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County election now official

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County commissioners certified official primary election results after a canvas of the vote tally Monday. No major changes were made from the unofficial vote tally after the primary.

County and township elections

County Commissioner Byron Sowers was re-elected to his District 1 post by a wide margin with 230 votes to the 181 cast for Lonnie Wilson, the only challenger in the Republican race. Wilson is chairman of the North Randall Township, where both he and Sowers live.

Travis Elias kept his seat as the North Randall clerk in a race against the commissioners' wife, Linda Sowers, 18 votes to 11.

Township Clerk elections

Patrick Tinkham will be the clerk for Barrett Township, David Bowman for West Hale Township, Don Cranston for Kingery, Pete Ziegelmeier for Lacey, Gary Ostmeier for South Randall, Ste-

phen Shull for Rovohal, Vernon Vance for Smith, Dee Olson for Summers, Loren Guill for Menlo, Alice Wolf for Morgan and Allen Cheney for Wendell. No one ran in East Hale.

Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman elections

Joshua Faber, county Republican Party central committee chairman, won the precinct committeeman seat in Colby Ward II with 92 votes over Kenneth Frahm's 71. His wife Rhonda Faber won the committeewoman seat with 83 votes over 81 for Sheila Frahm, Frahm's wife, and a former U.S. Senator and lieutenant governor.

Mike Brown took the Ward III Republican seat with 191 votes, and Jeanene Brown won with 192. James Harms took the Ward IV seat with 101 votes to the 62 cast for Paul Steele, chairman of the Thomas County Commission. Shelly Harms, the county clerk, took the committeewoman seat in Ward IV with 157 votes.

Rosalie Seemann, the only Democrat in the committee races,

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Fracking used risky chemicals

TOPEKA (AP) — An environmental group alleges that companies using the oil and gas drilling method hydraulic fracturing in four wells in Kansas have used chemicals that can cause cancer.

Industry representatives on Wednesday denied the allegations in a report issued by the Environmental Integrity Project, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* reported (bit.ly/Vmkrp).

The report examined the use of diesel, kerosene and similar hydrocarbons in fracking around the country. The report's author, Mary Green, said 351 wells in 12 states used diesel without a water quality permit between 2011 and July 2014. She said chemicals within diesel have been shown to cause

cancer and damage to the nervous system.

Two wells in Harper County and two in Grant County used diesel or similar products during hydraulic fracturing, according to the report.

"This is first and foremost a public health issue," Green said.

Katie Brown, a spokeswoman for Energy in Depth, a program of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said the industry protects public health, and permits for using kerosene weren't required when most of the wells were in use.

"There has never been a single case of water contamination from

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Aaron Horinek, vice president of the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association, showed off a drone he uses to look over

his fields at the association's annual meeting Tuesday night.

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Farm Bureau members hear ideas, annual wrapup

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The Thomas County Farm Bureau heard about some new ideas at its annual meeting Tuesday night.

Vernon Hurd, with Farm Bureau Financial Services, gave the financial report, noting that the agency here has seen a record number of insurance claims just halfway through the year. He urged farmers to have their employees signed up for the Affordable Care Act, since, like other employers, farms can face a steep penalty if they don't.

Aaron Horinek, Caleb Mattix, Austin Frantz and Relda Galli were elected to the county board, with one open position remaining. Horinek, Pete Ziegelmeier and Shellie Intermill were elected as voting delegates to the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting in Manhattan.

The bureau awarded its scholarships for the year to Marc Bremenkamp, Abigail Friesen and Kylie Jones.

Lynn and Tami Goossen received the Farm Family of the Year Award for their farming operation near Mingo. Lynn Goossen commented that the job was hard when he started in 1983 and still is today.

Erma Tubbs received the Century Farm award for the family's Triple T Farms, first homesteaded in 1913. Her son, Jim Tubbs, one of the family members who accepted the award on her behalf, said he is proud to be a farmer and proud of the family's land.

The group heard from Bert and Lisa Stramel, the 2012 winners of the Farm Family of the Year Award and 2013 winners for the state Farm Bureau's District No. 10, which comprises 11 counties in northwest Kansas. As district winners, they toured farms in California, mainly the southern part of the state.

They said they visited several types of farms, including a flower farm, a mushroom factory, an organic orchard, an organic dairy farm, a strawberry farm and a winery. Bert Stramel said workers at the flower farm have computer chips put on their hands to make sure the flowers they cut do not change hands more than twice, which drains efficiency. The Stramels learned that strawberries are so delicate the workers put them in the same cartons they are in at the store, so no one else touches them before the consumer.

Vice President Aaron Horinek and his wife Elisa took the Kansas Farm Bureau president's trip to Washington in place of President Sheba Baird. They heard from Rep. Tim Huelskamp and other groups. Members asked Huelskamp why he got kicked off the Agriculture Committee, he said, and why he did not vote for the

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Jennings schedules Fun Day

By Marjorie Hartzog

The 16 members of the Jennings Fire Department, along with many Jennings residents, are gearing up for the 23rd annual Jennings Firemen's Fun Day to be held Saturday, Aug. 23.

The theme for this year's event and parade is "Honoring Our Area's Teachers." Any parade entries, memorabilia, pictures and memories available for display or sharing will be appreciated.

The day's agenda, similar to past years, begins with a health fair from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Senior Center, offering lab coverage for a minimal price, courtesy of Quest labs. Lynnetta Ward, a nurse practitioner from Decatur Health Systems, will be available for skin checks and to answer health questions, and Amy Vacura, a certified massage therapist, will offer free massages.

A new event will be the Lions Club Health Care Van, which will provide free hearing and vision screening, plus blood pressure and blood sugar checks. Another addition will be the craft fair to be held in the old Jennings Opera House/Masonic Hall a block west of the city square. A few display tables are still available. For information, contact Vi Krizek at (785) 678-7015.

A change from past years is that the 120 dozen kolaches, a Czech delicacy baked by Jennings women, will be sold from the Craft Fair site instead of the fire station. They sell quickly, so come early

or pre-order from Dorothy Vacura at (785) 678-8133 or Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010. Seven fillings — apple, apricot, cottage cheese, cherry, peach, poppy seed, and prune — will be available.

The children's events will include train rides with Greg Otter, a giant slide, courtesy of Decatur County Farm Bureau Financial Services, and the Jennings Fire Department's Jumparama inflatables, a 32-foot slide and four-in-one bouncy house. There will be pony rides with Peggy Westmoreland, a dunk tank and a coin

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Who says school's no fun?



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Kids made cutouts of goalies to go along with paper soccer fields last Wednesday morning as part of JumpStart, the Colby Grade School's summertime version of its after-school program.

City budget corrected

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The Colby City Council approved a \$22,452,249 budget for the coming year at its meeting last week, up nearly two million from this year.

A story in Friday's *Colby Free Press* gave the wrong total for the budget, \$44 million, or nearly twice the actual figure.

Last year's budget was \$20,854,882. The council passed the new budget without comment. No one came to speak or ask questions at a public hearing held just before the vote. The budget had already been published, and the council spent several hours going over it at a work session July 8.

The city plans to levy a property tax of 33.254 mills, raising an estimated \$1,487,342, down just a

little from this year's levy of 33.279, which brought in \$1,483,165.

Major items in this year's budget include utilities at \$10,614,630, plus \$3,242,088 in the city's general fund, \$1,301,587 in the bond and interest fund, \$1,176,139 in employee benefits, \$2,051,867 in the economic development fund and \$1,123,546 in financed projects.

