



Sentencing delayed

Suicide attempt forces postponement

William Andrew Shank's sentencing in the murder of his former girlfriend, Teri Morris of Colby, will have to wait a few months for a mental health evaluation...

At a hearing Tuesday afternoon, Shank's attorney, Jerry Fairbanks, said the defendant had tried to commit suicide on Saturday at the Thomas County Jail...



William Shank

Fairbanks told District Judge Glenn Schiffner he would like to have Shank evaluated for competency before proceeding. Prosecutor Jessica Domme, an assistant attorney general from Topeka, said she had no objection because state law says a defendant must have an evaluation if he requests it...

but emphasized that the delay cannot be longer than 120 days. Both sides agreed to a telephone status conference to discuss the case in early October unless a report is received sooner.

The courtroom was packed by more than 50 observers for this hearing, including family and friends of Morris and Shank, law officers and others. Unlike his behavior at previous court proceedings, when he fully participated with his attorney, Shank was somber and seemed to be paying little attention.

Judge Schiffner's order said Shank is to be evaluated by High Plains Mental Health or a state facility.



CHRISTINA BERINGER/Colby Free Press
Joe Hickert showed some new equipment at a meeting of the county commissioners in 2014.

Ambulance head resigns as director

Joe Hickert resigned his position as the county's Emergency Medical Services director at the county commissioner's meeting Friday, leaving the reigns of his department to assistant director Don Morton. After a five-minute private session with Hickert and Morton, the commissioners voted to accept Hickert's resignation request. Commissioner Mike Baughn voted against accepting the resigna-

tion, even taking longer than usual to second Commissioner Byron Sowers' motion to appoint an interim director. The commissioners were noticeably somber after the closed-door session and even took a break shortly after to shake off the downturned mood. "Joe, I'd just like to express my appreciation for the great work

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Library gains 'family' title

The Pioneer Memorial Library will celebrate next week as it moves forward with its plans to educate kids and parents.

Melany Wilks, the library director. There will be refreshments and a tour of the library for members of the public, including anyone interested in working with kids.

On Thursday the library will officially become a Family Place Library, the last step of a process over two years in the making. As a Family Place Library the library is helping parents play together with their young children, so the kids will grow and develop early on in life.

The library is offering classes for kids and parents to learn to play together, this fall, one of several steps it will take to help kids learn at an early age.

Kathleen Deer, national coordinator for the family place libraries, will speak that day, said

"It's about parents taking time with their kids together and learning together and experiencing play," Wilks said. "The parents

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Convoy time Friday, Saturday

Don't miss the chance to see or be a part of the Eighth Annual Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy this weekend as it passes through Colby.

available for a donation. It will be served under the big tents in the Oasis-Petrol Travel Center parking lot.

Truckers will get the chance to drive with a Special Olympics athlete in the passenger seat, when the convoy passes through Colby on Saturday. The convoy rolls through town each year to support Special Olympics Kansas.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a basketball scrimmage between local Special Olympics athletes and players from the Colby Community College men's and women's teams. At dusk drivers will light

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday with pre-registration for the convoy and a community supper provided by Montana Mike's and Heartland Foods of Hill City,

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Middle school spirit

While Colby Middle Schoolers had their start-of-the-year picnic Friday afternoon at Fike Park, Principal Robb Ross (above) directed traffic. He had the girls and boys, including Tyler Britt (left, at right) and Dyan Bond compete to see who could line up fastest according to their birthdays, while Troy Rall, a teacher, helped them get in order. Later Rathe Aschenbrenner (right) played ball with his friends.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press



Inaction frustrates senator

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Sen. Jerry Moran stopped in Colby on Thursday afternoon to talk with area residents about making Congress work.

"This is great politics if I come by and see anybody with a blue jacket," Moran said.

There was a time, he told the crowd, when he thought it was a good thing when Congress was not meeting. But now, he said, his thoughts have changed, and he does not like working in a group that does nothing.

and those who ask why Congress can never compromise. If those in Congress actually were willing to compromise, he added, then they could prioritize how they spend some of the nation's money, instead of making across-the-board cuts.

It's hard to demonstrate he's doing something for his constituents in the Senate, he said, "when we have a Senate whose plan is to do nothing."

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he said, he can influence the government process to some degree by cutting an agency's budget. He said the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to regulate all water on farms under the Clean Water Act,

Calls of two kinds come into his office, the senator added: those who tell him not to budge an inch,



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
Sen. Jerry Moran met with the Colby Kiwanis Club for lunch before a town hall meeting Thursday.

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Southwest wind around 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Increasing clouds, with a low around 55. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 86.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Table with weather forecast details for Friday through Tuesday, including precipitation amounts and sunrise/sunset times.

Senator finds inaction frustrating

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and the listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened species were government efforts he does not want to see happen.

He said he would like to see more money go to medical research, but thinks we could stop federal intrusion in public education, and he would also like to help farmers and ranchers.

"You used to be able to say 'My parents were farmers,'" he said. "Now, it's my grandparents were farmers."

Nowadays, he sees senior citizens' adult kids urging them to leave their hometowns for bigger towns with better health care, but where they will be far from people who care about them.

Before his father died in June, he said, they had a monthly meal together at the Rooks County Health Center. They did not choose this location because his father needed to be in the hospital, but because everyone there knew and cared about him.

Moran said his parents did a better job of passing the country off to his generation than his generation did of passing the country off to their kids.

The senator described two interactions he had with Democratic law makers. Shortly after being elected four years ago, he said, he met Harry Reid, the majority leader of the Senate. After he told Reid that the Senate did not seem to be doing anything, Moran said, the leader told him that, "We're just not going to

do anything until the next election."

Later, he said, when Democrat Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut was appointed as chair of the House agriculture appropriations subcommittee, she came to him for advice. Moran said he talked about issues such as research and crop insurance, but DeLauro interrupted him to ask a simple question: What does a farmer do? So Moran organized a trip with his fellow lawmaker to Kansas, where she went to the state fair, met with kids with blue jackets and actually learned about farming.

Aside from blocking money for certain groups, Moran said, Congress has actually brought lawsuits against President Barack Obama. After being

asked how to reign in some of Obama's displays of power, he said the most recent lawsuit was brought by the U.S. House of Representatives. He said he feels the suits will show that Obama has been violating the Constitution, but unfortunately is probably will not be resolved while he is still president. And Democrats themselves, he added, ought to have told the president by now to stop some of his actions.

It is interesting to him that Obama is a constitutional law scholar, Moran said. The president does not spend anytime with Congress, he said, adding that he thinks it would be easier for his constituents here in Colby to influence their senator than for him to influence Obama.

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you've done for Thomas County Emergency Medical (Services), and I'm not pleased with the situation that presents itself," Baughn said, adding that the undisclosed situation was not Hickert's fault.

