



Alzheimer's walkers fights back

Colby's new walking trail will feature an Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, Sep. 6, raising money for the Alzheimer's Association, which aims to end the disease through medical research.

Registration for the two-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. that day, with the walk starting at about 9:30. Participants can walk individually or with a team, and each walker will join a tribute ceremony to honor those affected by the disease.

The association says someone in America develops the disease every 67 seconds. It's the third leading cause of death, behind

heart disease and cancer. More than 50,000 Kansas families are affected by Alzheimer's.

All money raised through the walk will go for care, support and research efforts of the nonprofit group. While there is no registration fee for the walk, every walker is asked to make a personal donation and commit to raising money. Participants who raise a minimum of \$125 will receive a T-shirt on the day of the event.

Participants can sign up to walk or donate by calling Collette Morris at 462-6184 or going to alz.org/walk.

Runway land goes to city

By Sam Dieter

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The City of Colby is wrapping up a lawsuit to take two parcels of land it needs to expand its airport runway where owners refused to come to agreement on a price.

Two landowners held out against the city's plans to take the land out of 13 who owned ground the city needs to widen and lengthen the runway. In January, the city filed an "eminent domain" petition to claim land

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Farm Bureau to give awards

The Thomas County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting Tuesday evening at the Colby Community Building.

Farm Bureau scholarships will be awarded to three area students, and awards will be given for Century Farms and the Farm Family of the Year.

Speakers will include Bert and Lisa Stramel, 2013's Farm Family of the Year winners, and Aaron and Elisa Horinek, who will talk about the 2014 Farm Bureau presidents' trip to Washington.

Jeff and Brock Wagoner will entertain.

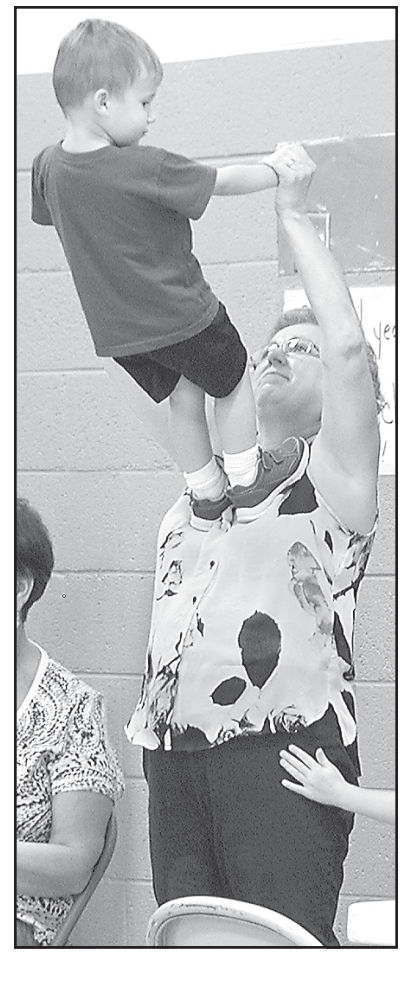


Happy school days ahead

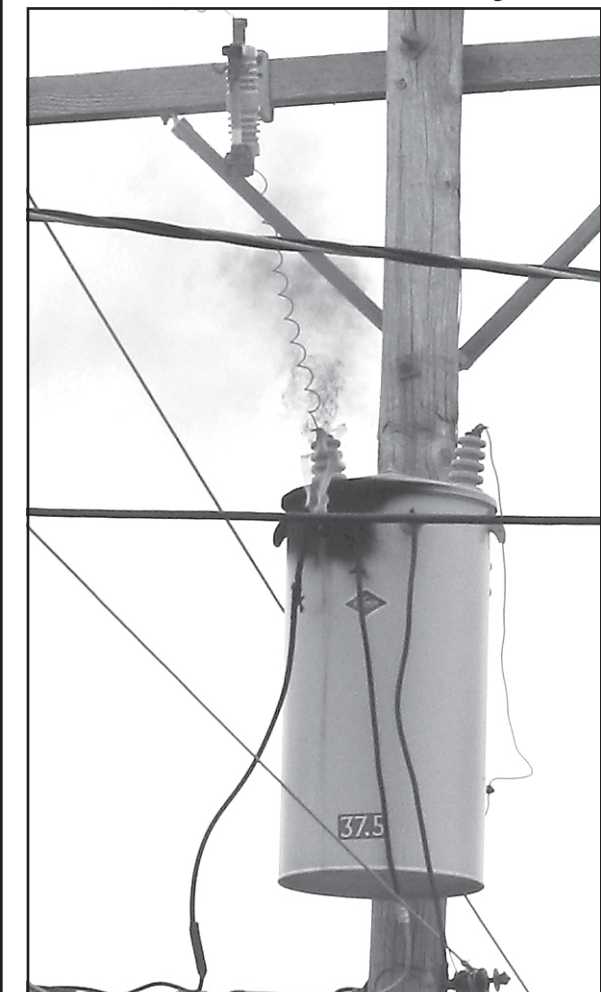


Christie McNulty talked with her soon-to-be kindergartener Scarlett, 5, (above) as Jessica Rush helped sign the girl up at Sacred Heart School last Monday. This mom (left) joked while signing her child up. Elaine Bremenkamp (right) played with her grandson Kyle, 2, while his sister Alyssa signed up for school.

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Colby Free Press



For an electrical fire, first you unplug it ...



SHARON FRIEDLANDER/Colby Free Press
A transformer fire on Saturday (above) brought out the fire department to keep watch until the City of Colby could disconnect the power with a bucket truck. Once the transformer was unplugged (right), it was easy to put out with a fire extinguisher.

Firefighters need campaign helpers

The Colby Fire Department is looking for donors to help pay for books and materials used in its annual fall fire safety program, teaching kids how to deal with a fire in their home in an emergency.

Each year, said Assistant Fire Chief Sean Hankin, the department uses books featuring Firepup, a cartoon Dalmatian in activity manuals and pamphlets on fire safety, fire hats and stickers. Hankin said the department distributes these materials to all schools in the county for Fire Safety Month in October, and needs sponsorships to pay for the materials.

