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Foundation head to step down soon

By Sam Dieter

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The long-time director of the Colby Community College Endowment Foundation says he will step down once a replacement is

Nick Wells, who has been director of the foundation for 11 years and was a college trustee for about a year, announced he would step down at a foundation meeting Aug. 14, then at the trustees' monthly meeting last Monday

Wells put the exact time he will leave at the discretion of the endowment board. He said he will stay on until a replacement can be found or the foundation's annual meeting, whichever comes first.

"I have spent a large portion of my adult life eating, sleeping and drinking Colby Community College," Wells said as he read from

He read the same letter at both team from 1978 to 1996.

meetings, saying that the leadership and management of the college have made it harder for him to help the school. In the days when student enrollment was at its highest, he said, the college had about twice as many students but half the administrators. He also recalled a time when there were far more faculty as well.

Arlen Leiker, president of the trustees, said he and College President Stephen Vacik had spoken with Wells about the direction the college is going. Leiker agreed that the college has a lower ratio of administrators to students than the average for community colleges, but said state and federal regulations are part of the problem.

Wells said in the letter he has worn many hats for the sake of the college. He was a member of the trustees from June 2012 until last August, when he resigned. A graduate of the college, he was an animal-science teacher and coach of the college livestock judging



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Clint Goossen (above, right) and his cousin Nathan Stramel worked on a disk south of Colby, on the farm belonging to Clint's dad. Lynn Goossen described the ins and outs of his business after winning the Farm Family of the Year Award

for 2014 from the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association. Clint and his wife De'andra (below) went to the farm to help

Farming's still a tough job

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The head of the family honored by the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association this year says farming is still hard these days, adding that he has seen his own share of difficulties.

Lynn and Tami Goossen, winners of the Farm Family of the Year Award for 2014, accepted the award at the annual Farm Bureau meeting earlier this month. Aug 15 the Goossens' nephew, Nathan Stramel, their son Clint and Clint's wife De'andra were getting a disk ready for use when Lynn Goossen described his farm and his career.

Like most High Plains farmers, he uses no-till or strip-till methods, but still says there is still

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River compact meets this week

Republican River Compact Ad- Department of Agriculture, Divi-Thursday in the Auld Pavilion at Antelope Park in Lincoln, Neb.

A work session is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Nebraska State Office Building, lower level conference room C.

Both the meeting and the work

session are open to the public. For questions, contact program compact.

The annual meeting of the manager Chris Beightel, Kansas ministration will begin at 9 a.m. sion of Water Resources, at (785) 564-6659 or Chris.Beightel@kda.

A full agenda, maps to meeting locations and additional information can be found online at agriculture.ks.gov/divisionsprograms/dwr/interstate-riversand-compacts/republican-river-



JUDY ROGERS/Selden correspondent

Volunteers from the Selden Fire Department extinguished flames in the city trash truck, which was destroyed by an apparent electrical malfunction late Saturday night.

Selden trash truck burns

By Judy Rogers

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The Selden city trash truck was destroyed by fire late Saturday evening as it sat in a storage building on the east edge of town, despite the efforts of volunteers from at least four fire departments.

Neighbors reported the fire around 11 p.m. When

fire fighters arrived, the building was filled with smoke. Volunteer firemen Jeff Brown and Micah Goscha attempted to enter through the walk-in door, but when they opened it, oxygen fed the flames and they couldn't get to the front of the truck where the fire was concentrated.

LeRoy Spresser of Spresser Excavation brought

his loader down and was able to open the garage door and pull the truck out, enabling the fire fighters to extinguish the blaze.

"The fire was concentrated in the cab and engine compartment of the truck," said Capt. Steve Rogers. "It appears to have self-ignited due to electrical malfunction.'

"We appreciate all the volunteers who responded to the fire," said Mayor Jacque Boultinghouse, "including the Selden Fire Department and Selden EMT's, along with fire departments from Menlo, Hoxie and Rexford.

"Fortunately, they were able to extinguish the fire rather quickly and no one was injured." the number projected in the bud-

Reports show college enrollment is growing

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The Colby Community College trustees learned that the college is growing when they heard reports from administrators at their August meeting.

George McNulty, vice president of student affairs, reported last Monday that enrollment is up from this time last year. McNulty said later that 1,067 students have signed up for 12,702 credit hours so far for the fall semester, although it won't be until about Oct. 1 that most students enroll, and some classes start after that date. At this time last year, he said, students had signed up for a little over 10,700 credit hours.

Rooms at the college's newly renovated double decker dorm have all been taken, he said, and a ribbon cutting for the dorm was held Friday. The dorms now have Internet routers and security cam-

"Those rooms, I guess, sold like hot cakes," McNulty added.

Three hundred thirty students are living in dorms this semester, he said, as opposed to 280 at the same time last year, and the number is not yet final. This is above

short time, and added that students are living in some tight spaces.

Starting out the year, 105 admissions applications were processed and 21 campus visits were made. Admissions staff travelled to McCook, Neb., and Colorado Springs, and rode a float in the Thomas County Fair parade to reach out to prospective students. They helped enroll students in over 7,000 credit hours this summer. The college's second session of summer classes ran from July

McNulty reported that the college had a successful orientation over the weekend, and thanked the Endowment Foundation for paying for a trip to the Colby Aquatic Park. The other departments under his supervision reported working hard to enroll students for the fall semester. The financial aid department has a room set up for book vouchers and was open over the weekend to help students and their parents, he said.

Also at the meeting, the trustees heard reports from other adminis-

rector of the college endowment

• Nick Wells, the outgoing di-

get for the coming fiscal year. Mc- foundation, said Glenda Over-Nulty confirmed to Trustee Linda street, the college's chief finan-Vaughn that some teachers are cial officer and vice president of having to live in dorm rooms for a financial affairs, and Trustee Audrey Hines went to the foundation board's meeting Aug. 14 to talk about converting the foundation's books to general accounting principles. After a yearly audit of the college's finances, the accounting firm Adams Brown, Beran and Ball suggested the foundation make the change. The foundation board, Wells told the trustees, said the college should pay to change the books over, which he said could cost \$60,000 to \$80,000.

· Greg Nichols, vice president of academic affairs, thanked Wells and the foundation for helping to fix up the college farm, and Cornerstone Ag, which helped with some dirt work on the farm grounds

The college is almost done with its federal Title III grant, he said. and no recent grant activity was reported. Instructors have prepared their professional development goals, to be reviewed with Nichols over the year, and the website is being updated.

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Area/State



National Weather Service Tonight: Occasional showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Low around 62. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Tuesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 3 p.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. East wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy; low around 63.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny high 82.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 83.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Friday: High, 89; Low 62 Saturday: High, 88; Low 57 Sunday: High, 85; Low 60 0.41 inches Precip: Friday None Sat. -Sun. Month:

2.50 inches 13.56 inches Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 7:07 a.m. 8:24 p.m. Moon: waxing, 1 percent

Wednesday 7:08 a.m. 8:23 p.m. Moon: waxing, 4 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory) **Colby Water Use** Friday to Sunday 1,959,000 gal. (average) (Colby Public Works)

Weather Farming's still a tough job, he says

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some room for tilling. He said he finds a use for a disk when evening out irrigated ground or when he runs into a patch of tough weeds.

Goossen said he started farming in 1983 when his grandfather sold out. Two years later, he and Tami were married. At the time, he was also working for Western Sprinkler.

"I started with literally nothing in '83," he recalled. "You couldn't borrow money from anybody, especially for a new

This was during the farm crisis of the 1980s, he said, and although a bank took him on several years later, he had to prove himself first. Interest rates were high and lots of farmers were selling out.

