bids is August 15, 2014 at 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at 8:00 a.m. on July 27, 2013. Colby Community College reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any irregularity in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the college. CCC reserves the right to accept the bid which will promote the best interest of the college.

Help Wanted

Days Inn Colby now hiring all positions, apply in person at 1925 S. Range Ave.

High Plains Mental Health Center currently has an opening for a part time Branch Office Support Staff at our Branch Office in Colby. Qualified candidate should have good secretarial and office skills, handle multi-line phone system, and data entry. Candidate must also successfully pass a KBI background check. Interested applicants - respond via mail to Gloria Mathis, Human Resources Manager, High Plains Mental Health Center, 208 E. 7th St., Hays, KS. 67601, or by e-mail to Jean Montgomery at jean.montgomery@hpmhc.com. HPMHC is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V.

Eberle Construction is looking for two full time persons to do general construction work. Experience preferred but not necessary. Health insurance and retirement plan provided. Starting wage \$12 to \$15 depending on experience. Call Scott Eberle at 785-672-0310.

Immediate Opening for Head bookkeeper. Position must be filled soon. Must be competent and fluent in quick-books and accounting. Applicant must call 785-462-6908 to set up time for an interview. Come to 780 E. 4th to pick up all applications. Applicant must be a motivated worker. Pay based on experience and work ethic.

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

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

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

Help Wanted

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Pebble Embossed Plastic Banquet trols 40"x300" (white) \$30 + tax. Can be purchased at the Colby Free Press, 155 W. 5th St.

Wanted

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Garage Sales

Amber Waves Storage Unit 26 - Friday, 5 - 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - noon. Gas grill, yard bench, hand tools, misc.

Big Everything Goes Multi-Family Yard Sale at Vision Source. 1005 S. Range, Colby - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Multi-Family Garage Sale 520 S. Garfield - Friday, 3 - 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - ?? Furniture, clothes, baby items, books, household items, toys & lots more!

1745 W. 5th in backyard - Friday, 4 - 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - ?? Books, puzzles, Avon collectibles, speakers, furniture, mirrors, baby/toddler clothes, lots of misc.

New Panasonic Reconditioned Sharp & Compact, Repair Vacuum & Steam Cleaner - Erwin Thiele 785-462-5572.

Public Notice

Notice of Vote - The City of Colby

Pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended by 2014 House Bill 2047
Total Property Tax Levied

2014 Budget	\$ 1,483,165
2015 Budget	\$ 1,487,342
Approved (vote) <u> 8 </u> to <u> 0 </u>	

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The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center

is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

- School Psychologist
- Head Start Aide (Decatur County)
- Head Start Para (Sherman County)
- Para-educators

Applications are available at www.nkesc.org or 785-672-3125. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. *NKEsc is an EOE*



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of CITY OF GEM

will meet on AUG 21, 2014 at 8:00 PM at GEM COMMUNITY BLDG 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 MARGARET FLANAGIN RESIDENCE and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2013		Current Year Estimate for 2014		Proposed Budget for 2015		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	24,854	7.505	57,000	8.241	52,020	3,160	7.383
Debt Service							
Library							
STREET LIGHTING	2,192	5.103	3,020	4.528	3,000	1,590	3.714
Special Highway	10,000		12,000		3,000		
Totals	37,047	12.608	72,020	12.769	58,020	4,749	11.097
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	37,047		72,020		58,020		
Total Tax Levied	4,314		4,343		XXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	342,156		0		427,978		

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

*Tax rates are expressed in mills


PHYLLIS ZIEGELMEIER

City Official Title: MAYOR

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Public Notice

JENNINGS, KS



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Arrowhead Lot \$8,000
Residential Lots \$14,000 to \$19,000
313 Colby Ave., Oakley CONTRACT
408 W. 6th, Oakley \$22,000
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217 E. 2nd, Grainfield \$38,500
119 S. Penn, Jennings \$40,500
615 Longview, Oakley CONTRACT
419 Colby Ave., Oakley CONTRACT
605 W. 7th, Oakley \$62,000
615 E. 7th \$66,900
207 S. Monroe, Grinnell \$85,000
314 Edgerton, Oakley **SOLD**
1265 W. 7th CONTRACT
2599 Cty Rd 12, Oakley CONTRACT
425 W. 5th \$134,500
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Commercial building, 200 Center Oakley, KS \$39,500 Call Rock today!