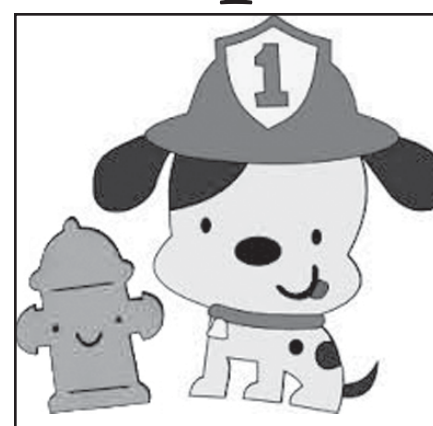
"That money is used to provide me with the roughly 800 books that I need," he said.

He said the National Fire Safety Council sent a letter asking businesses for the money, which it needs by next Friday in order to give the donors credit.

Fire Safety Week this year runs from Sunday to Saturday, Oct. 5 to 11, Hankin said, and he plans to work with area students in September and October, talking with them in the department's fire safety trailer, which is made to look like a house on the inside.

A donor can sponsor 20 children for \$48, 30 children for \$72; 40 for \$96; 50 for \$120; 60 for \$144; or 70 for \$180. Or you can sponsor, 100 children for \$240 or 200 for \$480.

Firepup, a cartoon dog dressed as a firefighter, was first drawn in 1986,



and has since appeared in pamphlets and manuals designed by the council. Under the group's charter, the Colby department has to pay for the program with contributions, Hankin said.

Sponsors will be named on the "prestige page" of the 24-page fire safety manuals that are distributed each year. Manuals are specific to the child's age.

"Most kids do share (the manuals) with their parents," Hankin said. "Those parents can see where the proceeds come from."

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Tuesday: Sunny; high near 89. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Breezy, with a southeast wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

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

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 91.

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

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 92.

Friday: High, 82; Low 63 Saturday: High, 93; Low 58 Sunday: High, 86; Low 58 Precip: Friday None

Saturday 1.05 inches Sunday None Month: 1.36 inches Year: 12.42 inches Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 6:54 a.m. 8:44 p.m. Moon: waning, 94 percent Wednesday 6:55 a.m. 8:42 p.m. Moon: waning, 87 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use Friday to Sunday 1,873,000 gal. (average) (Colby Public Works)

You're all ready to start school?

SAM DIETER Colby Free Press Alyssa Bremenkamp was all ready for school signup last Monday at the Sacred Heart School gym. Her brother Kyle, 2, and grandma Elaine Bremenkamp (at right), helped mom Michelle Bremenkamp sign her up.



Runway land goes to city

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belonging to Gary and Yvonne Baumfalk and Louis and Linda Taylor.

The case was resolved with a ruling that the land should go to the city. City Manager Tyson McGreer said the landowners could appeal, but they haven't yet.

On Tuesday, the City Council took care of some of the final details, voting to pay \$533,702,

mainly in awards for the land and payments to appraisers.

"Once we write the check," McGreer said, "for all intents and purposes we own the property."

The report from the appraisers filed in Thomas County District Court indicates that the Baumfalks should be paid \$350,000, and the Taylors \$175,000.

The city needs the land to shift the runway north, lengthen the pavement and widen it under

the airport master plan approved in 2005. It has spent the last several years acquiring land from the other owners and arranging other details.

Airport Manager Mark Ostmeyer said earlier that the city plans to shift the runway 1,200 feet to the north, then extend the runway by 1,000 feet and widen it by 25 feet. The goal is for the runway to be 6,100 feet long and 100 feet wide, he said.

Firefighters need helpers

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He added that the Colby business community has always been a big help getting him the money for the materials. He said he can even call the council's coordinator in Missouri and get additional materials for presentations at other times of the year.

The National Fire Safety Council is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization and donations are tax deductible, the group says.

Donations may be sent to the Firepup program, Colby Fire Department, 585 N. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701 Checks should be made out to the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., Federal Tax ID #38-2292422.

Accidents injure two drivers

Two motorists were injured recently in crashes in northwest Kansas, including one who crashed because of a deer, and one who went off the road.

On Thursday evening, a motorcyclist hit a deer in the far southeast of Decatur County. David W. Wright, 60, McAlester, Okla., was driving east on K9, and was nine miles from the K-123 junction at 9:13 p.m.

when the deer ran in front of him. Wright's 2010 Harley Davidson motorcycle flipped over, sending him to Norton County Hospital, which would not comment on his condition.

Then on Sunday, a Mission Hills woman crashed at the overpass at the Colorado state line. Sue S. Luger, 79, had just crossed into Kansas at 1:37 p.m. when the 2005 Toyota she was

driving veered from the right lane into the median. It hit the guardrail in the median that is connected to the bridge over the highway, about 150 feet from the state line itself.

Luger was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where she was treated and released. It was unknown if she was wearing a seatbelt.

No jobless pay for co-pilot who didn't lower landing gear

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A co-pilot who didn't lower a plane's landing gear has lost his appeal for Iowa unemployment benefits.

The Des Moines Register says (dmreg.co/XcD9Vg) 49-year-

old Donald Scarsella was co-pilot on a SeaPort Airlines plane Feb. 14 as it attempted to land at Salina Regional Airport. Records say Scarsella and the pilot didn't lower the gear, causing the plane to crash on its belly.

The two weren't injured, and there were no passengers aboard.

The airline soon fired both. Scarsella filed for unemployment in Iowa, where he lived.

The Iowa benefits were granted, but SeaPort appealed.

Last week the Iowa Employment Appeal Board denied the benefits, saying Scarsella disregarded steps required to safely fly an airplane.

Scarsella declined to comment.

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.

Colby American Legion to meet this week

The Colby American Legion Post will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call Monte Lewis at (785) 953-1061.

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 to visit with voters from northwest Kansas. Stop by to say hello.

Blood drive coming up next week

A Community Blood Drive, "The Battle of the Badges," will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the basement of the Colby Community Building. Law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency medical workers will 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.