"You're young, and all you've got is energy and no money," he

Since he and his wife were close to marriage when he started, Goossen said, he got help from his father-in-law in his early years, using his machinery in return for working for him. Although his dad died when he was young, he grew up working with his grandfather in the

His grandfather sold his farm, he said, because he had borrowed so much money he was afraid his bank might take it away. Although farmers always take chances, he said, his early years in the business impressed on him the value of being conservative and not growing too

"You can control some of that risk by not sticking your neck out too far," he said.

He started with just over 700 acres and bought his first quarter of ground in 1985. Since then, the farm has grown to about 3,000 acres of irrigated and dry-



Lynn Goossen, his wife Tami, son Clint and Clint's wife De'andra posed with the Farm Family of the Year Award for 2014, which the Goossens won from the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association.

some irrigated and a lot of dry- only ones living there. Along land wheat. Goossen said he out, does not have any livestock, in part because things like sick cattle or downed fences require attention right away, and that cut into his time.

a little bit," he said.

They once had calves and pigs along with cattle, but got rid of the animals when Tami figured out they were not making any

The Goossens' farm house was built in 1938 or 1939, he said, and added onto over the the farm. land corn, irrigated soybeans, years. Right now, they are the

with the shop where the disk likes the way irrigated crops can was being worked on, several be rotated. The farm, he pointed old sheds built for much smaller machinery are still standing.

At the Farm Bureau meeting,

Lynn Goossen said it's still hard being a farmer. The cost of land and rental rates are so high that "I like the things I can plan on it is hard to either buy or rent

Even so, both the Goossen's children are involved in the business. A few years ago, their daughter Shawna married Bob served on the county Farm Buland. Clint is married and has a the Mingo Bible Church. job in town, but often helps on

"My wife's worked alongside

of me," Goossen said. "A lot of times she's filled in. When the kids were young, they got drug to the field, so it was always a family deal."

Goossen said he was in the National Guard and has been on the boards of Heartland Christian School, the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and the U.S. Feeds Grain Council. Tami has served on the executive board for Thomas County Extension, and they have both Holloway and bought some reau board and are involved in

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the trustees after a computer systems used by her department was upgraded. The trustees will now receive reports of aging in acbalance. There will also be a nonbudget account balance report, she said.

Overstreet reported the college had \$14.9 million remaining out of its newly approved \$15,175,000 budget by the end of July. The college has 98 percent of its budget remaining, as opposed to a projected 92 percent. At the end of the month, encumbrances stood

stricted cash balance of \$2,208,571.

• Public Information Director Debbie • Overstreet said she had come up with Schwanke reported on the lineup of speaka new way to provide financial reports to ers for Max Pickerill Lecture Series for this coming year, including Dr. Sheila Schroeder, an associate professor at the University of Denver's Department of Media, Film counts payable via trial balance, check reg- and Journalism Studies, on Tuesday, Sept. isters via resolution, credit-card statements 16; Michael Schwanke, Schwanke's son, an sociation's national tournament. The men's and projected revenue and expenses for the anchor at KWCH television in Wichita, on team will have the same bidding structure college against the actual remaining budget Tuesday, Oct. 14; and Steven Farney, who in the 2015-2016 year. Colby will hold a wrote a book about the history of basketball in Kansas.

Schwanke said she will take individual and team photos of college athletes for the media guide which the college has printed each year. She has also created a mailer for the Campaign for Change 2014 fund raiser, the theme for which this year is "Big Skies! at 98 percent, and the college had an unre- Bigger Opportunities!" The college's 50th

Homecoming will be from Monday to Saturday, Oct. 27 to Nov. 1.

• Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy reported that the volleyball team went 7-1 at a tournament in El Dorado, loosing only to last year's national champions. The women's basketball team will get at least two bids to this year's National Junior Athletics As-Region VI cross country meet on Saturday Oct. 25, and the Region VI central zone wrestling tournament on Saturday, Feb. 14.

There was a men's basketball golf tournament Friday, and the volleyball season for the conference will start that day here with a match against Hutchinson. The night golf tournament will be on Labor Day weekend.

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.

College open house for older students

The Admissions Department at Colby Community College plans a free open house for "nontraditional" students, those who may be older or returning to school after an absence, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the Student Union. Child care will be provided and scholarships are available. Learn about online, hybrid and on-campus course options. For information, call Jacqueline Langwell at 460-5506.

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 this week, preceded by a free dinner from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The club includes Bible stories. memory verses, active games and songs for all children age 4 to fifth grade. For a ride, to enroll or for questions, call the church office at 462-8391.

Hog Roast returns to Gem Wednesday

The annual Gem Lions Hog Roast will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Make a donation and enjoy food and visiting, along with blue grass, folk and country music, a horseshoe tournament and a chance to win one of four halves of processed hogs. Remember to bring used eye glasses and hearing aids for recycling. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Pick up fruit at 4-H Building

Pick up fruit ordered through the Catholic Youth Organization from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County 4-H Building. If you forgot to order, there will be extra boxes available. For information, call Megan Augustine at 462-2179.

No trash pickup on Labor Day

Colby sanitation trucks will not run next Monday because of Labor Day. Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday. Have tipper cans to the curb by 8 a.m. For information, call Omar Weber at Public Works at 460-4420.

Flu clinics scheduled for September

The Thomas County Health Department plans several flu clinics this year depending on delivery of vaccine. No appointment is necessary; fill out and print a consent form at www.thomascountyks.com under the Health Department tab. The first date is 9:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Brewster Senior Center. For information call 460-