AG LAND LISTINGS

300 Acres Prime Cropland, Thomas County, KS SW of Colby, KS \$3,680/Acre Call Rock for details and a tour!
160 Acres CRP Sherman County Land \$1,750/Acre Call Tom!
160 Acres Sherman County Irrigated Cropland CONTRACT
320 Acres Lane County Irrigated CONTRACT
160 Acres Logan County Cropland SOLD
160 Acres Logan County Cropland SOLD
320 Acres Gove County Irrigated SOLD
160 Acres Gove County Cropland SOLD
160 Acres Gove County Cropland SOLD

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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

The Colby Community College volleyball team stood tall and conquered many tough tests while winning 26 matches last fall. Their focus in the classroom has also earned national honors.

Trojans among best in class

The American Volleyball Coaches Association announced this week that Colby Community College's volleyball team has been one of 22 two-year college teams honored for academic excellence.

Only 3.2 percent of two-year college teams in the nation earned this prestigious award.

The team academic award which was initiated in 1992 honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.3 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

"Too often athletic participa-

tion is associated with academic underachievement and this stereotype is simply false when it comes to volleyball," American Volleyball Coaches Association executive director Kathy DeBoer said. "Couple the smarts represented by these teams with the competitive experience and team-focused training gained on the court, and we have a potent formula for future leadership. What a significant contribution that is by their coaches and schools."

The Team Academic Award has become one of the American Volleyball Coaches Association's fastest growing awards programs, seeing an impressive surge in

teams honored over the past several years.

Carey Jones is head coach of the Trojans, who knocked off rival and nationally-ranked Hutchinson Community College en route to winning a share of the 2013 Jayhawk Conference West championship. Chelsea Funk assists Jones.

The Trojans eventually reached the Region VI title match to cap their terrific 26-10 season. Hutchinson will be the Trojans' opening home opponent on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Colby Community Building. Colby starts its season in a Tyler, Texas Tournament Friday and Saturday, Aug. 22-23.

K-State coach rips dollar's ruling power

MANHATTAN (AP) — Coach Bill Snyder ripped the big-time nature of college athletics as Kansas State opened fall camp Wednesday, lamenting the way universities have "sold out" in search of the almighty dollar.

During a lengthy oratory in which the 74-year-old coach planned to discuss the upcoming season, Snyder argued that TV has assumed too much control of college sports; education has become a second thought; and that the entire endeavor "distorts" the values of young people.

"It's no longer about education," Snyder said. "Our professors — I have an office I could swim in. They're in a cubbyhole somewhere. Yet they go out and teach and promote education every day, and I value that."

"The concept of college football no longer has any bearing on the

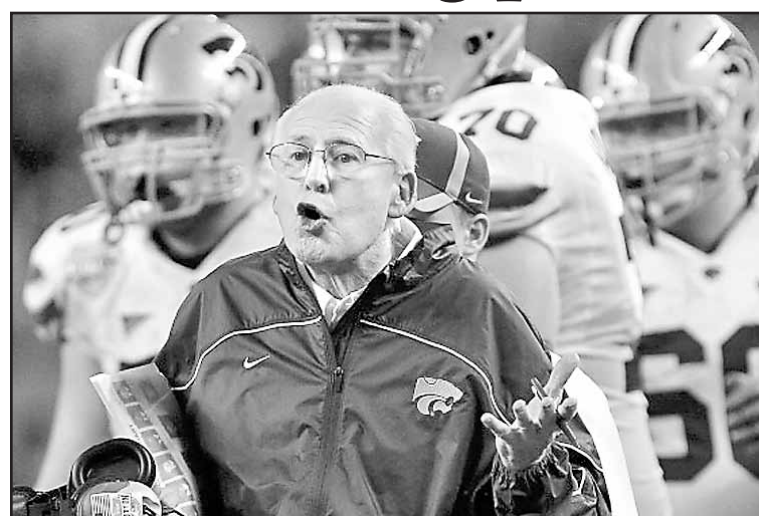
quality of the person, the quality of students," he added. "Universities are selling themselves out."