The council also approved a five-year capital outlay plan which is approved each year along with the budget. This plan includes a list of items or projects each department wants, although the council has only voted to spend the money in the first year and approves capital items each year with the budget.



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 92.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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

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

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

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

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Wednesday: High, 93; Low 63
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 1.36 inches
Year: 12.42 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:57 a.m. 8:40 p.m.
Moon: waning, 69 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,562,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

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drew 25 votes. There is one committeeman and one committeewoman in each precinct for each party.

In the only other contested race, Loren and Susan Guill each took 6 votes for the Menlo Township seats. Mike Baughn, another commissioner and former mayor of Brewster, took the West Hale Township seat with 65 votes, and Brenda Claassen took 62 votes.

National elections

In voting for state and federal office, incumbents decisively won the first round, although people voted somewhat differently in Thomas County than throughout the state.

In one of the closer races in the state, for Congress in the 1st District, Alan LaPolice got 563 votes in Thomas County, but still could not beat incumbent Rep. Tim Huelskamp, who had 608. LaPolice came closer to his goal here than statewide, where it

was announced Wednesday he only took 45 percent of the vote to Huelskamp's 55 percent. In the general election this November, Huelskamp will face Democrat James Sherow, who got 108 votes in the county, and beat Bryan Whitney, who got 44 votes here.

Voters in Thomas County and the state favored re-electing Sen. Pat Roberts with 654 votes. Milton Wolf, a strong "tea party" challenger, got 333 votes here. Roberts will face Democrats Chad Taylor - who got 82 votes in Thomas County - and an independent candidate, businessman Greg Orman, in the fall.

State Elections

Former Rep. Rick Billinger actually got fewer votes in the county despite winning the district, which includes five northwest counties plus Colby and the northwest corner of Thomas County. Just 451 Thomas County voters cast ballots for him, as opposed to 473 for his challenger, Adam Smith. Still, Billinger won the election to become 120th District representative to the Kansas House. He ran after losing two years ago to his friend Ward Cassidy, when both were put into the same district.

In all, 707 Thomas County voters cast ballots for Gov. Sam Brownback, helping him get past GOP challenger Jennifer

Winn, who took 459 votes here. Democrat Paul Davis, who will face Brownback in the general election in November, got 155 votes here.

Ken Selzer, beat out five other Republicans in the primary race for Kansas commissioner of insurance. He took 27 percent of the vote statewide and 40 percent in Thomas County. His vote count has gone up by two since then to 428. The other candidates are Beverly Gossage, David Powell, Clark Shultz and John Toplikar. Democrat Dennis Anderson will run against Selzer in November.

In other races, incumbent Kris Kobach won the primary race for secretary of state over his challenger, Scott Morgan. He will face Democrat Jean Schodorf in the general election. Attorney General Derek Schmidt and State Treasurer Ron Estes were the only Republicans running for their jobs. In November, Schmidt will face A.J. Kotich and Estes will face Carmen Alldritt.

Sally Cauble won the Republican primary for the state Board of Education seat in District No. 5 over Meg Wilson. State Rep. Don Hineman of Dighton was unopposed in the primary, with no Democrat running against him.

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latest Farm Bill.

They also met with an aide for Sen. Angus King of Maine. Gridlock is a constant topic of discussion in Washington, Mr. Horinek said, with hundred of bills on the Senate floor that are not going anywhere.

He said a lot of questions are being asked about who owns the data gathered on farms with the help of big companies. He went over similar questions about drones being used on farms, and showed a video taken by

his drone, which was able to fly again after a crash.

Baird updated the group on the group's activities over the year. Board members Frantz, Pete Ziegelmeier and Cory Kistler went to the annual state meeting.

During the county fair, the bureau sponsored the pedal tractor pull and a ride at the carnival, as well as the 4-H livestock herdsman competition.

Baird mentioned several activities the Colby Community College Farm Bureau, which is sponsored by the Thomas County

Bureau, undertakes each year.

She was recognized for her time on the board, as she has completed her term. Linda Franklin, rural Goodland, a state representative for District 10, was also recognized for her service. Franklin thanked everyone for their support and urged them to join the "ditch the rule" campaign, aimed at stopping an effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate all bodies of water on farms, including ditches and ponds, as if they were navigable waterways.

Jennings schedules Firemen's Fun Day

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search. All children's events are free, thanks to the fire department and sponsors.

A cake walk, a food sale at the American Legion Post and bingo should interest children and adults. The Jennings Library Board plans a book sale at the library from 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. The Czech Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has much area history to share.

The annual parade is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., when queen candidates will be introduced. All girls of all ages are welcome to compete. Fun Day attendees will vote for their favorite queen following the parade.

All parade entries - vehicles,

floats, bikes, animals, machinery, individuals, whatever - are invited to participate. Line-up is at the south end of Penn Avenue from noon to 1 p.m.

Following the parade will be the Kansas State Fair-sanctioned tractor pull for kids 4 to 12, sponsored by the Great Northwest Insurance Agency. A wobble trap shoot at the Bill

Heilman farm will take up most of the day for area shooters. A free bike giveaway (girls and boys), firemen's team barrel competition, crowning of the queen, a hog roast, an auction of donated items and a street dance with Mobile Music Express will climax the day's activities.

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hydraulic fracturing, whether diesel fuel was used or not," she said in a written response.

"This would be like if officials reduced the speed limit, and then accused drivers of speeding because of how fast they drove before the change."

The Harper County wells cited in the report were owned by the Shell Oil Co., which used petroleum hydrocarbon oil as a thickening agent in oil extrac-

tion, according to the report. A company spokeswoman referred to Shell's principles for on-shore drilling, which included a commitment to protect groundwater and to construct and operate wells safely. Shell ended drilling in Kansas in 2013.

The Grant County wells, owned by Pioneer Natural Resources, used kerosene in gas extraction.

Rains help, more needed in Kansas

WICHITA (AP) - A new report says Kansas crops need more moisture despite widespread rain over most of the state last week.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that subsoil moisture is short to

very short across 51 percent of the state. Topsoil moisture conditions are only a bit better, with 40 percent of the state still short.

Stock water supplies are adequate or surplus across 75 percent of the state, however.

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.

Ribbon cutting to celebrate dorm redo

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 Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. 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. next Thursday at Hunter Hall Park. Donations will go to the library and museum. For information, call Betty Wolf at (785) 694-2401.

Calling all kids, age 4 to fifth grade

Kid's Klub at Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, starts at 7 p.m. Wednesdays starting Aug. 27, preceded by a free meal from 6 to 6:45 p.m.. The club includes Bible stories, memory verses, active games and songs for all children from age 4 to fifth grade. Transportation is available. Call the church office at 462-8391 for information or to enroll.

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. Mondays 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 next Thursday. Mileage may be reimbursed. Talk to Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information or to volunteer.

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SATURDAY EVENING AUGUST 16, 2014 SUNDAY EVENING AUGUST 17, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

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Jason and Theresa Schroeder

Colby couple married at Sacred Heart in May

Theresa Aldea Bray of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Jason Michael Schroeder of Colby married Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. The bride is the daughter of Alan and Gerriane Bray of Calgary and the granddaughter of Gerald and Darline Hutfles of Colby and Doreen and the late Jack Bray of Calgary. The groom is the son of John and Jeanne Schroeder of Colby and the grandson of Dan and Janet Schroeder of Colby and the late Ferdinand and Jeanne Schmitz of Aurora, Colo. The couple lives in Colby.