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TUESDAY EVENING **AUGUST 26, 2014** 10:30 11:00 11:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 Bachelor in Paradise (N) но Jimmy Kimmel Live но **20/20** : "From Hell" (N) (:35) Late Show (N) HD CBS NCIS: "Honor Father" NCIS: Los Angeles но Person of Interest HD Loca Late Late Food Fighters (N) HD America's Got Talent : Late Night NBC Semi Finals 1" (N) HD (:35) Tonight Show HD Local Local Programs FOX Family Guy Brooklyn New Girl Mindy HD Local Programs Local Programs Criminal Minds HE ION Criminal Minds HD Criminal Minds HD The Listener (N) The Listener (N) Storage Storage Storage Storage A&E Storage Storage Brandi & Cement Storage Storage **AMC** Air Force One ('97) HD 4th and Loud (N) HD 4th and Loud HD Air Force One ('97, ★½ Harrison Ford. **HD** ANIMA Zombie Sharks но Lair of the Mega Shark Alien Sharks HD Great White Matrix HD Sharkageddon но (6:30) CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story но **BRAVO** Below Deck (N) **Below Deck** Real Housewives Real Housewives The Singles Project (N) King Hill King Hill Cleveland Cleveland CARTOON Dad HD Dad HD Family Guy | Family Guy | Robot Sauid HD CMT Miss Congeniality ('00, PG-13) ★★½ Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. но Cops HD Cops HD Cops HD Cops HD CNN Anderson Cooper 360° Anderson Cooper 360° CNN Tonight (N) Anderson Cooper 360 Anderson Cooper 360 COMEDY Tosh.O HD Tosh.O HD Tosh.O (N) Drunk His Daily (N) DISCOVERY Alaska: Last (N) HD :01) Yukon Men (N) HD (:01) Ice Lake Rebel HD (:01) Yukon Men но (:01) Ice Lake Rebel HD Geek Charming ('11) Sarah Hyland. Dog Blog DISNEY Jessie но Austin но Girl Meets Mickey Good Luck Good Luck Chelsea Lately (N) HD Fashion Police (N) HD Fashion Police: "2014 Primetime Chelsea Lately но **ESPN** "First Round" (Live) **HD** (6:00) **2014 U.S. Open Tennis** SportsCenter HD SportsCenter HD ESPN2 Ent. Bask. Ent. Bask. Baseball Tonight HD Baseball Tonight HD Pretty Little Liars (N) HD Hungry HD Hungry HD Pretty Little Liars HD The 700 Club (TV G Hungry HD Hungry HD Beat Bobby Chopped : "Firefighter **FOOD** Chopped: "Firefighter Chopped: "Pros" (N) HD Chopped HD Chopped The Bridge 6:00) **Battleship** ('12, :13) **Tyrant** : "Gone Fishing" **нр** -13) ★★½ Taylor Kitsch Tyrant (N) HD Hunters HGTV Flop Flop Flop the Grid Flop Flop Flop **HISTORY** Cars HD Cars (N) Cars HD Biker Battleground (N) Cars HD Dance Moms HD Dance Moms (N) HD (:02) Dance Moms HD MTV **Finding Carter** Finding Carter (N) 2014 MTV Movie Awards HD Finding Carter Full Hse Full Hse Full Hse NICK Full Hse Full Hse Friends Friends Full Hse Friends Friends SPIKE Cops HD Сорѕ но Сорѕ но Cops HD Cops HD Cops HD Сорѕ но Jail HD Jail HD Jail HD SYFY **Face Off** : "Attraction' Face Off (N) HD Wizard Wars (N) Face Off HD Wizard Wars Sullivan & Conan HD **TBS** Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Sullivan & Big Bang (:45) **The Key** ('58, NR) ★★½ William olden, Sophia Loren. TCM **Two Women** ('60, NR) Sophia Loren. Arabesque ('66) ★★¹ 19 Kids and Counting TLC 18 Kids 18 Kids 19 Kids 19 Kids 19 Kids and (N) HD 19 Kids and Counting Rizzoli & Isles но (:02) Rizzoli & Isles HD TNT Rizzoli & Isles (N) HD l(:01) Rizzoli & Isles но (:03) **The Mentalist но TRAVEL** Bizarre Foods America Mega RV Countdown Food Paradise (N) v Food hd v Food hd Mega RV Countdown TV LAND Candid Camera но Candid Camera (N) но Queens Cleveland Raymond Law & Order: SVU но Royal Pains (N) HD (:01) Covert Affairs (N) Modern (:02) Royal Pains HD VH1 Love & Hip Hop но TI & Tiny TI & Tiny Atlanta Exes но About Benjamins ('02) Love & Hip Hop **но**

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Hard Knocks '14 HD

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AUGUST 27, 2014 WEDNESDAY EVENING 9:00 10:30 11:00 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:30 10:00 Modern Modern ABC Motive (N) HD Goldbergs CBS Extant (N) HD Big Brother (N) HD :35) Late Show (N) HD America's Got Talent (:35) Tonight Show HD Late Night NBC America's Got Talent Taxi Brooklyn (N) но Local Local Programs FOX So You Think You Can Dance (N) HD Local Programs Cold Case HD ION Cold Case : "Daniela Cold Case HD Cold Case HD Cold Case : "Rainin Duck HD Duck HD Epic Ink Duck HD A&E Duck HD Duck (N) Wahlburger Epic Ink Duck HD AMC The Mummy Returns ('01, PG-13) ★★½ Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. но Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life ('03 ANIMAL Dirty Jobs : "Vexcon" Dirty Jobs : "Plumber' Dirty Jobs HD Dirty Jobs но Dirty Jobs но Wendy Williams HD Stomp the Yard ('07, PG-13) ★★ Columbus Shor Los Angeles (TV14) Housewives of Orange Los Angeles (TV14) (N) Top Chef Duels (N) :01) Top Chef Duels **CARTOON** King Hill King Hill Cleveland Cleveland Dad HD Family Guy Family Guy Robot CMT Tombstone ('93. R) ★★★ Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, н Cops HD Cops HD CNN Tonight (N) Anderson Cooper 360 CNN Anderson Cooper 360° Anderson Cooper 360° Anthony COMEDY Key; Peele | Key; Peele | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | Daily (N) | Colbert (N) midnight **DISCOVERY** Naked and Afraid HD Naked and Afraid HD Naked Afraid (N) HD Naked and Afraid HD Naked and Afraid HD **DISNEY** Jessie HD Austin HD High School Musical ('06, NR) ★½ HD Girl Meets Mickey Zenon ('99) ★★ HD Kardashian Keeping Up with the Kardashians The Soup The Soup E! News HD The Soup Napoleon **ESPN** (6:00) MLB Baseball: New York vs Detroit (Live) Baseball Tonight HD SportsCenter HD SportsCenter HD Olbermann но ESPN2 (6:00) **2014 U.S. Open Tennis** : "First Round/Second Round" (Live) **HD** Baseball Tonight но **FAMILY The 700 Club** (TV G) Hungry (N) Mystery A Walk to Remember ('02, PG) Shane West. HD Hungry но Mystery Mystery Mystery **FOOD** Restaurant Stakeout Restaurant: Impossible Restaurant: Impossible Mystery The Bridge : "Goliath" Tyrant : "Gone Fishing FX (6:00) Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol ('11) The Bridge (N) HD HGTV Property Brothers (N) Property Brothers no Hunters the Grid Property Brothers HD Property Brothers HD American Pickers (N) American **HISTORY** American Pickers но American American Pickers HD American Pickers но Bring It!: "Smackdown' LIFETIME Bring It! (N) HD Girlfriend Intervention **Girlfriend Intervention** Bring It! : "Smackdow (5:48) **2014 MTV Video** Teen Mom 2 HD Teen Mom 2 (N) HD Virgin Territory (N) HD Teen Mom 2 но NICK Full Hse Full Hse Full Hse Full Hse Full Hse Friends Friends Friends Impact Wrestling (N) но SPIKE Cops HD Cops HD Cops HD Cops HD Jail но Resident Evil: Extinction ('07, R) Milla Jovovich (5:30) **Mirrors** ('08, R) Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever ('02, R) 🖈 **SYFY TBS** Family Guy |Family Guy |Big Bang The Office | Conan но Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Conan HD D.O.A. ('50, NR) Edmond O'Brien An Act of Murder ('48, NR) ★★★ Seven Days in May ('64, NR) Burt Lancaster. TLC Who You Are **HD** Who You Are **hb** Who You Are (N) HD Who You Are **HD** Who You Are HD The Town ('10, R) HD Franklin & Bash (N) HD Franklin & Bash но TNT Legends (N) HD (:01) **Legends нр** TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America | American Grilled (N) BBQ Crawl BBQ Crawl v Food HD v Food HD American Grilled TV LAND Candid Camera но Cleveland Cleveland Cleveland The Exes Candid Camera но Oueens USA Law & Order: SVU HD Law & Order: SVU но VH1 **Footloose** ('84, R) ★★½ Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer. Make or Break: (N) HD Dating Naked но WGN Rules HD Rules HD Rules HD Rules HD Rules HD Rules HD Parks HD Parks HD Rules HD **HBO** True Blood но (:05) Veronica Mars ('14, PG-13) Kristen Bell. HD Hard Knocks '14 HD MAX (:50) The Knick HD Fast & Furious 6 ('13, PG-13) Vin Diesel Paul Walker, **HD** Pleasure or Pain ('12) The Knick (:15) Lawless ('13, NR) ★★★½ Suranne Jones. HD The Kings of Summer ('13, R) но

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True Blood HD

State-level regulation serves insurance consumers best

I have been insurance commissioner in Kansas for almost 12 years, and during much of that time some people have proposed that the federal government regu-

Representing state commissioners, I have testified before congressional committees on insurance issues, and Kansas Insurance Department staff members have worked closely with some federal officials. While those collaborations have been good for the most part, federal agencies overall don't seem to have a lot of insurance knowledge or experience.