Family Center offers sports physicals

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

Health snacks focus of Business After 5

The next Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 will be Thursday, sponsored by Thomas County Coalition at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Come learn about healthy snacks and beverages and physical activity at work and the potential for Colby's Walking/Biking Master Plan. Fun will include a salsa making contest. Call Richelle Shipley at the coalition to register for the contest at 460-8177.

Ribbon cutting to celebrate dorm renovation

Everyone is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovation of the double-decker residence hall north of the Colby Community College gym and fitness center at 10 a.m. Friday. Refreshments and tours will be available. For information, contact Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Commodities to be given out next Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. next Monday 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.

Brewster Library plans hot-dog feed

The Brewster Library and Museum will hold its annual hot dog and watermelon feed at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Hunter Hall Park. Donations will go to the library and museum. For information, call Betty Wolf at (785) 694-2401.

Divorce recovery class begins in September

Beginning Sept. 8, there will be a 10-week divorce recovery class and support group for women meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in the basement of the Sunflower Bank in Colby. All women are welcome. For information, call Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606.

Senior center needs delivery help

The Senior Progress Center is looking for two volunteers to delivery meals to people's homes from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday beginning Thursday, Aug. 21. Mileage may be reimbursed. 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.

Local TV Listings sponsored by the Colby Free Press

TUESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 12, 2014

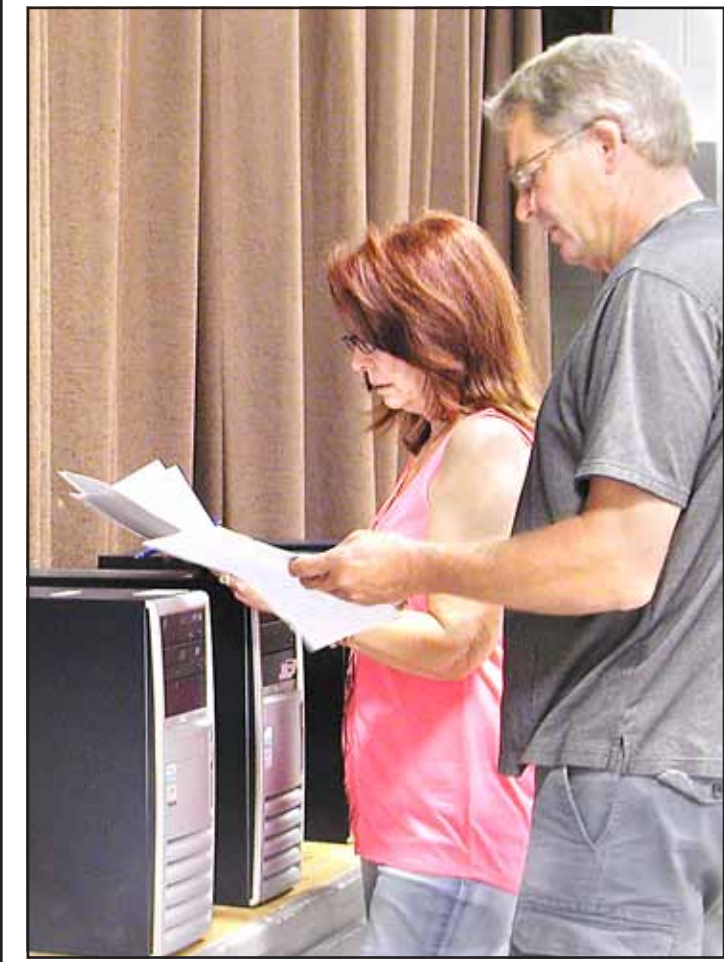
WEDNESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 13, 2014

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Sacred Heart gets bytes



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Sandy Rodgers (left) and Greg Nemechek went over the final paperwork last Friday morning before delivering a half a dozen computers to Sacred Heart School in Colby.

Adding mulch helps garden several ways

Most gardeners know that mulching trees, shrubs and flower beds is a good practice, even if they may not know all the reasons.

Beyond its decorative use to make plantings look clean and attractive, there are environmental benefits that help reduce maintenance and protect your investment in time and plant materials.

Material together. Unfortunately, torrential downpours on a steep incline may create more force than even the best mulch can resist; so, the steepness of the slope and the frequency of hard rains must be considered when selecting mulch.

Telephone scams seek your money

When your telephone rings, you expect the person on the other end of the line to tell you who they are and why they are calling you.



Derek Schmidt
Attorney General

We call this wide range of scams "imposter scams," because the person on the other end of the phone is pretending to be someone they are not in hopes of getting you to give them money or personal information.

Grandparent scam. This scam typically involves the scammer pretending to be a grandchild stuck in some situation in need of money.

Electricity bills. Several major utilities in the state have reported scammers calling customers pretending to be from your electric company trying to collect on a past-due bill.

Jury duty. In this scam, the caller claims to be from a local law enforcement agency telling you he or she has a warrant for your arrest because you missed jury duty.

IRS. The scammer in this call claims to be from the Internal Revenue Service calling about a problem with your tax return.

5-year-old mayor loses reelection in Minnesota

DORSET, Minn. (AP) — A 5-year-old boy's run as mayor is over in a tiny tourist town in northern Minnesota. Robert "Bobby" Tufts lost his bid for a third consecutive term as mayor of Dorset on Sunday.

mer wants you to send him money right away to resolve the situation. The caller may threaten you with an audit or heavy tax penalties if you don't send the money immediately.

Don't give in to threats of arrest or audits. In Kansas, if you miss jury duty, you will get a letter asking you to contact the court to reschedule your service.

The key to all of these scams is to be skeptical of the person calling. Even if you think the call might be legitimate, hang up and call the person back at a phone number you know is real.

You can also call our Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310 or go to www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

stores around town. The proceeds go toward organizing the festival. Bobby said he was proud of his efforts to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Red River Valley in Fargo, N.D.