Equine expert warns owners of travel risk

A Kansas State University veterinarian is cautioning residents of Kansas and surrounding states about a highly contagious viral disease that affects horses and livestock – and can sometimes affect humans. At least 170 cases of vesicular stomatitis have been confirmed in Colorado and Texas, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service. Outbreaks of this disease usually occur in late summer and early fall in more arid regions. Although two states are currently affected, Beth Davis, professor and section head of equine medicine and surgery at Kansas State University's Veterinary Health Center, says all animal owners need to be cautious when traveling with their animals. "It's an interesting disease because it does have pretty significant clinical signs," Davis said. "Most commonly, it causes painful oral blisters in horses that can affect the mouth, muzzle and tongue. Additional signs may include lesions on the udder and/or around the top of the hoof where it meets the hairline. Vesicular stomatitis also can affect mules, donkeys, cattle, bison, swine, sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas." If livestock owners suspect they are dealing with vesicular stomatitis, they should contact their veterinarian immediately because it is a reportable disease, Davis said. "If you're dealing with a suspected case, communicate with your local veterinarian," Davis said. "Your veterinarian will communicate with state health officials and determine the best course of action."

Veterinarians and livestock

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Share a talent at Hobby Fair

I'm a bit reflective today. While I attended a funeral and was listening to what was shared about the person's life, I was once again struck how sometimes talents and abilities we have shown at work or in earlier years may get put away or buried.

Is there a talent, ability, hobby or task you use to love to do and could share with others? Today libraries often make space open for hobbies to be done over time. We have so little space that we can just dedicate to leave crafts and hobbies out, we decided to hold a hobby fair.

I have thought of a few hobbies and crafts: wood working, welding, bronzes, decorating with hand-made stamping, scrapbooking, hand quilting, sewing, crochet, knitting, weaving, spinning, tatting, canning, make candles, wood or soap carving, canning, calligraphy, photography, restoring antiques, model making, miniature planes or drones, postage stamp, coin, insect collecting, writing, editing, drawing, painting or pen and ink, calligraphy.

Sign up at the library to bring your talent to the Hobby Fair, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct 11, at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

Can you teach others the art of dog training, riding a horse, gardening, decorating, repairing a car or machine sewing? If you cannot bring your specific hobby, ability or talent to the Hobby Fair because it is too big or messy, find an organization or someplace to volunteer or share your knowledge. Put up an announcement on the library's bulletin board that you would like to meet with others that share your enthusiasm about that hobby, ability or talent.

One activity many of us like to engage in is reading. Some even collect certain authors or book genres. Today, I am telling you about some suspense and mystery items. The first is, "The Dead Will Tell," by Linda Castillo, No. 6 of the *Kate Burkholder* series.

The book starts with an intense robbery and murder in an Amish home. Disaster ensues. Moving to the present, Police Chief Kate Burkholder, called to the scene of an apparent suicide, finds evidence pointing to murder. A second death unexpectedly show a link to the past. Find out all the wicked trails this mystery takes.

The next item is "Possibilities," by best-selling author Kauai Hart Hemmings, her second book. If you are not familiar with her writing, try it. Hemming lives now in Hawaii, but lived in Colorado for a time as a student, bringing her writing about Breckenridge, Colo., a bit closer for us.

In this book, Sarah St. John has lost her young adult son. She's

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trying to move through the grieving process when a young woman announces she is carrying her son's child. Enjoy the twists and turns of this novel. Hemmings first book was "The Descendants," currently being made into a movie starring George Clooney.

Next is a novel with a whole lot of suspense in it, "Red Room," by Ridley Pearson. This is No. 3 of the *Risk Agent* series. It begins with two individuals, Alpha and Beta gaming a Turkish FedEx delivery man in a safe part of Istanbul. One trips the FedEx man while the other enters the delivery van and switches medicine bound for the Florence Nightingale Hospital. The undercover scam is successful.

Protagonist John Knox enters center stage in the next chapter, summoned by none other than David Dulwich, who works for the impressive and capable Brian Primer, owner and president of Rutherford Risk. Knox and Dulwich meet in Hong Kong, in a secure room 30 flights down enclosed with steel and insulated concrete walls – the Red Room. Here he is handed an envelope to encourage his cooperation with a job Rutherford Risk offers. Another acquaintance in Hong Kong, Grace Chu, is also working for Rutherford Risk. She is their high-tech computer guru who examines financials through nefarious avenues. Their paths become dangerously crossed and they must re-examine who in this world of intrigue they trust.

Other items we are adding this week are: "Remains of Innocence," by J.A. Jance; "For All Time," by Jude Deveraux; "The Heist," by Daniel Silva; "Fast Track," by Julie Garwood; "Shots Fired," by C.J. Box; "Wayfaring Stranger," by James Lee Burke; "Last to Know," by Elizabeth Adler; "Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands," by Chris Bohjalian; "Secrets of Sloane House," by Shelley Gray; "The Summer Wind," by Mary Alice Monroe; "All Fall Down," by Jennifer Weiner; and "Eden in Winter," by Richard North Patterson.

Come sign up to have a table at the Hobby Fair. Our normal summer hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 10 to 4 Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you in the library!

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.64
Corn (bushel)	\$3.81
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.50
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.44

Deaths

Inge Wiens

Inge Wiens, 80, Oakley, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Germany.

Services are pending at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Specialist spells out food date labelling

So, we're getting pretty savvy about checking food labels for fat, calories and fiber, but labels of a different sort, such as "sell by" and "use by" can leave us guessing about whether to keep or toss food.

"The current system of food product dating in the U.S. can be confusing, and is not necessarily related to food safety," said Kansas State University assistant professor, Londa Nwadike.

Shoppers sometimes shy away from buying a product because the "sell by" or "use by" date is close by. Or they buy it but don't use it right away, only to notice later that the "sell by" date has come and gone. If unsure whether it's safe to eat, the food is thrown away – sometimes unnecessarily, said Nwadike, who is a consumer food safety specialist for K-State Research and Extension and the University of Missouri.

She gave tips to keep shoppers safe and cut food waste to a minimum.

1) Infant formula is the only food product on which expiration dates are federally regulated. Don't buy or use baby formula after its "use-by" date, for both safety and nutritional reasons.

2) Some states do require dating of some foods, but other than infant formula, there is no regulated food dating system across the U.S. Some groups have made recommendations to standardize the system used, but at this time, dates are put on products in a variety of ways. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides definitions for some terms used on food product labels:

- "Sell by" date: Tells the store how long to display the product for sale. You should buy the product before that date.
- "Best if used by (or before)" date: Recommended for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.
- "Use by" date: The last date recommended by the manufacturer for the use of the product while at peak quality.

These dates generally refer to food quality, rather than safety, Nwadike said. However, they can give a general idea of how long the food has been in the market.

3) Many canned foods are required to have a packing code which enables manufacturers to rotate their stock and locate their products in the event of a recall.

These codes are not meant for consumers to interpret as use-by dates (unless they are clearly marked as a "use-by" date).

4) The most important thing consumers can do to impact the length of time they can safely keep and use food is to handle it properly. This includes:

- If perishable, take the food home immediately after purchase and refrigerate it (at 40°F or below) within at least two hours. Freeze it if you can't use it within recommended safe refrigerated storage times. Once a perishable product is frozen, microbial growth stops, so it will be as safe as it was when it went into the freezer.
- Store foods in the cupboard, refrigerator or freezer at the proper temperature and length of time. Do not leave perishable foods at room temperature more than two hours. If you know that a carton of milk has been sitting on the counter more than three hours, throw it out regardless of what date is on the container.
- If the product has a "use-by" date on the package, follow that date to determine when to use it.
- Follow the handling and preparation instructions on the product label.
- Avoid cross-contamination and ensure proper sanitation.
- If the product has visible mold, off odors, the can is bulging or other similar signs, this spoilage may be a sign that dangerous microorganisms are present. With such products, use the "If in doubt, throw it out" rule.
- Be extra cautious with food to be consumed by vulnerable people such as young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and immune-compromised.