Snyder voiced his thoughts one day before the NCAA board of directors is to vote on a proposal giving the five wealthiest college football conferences — among them the Big 12, which counts Kansas State among its membership — the ability to make rules and pass legislation without the approval of the rest of Division I schools.

The autonomy proposal is expected to pass.

Snyder, who has won 178 games in 22 seasons at Kansas State, also bemoaned the way schedules have bloated, not only in the number of games but the way they are played throughout the week.

"We've sold out to the cameras over there, and TV has made its way, and I don't fault TV," he said.



kstatesports.com

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder enters his 49th season of coaching with questions about the big money driving college sports.

"I don't fault whoever broadcasts games. They have to make a living and that's what they do, but athletics — that's it. It's sold out."

Knocking that loose paint off

R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Carnage kept fans entertained as they nearly packed the Thomas County Speedway grandstands to watch Saturday night's annual Demolition Derby which capped 2014 Thomas County Fair activities. Results were featured on Wednesday.



Men, couples compete in Meadow Lake golf scrambles

The latest results from Meadow Lake Golf Course competition in Colby:

Men's Night

A 3-man Scramble drew 39 golfers to the course on Wednesday, July 30.

Flight one results: 1. Suter/Fossum/McKee, 2. Keck/Dufner/Woofter, 3. Garcia/Harper/Frahm.

Flight two: 1. Molstad/Molstad/Sager, 2. Koerperich/Koerperich/Barnett, 3. Amberger/Amberger/McLaughlin.

The men were scheduled to play a 4-Man Scramble Wednesday evening. Watch for results

next week.

Couples Night

The 1-Couple Scramble on Friday night featured Barnetts winning a championship while Rosales took second.

Men played the front tees while ladies teed off from the reds.

A 2-Couple Scramble is set for 6 p.m. on Friday.

Ladies Night

No results were submitted from last week.

Upcoming tournaments

While the annual Seniors Tournament is being played today, Meadow Lake's next major tour-

ney will be a 2-Lady Scramble on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Registration is set for 8 a.m. with fee being \$45 per player.

Golfers will then tee off at 9 a.m.

There will be cash prizes, flight prizes and carts (if needed) along with lunch being served after the 18 hours of play.

For information, contact Lynnette Ball at (785) 675-8606 or by E-mailing lynnetteball@yahoo.com.

The Colby-Oakley-Atwood competition will be Aug. 16-17. Watch for more details.

Uh-oh! Super Seahawks await Broncos tonight

The Denver Post

Nobody remembers the pre-season. Nobody forgets Super Bowls.

Welcome to the Broncos' dilemma. Denver is host to the defending champion Seattle Seahawks tonight in its exhibition opener.

Fake games provide real impressions for backups and rookies clawing for roster spots. They aren't designed to boil blood or exact revenge. And yet, this game features a different vibe, a slightly more serious tone.

Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. central time.

The Broncos used the number 35 as a rally cry during offseason workouts, a cruel reminder of the Seahawks' 43-8 thrashing at MetLife Stadium. Thursday's game doesn't count, yet carries significance.

"Oh, yeah, it matters," Broncos defensive tackle Terrance Knighton said. "It matters to the city, to the team. That was the last team we played, and we know what happened."

Seattle's mauling prompted Denver's remodeling.

The Broncos spent \$32 million in salary this offseason on safety



Reuters

Defensive end Chris Clemons and the Seattle Seahawks abused Denver ballcarriers throughout last season's Super Bowl. The teams meet both in pre-season and regular season this fall.