"I thank you for your words and sentiment and the opportunity to work for a fine commission and community," Hickert said. Commissioner Paul Steele later said that the commission accepted Hickert's resignation "with regret."

Hickert was not available for comment on the reasons for his resignation, which was to be effective as of midnight Sunday.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from County Appraiser Bruce Webb about the amount of debt on the Col-

by Medical Arts building. Webb reported there is roughly \$175,000 in outstanding taxes owed on the property but did not ask for any official action to abate those taxes.

- Authorized payment of \$272,125 for monthly payroll expenses, \$238,334 in general fund expenses, \$53,559 for the road department and \$7,562 for the weed department.

Steele mentioned that bills are starting to come in for medical treatment tied to a shooting incident in April where law enforcement officers wounded a suspect after a car chase that began in Colby. One bill from the Wichita hospital where the driver was treated was about \$30,000 but was settled for around \$3,500, he said. Steele said the clerk's office is keeping a separate spreadsheet for bills related to that incident.

- Received the newly approved debris management plan from Emergency Management director Autumn Arasmith who said they have been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency since 2011 to get the plan unconditionally approved. Baughn thanked Arasmith for her work throughout the approval process.

- Raised the wage for Arasmith's assistant by 50 cents an hour now that he is certified as an emergency manager by the Kansas Emergency Management Association.

- Appointed Baughn as the county's voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties conference in November.

- Made two line-number corrections, one for \$4.77 and one for \$652.80, to fix book-keeping mistakes in the court and health department accounts.

Library gains 'family' title Thursday

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are supposed to be there, it's not a 'drop your kid off.'"

The "play with a purpose" classes will be each Thursday from Sept. 11 to Oct. 9 at the library, and more will be offered in the future. In order to earn the

designation, the library will also maintain a children's room with toys and materials for parents such as books, CDs and videos. In addition, it will partner with area organizations to help provide early childhood education.

Wilks said the library will renew the three-year designa-

tion when it expires next April. Colby's library and Smart Start Northwest Kansas will be entering an agreement with Middle Country Public Library in New York, the first library to have the family place designation.

To earn the designation, Judy Kleinsorge with the library went

to a week of training in New York in May 2012, and the library filled out the application that September. But since Colby is so far away from New York, Wilks said, the library has not been able to finish all its work for the designation until now.

It's convoy time Friday and Saturday

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up the night with a truck and light show, with a fireworks display by Taz's Fireworks to wrap up the evening activities.

There will be additional registration before the convoy Saturday morning, when the two legs will prepare to move out from Oakley and Goodland. The registration fees are \$100 for a semi-rig, and \$25 for car, motorcycle or pickup.

Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. (Central time) at Wilken's Truck and Trailer for the western leg, and at 8:30 at Mitten TA Travel Plaza for the eastern leg. Both groups will get on the road at 10 a.m. Central time, and

converge on Horton Avenue to line up for the convoy.

The convoy will drive through Colby at approximately 11:00 a.m., going north on Range Avenue, then east on Fourth Street and south on Franklin Avenue, turning east on Willow Avenue to Country Club Drive, and south of the interstate for Horton Avenue. Local law enforcement officers will lead the vehicles into the Oasis Travel Center led by the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Drivers will park their rigs for the truck show. There will be a lunch, provided by Quizno's and Schwan Food Company, served under the big tent. It will be open to the public for a donation.

An auction will start at 1:30 p.m. with bidding on items donated by local businesses, and awards for the truck show will be given out starting at 2 p.m. Vehicles will be judged for the best bobtail, or semi-tractor without the trailer rig, and for athlete's choice.

Organizers pointed out that all the money raised by the convoy here goes to Special Olympics Kansas and stays in Kansas.

Since starting with a single group in Orlando, Fla., the World's Largest Truck Convoy has grown to include tens of thousands of vehicles in legs across the U.S. and Canada. The Kansas leg of the convoy has grown to become the second largest in the United States last year.

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.

Research center to mark 100th birthday

Kansas State University will mark 100 Years of agriculture research in northwest Kansas with a field day at the Northwest Area Research-Extension Center at 2 p.m. Thursday and field tours running from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. A free dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a program at 6:30 in the Cooper Barn at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Reregistration is required for the dinner and evening program. Call 462-6281 or go to www.northwest.ksu.edu.

Human resources group to meet

The monthly meeting of the Colby Chapter of the Western Kansas Human Resources Management Association will be at 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday at Montana Mike's, with a presentation from noon to 1 p.m. by Justin Randa on "Workers Comp Reform - What's Happening?" Make reservations by noon Friday to Janice Husband at jahusband@nex-tech.com. For information, call Phyllis LaShell at (785) 577-4610.

Calling all kids, age 4 to fifth grade

Kid's Klub at Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, starts at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, preceded by a free dinner from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The club includes Bible stories, memory verses, 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.

Childbirth education classes to start

Citizens Medical Center will hold a four-week series of childbirth education classes at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning this week in the hospital's conference room. Whoever will be with the mother during labor is encouraged to attend. This class is for women due to deliver before December; the next class will begin Oct. 30. Register by contacting Jeanene Brown in the hospital's education department at (785) 460-4850.

Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall. Craig Stevens will provide music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Divorce recovery class begins in next week

A 10-week divorce recovery class and support group for women will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays beginning next week in the basement of the Sunflower Bank in Colby. All women are welcome. For information, call Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606.

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Table of TV listings for Thursday, September 4, 2014, showing channels, times, and program titles.

Table of TV listings for Friday, September 5, 2014, showing channels, times, and program titles.



Grace Weatherford and Casey Denneler

Couple plan to wed on Saturday in Colby

Grace Weatherford of Atchison and Casey Denneler, formerly of Colby, plan to be married Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Parents of the bride are Paul Weatherford of Atchison and Karen Weatherford of Leavenworth. Grandparents are Mary and the late Lloyd Weatherford and the late Shirley and Aaron Adams.

She is a 2006 graduate of

Atchison High School and works from home

Parents of the groom are David and Jatou Denneler of Colby. Grandparents are J.D. and Donna Bennett and Dan and Margaret Denneler, all of Colby.

A 2005 graduate of Colby High School, he works at RH Concrete in Lawrence.

The couple plans to live in Linwood.

October health fair addresses diabetes

Do you or does someone you love have diabetes? If so, join me and Diane Sis, certified diabetes educator on Tuesday, Oct. 14, as we present Diabetes and You.



Diann Gerstner

• Knowledge for Life

This free diabetes health fair is brought to you by K-State Research and Extension and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. Everyone is invited to attend.

The location is the Colby Community College Student Union. Pre-registration is required with a Tuesday, Oct. 7, deadline by calling the Thomas County Extension Office, (785) 460-4582 or register online at www.bcbsks.com.