Deaths

Lawrence Bohme

Lawrence Bohme, 62, Colby, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2014, at his home in rural Rawlins County. He was born Aug. 14, 1951, in Atwood, to Henry and Maxine (Thomas) Bohme.

est joy was training and spending time with dogs. His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include two brothers, Carl (Jeannette) Bohme, Arvada, Colo., and Bruce (Carol) Bohme, Colby.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met July 8 at the United Methodist Church with 13 members present. Members who began a sunflower oil painting during Marlene Carpenter's workshop at the June meeting brought their finished projects for display.

gard has been hired as the new director. The group decided that any donations be made as individuals. Shirley Baker shared information sent by the Goodland Arts Council.

Fort Hays ranks high in teacher education

A national non-profit with the stated mission of "ensuring that every child has an effective teacher" has issued its second ranking of teacher preparation programs across the nation, and Fort Hays State University is one of only seven institutions nationally to have two programs that achieve top rank status.

State's secondary education program was No. 1, ahead of undergraduate and graduate secondary education programs at Miami University of Ohio at No. 2 and 3, a University of Iowa undergraduate program at No. 4 and then two programs at Ohio State at No. 5 and No. 6.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Morgan Township, Thomas County, will meet on August 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at 610 W Oak Street, Colby KS 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.

Table with columns: Fund, Prior Year Actual 2013, Current Year Estimate 2014, Proposed Budget 2015. Rows include General, Debt Service, Library, Road, Noxious Weed, Special Machinery, etc.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Wendell Township, Thomas County, will meet on August 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. 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.

Table with columns: Fund, Prior Year Actual 2013, Current Year Estimate 2014, Proposed Budget 2015. Rows include General, Debt Service, Library, Road, Non-Budgeted Funds, etc.

Public Notice

Corrections

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

Markets

Table listing market prices for Wheat, Corn, Milo, and Soybeans with their respective prices per bushel or hundredweight.

Other Viewpoints

Computer security falls short in state

An audit examining the security of state government computer systems demands immediate attention from Kansas officials.

The review, conducted by the Legislative Post Audit Division, determined that computer security at state agencies could leave Kansans' personal information vulnerable and that many Kansas agencies aren't complying with requirements to have detailed information technology plans.

State Rep. Peggy Mast, R-Emporia, responded to the report by saying the Legislature should have "serious hearings" about the security of state computer systems. Even better would be for the state agencies already charged with ensuring proper computer security to act now rather than waiting for legislators to debate the issue.

The audit found that 75 state agencies are running 353 computer systems that contain sensitive data, everything from birth certificates to tax returns and other documents that include what should be tightly guarded Social Security numbers. It also determined that 17 of the 45 agencies that hold information considered "high risk" had not had an independent evaluation of their computer security in the past three years.

That lax attitude has been tolerated, the audit said, by the state's information technology officials, who "did not follow up on missing plans, and in one year did not send necessary templates and instructions to all agencies." Officials in the Office of Information Technology Services responded by making excuses about the difficulty of hiring enough computer security experts in Topeka, especially at the current wages, which range from \$53,000 to \$123,000 a year.

Furthermore, the state computer situation isn't new, according to Scott Frank, head of Legislative Post Audit. The state's computer security has been reviewed periodically for years, he said, and problems always turn up.

"I don't think there was a time when the state had a very solid, well-thought-out approach to security," he said.

There is no excuse for state agencies not ensuring the security of sensitive information about Kansas residents, who are required to provide that information by law. Kansans can choose not to submit a credit card number or other information to purchase something online, but they can't choose not to comply with state requirements to provide information to complete a voter registration, a tax return or other state business. Once that information is in a state computer, it's the state's responsibility to make sure it's secure.

It may be impossible to make the state system 100 percent safe, but the recent audit confirms that Kansas officials fall far short of doing the best they can to make sure sensitive personal information isn't compromised.

— Lawrence Journal-World, via the Associated Press

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Pacific Theater claimed three from here

This is the 19th column on the history of the Thomas County Courthouse and the stories of the heroes from Thomas County who lost their lives while serving in the United States armed services. This column continues the list of those who died during World War II. This information comes from a book organized by a memorial committee in 1991. Permission to use this material was given by Leland Kindler, a member of that committee.

These are the soldiers I will be writing about in the future: Phillip J. Bremerkamp, Capt. Victor B. Graper, Harree John Miller, 1st Lt. Bill J. Evans, and Sanford Shreve. Descendants who want their names listed as survivors of these soldiers should call me at 462-3515 or email me at marj-jimbrown@st-tel.net.

Please note: a recent Colby Free Press article mentioned that Capt. Kenneth Roy Crist, who was from Brewster, had died in Vietnam. He is not on our memorial at the courthouse, but I would like to write about him. If anyone has any information on this soldier please call me. Also, if anyone knows of any soldier from Thomas County who died during any of the wars and is not listed on the memorial, please let me know.

Lt. Robert G. Bellamy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bellamy in Colby on May 5, 1922. He graduated from Colby High School in 1940. He was a student at Kansas University before entering the service. His father owned the Bellamy Drug Store in Colby, situated north of what is now the Palace Drug Store. Bellamy later sold the store to a man



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

named Grissom and sometime after that, Grissom went into partnership with the store's long-time pharmacist, Tom Berg, and the store became the Berg and Grissom Drug Store.

Robert Bellamy entered the Marine Corps in July 1943 and was commissioned a lieutenant on April 12, 1944. He was killed in action at Okinawa, Ryukyu Island, on May 10, 1945.

There was a memorial service at the Presbyterian Church in Colby. On behalf of the U.S. government through the American Legion, R.L. Dennen, superintendent of Colby schools, presented the American flag to the family.

At that time, Bellamy was survived by his parents and his brother Kenneth. No information was found as to where his brother is now located.

Lt. Melvin Lloyd Byfield was born to Mr. and Mrs. Artie Byfield in Smith County on Aug. 24, 1921. He graduated from Rexford High School in 1938.

On Feb. 23, 1943, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned as a lieutenant at Luke Air Field, Ariz., on Dec. 5, 1943. Byfield was stationed on a base on the island of Saipan and later transferred to Ie Shima Is-

land. He was killed when his plane crashed on May 28, 1945.

Byfield's body was returned to Colby in April 1949. A memorial service was held in the Colby Presbyterian Church. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion were in charge of the full military service in the Beulah Cemetery.