More information is available online:

- Food Product Dating. USDA. August 2013. www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/food-labeling/food-product-dating/food-product-dating;
- Safe Food Storage: The Refrigerator and Freezer. Kansas State Research and Extension. 2014: www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF3130.pdf; and
- Safe Food Storage: The Cupboard. Kansas State Research and Extension. 2014: www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF3131.pdf.

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Other Viewpoints

Tight races show dissatisfaction

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's job is in trouble. That was the biggest takeaway from last week's primary election. Normally, winning an election with 63 percent of the vote would be considered a strong victory. Not in this case. Brownback is an incumbent, and his opponent was a complete unknown. She got 37 percent of the vote in a Republican primary in Kansas, where the well-organized ultraconservatives – Brownback's base – usually run the show.

Not only was Jennifer Winn of Wichita a dark horse, she ran for office because of frustration with the way the courts treated her son, charged with murder for his involvement in a drug deal that turned deadly. Late in the campaign, voters also learned that she and her running mate both had bankruptcies in their pasts. One of her primary issues was legalization of marijuana.

And with all that baggage, she got almost 40 percent of Republican votes. Those votes were mostly votes against Brownback.

Now Brownback and Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer face a pair of truly credible candidates in House Minority Leader Paul Davis of Lawrence and Wichita businesswoman Jill Docking.

And voters have plenty of reason to be dissatisfied with the status quo in Kansas. Just a day after the election, a second credit rating agency lowered the state's bond rating, citing a looming budget crisis and sluggish economic growth.

Brownback's self-described economic experiment is putting the state in financial distress. And that's not liberal Democrats saying so, it is Moody's and Standard & Poor's, which are leading financial analysis firms.

Meanwhile, a new survey reported that the number of Kansans without health insurance has jumped by the most of any state in the country. The numbers aren't confirmed, but Kansans surely aren't helped by Brownback's refusal to accept federal money to establish a health insurance marketplace or to expand Medicaid – policies obviously not based on the welfare of Kansans but on politics.

And that's the problem with Brownback. He's in it for himself. His political ambitions come before the welfare of Kansans.

Consequently, though Brownback hasn't lost re-election yet, clearly he has lost the confidence of many Kansans.

Another GOP incumbent who also has let down his constituents showed weakness in the primary results. U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp of Kansas' 1st District had an even greater challenge from a mostly unknown. In that GOP primary, Alan LaPolice captured 45 percent of the vote.

Voters showed their unhappiness with Huelskamp, his alienation from party leadership because of his abrasiveness, coupled with unpopular positions against the farm bill and wind energy. A Republican with more name recognition easily could have beaten Huelskamp, if only such a Republican would have made a run at it. Maybe it will be LaPolice in two years.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach also received a well-deserved vote of no-confidence.

The part-time secretary of state who is most known for his crusade against immigration showed weakness in losing 35 percent of Republican votes to the unknown, but qualified, Scott Morgan of Lawrence. Again, dissatisfaction with the incumbent was evident.

Though the winners in these elections were not a surprise, they were far tighter races than most predicted, and therein reveals some telling insight.

– The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press

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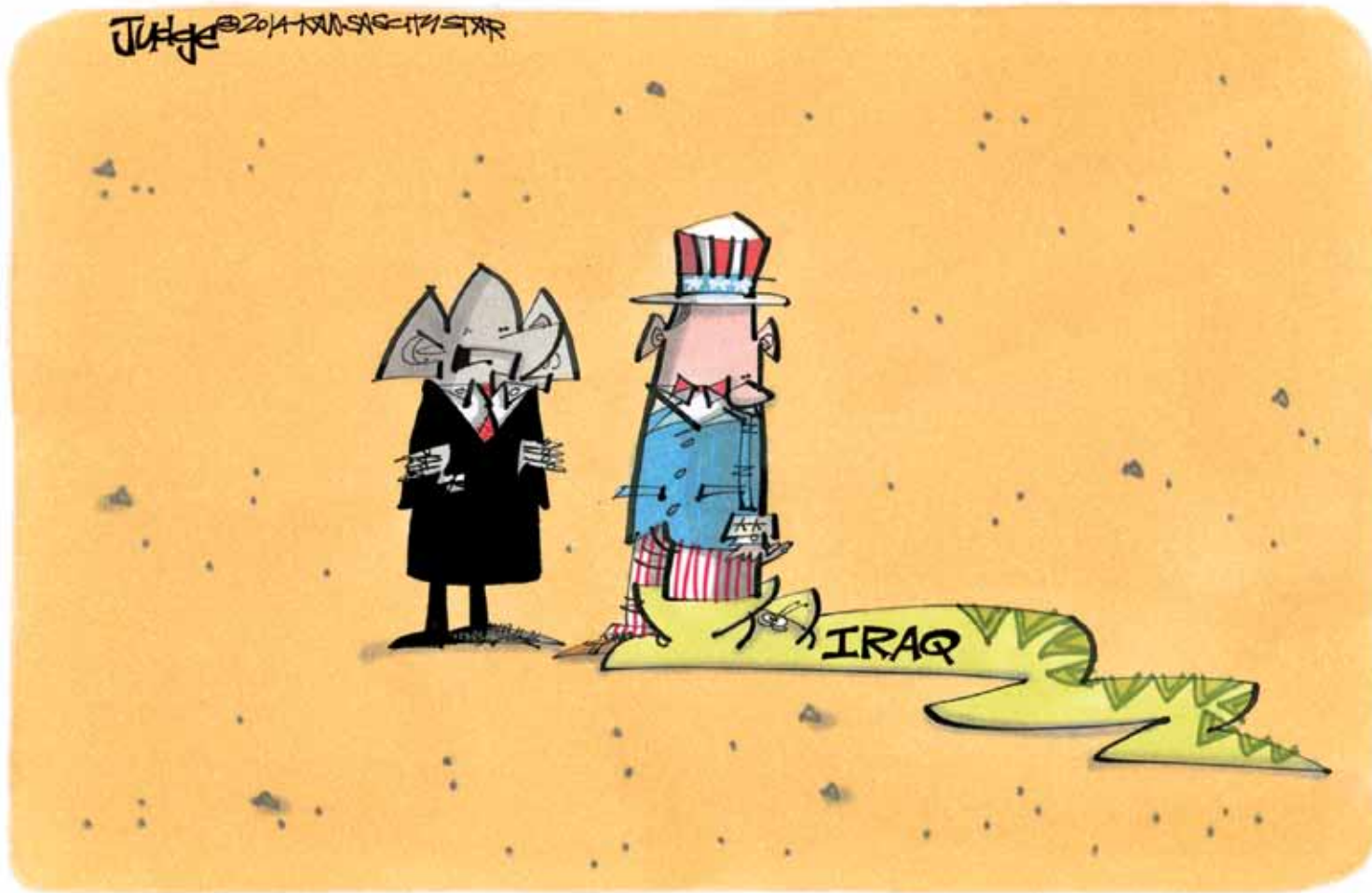
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Hometown carnival good for town

If there's anything more fun than walking up to the Decatur County Fairground and wandering around the fair and carnival, it has to be running one of the rides or games.