The doors open at 5 p.m. To accommodate busy schedules this event is come and go or you can come and stay. Diane and I will bring you four 20-minute presentations. Presentations will be held every 30 minutes starting at 5:30. We will give each presentation two times, again to accommodate the come and go style yet allow everyone the opportunity to attend all four sessions if desired. You'll learn tools to help you take the guesswork out of managing your diabetes. Session topics are:

Your Heart and You: learn what you can do to protect your heart – 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Smart Choices when Eating at Home: learn how to make quick, tasty and healthful meals – 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Your Blood Sugar Numbers and You: discover the significance of monitoring your blood sugar numbers – 6 and 7 p.m.

Smart Choices when Eating Out: learn how to eat out and stick to your diabetes-friendly choices – 6 and 7 p.m.

Also included in the evening's events: diabetes-friendly educational displays on foot care, eye care and healthy food choices; a snack of fruits and vegetables and an opportunity to win prizes.

Diabetes is an illness in which blood sugar is too high because

the body either does not make insulin or does not respond to insulin properly. Diabetes has no cure, but it can be controlled. If blood sugar levels are not kept in check, diabetes can lead to serious health problems. By managing their diabetes, people can feel better and lower their chances for serious health problems later on.

The main goal of diabetes treatment is to keep blood sugar levels within a normal range most of the time. Treatment advice is individualized according to the needs of the person. People with diabetes must learn to live with it and manage it throughout each day. Most diabetes care happens as choices made each day about diet, exercise, medication, and other daily habits.

If you have diabetes, you know, putting knowledge into action each day is not always easy to do. It involves skill in doing certain behaviors (for example, estimating food portion sizes), as well as setting realistic goals and taking a positive approach to diabetes-related situations. But you can do it. Attend Diabetes and You to learn how or perhaps build your existing knowledge. Once you learn these essentials you will be armed with the tools to better manage your diabetes, avoid complications and live healthier. You'll be on the road to healthier, happier days.

Make a reservation and mark your calendars today to attend the Diabetes and You seminar Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Colby Community College Student Union – doors open at 5 p.m.

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.

Patrol releases results

During two special enforcement efforts in April and July, Kansas Highway Patrol had troopers work extra hours to look for drivers texting or engaging in other distracted behavior while driving.

The effort was paid for by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation as part of the national "U Drive. U Text. U Pay" high-visibility enforcement campaign. The first period ran from April 18 to 27 and the second from July 1 to 10.

Results from the campaigns included:

- Texting while driving citations, 71.
- Texting while driving warnings, 77.
- Speed citations, 459.
- Speed warnings, 380.
- Safety belt citations (18+), 544.
- Safety belt citations (14-17), 24.
- Child restraint citations (0-13), 25.
- Drunk driving, 16.
- All other warnings and arrests, 1,371.
- Using phone, not texting, 71.
- Public contacts, 2,060. Total hours worked, 1,219

Corrections

An article, "Stray dogs, licensing reviewed," on Page 1 of the Aug. 27, *Colby Free Press*, contained two inaccurate statements. Lori Onstad is a veterinary technician, not a veterinarian. Also, the city council agreed to change the time that it meets, but did not

take a vote. These were reporting errors.

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Deaths

Inga Wiens

Inga Wiens, 80, Oakley, mother of Mike (Jackie) Wiens, Colby, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Germany, while on vacation visiting her family.

She was born June 18, 1934. On June 25, 1960, she married Walter Wiens while he was serving overseas in the Army.

A military wife for 20 years, she used the time to raise a family, become a beautician and work various other jobs as a store clerk, cashier and thrift shop volunteer.

She was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Oakley and of the Oakley United Methodist Church.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; an infant daughter, Brenda Wiens; and a sister Trudy.

Survivors include two other sons, Joachim (Rita) Rabsch, Germany; Tom (Tammy) Wiens, Eugene, Ore.; two daughters, Inge Hall, Joplin, Mo.; Bev (Louis), Salina; a sister, Helga, Germany; two brothers, Hans, Germany; and Klaus, South Africa; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, at the church in Oakley, with Pastor Cheryl Johnson officiating.

No visitation.

The family suggests memorials to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, in care of the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Juanita Maxine Crane-Grable

Juanita Maxine Crane-Grable, 86, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, in Rose Hill.

She was born Oct. 23, 1927, in Colby, the daughter of Lillian and Lee Page.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry (Jonette) Crane, Hot Springs, Ark., and Mark (Nancy) Crane,

Wichita; a daughter, Janet (Paul) Wheeler, Rose Hill; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family will have private services.

Baker Funeral Home of Wichita is in charge of arrangements.

High Plains Lions Club

Colby High Plains Lions Club held its last summer club meeting Aug. 25 at the college student union. President Larry Brenn called the meeting to order leading the group in the flag salute. Elmer Lawver offered the club a few words of wisdom and a prayer. Two guests were introduced, Donna Lawver and Donnie Morton.

Elmer Lawver gave a report on a memory book he had made. In 2007 Elmer's daughter-in-law, Phyllis Lawver was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, chief nurse at the Baled Air Base in Iraq. This base would be somewhat like the popular TV series M.A.S.H., where war injured were brought in by helicopters for medical attention. Lt. Col. Lawver would meet the arrivals and made decisions about their prognosis.

Some were sent on to other facilities; many received immediate medical attention. Elmer Lawver asked if there was anything he and Donna could do to help. Her reply was videos: "The guys need videos to watch."

The High Plains Lions purchased videos and the Jennings Lions Club, the local Wal-Mart and Dillons stores donated videos also. Lt. Col. Lawver sent many photos and flags to her father-in-law. These mementos were put into a book he made. He said one of the flags that had flown over Baled Iraq Air Base was given to the Thomas County Senior Center.

Following secretary and treasurer's reports, Sheryl Brenn also gave a report of the first state council meeting she attended.

Appreciation pins were given to three members, Larry Koon, Roger Hale and Melinda Morton. In addition to the pin, Melina and Donnie Morton received a gift card in appreciation for their work on the Lions concession trailer at the county fair.

The next meeting will start the fall schedule. It will begin with the clubs annual Lion Norman Whitaker home-cooked garden meal at 6 p.m. Monday at his farm.

—Roger Hale

Utah teacher seeing double

KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A northern Utah third-grade teacher is starting the new school year with a surprise: four sets of twins in her class.

Teacher Andrea Wood at Columbia Elementary School in Kaysville says the twins all like being in the same class together with their siblings and she won't split them up.

But while she has the siblings all sitting next to each other as the class becomes acquainted, she'll probably separate them inside the classroom eventually.

Wood told KSL (bit.ly/1vymLMI) the distinction might make things easier for parent-teacher conferences because

she'll have just one parent to talk to for each set of twins and their parents will have just one teacher to consult.

Her class has one pair of identical twins as does another third-grade class at the same school.