At that time, he was survived by his parents; sisters Dixie Ruth, Cleatis, Marjorie and Betty; and brother Kenneth.

Leroy Edward Sites was born in Ogallah to Wendell A. and Daisy V. Sites on March 7, 1913. He attended school at Colby and graduated in 1933.

Sites entered the Army in December 1943. He served with the 32nd Infantry Division, Company K, 128th Infantry in the South Pacific. We have no record of his rank.

He was killed at Luzon in the Philippines on July 25, 1945.

At that time his survivors were his wife Lola; his parents; a son, James; and two daughters, Georgia and Marilyn.

According to reports, all of the children are still living but we have no information as to where. It is believed that Georgia is in Denver.

This finishes the list of World War II heroes. Next column will list the Korean War heroes and some of the Vietnam list.

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

'Best friends' last beyond university

American students, and particularly girls, have "Best Friends Forever." But not like here in China. June 23 was graduation day and about 8,000 undergraduate students assembled in our large new stadium in the South Campus for this massive ceremony. (You can think of Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University as almost two Kansas State Universities combined.)

This massive ceremony was the climax of exactly four years for every one of the students. But they had their caps and gowns for over a week and everywhere I walked, I saw clusters of students posing in full academic regalia in front of their department building.

"Tong xue" is the Chinese word for classmate. It means much more than "classmate" does in English. Our students spend an average of five-and-a-half years in college, with six out of 10 changing majors at least once. But absolutely every Chinese student spends exactly four years to get their degree.

All four years they live in the same dormitory room - six to a room. The block of about 10 rooms (sixty students) are all in the same major, and they live in this block all four years. They travel to their classes as a group, similar to U.S. middle school students. Generally, 60 or 120 (two clusters) students attend each class. Each group of 60 elects one student leader who is in charge of coordinating them. This "class monitor," for lack of a better name, has heavy responsibilities as a go-between with faculty. If a student is not showing up in class, the teacher calls the class monitor to get the absent student back in class. They select their class leader among their classmates during their first few weeks of compulsory military training before their freshman year begins.



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

When I taught two entomology clusters in spring of 2012, the provincial government announced an extended weekend vacation (grave-sweeping festival) that canceled Monday classes on short notice. Instead, we would meet the following Saturday. I asked, how will all the students know of this last minute switch? They will know, I was told. Every one of them showed up.

This tight-knit class organization was also useful when, literally on a moment's notice, they diverted to a new classroom when an overhead PowerPoint projector broke down in our regular room.

Cell phones and messaging is phenomenally cheap in China. Every student has a phone and they use a group messaging system "QQ" to stay continually in touch. But unlike American students who think they are part of a network with their distant friends they rarely see, through Facebook or other media formats, these students live together and eat together and attend class together every day. They are one big family for four years.

The class that begins together and stays together pretty much graduates together. I asked one student if any drop out. In a group of 60, yes a few will not be in graduation today. Although they passed the gao kao test, and usually with high scores to enter this university

(this is a Rank 1 school), a few do not have the "right stuff" to complete college. There are personal emergencies back home. A few have what we would call nervous breakdowns. This school also must take a quota of students from the impoverished areas of Xinjiang, Tibet, Inner Mongolia, etc. These students often have lower scores and have more difficulty.

Failure in classes - when parents and grandparents have sacrificed so much to get their student to college - can generate terrible feelings of shame. A few students drop out and return home to forever live a poor life where their failure is never spoken but ever present. A few cannot face this and jump from the tallest campus building, although thankfully, this is becoming less common.

Such bad outcomes would be more common, but this four-year camaraderie provides family support for many students. They help each other get through. Thus in four years, these classmates have formed bonds that we rarely see except perhaps in fraternities and sororities, or the dedicated resident hall communities at Harvard, etc.

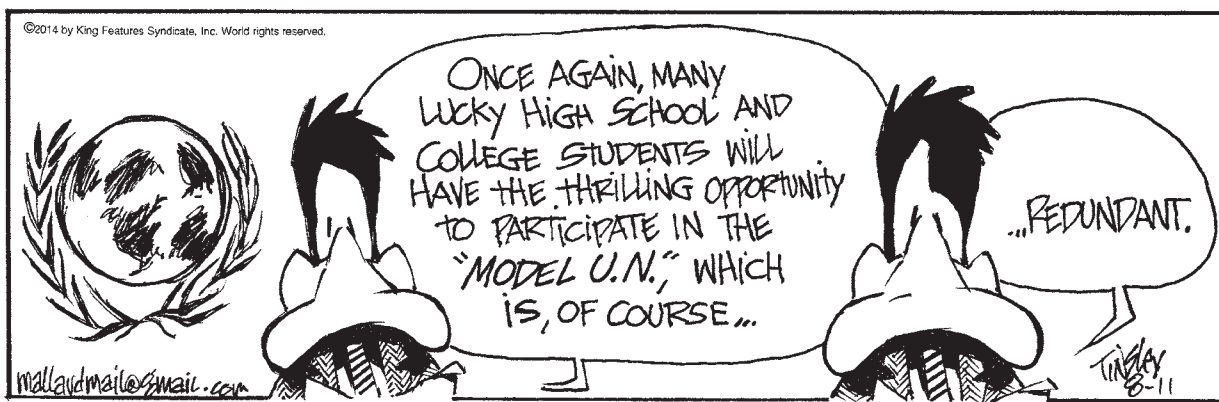
This graduating class will have classmates that will be special forever. Even though they disperse across China, they will keep in close touch. If they are in businesses that supply each other, the arrangements will be mutually advantageous.

Much more than in the West, classmates in China will be best friends forever.