Based on my experience, I believe state insurance regulation has worked well and keeps getting better. I also believe that however well-meaning the idea is, federal regulation of insurance would not be as effective.

States have regulated insurance companies during good and bad times for nearly 150 years. Most recently, the 2008 Great Recession produced several large federal bailouts. During that time, the state insurance regulatory system performed well. The problems with AIG, a large conglomerate, are sometimes raised as insurance regulatory problems. However, AIG's life and property/casualty insurance weathered the storm. AIG's biggest problems came from their federally-regulated financial products division.

Many federal advocates don't



Sandy Praeger

 Kansas Ins. Commissioner

do things differently; at times, pany practices. The advocates sometimes want uniformity where Hotline, (800) 432-2484. differences should be allowed.

er through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The association sponsors an open process to discuss key issues. Fifiling, and licensing are all addressed through this process.

The Association of Insurance Commissioners also provides funding for outside consumer representatives to provide their viewpoints. This process allows states as life insurance provide coverage to develop best practices for local regulation. These practices in turn work to balance the needs of consumers, companies and regulators. regulators monitor companies on

ance between two important objectives. The first is finding some are watching the safety of their consistency of requirements across states. This goal is especially important to financial matters, such partment, we emphasize the idea as making sure companies have enough reserves to handle claims strive for that ideal. Doing the and operating expenses.

understand why individual states state differences where needed. tions. It means having flexibility

For example, each and using judgment and, in our state's economy and cost differences may be important for certain coverages. It's also easier to handle plaints at the state level, especially in Kansas, where you

they also don't understand com- will get a live person on our department's Consumer Assistance

Effective insurance regulation State regulators do work togeth- must constantly adapt, because economic conditions change over time. And because the insurance business covers many product types with different risks, new nancial reporting, rate and form products are designed each year. Medical and property/casualty claims costs are constantly changing. Do you think a federal agency and Congress could keep up with the needed changes?

Even more stable products such over many years. Companies must set aside reserves for these future claims. Because state insurance State regulation strikes a bal- a regular basis, consumers can feel safer knowing local people policies.

At the Kansas Insurance De-"Do the right thing." We honestly right thing usually means apply-The second goal is to reflect ing principles to individual situa-

Deaths

case, good Kansas common sense.

ance in state insurance regulation.

We have the benefit of a local

view of issues, and we have the

national association to help states

work together. This balanced ap-

proach has worked well for a long

time. I don't think a federal ap-

proach would work better.

We currently have a good bal-

Elsie Cox

Elsie Cox, 82, Colby, died Sun-

Services are pending with day, Aug. 24, 2014, at the Hays Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in

Milford Eugene Ogier

Milford Eugene Ogier, 66, bert, Ariz.; and a half-sister, Ruby Phoenix, formerly of Colby, died (Norman) Weed, Colby. Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, in Phoenix after a long illness.

Colby, to Milford Emerson and Violet (Ruby) Ogier.

Mark (Yolly) Ogier, Phoenix; a sister, Marla (Gary) Birney, Gil-

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at He was born Aug. 19, 1948, in the Menlo Cemetery with military

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 Survivors include a brother, p.m. Wednesday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Norbert "Norb" Bussen

Lifelong Logan County and Wallace County resident Norbert "Norb" Bussen, 91, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2014, at Logan County Manor in Oakley, Kansas.

He was born July 25, 1923, near Tipton, Kansas, the son and fourth child of nine, of Barbara M. (Fueser) and Theodore J. Bussen. When Norb was three years old, the family moved to a farm one mile southeast of Wallace, Kansas, when his dad became the manager of a grain elevator at Wallace. He attended first grade at the Wallace Grade School. They later moved to a farm just over into Logan County, and Norb attended Gill School through the eighth grade.



He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, completing basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and serving aboard the destroyer 'Hillery P. Jones, D.D.427' as a machinist mate. He and his shipmates were able to watch from a distance as President Truman walked up the gangplank onto the Missouri' to sign the Peace Treaty on September 6, 1945.

On February 3, 1947, he and Joanne L. Kennedy were married and to this union three sons and eight daughters were born. He was a farmer, rancher, and mechanic. For twenty-five years, he as a school bus mechanic and bus driver for the Winona Schools. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was proud to donate blood to the Red Cross. Hunting, fishing, especially with his friends, children, and grandchildren, were times he loved. He was well known for raising watermelons and potatoes that he sold to the public, and he almost always planted rows of zinnias wherever they lived. Norb and Joanne raised pheasants and released them into the wild, when they lived on a farm south of Monument.

Norb suffered from Parkinson's Disease and moved into the Logan County Manor in September of 2006, and Joanne moved there to be with him in the spring of 2009.

Preceding him in death were his wife Joanne; two sons Michael James and Daniel Joseph; granddaughter Carmen Bussen; his parents; three brothers Nicholas, Leo, and Lawrence and his wife Rosalie; one sister Leona Nutsch and her husband Edwin; brothers-in-law Duane Whitham, Howard Boyer, Gary Kennedy and his wife Marilyn, and Waldo Hoss; and son-in-law Raymond Haremza.

Surviving family includes his son Edward Bussen and his wife Rose of Hays; daughters Patricia Haremza of Winona; Theresa Dickerson of Oakley; Virginia Popp and her husband Ron of Sharon Springs; Barbara Butz and her husband Richard of Pilot Point, Texas; Kathleen Bussen of Edmond, Oklahoma; Christina Hoyt and her husband Keith of Brewster; Angela Goudy and her husband Mark of Deerfield; and Loretta Bussen of Burbank, California; sister Margaret Hoss; brothers Jerome Bussen, Raymond Bussen and his wife Shirley, all of Wallace, and Richard Bussen and his wife Antoinette of Armada, Michigan; sisters-in-law Dolores Bussen and Dorothy Bussen, both of Wallace; Audrey Boyer of Fairland, Oklahoma; Reta Whitham of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; brother-in-law Beryle Kennedy and his wife Dixie of Goodman, Missouri; nineteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, August 26, at 10:00 AM Central Time, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oakley, with Father Donald Pfannenstiel and Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial will be in the Wallace Cemetery on Tuesday at 2:00 PM Mountain Time (3:00 PM Central Time).

Friends may share their respects on Monday, from 4:30 until 6:30 PM Mountain Time, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Sharon Springs. Vigil and rosary will follow at 6:30 PM Mountain Time.

Memorials may be designated to the Norb Bussen Memorial, and may be left at the services, or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

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Math and science academy recruiting in Colby Sept. 17

and Science at Fort Hays State University will be at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, on their 2014 informational and recruitment tour.

A postcard from the academy went out to area high school students inviting them to attend. Students stay enrolled in their high school but live on the Fort Hays campus and take college courses to complete their last two years of high school.

Tuition, fees and textbooks are provided by the

Staff from the Kansas Academy of Mathematics academy for up to 18 credit hours per semester for students currently attending a public school in Kansas through state funds and appropriations.

The information session is free. Students who are beginning the seventh grade through their sophomore year in high school are encouraged to attend. Space is limited, so make a reservation for your child by calling (785) 628-4690.