Markets

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Free Press Viewpoint

Belief in false 'facts' amplifies divisions

An Associated Press reporter interviewing demonstrators in Ferguson, Mo., found a common thread that linked both sides of the street: an unwavering belief in their cause that sometimes defied the facts.

This says a lot about how we define public policy in our country – perhaps the whole world – and why, no matter how the election turns out, we always seem to be so sharply divided.

Demonstrators on one side wore shirts that said “Officer Wilson, I stand by you.” On the other side, “Darren Wilson is a Murderer.”

The guiding rule for both sides was an unshakable belief that each was right. Both put forth “facts” that contradicted what little is known about the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown – for instance, he was shot in the back, supporters say, while the autopsies agree he was shot in the front. But why let facts get in the way of true belief?

A psychologist called it “confirmation bias,” the process of finding “facts” that support what we believe, of conforming the case to our own guiding principles. It’s a way of thinking that leaves little room for thought, truth or negotiation.

And it says a lot about American political life today in Washington, Topeka and even your hometown, whether it’s the instant controversy, as in Ferguson, or the debate over raising the minimum wage. Basic beliefs get in the way of facts and compromise. True believers – including the conservatives running the government in Topeka as well as many of the public employees and big-government backers on the other side – want a whole loaf, not a deal that will focus on what works.

It’s either break the public employee unions, or give schools another billion, but nothing in between. But that’s not how government works when it works best.

It’s not that we don’t need true believers on both sides. The Tea Party has its place, as do the bleeding hearts on the left who want more public services. They push us to action.

The question has to be, “What works? What spending actually produces a return for the taxpayer, and what’s just throwing money at a problem?” And, when is a problem best left alone?

But those are questions true believers can’t be bothered with. The process is much the same in Washington or at the City Council. Some people never saw a public project they liked, while others never saw one they didn’t back.

And let’s not even get started on Global Warming, or “climate change,” as it’s called on cold days.

Raise the minimum wage? Both sides have their facts. Supporters say a family can’t make it on the current minimum of \$7.35 an hour, opponents claim a big increase will leave many job holders unemployed, and both may be right.

But in looking over the last century, the era of strong labor unions and middle-of-the-road minimum wages seemed to bring the country some of its greatest prosperity in the 1950s to the 1970s. After that, unions became so powerful they were choking the nation’s basic industries – steel, railroads, textiles, autos – forcing thousands of jobs overseas.

True believers on either side will stand in the way of any reform, but sometimes we need to ask just what will work best for America. Often, that’s half a loaf, a little action and a lot of self-examination. Which never satisfies either side.

– Steve Haynes

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Stuffed animals must be genetic trait

My oldest daughter claims her niece, my granddaughter, can place her stuffed animals on the floor of her bedroom and walk anywhere in the room without ever touching the floor.

I suspect she’s right. I’ve seen my only granddaughter’s room, and she’s got a ton of stuffed animals. You can hardly find her in her double bed for all the animals piled on it.

But, I have to confess, it’s probably genetic. I think she inherited the trait from me.

First, I have a collection of stuffed mascots from baseball parks all over the country.

There’s Wally, the green monster from Boston; a bear from Texas; Dinger, the purple dinosaur from Denver; and a couple of pillow pets, Slugger, the Royals lion from Kansas City, and a cardinal from St. Louis.

I’m not sure when I picked up the desire to have every stuffed animal I can lay my hands on, but I’ve dragged them back from China, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Mexico, Turkey, half the states in the U.S. – and the county fair.

I remember haggling over a panda bear in a hotel gift shop in Beijing. We were leaving the next day, and I really wanted that cute, cuddly



Cynthia Haynes

• Open Season

black-and-white bear, but I was running short of cash. I didn’t even think of bargaining in a hotel gift shop, but the salesgirl said that was what they did, so she got the rest of my Chinese cash and I came home with a stuffed bear.

In Costa Rica, I found a green iguana. I used him as a headrest for the rest of the trip and he now holds down a stack of newspapers at home.

I brought home a camel from Tunisia, a turtle from Mexico and a mountain sheep from Turkey.

There is the donkey from the Grand Canyon, a moose from Michigan, a bear from Minnesota, a cat from California, a buffalo from Wyoming, a fish from Florida and an otter from Durango

The otter is important, because I gave him away.

I bought him in Durango, and the next month, I took him with me on a train ride from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyo. Everyone on the train thought I had a dog in my bag. When I explained what it was, one guy said I “otter” be ashamed of myself, treating him like that.

Back in Denver, we met our daughter and granddaughter at the airport. Taylor immediately fell in love with the otter, and when she and her mother left to go home to Georgia, the otter slipped right into her arms and went along.

I know, I know. That makes me an enabler. But, hey, I can always steal him back when I get to Georgia this winter – or maybe just buy another couple of stuffed animals so we’ll each have one.

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'Summer of discontent' points to change

There is great unease in the land – concern about economic inequality, disgust with scorched-earth politics in Washington. But the long reach of our history teaches that when an aroused public forces political leaders to focus on finding solutions to problems, we can overcome differences and make progress.

Despite these last few months of hot and lazy days, it’s been hard not to notice a cold political wind blowing through the country. The magazine *Foreign Affairs* captured it with its latest cover, a mockup of a travel poster featuring a crumbling U.S. Capitol with the tagline, “See America: Land of Decay and Dysfunction.”

Americans are clearly uneasy. I know it anecdotally, because at virtually every public gathering I’ve addressed over the last few months someone has spoken up with his or her worry that our nation is in decline. And the polls bear it out. In June, a *Washington Post* article, “Is the American Dream Dead?” noted a string of polls showing majorities of Americans believe their children will be worse off than they were.

By early August, an NBC-*Wall Street Journal* poll was reporting that a full three-quarters of those surveyed lacked confidence that the next generation would be better off – the most pessimistic results in the history of the poll. Regardless of income, ethnicity, religion, or gender, Americans don’t think much of our future.

This is a ground-shaking turnabout. Since well before I began my political career in the early 1960s, the keystone of our politics was an unflinching optimism that as Americans we could face head-on the task of improving our own and others’ lives and deliver on our responsibility to future generations. As Chris Cilizza wrote recently in the *Washington Post*, “So much of every politician’s patter – Democrat or Republican – is built on the idea that America has always overcome hard challenges, always made things better for our kids than for us, always had achieving the American dream as a real possibility.” Now, he notes, “A

Other Opinions

• Lee Hamilton Center on Congress

large bloc of the electorate no longer believes any of that.”

Why not? Partly, it’s the economy: growth has been sluggish, we’re not generating enough good jobs, and the benefits of the recovery have flowed more to some than to the many. The growing awareness of a lopsided society – one in which a rising tide fails to lift all boats – has put many people in a surly mood. That problem of income inequality is joined to a host of others – from climate change to crumbling infrastructure to a world in which the forces of chaos and turmoil appear to be expanding.