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

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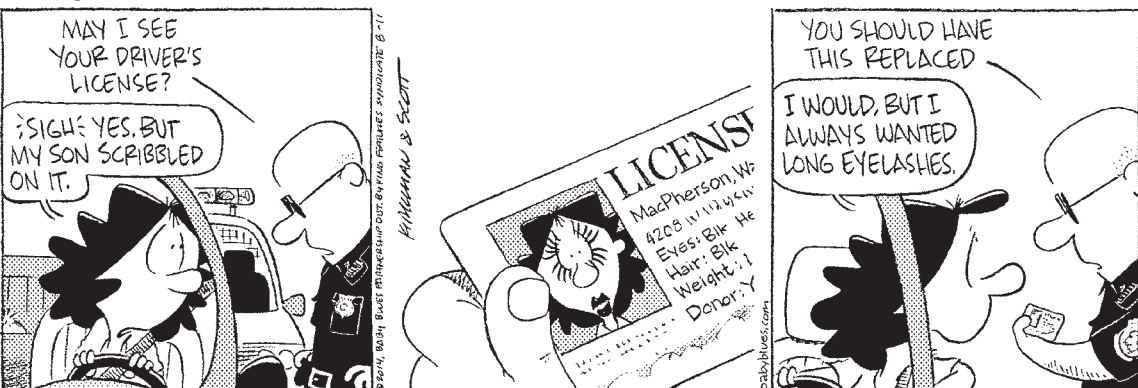


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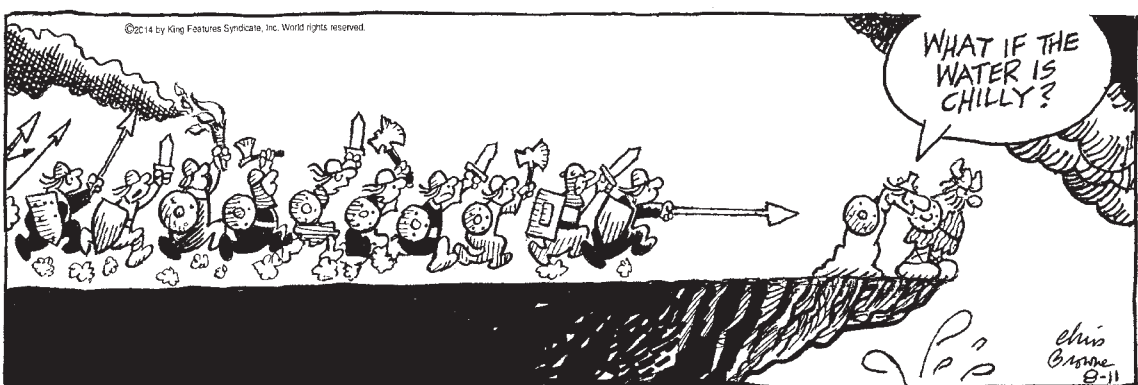
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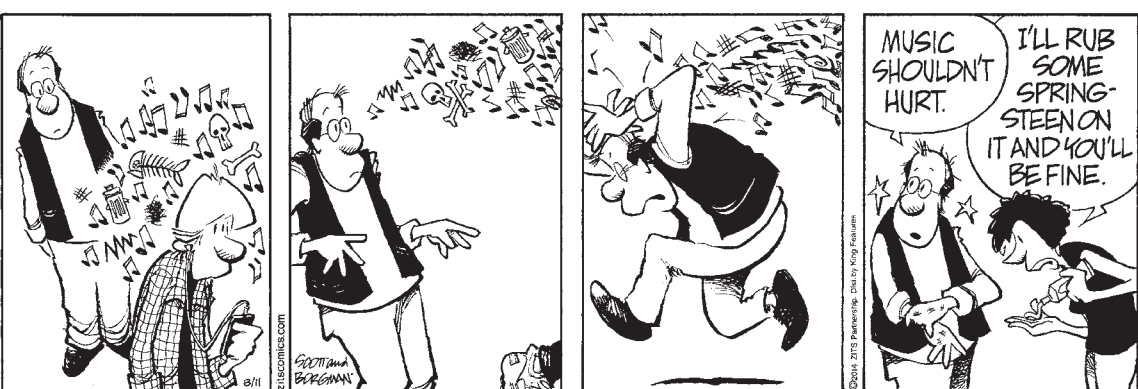
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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Vintage purses bring big bucks

Vintage clothes can be inexpensive additions to a wardrobe, but sometimes vintage designer items are expensive. A recent auction sold Hermes and other famous-branded purses for thousands of dollars each.

A used, limited-edition Hermes "Noisette Gulliver Leather Quelle Idole Kelly Doll Bag" in excellent condition sold at auction in April. The humorous bag, with a smiling face, leather arms and feet, and a silver-colored metal "nose" and "eyes," brought \$18,750. The price included the dust bag and box.



This Kelly Doll bag, a used Hermes limited edition, sold for \$18,750 at a Heritage auction held last spring in New York City.

Dozens of other used purses sold for more than \$10,000 this year. Vintage designer purses are relatively new to auctions. They probably would not have been offered 20 years ago.

Q: We have a chest of drawers that has been in my family since the 1930s. It has six drawers with dark burl wood fronts and diamond-shaped pulls with enamel drops. The label on the back says, "Sligh Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Mich." Do you have any information?

A: The Sligh Furniture Co. was founded in Grand Rapids in 1880 by Charles R. Sligh. The company was a mainstay of the city's furniture industry in the early 1900s, when Grand Rapids was considered the "Furniture Capital of the World."

At first Sligh made inexpensive walnut bureaus with mirrors. Later it manufactured bedroom sets, chiffoniers and wardrobes in many styles. By the mid-1920s, Sligh claimed to be the largest manufacturer of bedroom furniture in the world. The company closed in 1932 but was reopened the next year by Sligh's son, Charles R. Sligh Jr., in Holland, Mich. The company went on to make grandfather clocks, office furniture and entertainment pieces. In 2011 Sligh was sold to Lexington Home Brands of Thomasville, N.C.

Sligh chests like your 1930s piece sell today for \$100 to \$300.