T.J. Ward — their version of Seattle's Kam Chancellor — cornerback Aqib Talib — a potential lockdown corner like Richard Sherman — and defensive end DeMarcus Ware.

The Broncos also reconfigured their offensive line — left tackle

Ryan Clady was sorely missed in the Super Bowl — moving monstrous Orlando Franklin to left guard and Chris Clark to right tackle. Thursday night's game offers a peek on whether the Broncos' changes have them on the right track.

Chiefs debut tonight vs. Cincinnati

The Kansas City Star

Four things to watch for in the Kansas City Chiefs' 7 p.m. pre-season opener tonight against the Cincinnati Bengals at Arrowhead Stadium:

Battle of backup quarterbacks

Starter Alex Smith will play the first quarter, and then the free-for-

all begins. Chase Daniel will get the second quarter, and his play has been spotty in training camp. Second-year man Tyler Bray will open the third quarter, and he needs to show some composure and decision-making ability. The performances of Bray and fifth-round pick Aaron Murray, who will get the fourth quarter, will determine whether the Chiefs go with a youngster behind Smith and keep three quarterbacks.

Standing on the corner

Brandon Flowers is gone to San Diego, and Sean Smith has been banished to the second team. So how will second-year man Marcus Cooper and journeyman Ron Parker fare as the starters if the Bengals choose to challenge them with the likes of talented A.J. Green, who caught 11 touch-

down passes last year, and Marvin Jones, who had 10.

Getting their kicks

The competition at place kicker is on. You don't think the Chiefs' staff still remembers Ryan Succop's 41-yard miss at the end of that San Diego game last year? Rookie Cairo Santos, the Lou Groza Award winner at Tulane in 2012, has displayed a strong foot in camp and is a serious challenger to Succop.

Where's DAT guy?

Running back De'Anthony Thomas, the diminutive speedster from Oregon, has electrified training camp with his playmaking ability. The Chiefs have lined him up as a single back, as a twin back with Jamaal Charles and in the slot as a receiver. He's dangerous wherever he gets the ball.

Watch out for these preseason highlights

NFL preseason games don't offer many reasons to skip your extra dog-days-of-summer August naps, but there are some games worth noting through all four weeks.

Week one

Cleveland at Detroit, Saturday night. Welcome to the NFL, Johnny Manziel, can you dodge and dart around that "House of Spears" known as Lions tackle Ndamukong Suh? Don't expect any help from Manziel's new buddy Justin Bieber.

New Orleans at St. Louis, Friday night

It will be the most talked about "touch football" ever if Rams rookie Michael Sam gets a hand on Saints great quarterback Drew Brees.

A good reason to turn off the TV and get some fresh air.

Week two

Denver at San Francisco, Sunday night. First look at the 49ers' new stadium, and will Peyton Manning throw an inaugural touchdown pass?

Cleveland at Washington, Monday night. Come on, we all know the Browns will never get so much pre-season (or perhaps regular season) attention again. How can you not watch to check Johnny Football against RG III?

Week three

Minnesota at Kansas City, Saturday night. No other game really jumps out, except a chance to see how many Chiefs are hurt by this point. Hopefully not too many.

Week four

All games on Thursday as real season draws near. Kansas City at Green Bay and Denver at Dallas could both be fun to watch.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Lacey Township
Thomas

will meet on August 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Gem Community 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 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	7,807		9,250		8,800		
Road	21,847	15.034	35,132	13.619	37,132	25,179	12.266
Totals	29,655	15.034	44,382	13.619	45,932	25,179	12.266
Net Expenditure	29,655		44,382		45,932		
Total Tax Levied	23,717		25,161		2,480,722		
Total Assessed Valuation	1,577,568		2,187,615		2,052,744		
Township Assessed Valuation Only							

Outstanding Indebtedness,
Jan 1

	2012	2013	2014
Lease Purchase Principal	72,305	74,294	58,892
Total	72,305	74,294	58,892

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Vernon Roemer
Treasurer