Yet I think *Foreign Affairs* has nailed the biggest factor: the perceived dysfunction of our political system. As political scientist Francis Fukuyama writes in the lead essay, dealing with our problems “requires a healthy, well-functioning political system, which the United States does not currently have.”

Simply put, Americans have no confidence that our system can resolve the challenges before us. They don’t expect miracles, but they do expect political leaders to make progress, and they haven’t been seeing much.

I can understand why so many people would be pessimistic, yet I don’t find myself sharing their fatalism. That’s because political moments are just that: moments. Over the long reach of our history, we’ve learned time and again that when our political leaders do focus on our challenges, speak to one another directly, and are determined to find a solution to our problems, they can overcome their differences and make progress.

Our Constitution has been in effect for 225

years. The system it created, with its checks and balances, and its carefully constructed equilibrium between constraining and enabling government, has seen us through no small share of bruising times. It has protected our freedom, given hundreds of millions of Americans by birth and Americans by choice an opportunity to pursue the lives they wanted, and allowed us to speak freely, associate with the people we choose, and openly follow the religious and spiritual lives we want.

There is no shortage of challenges facing the system – from the influence of money on elections to the encrusted rules that hamstring capable public officials to the scorched-earth political culture that reigns in Washington these days. But I am convinced that they are no match for an aroused and determined public that recognizes we are all in this together, that we can adapt to changing circumstances, and that we should not give up on the system.

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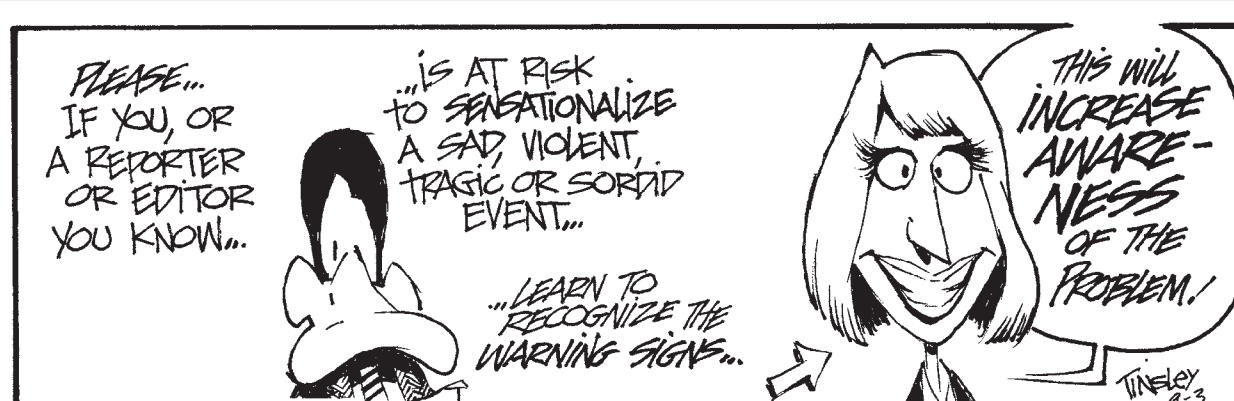
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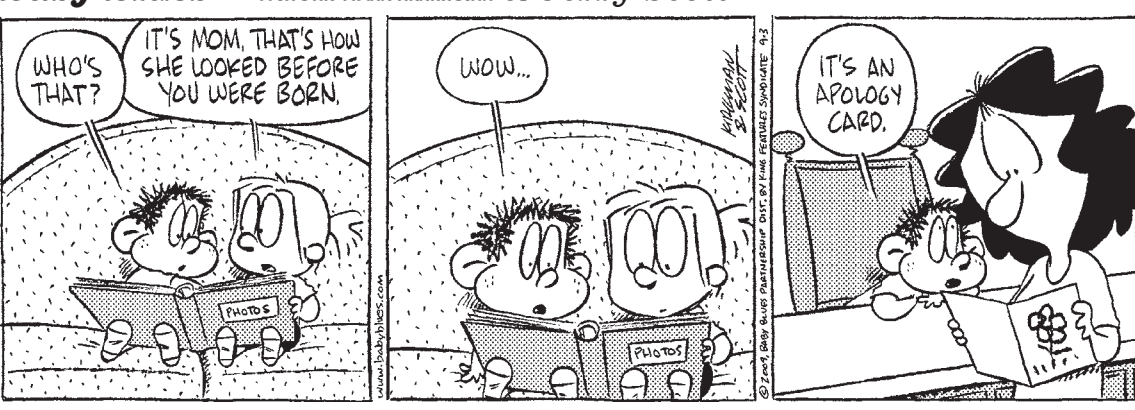
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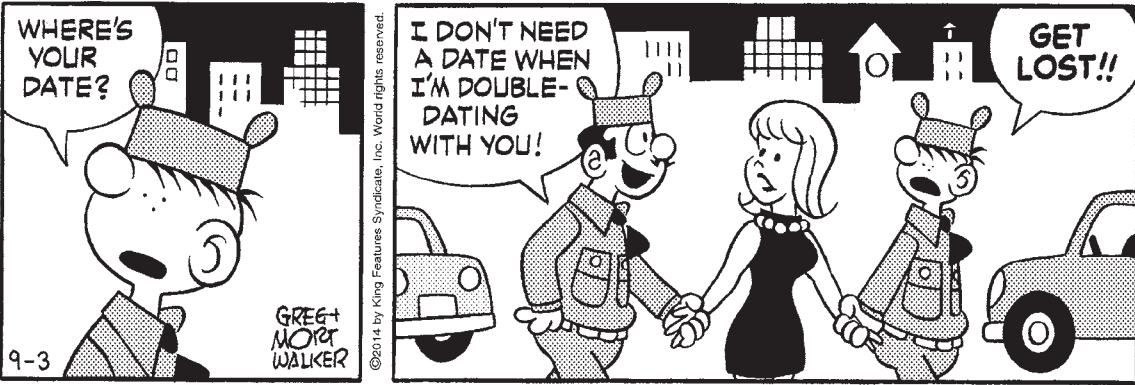
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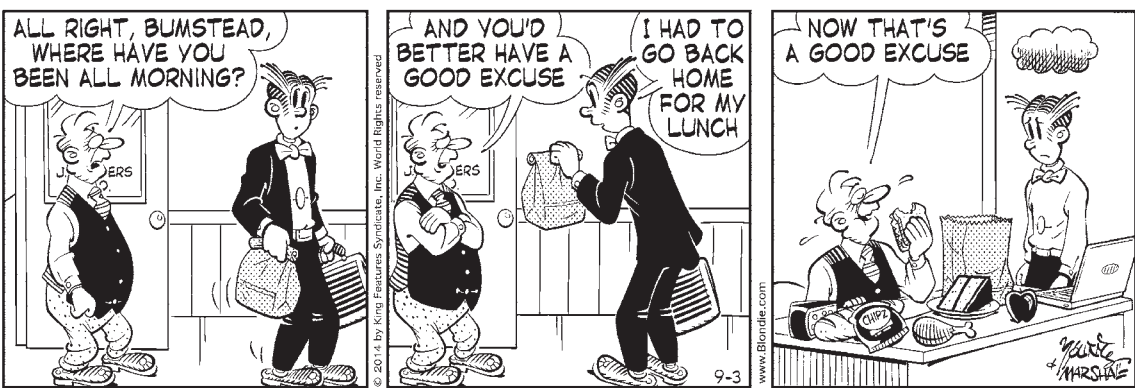
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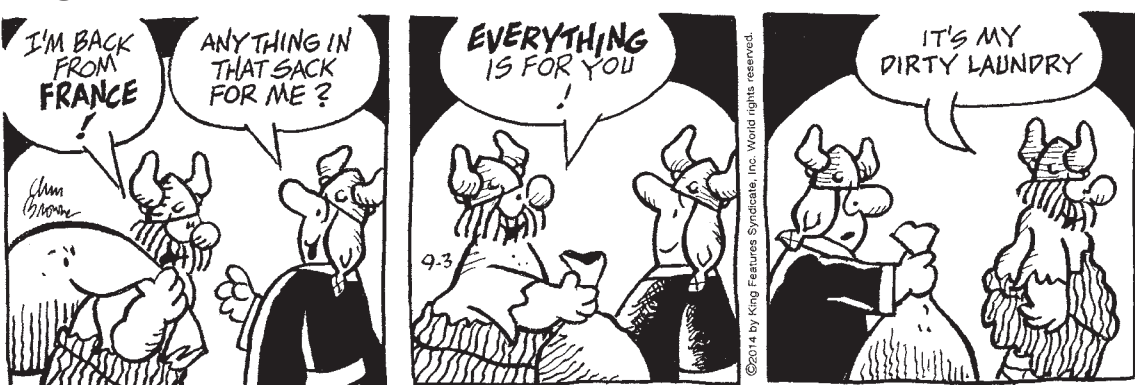
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Which shaker gets the pepper?