Students and their parents can also schedule individual visits by contacting the office at (785) 628-

Department of Transportation seeks feedback on its statewide program

The Kansas Department of stip.asp. Transportation requests comments on the amendment of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for 2014-2017.

The program is a project-specific publication that lists all department-administered projects, regardless of funding source, and includes projects for counties and cities as well as projects on the State Highway System.

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Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error The list of projects being or lack of clarity in a news story

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Pension-fund fixes don't mend schools

Facing a tough road to re-election, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is fighting to brand himself as an education governor.

His campaign this week accused a rival group of committing "bold-faced lies" when it accused him of cutting education funding. On the contrary, Brownback says, he has increased school funding by record amounts.

"One of the myths is that you can't cut taxes and invest in education," the governor said at a campaign event on Aug. 15. Actually, the Brownback camp is spinning a myth.

While many states have begun to replenish school money after the recession, Kansas is held back by the devastating income tax cuts that have drained the state's treasury without yet producing the promised economic growth. The money school districts rely on to make their payrolls, buy classrooms supplies and meet other day-to-day expenses is \$548 less on a perstudent basis than it was six years ago, when funding reached

That's in real dollars. Adjusted for inflation, the picture looks

In a lengthy analysis, Mark Tallman, an official with the Kansas Association of School Boards, put it this way: "When measured against changes in the cost of living, funding for educational programs that can actually be spent on teachers, administrators and student support programs has declined by \$500 million since 2009."

Brownback makes his claims of "record school funding" based on increased contributions to the pension system for school employees and more money for school districts to meet building and other capital costs.

Indeed, Brownback deserves credit for progress on shoring up the state's long-troubled pension fund. But being a "pension governor" isn't the same as an "education governor."

And even the existing spending level is precarious. Some analysts believe the overall state of the Kansas budget is so tenuous that Brownback may have to make cuts in this fiscal year. If that happens, schools will have to get by with less.

A few months ago, Brownback was touring elementary schools and proclaiming the need to move toward universal all-day kindergarten. He's right. Kansas needs to make that

Reading to kindergarteners makes for a great photo op, but the governor's priority was a pipe dream and everyone knew it. Kansas cannot afford that level of investment in its children, and the biggest reason is the Brownback income tax cuts.

- The Kansas City Star, via the Associated Press

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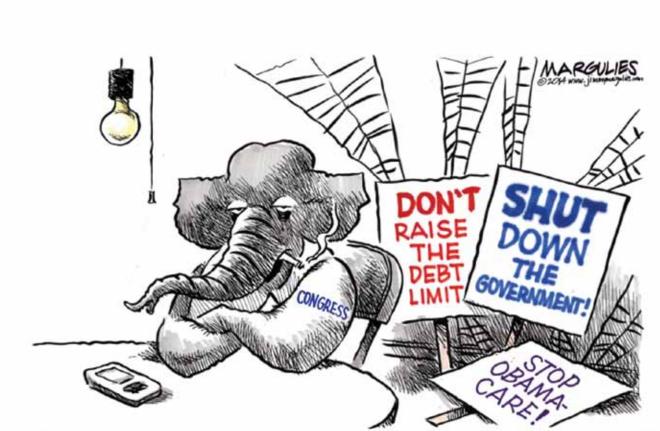
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"I could've told ISIS Obama doesn't pay ransom to hostage takers"

Texas, Korea claim two from Air Force

This is the 20th 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 armed services.

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.

This column will tell about the two soldiers from Thomas County who lost their lives in the Korean War and start the listing of those who died in Vietnam.

In the future, I will be writing about 1st Lt. Bill J. Evans, Sanford Shreve and one who is not listed on the monument, but died in Vietnam, Capt. Kenneth Roy Crist. Relatives who want their names listed as survivors should call me at 462-3515 or email marj-jimbrown@st-

I want to thank those who have given me information about these soldiers.

Phillip J. Bremenkamp, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Bremenkamp, was born Nov. 20, 1930. He was raised near Halford in Thomas County. He attended the Menlo Grade School, the Abbey School in Cañon City, Colo., and Maur Hill Prep School in Atchison.

In 1949, he enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, and Amarillo Air Base, both in Texas, as an airplane engine and jet mechanic instructor. His rank was not mentioned.

Dec. 22, 1951, near Amarillo. Burial was in Korea, his plane disappeared carrying 20 Air



Marj Brown

Marj's Snippets

Colby's Sacred Heart Cemetery, with military honors under the direction of American Legion Commander E.E. Brown and Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Dick Souders.

Bremenkamp's parents are deceased and he had no wife or siblings. However, he was a cousin to many of the Ryans, Bremenkamps and Cersovskys of Thomas County.

Capt. Victor B. Graper was born on May 20, 1920, in El Dorado to Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Graper and attended school in Smith Center. After graduating in 1938, he went to Ottawa University. He was called to the military service before receiving his degree. Later his parents moved to Colby.

After serving for three years in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. Graper became a member of the National Guard 17th Flight Squadron in Cheyenne,

In October 1951, he was called back to active duty and attached to the 34th Troop Carrier Squadron as a pilot of a C-46. On Oct. 16, Bremenkamp was killed in a car accident on 1952, on a flight from Kangnung to Pohang,

Force and five Navy personnel. After four days of intense searching, he was classified as missing in action. Capt. Graper received five letters of commendation for his duty in Korea.

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At that time, he was survived by his wife, Connie Sue Graper of Cheyenne, his parents of Colby and two sisters, Maurine and Lucille.

Vietnam conflict heroes

Harree John Miller was born in Colby to Harree and Martha Miller on May 9, 1939. He graduated from Colby High School in 1957. In June 1956, Miller joined the Coast Guard,

and in July 1957 he joined the Navy. He was killed while stationed on Midway Island. We have no record of his rank. Services for Miller were held in Colby's

Harrison Chapel on Aug. 7. His burial was at Beulah Cemetery with military honors. At that time, his survivors were wife Doro-

thy, his parents, a sister Marlene, twin brothers Jarree and Alvin "Butch," both in the Navy, two grandmothers, Birdie Miller and Magdalene Stoecker, an uncle C.M. Miller and an aunt Mrs. C.D. Russell.

Still living today are Marlene Carpenter of Colby, Jarree Miller of Wichita, Butch Miller of Wamego and nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Open government lends strength

Failing to share information makes us weaker. It enfeebles congressional oversight, which is a cornerstone of representative democracy and which, when aggressively carried out by fully informed legislators, can strengthen policy-making.

One of the fundamental lessons of the 9/11 tragedy was that our government carried a share of blame for the failure to stop the attacks. Not because it was asleep at the switch posed, but because the agencies charged with our safety did not share what they knew, either up and down the chain of command or with each other. The attacks were preventable with shared information.

This insight was highlighted in the report of the 9/11 Commission - on which I served and became a key driver of the reforms instituted by the U.S. intelligence community over the last dozen years. Within the government, there are plenty of people who now understand that sharing information and using it to inform planning and debate produces better policy: rooted in facts, well-vetted, and more robust.

So it's worrisome that today it seems harder than ever to know what our government is doing, and not just in national security. Secrecy and a widespread failure to share information both within government and with the American people remain major barriers to the effective operation of representative democracy.

This unwillingness to be open often arises for the wrong reasons. In many cases, officials claim they're trying to prevent harm to the national security, but actually want to avoid embarrassing themselves or to sidestep the checks and balances created by our Constitution.