It's just hard to compare the fairs out here with similar events in much of the country. The volunteer-run carnival is relaxed and comfortable, unlike the traveling carnivals found at many fairs. It's just a pleasure to be around, and if you wander long enough, you'll see a lot of your friends and neighbors.

It's an atmosphere that's easy to enjoy. Grab a pork burger or a walking taco from the 4-H stand, wander around, take in the demolition derby, visit with people you haven't seen since last fair. It's great. And Cynthia has declared fair time as a "no-cook" week at our house: we subsist on fair food.

While many area counties have copied Oberlin's carnival – itself copied from one in Oklahoma more than 40 years ago – we haven't visited one that is any better. They're all pretty nice, however, and getting better every year.

Contrast that with the town where we used to live in Colorado. Police made several arrests during a carnival's visit this summer, including one for sexual assault on a 13-year-old girl by a carnival employee.



Steve Haynes

• Along the Sappa

Here in northwest Kansas, people feel their kids are safe among neighbors, and for many years, they have been.

If you haven't ever worked at the fair, you really should. As members of the Rotary Club, we work the ferris wheel every year. It's a hoot to see all the families take a spin on the old wheel, the first ride bought by the Amusement Authority and still one of the most popular.

Fair volunteers have been improving the wheel, making it a little easier to run, but then, they try to do that with all the rides, even as they add new ones like the bumper cars.

One weekend night last year, I got drafted to help run the bumper cars. The amusement board always has trouble filling all the volunteer slots on weekends. I went over to see what it took.

The battery-powered cars can be cantankerous, but people – kids and adults – have fun

on them, running into each other, chasing each other and squealing with delight all the time. It didn't take much to figure out how to give them a little instruction and shove them out into the fray.

You can have as much fun running any of the games and rides, though, and there's always an opening. Other volunteers sell tickets, hand out water to workers or watch exhibits in one of the fair buildings. All those jobs are important. And if you really get interested, the amusement board usually needs a couple of new members.

This is important, because if one thing threatens this great tradition, it's lack of volunteers. With the county's population shrinking ever since the carnival began, there are fewer of us to run rides and games every year.

Our kids and grandkids still want to come home for the fair, and a lot of people from neighboring towns come to visit.

And if we won't step up and work, the carnival could die. Don't let that happen.

Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers. When he has the time, he'd rather be reading a good book or casting a fly.

'Boy or girl' not always easy to answer

"Is the baby a boy or a girl?" is often the first question from new parents.

"I will get back to you about that," is not the answer a couple expects to hear, but ambiguity in sexual anatomy, where an infant appears neither clearly male or female, does occur.

In these last 50 years, scientists have learned that the development of both our gender and our sexual identity is a complex process. Many factors are involved, including chromosomes, sexual anatomy, levels of hormones and brain development. For some, these do not all align as clearly "male" or "female."

Working at the Johns Hopkins University Psychohormonal Unit beginning in 1951, Dr. John Money was the specialist who first clarified this complex system.

All of us have the same undifferentiated gonadal tissue for the first six to seven weeks. The first factor is the presence of either XY or XX chromosomes. A gene on Y-chromosome (SRY) causes gonadal tissue to become testes. Without the SRY, the gonads develop into ovaries. All of us have two sets of tubes alongside the gonads. If testes develop, the Wolffian tubes develop into vas deferens. If ovaries develop, the Mullerian tubes develop into oviducts. However, sometimes an XY child can lack the SRY gene and be female. Or an XX child can carry the SRY and be male. Or an XY child may have external female anatomy but have internal testes – her body cells failing to recognize the circulating testosterone and therefore developing female.

In addition, our hormone levels vary. Although textbooks simplify that males-have-testosterone and females-have-estrogens, everyone produces both. In males, the small levels of estrogens come mainly from fat tissue. Females receive small amounts of testosterone from adrenal glands. But humans vary in the enzymes that produce these hormones. We observe the resulting variations in body growth, voice, hair growth, and other traits in the people around us.



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

In his clinical study of cases where differentiation failed to work correctly, Dr. Money noticed that masculine and feminine behavioral roles did not always match with who people were sexually attracted to. In 1955, Money borrowed the grammar term "gender" to indicate a person's self-awareness as fitting the male or female role.

"Gender role is everything that a person says and does," he wrote, "to indicate to others or to the self the degree that one is either male or female, or ambivalent; it includes but is not restricted to sexual arousal and response."

Therefore, a person could be effeminate but not attracted to men, or masculine but not attracted to women.

Money knew that when children developed a sense of self awareness between ages 4 and 6, a few wanted to be the "other" sex. But did brain gender and sexual differences form before or after birth?

This last factor, the mental gender and sexual identity, was likely to be caused by the influence of hormones and other chemicals during brain development. John Money died in 2006, but another set of researchers was investigating brain crosssections for heterosexuals, transsexuals and homosexuals. The team of Professor Swaab in Amsterdam discovered that male-to-female transsexuals had the brain structure (and gender identity) of females although their original anatomy was male. However, this brain region in male homosexuals matched regular males. Workers at three other institutes in America and Sweden accumulated evidence of other brain differences in homo-

sexuals (sexual identity).

We now know that sexual anatomy develops in the first half of pregnancy. The distinct brain centers controlling gender and sexuality develop in the second half of pregnancy.

Bottom line? We did not choose our XY or XX chromosomes. We did not choose the anatomy we were born with. We do not choose to have higher or lower testosterone or estrogen levels. Nor did we choose to have the brain structures for gender and sexual identity that we were born with.

The vast majority of us should feel lucky that all of these complex biological factors match. But we should also understand with compassion when they do not. Taken together, gender and sexual identity ambiguity is more common than all cases of Down syndrome and cystic fibrosis combined.