Dear Heloise: We got some new salt and pepper shakers. One has a few tiny holes; the other has lots of bigger holes. Which one holds the salt? — Cynthia M. in Tennessee

This is an interesting question, and one that comes in often! According to the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum, it is your preference! There is no law that I know of, so don't worry if someone tells you otherwise.

Since many people are watching their sodium intake, it is generally agreed that the shaker with fewer holes is for salt. The other thought is that because salt flows more easily than pepper, it should be placed in the shaker with smaller holes, so the pepper has the larger holes to come out of. Bottom line, though, is that it is your decision — unless you buy shakers that are clearly marked "S" and "P," saving you from having to decide anything. — Heloise

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ENGLISH MUFFINS

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for readers who like English muffins but prefer to eat only one half at a time: Separate the muffins in halves and stack them, back to front. Place them back in the plastic sleeve and then freeze. One half at a time can easily be separated from the rest and toasted as needed. — L.N. in Maryland

TOMATO JUICE

Dear Heloise: Could you please tell me the ratio of water to tomato paste when attempting to make tomato juice? With the cost of canned tomato juice, it would be nice to be able to mix this up instead of paying the high cost of tomato/vegetable juice. — Cydney W. in Texas

This is easy as pie and will save you a lot of money! Mix 3 parts cold water with 1 part tomato paste. Now all you have to do is make your own adjustments so it tastes the best to you. Place this mixture and any other ingredients in a blender and blend until it is smooth.

Try adding salt, pepper, other vegetables and spices to make this juice your own. — Heloise

MINI PEPPERS

Dear Heloise: Sweet mini peppers are my newest addiction! Packaged in bags, they are red, orange and yellow. Mini peppers have lots of flavor, which makes them a great snack. These have hardly any seeds and can be eaten right from the bag, but I always rinse mine before eating them. I toss some on the grill and use them in salads to add color and crunch. — Juan in Laredo, Texas

REUSE CUPS

Dear Heloise: The individual plastic cups for applesauce and other fruit treats are perfect for gelatin. I place six in my muffin tin and make gelatin as usual. I fill the gelatin to the rim of the plastic cup. Since I now live alone, I find this a handy way to portion out my meals. The same process can be used for instant puddings. — Thelma D. in California

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 10 8
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ 8
♣ A K J 5 4

WEST

♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ A
♦ 6
♣ 10 9 8 2

EAST

♠ Q 9 4 3
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 7 4 2
♣ 7

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ K J 10 9 7
♦ A K Q J 5
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

Caution -- Danger Ahead

To be a good declarer, you must be a worrier. You can't afford to relax merely because the contract looks easy to make.

Take this case where you're in six hearts and West leads a club. If you win with dummy's king and return a trump, as most declarers would, you go down one. West takes the ace, plays another club, East ruffs, and you wind up minus 100 instead of plus 1,430.

But if you're the worrying kind, you make the contract. As soon as dummy comes down, you start asking yourself what can happen to stop you from making the slam. It wouldn't take you long to conclude that the only real threat is the possibility of a club ruff.

West's club lead, in the face of North's two-club bid, looks mighty suspicious. It seems likely that he is either trying to get a club ruff for himself or trying to give one to his partner.

Given these circumstances, you should look for a way to nip West's plan in the bud. Fortunately, if you study the situation closely, you find that something can be done.

So at trick two, you lead a spade to the ace, then cash the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond in dummy. Next you discard a club on the king of spades and lead a trump to force out the ace. Only at this point can you finally relax, as there is nothing the defenders can do to defeat you.

The deal demonstrates that a little worrying at the right time can do a lot of good.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"Yes, but they want me to go back tomorrow anyway."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

			4	1				
			3		9	6		
	5						1	
7		9						1
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		9				5		
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Difficulty Level ★★★