So secretiveness infiltrates government culture. The White House has become remark-

Other **Opinions**

Lee Hamilton Center on Congress

or ignorant of the dangers that Al Qaeda ably adept at making sure the President rarely faces an unscripted or uncomfortable moment - a trend that's been building for decades. The government classifies far too many documents to the point where vital information is inadequately protected because of the sheer volume of needlessly classified information.

> Federal agencies often keep information from inspectors general, our nation's appointed watchdogs. They do their best to put strict limits on what Congress finds out; I often get the impression that the executive branch would prefer an uninformed Congress to one knowledgeable enough to press high-ranking officials, including the President, on their understanding of policy challenges, the steps they're taking to address them, and the articulation of the policy. Congress – ostensibly the people's branch of government – all too often lets the Executive get away with it.

Failing to share information makes us weaker. It enfeebles congressional oversight, which is one of the cornerstones of representative democracy and which, when aggressively carried out by fully informed legislators, can strengthen policy-making. It makes it far more difficult to maintain our system of checks and balances. It exacerbates mistrust between branches of government and between the government and the American people. And

it chips away at the foundation of our system, which rests on a public that is well-informed about what government is doing and why.

Without that information, we are poorer in our ability to exercise discriminating judgment on the conduct of policy and of politicians, and we lose our advantage over authoritarian societies: the spread of knowledge to people searching for a solution to our society's challenges and problems. In fact, if you look at the public discussion

of recent controversies – Benghazi, NSA surveillance, the IRS rulings, reform of the VA the subsidies going to solar manufacturer Solyndra – what's clear is that as more information became available, resolving the problem became more straightforward. And failing to share information can ensuare an administration in worse problems than it was trying to avoid. Iran-contra, Watergate, the Pentagon Papers: each of these had a major impact on our constitutional system, and each was characterized by efforts to suppress information.

In short, on most issues we're better off if the American people know what's going on. Full disclosure doesn't produce good government by itself, but it makes it more likely.

To be sure, on occasion secrecy is legitimate and necessary, but representative government with its systems of checks and balances – cannot function properly without openness and the presumption should always be in its favor. If officials want to keep information secret, they should bear the burden of explaining why. I hope you'll join me in pushing for an era of openness in government.

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

Mallard **Fillmore**

Bruce Tinsley



gensen is warning Kansans not to engage in the "fire challenge," which has become infamous through social media.

The "challenge" encourages teens to douse themselves in an accelerant and then set fire to their bodies. The process is videotaped and posted on social media sites to challenge the bravery of others and encourage participation. People participating in the challenge also nominate their friends to take part. Recently, a 15-year-old boy in stunt. Teens may be dissuaded

ries sustained while participating in the challenge.

"The fire challenge is a deadly game and fire is nothing to play with," said Jorgensen. "Too many times, I've seen first-hand the effects of fires and the lifetime scars that are left as a reminder of a dangerous incident."

Many of the participants in the "fire challenge" are teenagers. That is why Jorgensen is children about the dangers of the enforcement agency.

State Fire Marshal Doug Jor- Buffalo, N.Y., died due to inju- from taking part if they were aware of the likelihood of danger to themselves, others around them and property.

"We do not want to have to respond to a fire or emergency medical call that can be prevented," said Jorgensen. "Kids need to understand how dangerous this is, and that this is one challenge no one needs to take.'

If you know of someone who has taken part in the "fire chalurging parents to talk with their lenge," contact your local law

Town council asked about its dragon preparedness plan

ing minds want to know.

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public buildings for ghosts.

And there be dragons in northing Council was asked to explain "What plans are in place to protect

Boxes full of cats left at shelter

NOVATO, Calif. (AP) - The Marin Humane Society in Novato, diseases. San Francisco Chronicle (bit. leaving behind three boxes. ly/1Bm6coH) reports that sometheir distinctive black and white rence in the last 18 months. markings, at an animal shelter.

Marin Humane Society spokeswoman Lisa Bloch says that on Aug. 18 a car pulled up to the be in good health, with no fleas or

one has dropped off more than 100 inside were 24 tuxedo cats. She caught on surveillance tape – and tuxedo cats, which are named for says it was the fourth such occur- Bloch tells the newspaper that

> the cats, which range in age from offer the person information about kitten to full-grown, appeared to

The person who's responsible Bloch tells the newspaper that for leaving the cats has been it appears to be the same person The newspaper reports that all every time. The shelter wants to getting pets fixed.



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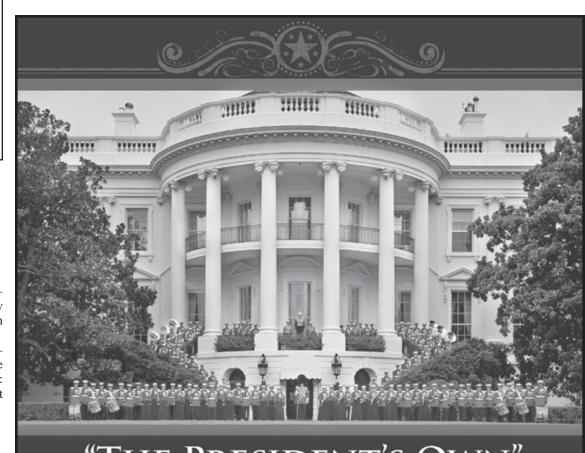
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EAST HANOVER, N.J. (AP) nover. His co-workers celebrated plays.

War II, Goldman has worked at Goldman still shows up four Capitol Lighting since 1941. The

Co-worker Sandy Ronco says Aside from a brief absence to Goldman now specializes in reafter 73 years working at the same serve in the U.S. Army in World building items that were damaged or unusable.

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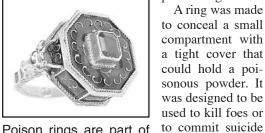
Family Circus • Bil Keane

Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Poison rings not always fatal

Poison rings play a part in a lot of murder mysteries. Adversaries were removed with a flick of a ring cover over a glass of wine. The idea of a ring that held poison is thousands of years old, but it is the Victorian era that's called "the era of the poison ring."



Poison rings are part of history and mystery stories. Perhaps Lucrezia Borgia murdered foes with her ring. This 18 now think the carat gold ring with a hidrings were not ofden compartment has ten used to hold red enamel trim and an poison. emerald set. Advertised the compartment as a poison ring at a held religious relics, locks of hair 2014 auction in Fairfield, Maine, it sold for \$1,185.

cious stones.

rabilia of a romantic or religious nature. The poison ring is not out of fashion. Internet ads offer hundreds of modern versions. Prices range from under \$40 for pewter or plated metal rings to thousands for gold rings set with pre-

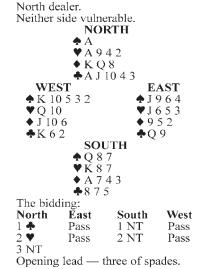
Q: I recently inherited volumes of brandnew collectible plates and plate sets and am researching venues to either bulk wholesale them or to offer them at below cost to a major retailer. Every plate I have looked at comes with a certificate of authenticity, a box, etc. All are new and in perfect condition. Do you know a retailer who might be interested in them?