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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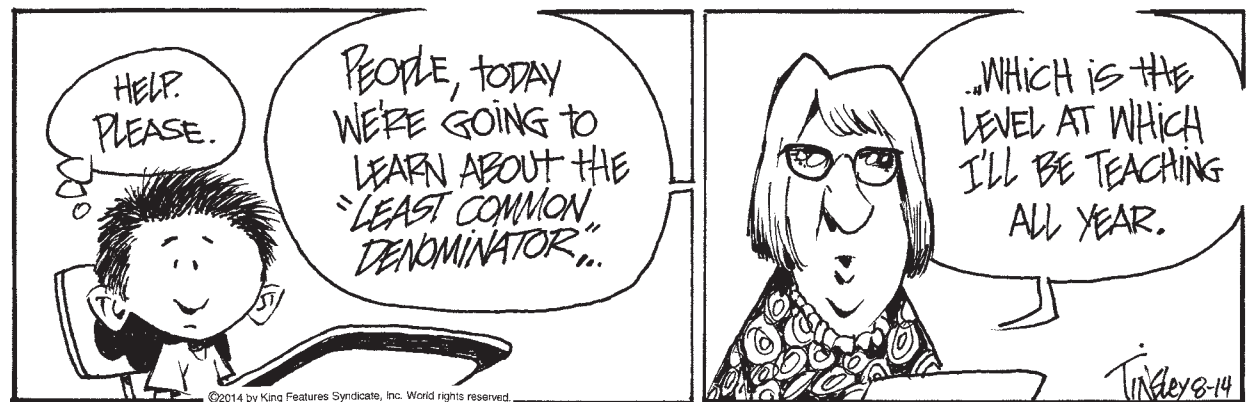
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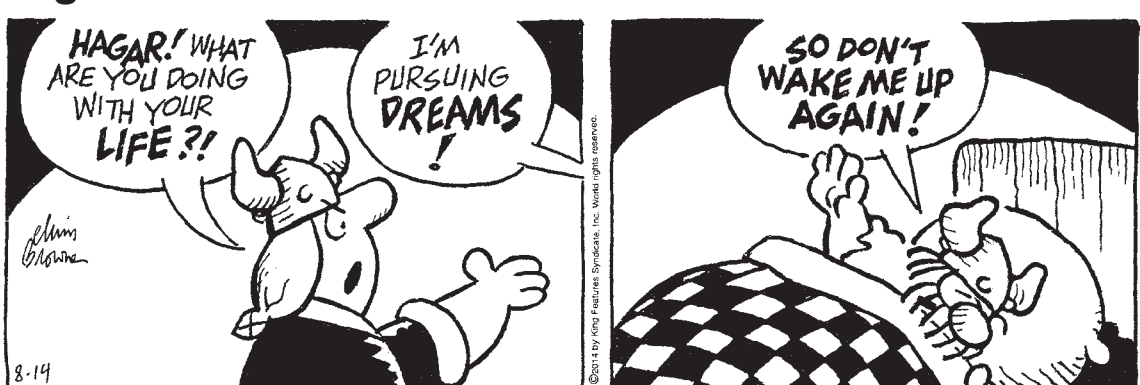
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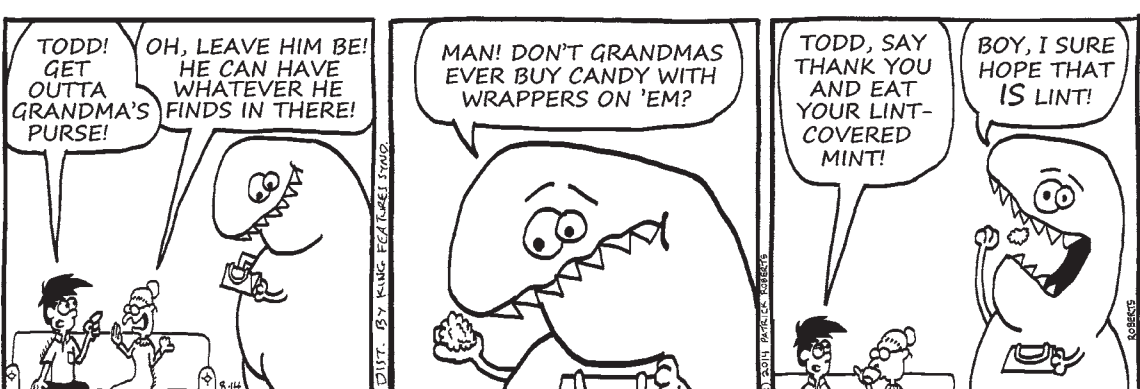
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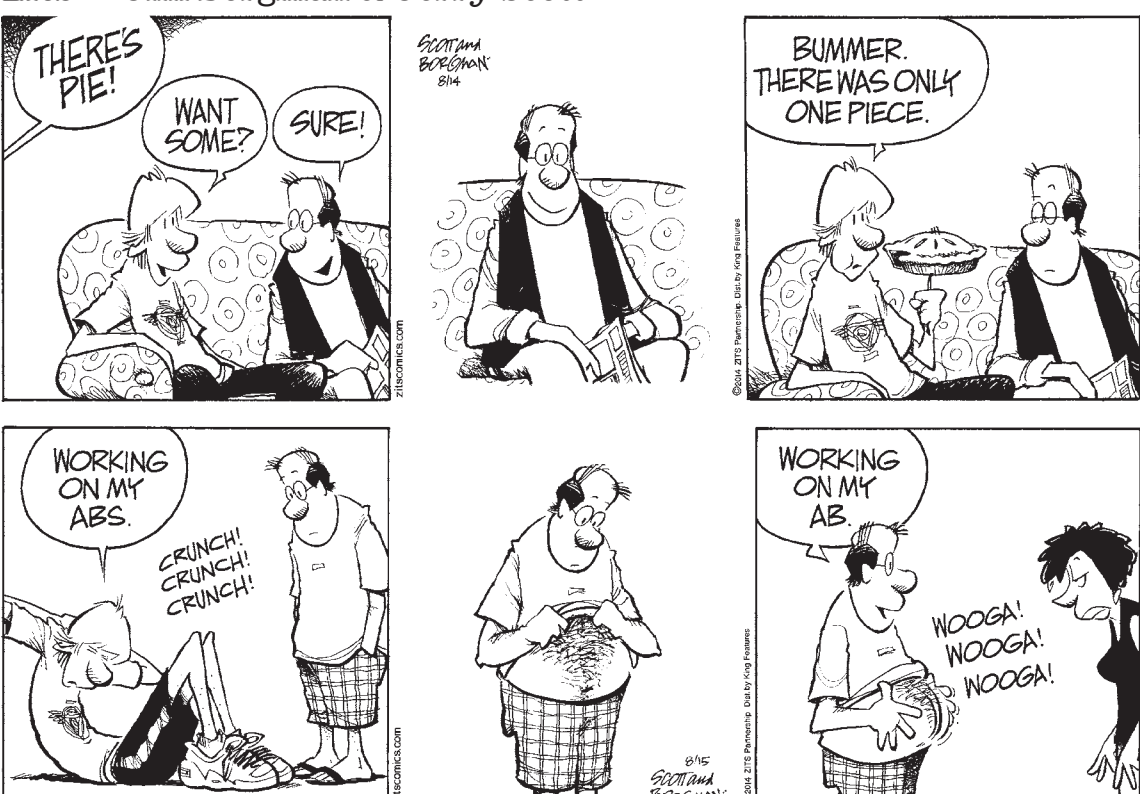
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• Antiques and Collecting

Elephant hair a lucky charm

Q: I was office manager for a renowned big-game hunter, lecturer, photographer and fisherman. In 1970, he gave me a bracelet made from elephant hair. I'm wondering how the value of something like this will be affected by the new laws about ivory. The bracelet appears to be made of seven strands of hair, or it could be just one long strand. The strands are slipped through knots of hairs so that the bracelet is adjustable.

A: Elephant-hair bracelets have been made for 1,000 years and are supposed to protect the wearer from harm, ward off sickness and bring good luck. Amelia Earhart wore an elephant-hair bracelet for years, but was not wearing it on her last flight in 1937 – when her plane disappeared. Bracelets are made from an elephant's tail hairs, which can be 2 or 3 feet long. The hairs are trimmed to a uniform thickness and boiled to soften them so they can be molded into shape. Poachers kill elephants for tusks, but might also harvest the tail hair and sell it. Reputable companies sell jewelry made from hair that is shed naturally and found on the ground, so that is legal. Wear your bracelet. The natural oil on your skin will help preserve the bracelet. Your vintage elephant-hair bracelet is worth about \$35 to \$50.

Q: We inherited a collection of photographs we would like to know more about. Each photo comprises duplicate prints pasted on a very hard card. The name "Keystone View Company" is listed on the side. This is printed at the bottom of one of the cards: "(97) 19163, Hail to the Heroes! Returning Troops on March En Route to Camp After Leaving Transport, New York Harbor." On the back of that card is a story about the pictures on the front. We have about 100 of these cards. Are they valuable?