9/03

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

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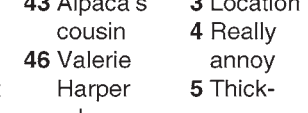
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOR TOFU EATEN ABOARD MANY RUSSIAN SPACECRAFTS, I PRESUME THEY HAD TO UTILIZE SOYUZ-BEANS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| ACROSS | 37 — It | 59 Any day now | 16 Request |
| 1 Obama predecessor | Roman-tic?" | | 20 History |
| 5 Sch. org. | 38 Leading man? | DOWN | 22 Wading bird |
| 8 Rose's love, in an old play | 39 Ram's mate | 1 Rum cake | 23 Curses |
| 12 Largest continent | 41 Ooze, operator | 2 PC | 25 Mandible |
| 13 Island adornment | 43 Alpaca's cousin | 3 Location | 26 Eggs |
| 14 Chest muscles | 46 Valerie Harper role | 4 Really annoy | 27 Festooned |
| 15 Threw under the bus | 50 Cartoonist's supply | 5 Thick-ness | 29 Ceremony |
| 17 Hearty quaffs | 51 Lamented experts | 6 Ball prop | 31 Savings plan |
| 18 Regions | 54 Writer | 7 Helps | 32 Branch |
| 19 Elf | 55 Buscaglia | 8 In two places at once? | 34 Borrower's burden |
| 21 Factory pallet | 56 Symbol of thinness | 9 Bought "Law & Order: SVU" | 38 Plant lice |
| 24 Chowd down | 57 Lord's mate | 10 "Law & Order: SVU" | 40 Wimpy |
| 25 Apple co-founder | 58 Wapiti | 11 Being, to Brutus | 42 Historic period |
| 28 Taverns | | | 43 Test tube |
| 30 By way of | | | 44 Erstwhile Peruvian |
| 33 Rd. | | | 45 Competent |
| 34 Maximum | | | 47 Medley |
| 35 Goof up | | | 48 Show-room sample |
| 36 Bankroll | | | 49 Mideast gulf |



Yesterday's answer 9-3

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Direct Support Workers are needed in Colby to work for an individual with a disability in their home. Starting wage is \$9.64 an hour. Duties may include personal care, household chores, meal preparation, etc. For an application, please contact Carol at LINK, Inc. at 1-800-569-5926 and leave your name and mailing address. ---8/27---9/3---

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. CURRY, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2013-PR-31
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Virginia M. Curry, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Gary L. Curry, deceased, requesting Petitioner's acts be approved; waivers of accounting be approved; Petitioner's account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the Valid Settlement Agreement and the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 24, 2014, at 11:00 AM, in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
VIRGINIA M. CURRY, ADMINISTRATOR

Submitted by: John D. Gatz, #10808
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 346
Colby, Kansas 67701
(785) 460-3383
Attorney for Petitioner

(Published in The Colby Free Press on September 3, 10 and 17, 2014)

Public Notice

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Gore Oil Company - Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the Rexford Waterflood Unit, located in Thomas County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Gore Oil Company has filed an application to amend the injection permit of saltwater into the Cedar Hills formation at the Rexford Waterflood Unit, located in the South Half (S/2) of Section 13, East Half (E/2) of Section 23, and all of Section 24, all in Township 7 South, Range 31 West, Thomas County, Kansas, with a maximum injection rate of 1,000 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Gore Oil Company
P.O. Box 2757
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(Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, September 3, 2014)

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Colby cracks top four

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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Life on the fast greens rolled a little out of control for Colby High's varsity golfers at Cimarron Tuesday afternoon.

"As a team, we struggled on and around the greens," coach Rick Williams said about this nine-hole, season-opening tournament. "We wasted too many strokes on our short game."

Despite those putting problems, the Eagles' 223 still took fourth among seven teams. They out-golfed rival Goodland (232) and were just a better putt or two from challenging No. 3 team Larned (218).

Cimarron (215) won a tie-breaker over Ulysses for the tourney title.

Colby junior Miranda Kern did roll into the top three with her round of 45. She was only two strokes behind Larned champion Dorothy Keenan (43).

Cimmaron's Morgan Ediger earned second place overall (44). "Miranda played pretty well," Williams confirmed.

Eagle senior Kelly Sloan (58) needed just two fewer strokes to crack the tourney's top 15.

Jenna Crampton and Isabel Rosales shot 60s to complete Colby's team score, while junior Elissa Zerr followed closely at 61.

Crampton, Zerr, Kern and Sloan are all returning from the Eagles' 4A state-qualifying team last fall.

Natalie Oren competed in her first varsity meet and fired 66..

Many golfers at Cimarron were adjusting to their first "serious" competition this fall. No fewer



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High's Miranda Kern rolls in a putt during varsity golf play last fall. Kern started her season on Tuesday with a top three finish at Cimarron.

than 15 varsity players finished at 60 or above on Tuesday.

The Eagles will roll right back into action in Thursday's 3 p.m. Hugoton Invitational, where they'll be greeted with more green speed.

"We don't want to make excuses, but their (Cimarron's) greens are totally different than ours and will be the case just about everywhere we go," Williams said. "We will have to adjust to the much faster greens when we leave Colby."

Team scores at Cimarron: 1. Cimarron 215, 2. Ulysses 215, 3. Larned 218, 4. Colby 223, 5. Goodland 232, 6. Lakin 251, 7. Dodge City JV 289.

Top 10 placers: 1. D. Keenan, Larned, 43; 2. M. Ediger, Cimarron, 44; 3. **Miranda Kern, Colby, 45**; 4. B. Pflingsten, Ulysses, 47; 5. S. Parsons, Oakley, 50; 6. S. Kistler, Larned, 51; 7. S. Brown, Syracuse, 51; 8. D. Mangus, Goodland, 52; 9. L. Geven, Syracuse, 53; 10. D. Webring, Goodland, 54.

Eagles sweep away Bluejays

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Serving up trouble became a beautiful sight during Colby High's opening volleyball matches at Hays Tuesday night.

Junior Brenly Terrell served eight straight points during the Eagles' opening set, then all those Hailey Schindler jump serves clearly left Norton's Bluejays flat-footed by match point.

Bluejays barely moved as a final Colby High serve flicked over the net and landed softly yet strongly enough to deliver one clear message:

Eagles win!

Yes, Colby had a varsity victory to close this debut at the Hays Thomas Marian Prep Triangular.

The Eagles took down Norton 25-19, 25-15 after losing 25-16, 25-23 to those home-team Monarchs.

"Our serve game faltered against T.M.P. Sometimes that happens in a new facility as players adjust to the surroundings," coach Jerry McKee said. "Hays has a nice team and run a very quick offense. But if a couple of breaks go our way and we'd played a third set, I think we would have had a good chance."

"Against Norton, we got off to a good start and had several good runs," he added.

No Eagle run was better mid-way through the set, when Norton had turned an early 5-0 deficit into its 11-8 lead.

Colby (1-1 record) had quickly lost momentum after Kaylee Rehmer's ace serve created that five-point advantage.

Rehmer sparked the Eagles during both of her first two varsity matches.

Now it was senior Schindler's turn to who really was the bigger bird.

Schindler's barrage of jump serves left Bluejays scattered in



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Brenly Terrell handled this hit over the net during intrasquad scrimmage play last week in Colby. Both Terrell and senior Hailey Schindler (15) sparked super Eagle surges with their serving during a sweep of the Norton Bluejays.

several directions. Senior Hannah Strange was also having a blast as her sizzling back-row kill left Norton looking stunned again.

When Schindler finally finished her fun, the Eagles were ahead to stay at 16-11.

"Hailey had a nice run. She's certainly capable of doing that," coach McKee observed. "Hope-

fully she can keep improving on that."