A: Collector plates are hard to sell and almost **Cryptoquip** all sell for less than their original value. Even the more expensive plates made by Danish manufacturers in the last 30 years have gone down in value. Most collector plates made by American makers sell for about \$10 to \$15 or less. If you want to sell the entire collection to a retailer, make a list of the plates and include the manufacturer's name and the name of the plate. Be sure to indicate that you have the certificate of authenticity and the box for each. You can contact an online source like Replacements.com or try local antiques or consignment shops. Remember, the retailer has to make money and you will be lucky to get half the price the retailer sells them for. Tip: When you move, remember that there is

no insurance coverage for breakage if the items are not packed by the shipper.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the semifinals of the 1991 United States Bridge Championship. When the deal was first played, Kerri Shu-

man reached three notrump as shown. West led a spade, and Shuman decided her best chance was to play for both hearts and diamonds to divide favorably. Accordingly, at trick two she led a low heart to her eight, losing to West's ten. When West ex-

ited with a diamond, declarer played the K-Q-A of diamonds and was pleased to see the suit break 3-3. She then cashed her fourth diamond before playing the K-A of hearts. When that suit failed to divide evenly, she cashed out for down one. At the second table, the auction began the same

way, but then took a different turn when South, Dan Morse, elected to raise two hearts to three with just three-card support. North, John Sutherlin, then carried on to four hearts, opting to play in a 4-3 fit. Sutherlin won East's spade lead with the ace,

led a heart to the king and then a club to the jack and East's queen. East returned a spade, and the queen was covered by West's king, ruffed by Declarer crossed to the diamond ace and led

a club to the ten. When this held, he continued with the club ace, ruffed by East for the defenders' second trick. East forced declarer to ruff another spade, leaving North with the singleton ace of trumps opposite dummy's 8-7 while East held the I-6. Sutherlin cashed the heart ace and began to run

his remaining clubs. East could score his heart jack whenever he so desired, but dummy's eight of trumps prevented the opponents from taking their spades, and declarer had the rest of the tricks. The score of +420 at this table and +50 at the other gave Sutherlin's team a 10-IMP pickup on the deal.

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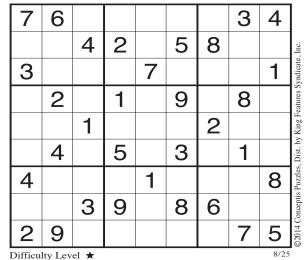
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CEANE "When I say 'go,' I want you to do something cute so I can film you.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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 las Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Classifieds

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Brown's Consignment Auction -Sunday, August 31, 10 a.m., Hoxie 4-H Building. Listings estate furniture, double seated leather saddle (two kids saddle old) antiques, old coin large list morgans - slilver dollars, mercury dimes, indain wheat pennies, large consigner from Denver, clean items, wide selection. Upcoming auctions Coins, antiques, car, household - September 21, Jennings. Consignment Auction - Octover 5, Hoxie. Evenings 785-675-3767 Mickey Brown.

---8/25---8/29---

Colby United Methodist Church welcomes your donations of good, clean items for our annual rummage sale. Drop off at 950 S. Franklin Sept. 8-12, 10AM-7PM. Proceeds used for missions, and donations are tax deductible. Call 460-2761 for information.

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---12/15---TFN---

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--8/25---9/8-

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Irrigation Service Technicians - Experienced in welding or electrical a plus. Must have or be able to obtain valid CDL license. Top pay, benefit package & relocation bonus pkg available. Call or pick up application @ Tri-State Irrigation, 1502 E. US HWY 36, St. Francis, KS - 785-332-2597.

---8/22---9/5---

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---8/20---9/3---

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---8/20---9/17---

Help wanted immediately F/T position available guaranteed 40 hrs. per week after probationary period. Health insurance, meat discount purchase program and vacation time. Primary duties include but not limited to packaging meat products, must be able to lift 50 lbs. Apply after 3:30 p.m. at Ben Lee Processing, Atwood, KS 785-626-3732.

---8/20---TFN---

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---8/14---8/27---

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Competitive pay and benefits administration office, 600 W Third, Colby or downloaded from www.colbyeagles.org. Contact Joey Nickols at 460-5300 with

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available. A district application form may be picked up at the questions. EOE

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HELP WANTED

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Help Wanted

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---8/14---8/27---

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

---8/7---9/3---

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---8/4---8/29---

Help Wanted

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---7/18---TFN---

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---5/29---TFN---

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

---2/12---TFN---

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---3/21---TFN---



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---8/22---9/5---

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---1/18---TFN---

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---7/18---8/29---

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---8/20---9/2---

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Tree Service: Call Abel Tree Service LLC for tree removal, stump grinding and trimming. Equipped with a bucket truck. In the Colby area now! Call 785-871-7275 now for free estimates. Satisfaction guaranteed. ---5/9---TFN---

HELP WANTED

The Thomas County Highway Depart-

ment is accepting applications for one

full-time employee. The work will con-

sist of maintaining county and township

I roads, flagging, installing signs, driving I

truck, snow removal, etc. Work is carried

out following prescribed policies, rules,

and procedures. Normal work hours will a

be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Must be able to work

weekends during bad weather and the

asphalt season. Must be a high school

graduate or have GED equivalent and

hold a valid CDL or be able to obtain one

within 30 days of employment. Thomas

County Highway Department maintains

a safe work environment; therefore, a

drug and alcohol testing will be required.

Starting pay is \$12.00 per hour plus ben-

efits with a possible increase after a six

month training period. Application dead-

line is September 12, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Applications are available in the Highway

Department Office located in the base-

ı ment of the Thomas County Courthouse, ı

Colby, Kansas, between the hours of

p.m., Monday through Friday. Thomas

County Highway Department is an equal I

8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 to 5:00

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Pets/Supplies

---8/21---9/18---

McNab puppies for sale. Out of working parents Long Island, KS. Leave message 308-645-9085.

---5/12---TFN---

Garage Sales

Moving Sale - 217 2nd Street, Brewster, Saturday, August 30, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everything must go, no early birds. ---8/25---8/29---

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Trojans show fight against nation's best

Dragons roar into Colby for Wednesday match

By R.B. Headley

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Without a doubt, the Colby Community College Trojans were one hot volleyball team even before they arrived at Tyler, Texas, for their season openers.

"We traveled 26 hours (round trip) without air conditioning in our bus," coach Carey Jones explained. "But these players hardly complained. I think I complained more than them."

Once this Trojan "chariot" arrived, Colby's cool attitude continued while taking on arguably the nation's toughest season-opening junior college tournament.

Colby pushed national Top 20 contender Panola, Texas, College to five sets despite defensive specialist Kaxandra Naranjo rolling her ankle midway through this

The Trojans had just conquered a 30-28 third set, but Panola rallied to win 25-16, 22-25, 28-30, 25-13, 15-10.

"You could see the scores start to change after that (injury)," Jones confirmed.

Colby was also missing sophomore defensive ace Savannah Gamble due to a pre-season practice injury.

"So our outside (hitters) had to play back row all weekend," she said. "They actually did a pretty good job, but we weren't ready

The Trojans still played four more tough sets on Friday against 2013 national runner-up Tyler on those Apaches' home floor.

Sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska slammed a Trojan-best 17 kills since I started coaching in 2002," while freshman Simone Clopton crushed 10. The No. 5 nationallyranked Apaches still prevailed 28-26, 25-21, 20-25, 25-18.

team is they don't lay down with- look at the experience more than out a fight," Jones proclaimed. our record. We've seen and played "And I learned we have a pretty deep bench."

New setter Miranda Geist deliv- us." ered 82 assists on her first day of collegiate ball. Returning libero learn quickly about moving on to Danielle Rodriguez hustled to 52 another big-time match. Because

our hitters really trust her," Jones Conference champion Hutchinson observed. "And Danielle averaged 5.2 digs per set, which will put her in the top five or six in the nation p.m. Colby's home win over right away."

In their only match against an unranked team, the Trojans stomped through Dallas-based Cedar Valley College by 25-12, match could be just as pivotal.. 25-19 and 25-21 scores.