A: You have a collection of "stereo cards." When two almost-identical pictures are viewed through a stereoscope, it produces a 3-D image. Stereoscopes were popular from the mid-1800s into the 1930s. The Keystone View Co., one of the largest manufacturers, was founded by Benniville Lloyd Singly in Meadville, Penn., in 1892. Keystone first published a series of stereo cards picturing World War I soldiers, battlefields and other military sites in 1923. Keystone became a subsidiary of Mast Development Co. in the 1960s and closed in 1972. The value of stereo cards is determined by maker and subject. A single card is worth \$5 to \$10. A complete set of World War I cards sells for about \$100 to \$150.

Q: I have a porcelain vase with the words "Fraureuth, Made in Germany" on the bottom. It is marked with a crown above a circle. Inside the circle there's a small "c" and a capital "F." Handwritten above the mark is the name "G. Wokaty." Can you tell me who made the vase and how old it is?

A: Your vase was made by Porcelain Factory Fraureuth, which was in business in Fraureuth, Saxony, Germany, from about 1898 to 1935. It was successor to a porcelain factory on the same site beginning in 1866. The handwritten name is probably the name of the decorator.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ J 4
♣ 1 7 4

EAST
♠ 10 8
♥ A
♦ K Q 9 7 2
♣ A 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A
♣ K Q 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Dble
4♥
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

The Trump Echo
The trump echo is a signal by which one defender tells the other that he started with three trumps. There are times when this knowledge is critical, as illustrated by today's deal.

West leads a club, which, given East's club holding, could easily be a singleton. So, after taking the ace, East returns the deuce, his lowest club, to tell West to return the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits, diamonds.

West ruffs the club with the four – beginning a trump echo to indicate three trumps – and shifts to his fourth-best diamond, the five. Declarer takes East's queen with the ace and plays the king of trumps, West following with the deuce as East wins with the ace.

If there were no such animal as a trump echo, East might make the mistake of trying to cash the king of diamonds as the setting trick. He would have no way of knowing that West started with five diamonds and South with the singleton ace. But thanks to the trump echo, East knows his partner has another trump, so he leads another club for West to ruff, and South goes down one.

There are positive and negative inferences associated with the trump echo. In the present case, for example, East can tell from West's ruff with the four, followed by his later play of the two, that West has a third trump.

By the same token, if West had started with the doubleton 4-2, he would ruff with the deuce at trick two. When he later played the four, East would draw the inference that West had no more trumps, and he would try to cash the king of diamonds at trick five as his only hope of stopping the contract.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I wish our backyard came with a retractable roof."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BIG AFRICAN REPUBLIC IN WHICH VARIOUS TYPES OF SEAWEED ARE CULTIVATED YEAR-ROUND: ALGAE-RIA.
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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Do a slow burn
5 Merely
9 Young chap
12 Hercules' maiden captive
13 Addict
14 Inseparable
15 Marmaduke, e.g.
17 Hostel
18 Gretzky's sport
19 Examine ore
21 Former partner
22 "Psycho" setting
24 Describe
27 Burst
28 Laundry
31 Eggs
32 School's Web suffix
33 Actress Vardalos
34 Bacterium
36 "— Miserables"

DOWN
1 Unspoken "alas"
2 Corrida
3 A util.
4 Debilitate
5 Liza's mom
6 Patriotic chant
7 Cong. member
8 Halloween
9 Daily Planet employee
10 "— Kar-enina"
11 Contradict
16 Cowboy's nickname
20 Stitch clay
22 Work with
23 Piece of work
24 Journal
25 "— Got a Secret"
26 Girl's shoe style
27 Soccer legend
29 Sermon subject
30 Chapeau option
35 Cattle call
37 Annul
39 Noble, in a way
40 Has permission
41 Competent
42 Secluded spot
43 June 6, 1944
44 Big party
45 Okla-homa city
46 Clarinetist's need
49 Simile center
50 De-Gaulle's schnozz

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Rovohl Township, Thomas County** will meet on August 25, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. at Thomas County Commissioner's Room, 300 N Court, 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. 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	57,654	16.026	57,000	12.976	66,150	61,131	16.000
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	57,654	16.026	57,000	12.976	66,150	61,131	16.000
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	57,654		57,000		66,150		
Total Tax Levied	43,482		43,520		xxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	2,713,225		3,350,893		3,820,673		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Patrick Jones
Treasurer

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Former Wildcat leaps into coaching Eagles

By R.B. Headley
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Just say no was Wendy Weishaar's initial reaction to the Colby High tennis coaching opportunity.

"I'd just got my last and only son (Parker) through high school and on to college," she said. "Why take on more high school drama? It was my time now."

Yet the Arizona resident has enjoyed so much time on tennis courts — and she owes much of that to her original hometown.

Colby High started a new girls' tennis program in 1979 and opened the door to 35 mostly terrific years for Weishaar.

"I was so excited. We didn't have to play against the boys anymore," she recalled while admitting there was still a desire to play on the Eagles football team.

Tennis truly became her sport, though, as Weishaar turned her Colby High experience into playing NCAA Division I tennis at Kansas State University.

She marvels about how tennis has constantly moved forward since those old Big Eight Conference days.

"There weren't international players back then, and we (K-State) didn't have a very wide recruiting base," she said. "Colorado was kind of the power because they brought in players from Flor-



ida and places like that. They had suntans. We didn't have suntans."

Another door did open to sunny Arizona, where Weishaar spent several years working with the United States Tennis Association.

She was Adult Senior Coordinator for the southwest region which covered much of Arizona, New Mexico and into Texas.

All her job duties opened the door to discovering another great passion: helping others get better.

"I get the most joy out of seeing someone else accomplish something," Weishaar said. "If you can help them and see the 'light bulb' go on, there's few things better than that. I think I'm every bit as happy as them."

Those remarks clearly connect to the passion of being a coach. Plus Weishaar was still spending three months a year in Colby to help her brothers with farming.

For several years, she joined

R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
New Colby High coach and Eagles alum Wendy Weishaar (left) coached two camps at Fike Park this summer with a passion for tennis that clearly carries over to family members like Candy (right), the Weishaars' golden retriever. The Eagles officially begin tennis pre-season practice on Monday as girls prepare for their season opener at Hays on Sept. 4. Colby's home tennis debut this fall takes place on Sept. 6.



numerous Colby friends in playing three nights of tennis every week at Fike Park.

It all connected to two other strong Weishaar beliefs: tennis is a lifetime sport that leads to developing strong ties with many people.

"What you learn from tennis you can take with you to college, jobs, family and help you through adversity," she said. "And it's helped me meet so many people over the years."

Eventually, some of those people approached Weishaar about coaching Colby High girls' tennis.

The idea started making sense since many of Wendy and husband Mark Weishaar's relatives are still living in Colby. Wendy's dad, the late Ronald Frahm, was a long-time area farmer and attorney.

"The only time I got professional lessons was when Dad took us to some resort in Florida or the Caribbean," she recalled. "I'd spend a lot of time charging lessons to dad's room."

Weishaar finally decided it was time to "start giving back" for all those early Colby days.

"I enjoyed my tennis days so much," she said. "How could I deny helping someone else have that chance? It's time to pay back all those grandparents and parents who helped get girls' tennis started in Colby."

So Weishaar accepted the Colby High tennis coaching position. She's already helped instruct two camps at Fike Park this summer that several high-school age and younger Colby players attended.

Now she's preparing for the official first Colby High practice on

Monday.

The Eagles' season-opening theme: improvement and developing a tennis passion.

"We'll focus on improving every day. If you improve, winning will take care of itself," she said. "We're going to learn to play fearlessly and play full speed. If you make mistakes at full speed, well, that takes care of learning at full speed."

Weishaar also brings a different meaning to the word "win".

Win means What's Important Next in her tennis vocabulary.