Tip: Remove traces of gum, adhesive tape and other sticky tape by rubbing the glue with lemon juice.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 8 5 4
♥ Q J 8 4
♦ 5 4
♣ J 9
WEST
♠ A 10 7 2
♥ 9 7 3
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ J 6 3
♥ 5 2
♦ 9 7 2
♣ Q 10 7 5 4
SOUTH
♠ Q 9
♥ K 10 6
♦ A K Q 3
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
East Pass South 2 NT West Pass North 3 NT
Opening lead jack of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1960 world championship match between Canada and Great Britain. When Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro were North-South for Great Britain, they quickly reached three notrump as shown, and West led the jack of diamonds.

Schapiro inspected the dummy very carefully. "Hmm," he said. "This will be an interesting hand to play. Such unusual distribution - 4-4-2-2."

The imperturbable Reese examined his hand once again. "I do seem to have only 12 cards, don't I?" Reese looked down at the floor and there he saw the missing card - the ace of hearts!

Of course, had he seen the ace of hearts during the bidding, Reese would have responded much more vigorously to the opening two-notrump bid. Almost surely, he would have landed in six hearts, which could not have been defeated.

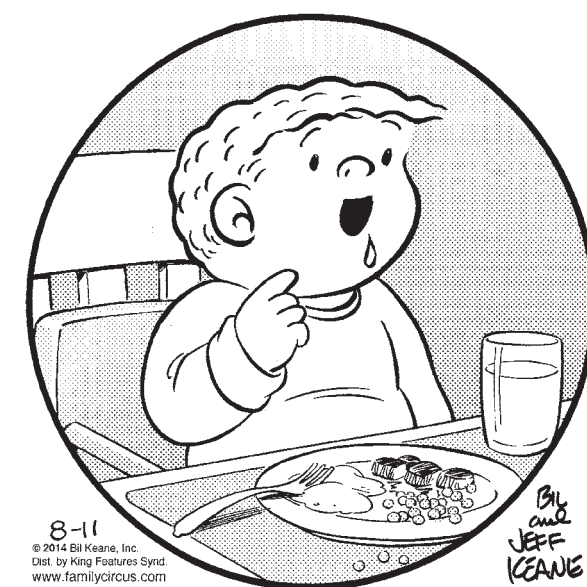
As it was, though, Schapiro made five notrump for 660 points, and it looked as though Canada would gain 770 points on the deal by bidding and making six hearts.

True to expectations, the Canadians did bid a slam at the other table. However, they got to six notrump instead of six hearts, and when declarer finished with the same number of tricks as Schapiro, the British team wound up with a 760-point gain!

Both declarers could have made six notrump by finessing through East's Q-10 of clubs, but they each chose a different line of play and wound up with only 11 tricks.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/11

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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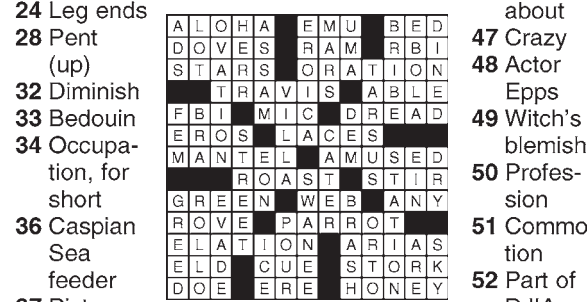
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE AN ORTHODONTIST AND YOUR TEETH ARE BADLY CROOKED, I THINK YOU SHOULD BRACE YOURSELF.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 39 Sicilian wine used in cooking | 61 Table scrap | 21 TV chef |
| 1 Yale student | 41 Employers | 2 Secular members | 23 Symbol of intrigue |
| 4 Tibetan bovine | 43 Eviscerate | 3 Really enjoying | 25 Zhivago's love |
| 7 Make tea k.d. | 44 Kite part | 4 Sweet potato cousin | 26 Anders (Lat.) |
| 11 "Constant Craving" singer | 46 Underneath | 5 Burn aid | 27 Actress Ward |
| 13 Chicken — king | 50 Green stone | 6 Phi Beta — | 28 Zinger |
| 14 Volcanic spillage | 53 Spigot | 7 Very successful movies | 29 Sandwich cookie |
| 15 — and kin | 55 "Arrivederci, —" | 8 Knock gun type | 30 Surveillance |
| 16 Broom closet item | 56 Smell machine | 9 Ashen reminder | 31 Poorly lit |
| 17 Unclose contents | 58 Wound reminder | 10 Supernatural comedy of 1984 | 35 Sharp turn |
| 18 Cone | 59 Arrow launchers | 11 Chum | 38 Caspian or Caribbean |
| 20 Grand story | 60 Cribbage scorer | | 40 Massage |
| 22 Got a glimpse of | | | 42 Don't slouch |
| 24 Leg ends | | | 45 Lounge about |
| 28 Pent (up) | | | 47 Crazy Actor |
| 32 Diminish | | | 48 Actor Epps |
| 33 Bedouin | | | 49 Witch's blemish |
| 34 Occupation, for short | | | 50 Profession |
| 36 Caspian Sea feeder | | | 51 Commotion |
| 37 Picture puzzle | | | 52 Part of DJIA |
| | | | 54 Swine |

Saturday's answer 8-11



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Kansas City's Alex Gordon watched the flight of his first-inning home run off San Francisco two-time Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum Sunday afternoon in Kansas City.

Hot K.C. on heels of Tigers of Tigers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Alex Gordon is eager for another marketing gimmick.

Gordon and Salvador Perez homered, Danny Duffy pitched into the seventh inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-4 Sunday for their seventh consecutive victory.

Now a season-best 10 games above .500, Kansas City (63-53 record) only trails first-place Detroit (63-52) by a half-game in the American League Central race.

The Royals gave out 10,000 Gordon bobbleheads for the series finale against San Francisco. Gordon, who played his college ball at Nebraska, also homered on Husker Night on Saturday.

"We've got to think of a promotion for tomorrow to keep it going," Gordon said.

The big weekend is part of a nice roll for Gordon, who is batting .350 (14 for 40) with three homers and seven RBIs in his last 11 games.

"Gordy is not swinging the bat well because it is Husker day or because it was bobblehead day," Yost said. "Gordy is swinging the bat well because he is seeing the ball well and putting good swings on it."

The Royals, who won 10 in a row in June, have put together two winning streaks of seven or more games this season for the first time since 1985, the last time they were in the playoffs.