Sophomore middle blocker Kamrynn Forrest delivered eight kills and five block assists.

"Kamrynn had a really good weekend," the coach said. "She's Jayhawk title this year." matured a lot."

Colby then moved into the tourney's ultimate challenge: a finale national champ Blinn, Texas, Col-

Believe it or not, the Buccaneers played even above their hype during a 25-12, 25-19, 25-21 sweep.

"They (Blinn) might be the best junior college team I've seen Jones admitted. "They're all taller than us and bigger than us — and we have a pretty fair-sized team."

"But I feel a match like this will "One thing I learned about this only help us," she added. "We the best. So nothing from now until the post-season should surprise

The Trojans (1-3) will also on Wednesday evening, defending "Miranda does a nice job, and Region VI champ and co-Jayhawk will visit for Colby's home opener.

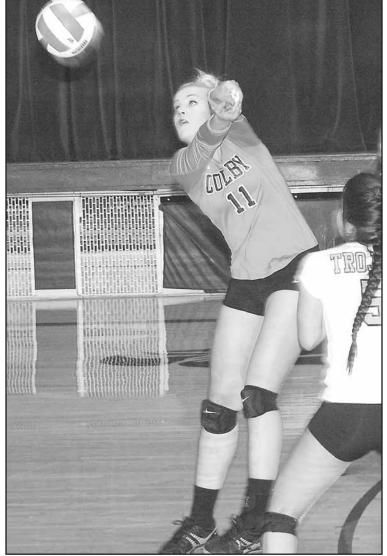
> Action is set to begin at 6:30 Hutch last fall started the Trojans' run to a share of that Jayhawk league title.

Make no mistake: Wednesday's

"It's the biggest of the year. It doesn't matter that it's first confernce match of the year," Jones concluded. "It's one we need to win. We don't want to share the

Colby vs. Panola

Kills: Adrianna Sosnowska 15, Haley Heydman 12, Ariana against No. 1-rated and defending Jacquez 11, Kamryn Forrest 10. Assists: Miranda Geist 47. Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 27. Ace



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Sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska followed up a fine freshman season with 45 kills during Colby Community College's four matchesat Tyler, Texas, last weekend. The Trojans take on rival Hutchinson College in Wednesday's home opener.

serves: Sosnowska 2. Block as- 8. Assists: Geist 17, Katelynn sists: Laura Hillebrand 2, Geist 2. Fullmer 14. Digs: Rodriguez 11. Stuff block: Jacquez.

Colby vs. Tyler

Clopton 10. Assists: Geist 35. Digs: Rodriguez 25. Ace serves: Rodriguez, Geist. Block assists: Clopton 2. Stuff blocks: none.

Colby vs. Cedar Valley Kills: Sosnowska 9, Forrest

Ace serves: Clopton 4, Sosnowska 2. Block assists: Forrest 5, Sos-Kills: Sosnowska 17, Simone nowska 2. Stuff blocks: none.

Colby vs. Blinn

Kills: Sosnowska 4, Rebekah Pearce 3. Assists: Geist 13. Digs: Rodriguez 15. Ace serves: Pearce, Jacquez, Rodriguez. Block assists: Hillebrand 3. Stuff block: Forrest.

Vikings clobber Chiefs KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -

Matt Cassel made a winning return to Arrowhead Stadium, even if it was just a preseason game.

The quarterback who was booed, benched and eventually released two years ago by the Chiefs, threw for 152 yards and a touchdown Saturday night, leading the Minnesota Vikings to a 30-12 win over a scuffling Kansas City team dealing with a rash of injuries and suspensions.

Cassel also threw an interception before turning things over to Teddy Bridgewater in the third quarter. The rookie quarterback threw a pair of touchdown passes.

The Chiefs' Alex Smith was just 14 of 24 for 124 yards with two red-zone interceptions, and the Chiefs' first-team offense only managed a 21-yard field goal by Cairo Santos.

They still have not scored a touchdown in 16 possessions this

While the third preseason game is typically a dress rehearsal for the regular season, both teams sat plenty of star power due to injuries and personal reasons.

Running back Adrian Peterson, excused from practice this week. dressed for the Vikings but did not play. Chiefs counterpart Jamaal Charles, dealing with a foot injury, also dressed after returning to practice Thursday, but did not see

The Chiefs complete their preseason at Lambeau Field against Green Bay Thursday evening.

Not the best time to take it for a spin



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Ondre Rexford (97, above) was off to a fast start in his stock car heat race Sunday night before spinning and briefly losing control at Thomas County Speedway Sunday evening. Rexford got back into the race (right), but season points leader Jason Rogers (37) eventually took control and won this heat. All of the top divisions were competing during Sunday's annual Jeff Hartwell Memorial season-ending championship races. Hopefully, results will be available and included later this week.



New K-State coach returns to Colby

As golf carts motored to their opening tee times at Meadow Lake Friday morning, Brian Ostermann was clearly hoping his score wouldn't match the great wins he totaled with Colby Community College a decade ago.

"I haven't swung a golf club in about three years," Kansas State University's new associate women's head basketball coach admit-

Yet no matter how many bad shots took off during the annual Trojan men's basketball golf tournament, it's doubtful they wiped the smile off Ostmermann's face for long.

He was clearly happy to be back in Colby. From 1999 to 2004, Ostermann and his Trojan men delivered 95 wins or an average of nearly 20 per season.

"It's great to see a bunch of friends I haven't seen in 10 years," Ostermann said. "We won 50 the success was because of people in Colby and northwest Kansas."

The Trojan triumphs helped launch Ostermann to three more coaching opportunities — including six seasons as Texas Christian changes. University's associate women's head basketball coach. He was part of 107 victories,

two NCAA Tournament bids and a lot of good K-Staters. We'll do two more to the Women's NIT.

So K-State leaders knew where program) every day.'



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Brian Ostermann took a break from his new duties as the Kansas State University women's basketball associate head coach to visit Colby last week.

to look for new basketball coaches. They hired the TCU tandem of Jeff Mittie and Ostermann.

"Brian brings vast experience as games my last two years here, and a Division I head coach and assistant," Mittie told The Topeka Capital-Journal. "As well as terrific Midwest roots and connections."

Roots that Ostermann always recalls fondly after a few address

'What I like about Colby is things don't change," he said. "Still the same good people, and our best to improve (the Wildcat

Worst team to join? Players pick Raiders

It pays to be a member of the Oakland Raiders — but only if the pay is extraordinary.

The Raiders are the least desirable team to play for in the NFL, according to an NFL Nation Confidential survey posed to 100plus players on the following question:

"The only way I'd play for [team name] is if they doubled my

Of the 82 players who answered, 23 percent named the Raiders, followed by the Buffalo Bills (19 percent), Cleveland Browns (16 percent), Jacksonville Jaguars (9 percent) and Green Bay Packers (6 percent). These are tough times for the Raiders, who have endured

from espn.com seasons and last reached the postseason in 2002 -- the season the Tampa Bay Buccaneers routed them in the Super Bowl.

Since then, the organization has become known for its instability. Dennis Allen is the team's sixth different head coach since 2004. Questions about the franchise's future in Oakland also have fueled a cloud of uncertainty.

Raiders tight tend Marcel Reece said he wasn't shocked with the results because it was an anonymous poll. He lashed out at those who picked the Raiders, saying, "Whoever said it, they're telling a lie. They didn't think about it. They thought about the one team that has the biggest stigma of negativity. From the 11 consecutive non-winning media. From the masses.'



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