"Focus on the next serve, the next point, don't be thinking about what just happened," she said. "Learn from it, but don't dwell on it. Tennis is a game of forward motion. It's all about moving forward."

Weishaar will practice exactly she preaches: bring a positive attitude and work ethic every day.

She expects an interesting blend of new and older Eagles when that first practice arrives on Monday. The Eagles start their season with a Sept. 4 visit to Hays.

Between coaching, Weishaar will continue to work on the family farm through mid-October before returning to Arizona.

"I always came back in mid-October for corn harvest, so I'll just stay now," she concluded. "I've hit some balls with a lot of these girls, and I'm really looking forward to our season."

Jayhawks seeing more red

from kansasacity.com

LAWRENCE — They are red, shiny and called "Crimson Chrome". And they are apparently Kansas football's latest alternate jersey.

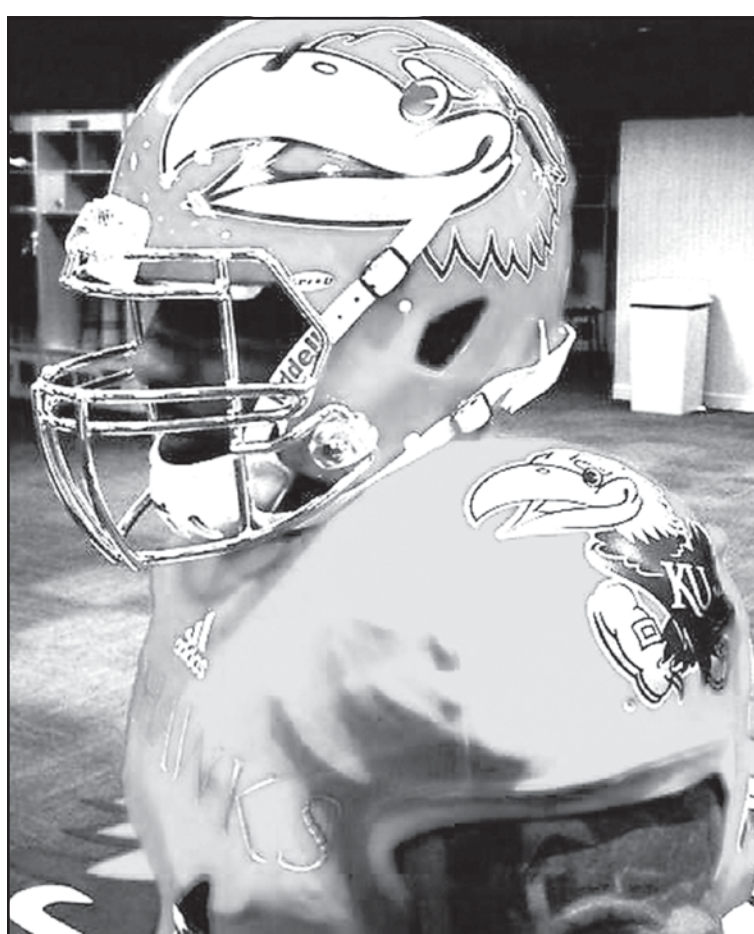
The University of Kansas unveiled the new Adidas look on Tuesday night, just a few hours after junior quarterback Michael Cummings surprised teammates while walking into a team meeting in the new threads.

The jersey combo features red pants, red tops and red helmets with a large Jayhawk head on the side.

They also feature Jayhawk logos on the pants and shoulder pads.

In a released YouTube video showing off the new look, Cummings is wearing a jersey with "Jayhawks" on the back.

That, however, is just a demo, according to a University of Kan-



kansasacity.com

Yes, the Kansas Jayhawks will apparently be donning these new crimson-dominated jerseys at select home games this fall.

sas official. The finished jerseys will have players' names on the back. Kansas kicks off its football season on Aug. 30.

Colby College women's hoops adds three recruits

After the initial rush of the national signing period, the Colby Community College women's basketball team added three sophomore transfer recruits: Heather Cleveland from Kansas Wesleyan University; Jada Grady of Lincoln Trail College in Illinois; and Danielle Santos of Gillette (Wyo.) College.

The three women join a quality freshman class and solid core group of returners.

"I believe that we have a chance to be much better this season," Trojans coach Antowin Edwards said. "We improved in every area this year and I believe that my returners now know what they are up against and how hard they need to work to be successful. We are making strides in the right direction but there is still plenty of work to do to improve as a program. However, I am enthused about this year and what it holds for Lady Trojan basketball."

Cleveland, a 5'9" wing player from Gypsum, played last season at Kansas Wesleyan University.

She had an outstanding prep career at Southeast of Saline High School.

During her senior season, she was named all-league first team and led her team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 11 points per game and 10 rebounds per game.

"Heather was heavily recruited

by several of the Kansas community colleges coming out of high school, but she chose the four-year route instead," Edwards said. "She has good size and athleticism at the guard spot and she is an excellent mid-range shooter and rebounder."

"She also brings with her that four-year college game experience and hard work," he added. "This was a big pickup for us and I expect her to make an immediate impact on the offensive end of the floor and in the locker room."

Grady is a 5'7" combo guard from Louisville, Ky.

Grady had a solid freshman campaign at Lincoln Trail College, averaging 7.7 points, 3.2 rebounds and two assists per game while shooting 37 percent from behind the arc.

"Jada has good quickness and a high basketball I.Q. which will help her be a quality guard at this level," Edwards said. "She has the ability to play both guard positions because of her ability to shoot the long ball. She gives us some much needed fire power from the outside, another quality ball handler on the perimeter, and some veteran leadership in the locker room."

Santos, a 6'1" power forward from Colorado Springs, last played the 2012-13 season at Gillette College.

She transferred in January which gave her a chance to watch the league and work with the program.

"Danielle gives us the Division I size and athleticism to be successful in the (Jayhawk) league. She is a tough post player who has the ability to stretch the floor with her shooting," Edwards concluded.

Trojans set spikers' golf on Aug. 30

The Colby Community College volleyball team will play its fourth annual Night Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 30, at Meadow Lake Golf Course.

Registration is 4 p.m. with a 5 p.m. twilight tee times. Dinner will follow with night tee-off at 8:30 p.m.

The tournament is an 18-hole, four-person scramble using glow golf balls and glow sticks. Cost is \$240 per team which includes dinner, green fees and night golf supplies. Prizes will be awarded.

Contact Carey Jones at (785) 269-7728 or Chelsea Funk at (785) 460-5478 for details.

Royals shut out Oakland, 3-0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The crowd roared as Jason Vargas emerged from the dugout for the ninth inning, the Kansas City Royals trying to hold onto a 3-0 lead over the Oakland Athletics in a matchup of playoff hopefuls.

Five pitches later, the crowd roared even louder.

Vargas finished off his three-hitter with a flourish, breezing through the A's for his sixth career shutout. It was the second shutout

by Kansas City starters in the past week and the third complete game over that stretch, a big reason why the Royals are leading the American League Central.

Vargas (9-5) retired the final 23 batters he faced, helping the Royals bounce back from having an eight-game winning streak snapped. They maintained their half-game lead over Detroit.

Omar Infante hit a two-run homer and Salvador Perez drove

in the other run off Scott Kazmir (13-5), who lost to Kansas City for the second time in 10 days.

Vargas allowed four runs over 4 1/3 innings against Oakland in his first start off the disabled list, and two runs over five innings against San Francisco his last time out. But on a mild evening at the K, he looked like the dominant left-hander of earlier this season.

Vargas needed only 92 pitches over eight innings.



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