Gordon hit a two-run shot off Tim Lincecum (9-8) in a four-run first. The inning also included Billy Butler's run-producing double and Perez scoring on a wild pitch.

Perez homered off Juan Gutierrez with Nori Aoki aboard in a three-run fourth.

Jarrod Dyson went 3 for 3 and also swiped a career-high three bases.

Driver death passed 'that's racing' line

By John Walters

newsweek.com

The dirt track at Canandaigua Motorsports Park in Canandaigua, N.Y., is a half-mile oval, but the stunning incident late Saturday night involving Tony Stewart and Kevin Ward, Jr. occurred at a dangerous intersection.

It happened at the crossroads of fame and anonymity, of sport and road rage, of urban and rural America, and of "tragic accident" and a potential charge of involuntary manslaughter.

On Saturday night Stewart, a three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup series champion, was competing in a 25-lap race at Canandaigua on a dirt track in a sprint car.

Ward, 20, of Port Leyden, N.Y., was in his fifth season of dirt track racing when the fates of the two drivers intersected.

Coming out of turn two, Stewart's No. 14 car appeared to run Ward's No. 13 vehicle into the outside retaining wall.

The yellow flag came out immediately. The race was under caution. Ward, his car spun-out 180 degrees at the top of the track and its right rear tire flat, exited the vehicle and walked back up the track, clearly agitated. One, two, three vehicles passed Ward, who was still wearing his black racing helmet.

Accident kills racer at Goodland track

By Kevin Bottrell

Goodland Star-News

The I-70 Flat Track Motorcycle series event in Goodland on Friday was marred by an accident in practice that claimed the life of driver Mark Gibson.

About 5 p.m. Friday, Gibson and another driver were involved in an accident on the track.

Two Sherman County ambulances were called to the scene.

One driver was reportedly taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center with a head injury. It was learned later that Gibson had died

Royals look for real?

If last week wasn't fun enough, baseball will get even better for Kansas City Royals fans this week with a series that's featured every great name from Reggie Jackson to George Brett to Bo Jackson, Vida Blue and Blue Moon Odom.

Baseball's hottest team — yes, it is the Kansas City Royals — takes on baseball's best team — the Oakland A's (72-45 record) — for four consecutive games.

And if the Royals can conquer this series, it might just continue a roll towards K.C.'s first playoff series since 1985.



Youtube.com

Video captured the final horrific moments as dirt-track sprint car driver Kevin Ward, Jr., steps into traffic just moments before being hit by NASCAR champion Tony Stewart Saturday night.

later. The question that investigators will mull is, How culpable is Stewart? Clearly, Ward was upset and acting recklessly as he stepped toward Stewart's car. This looked like something more universal than sport: it was road rage. Then again, as those familiar with the

As a YouTube video shows, Ward appears to spot Stewart's vehicle approaching, and becomes animated, stepping toward the inside of the track. A blue and white car swerves slightly to avoid Ward, and the camera follows it momentarily. The roar of an engine is heard, and the camera returns to Ward just as the right side of Stewart's car clips him. Ward appears to be dragged under the right rear wheel and is then thrown some 25 to 50 feet down the track, his body limp.

Kevin Ward was pronounced dead at a local hospital one hour

of his injuries.

Gibson, of Loveland, Colo., was a veteran motorcycle racer who had competed on tracks in Kansas for more than 30 years.

Gibson was also the founder of the Diversified Body and Paint Shop in Denver in 1989.

The business recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

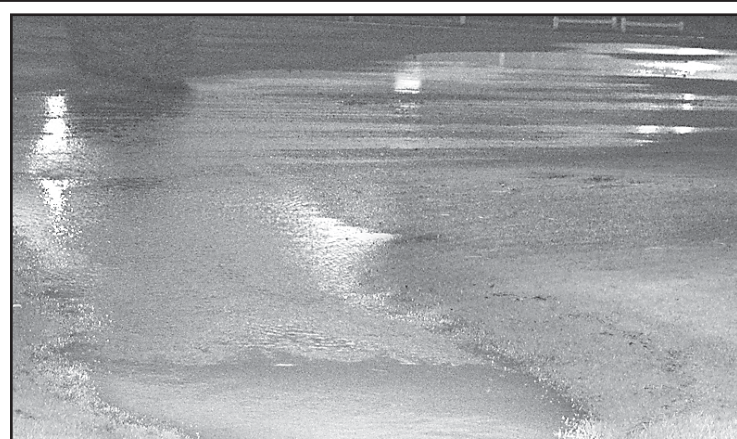
The I-70 Flat Track Racing Series moved on to Colby's Thomas County Speedway Saturday night, but heavy rain forced a cancellation after heat races Saturday afternoon. They have not been rescheduled.

of his injuries.

Drivers, stop your engines



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Saturday night's thunderstorm meant more motorcycles (above) were parked around Colby than moving as the I-70 Flat Track Racing Series was called off after heat races. No rescheduled date has mentioned at this time. Speedway officials estimated about an inch-and-a-half of rain hit Colby Saturday night, causing Sunday's auto racing also had to be cancelled.



Former Jayhawk wanted trade

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Kansas coach Bill Self said that No. 1 overall pick Andrew Wiggins told him he'd welcome a trade from the Cleveland Cavaliers to the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"When all this trade stuff started, I talked to Andrew and Andrew told me, 'I hope I get traded,'" Self said. "And I'm like, 'No you don't.' And he said, 'Coach,

I do. It's better for me, knowing my personality and what I need to do, to go somewhere where I'm forced to be something as opposed to going in there where they're going to be patient with me and I'm going to be a piece."

Self also saw Wiggins' point: The low-key, soft-spoken swingman could fare better if he's carrying the weight of a franchise.

That would never have happened if Wiggins was playing in (LeBron) James's lengthy shadow.

Wiggins is set to be traded to the Timberwolves in a blockbuster involving superstar Kevin Love on Aug. 23, which is one month after he signed his rookie contract. NBA rules prohibit the 19-year-old from being traded. Neither team can discuss it before then.

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