Terrell's last lethal shot put Colby at match point.

Senior Brooklyn Bange sent the final net-flicking serve down for a clinching Eagle ace.

Other Colby players contributing to the sweep were junior setter Brielle McKee, seniors Shaila

Giebler, Courtney Reilly and Darby Sager.

"We would have liked to start 2-0," coach McKee said. "But we'll go with what we got and move on."

Hays Thomas More Prep later defeated Norton to finish 2-0 in its home triangular.

Against Colby, the Monarchs broke a 5-5 first-set tie and never looked back.

The second set was much closer as Rehmer's ace serve ignited another 5-0 Colby run.

Brielle McKee also sent an unreturnable serve to the Hays' home floor to put CHS ahead, 5-2.

However, the Monarchs recovered and these teams battled to ties of 13-13, 19-19 and 21-21.

Strange's shot through two Hays blockers gave Colby one more lead of 22-21.

The Monarchs tallied four of those next five points and finished with an ace.

"They served very well and kept the pressure on us," coach McKee concluded.

The Eagles have time to prepare for their next challenge: a triangular at Holcomb on Tuesday.

Opening match is set for 5 p.m. Both the JV and C teams are also in action.

Junior varsity

Colby High's JV spikers also shook off an opening loss and swept Norton 25-18, 25-15 at Hays Tuesday night.

Hays Thomas Marian Prep took the opening match from Colby 25-15, 25-8.

Colby C spikers win tourney

Colby High's C volleyball team won eight straight sets to finish a 5-0 championship effort at Saturday's Phillipsburg Invitational.

The Eagles were unbeatable after tourney home-team Phillipsburg won a 28-26 opening set.

Colby quickly recovered to pound the Panthers 25-7, 15-9. The next three opponents had al-

most no chance during Eagle victories over Oakley 25-9, 25-13; Ellis 25-17, 25-16; and Russell 25-19, 25-16.

The Colby girls earlier conquered a three-set challenge over Plainville 25-19, 15-25, 25-13.

Next C team volleyball contests are set for Thursday in Colby's Community Building.

The Eagles are scheduled to take on Norton and Oakley with first serve set for 4 p.m.

It will be Colby's only home volleyball appearance at any level until Thursday, Sept. 18 when the varsity and junior varsity teams are home for a quadrangular. Scott City, Oakley and Hoxie are the anticipated opponents.

Meadow Lake closes on Friday

Meadow Lake Golf Course will close Friday afternoon so that Colby Community College's cross country teams can run their season-opening home meet.

Both the Trojan men and women will run against several visiting schools. Races are set to begin at 5 p.m. and Meadow Lake will remain closed for approximately one hour.

Other upcoming area sports:
Today
College volleyball — Seward

County at Colby, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
JV girls tennis — Colby at Scott City, 1 p.m.

Girls golf — Colby at Hugoton, 3 p.m.

Girls tennis — Colby at Hays, 3 p.m.

Middle school football — Colby at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country — Colby at Goodland, 5 p.m.

C team volleyball — Colby Triangular, 4 p.m. (Norton, Oakley)

Middle school volleyball — Cheylin at Golden Plains, 4 p.m.

Middle school football — Cheylin at Golden Plains, 5:30 p.m.

Middle school volleyball — Heartland Christian at Bazine Triangular, 4 p.m.

Friday
Football — Colby at Oakley, 7 p.m.

Football — Logan-Palco at Golden Plains, 7 p.m.

Football — Triplains-Brewster at St. Francis, 7 p.m.

Kansas City keeps hold of first

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals had the go-ahead run on second base with nobody out in the eighth inning.

Jarrod Dyson got the sign to bunt and failed miserably on two strikes, then chopped a grounder to first base that got his teammate thrown out.

"I was real frustrated," Dyson said later, shaking his head.

So he did something about it.

The speedster swiped second base and then third, getting into position for Salvador Perez to drive him in with a scorching liner off the glove of third baseman Adrian Beltre for a single. The run

proved to be the decider in a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night that kept Kansas City atop the AL Central by a half-game over Detroit.

The Royals try to sweep last-place Texas in their series tonight.



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Saturday, September 6, 2014

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Eastern Leg

Starting Location: Mitten TA Travel Plaza
Exit 76 on I-70 Oakley, KS

Time: 8:30 CT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
10:00 CT: Convoy Starts

Western Leg

Starting Location: Wilken's Truck and Trailer
1840 W Highway 24, Goodland, KS

Time: 7:45 MT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
9:00 MT: Convoy Starts

11:00 a.m. Convoy Parade through Colby (same route as last year)

Ending Location/Schedule

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Noon - Truck Show

- After traveling down I-70 to Colby the World's Largest Truck Convoy will be staged in the east parking lot for the Show.
- Truck Show entries will be judged on Best Bobtail and Athletes' Choice.

Noon - Lunch Served by Quiznos & Schwans
Open to the public, a free-will donation lunch will be served under the tent. Come out for some great food and good fellowship and check out the trucks of the World's Largest Truck Convoy!

1:30 p.m. Auction Begins
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2:00 p.m. Presentation of Awards

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Trojans take two from Trinidad

Seward County visits tonight

Sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska crushed 43 kills as Colby Community College topped Trinidad (Colo.) State twice in four-set matches at Colby on Friday.

Most of the eight sets were decided by five points or less. The Trojans rallied from a 25-22 opening defeat to take that first match 25-23, 25-19, 27-25.

A 25-23 Trinidad triumph kept Colby from sweeping the second showdown. The Trojans still prevailed by 25-18, 25-17, and 27-25 scores.

Sosnowska showed no fatigue from a 19-kill, 23-dig opening performance. Trinidad also discovered no defensive answers while she smashed 24 lethal shots to the shiny new Colby Community Building court in that nightcap.

Top libero Danielle Rodriguez continued one of the nation's best efforts during these early-season weeks. She hustled to 77 digs, including 45 during the finale.

Freshman setter Miranda Geist distributed 45 assists in the second match with Sosnowska, freshmen Mallory Mueller, Rebekah Pearce and Haley Heydman combining

for 50 kills. A glance at all Trojan leaders from both victories:

First match

Kills: Sosnowska 19, Haley Heydman 10, Kamryn Forrest 7, Ariana Jacquez 6. Assists: Miranda Geist 33, Katelynn Fullmer 10. Digs: Danielle Rodriguez 32, Sosnowska 23, Savannah Gamble 18, Alexis Lopez 12. Ace serves: Rodriguez 2, Lopez, Gamble, Geist. Block assists: Forrest 5, Heydman 5, Mallory Mueller 4. Stuff block: Laura Hillebrand.

Second match

Kills: Sosnowska 24, Mueller 11, Rebekah Pearce 8, Heydman 7, Forrest 6. Digs: Rodriguez 45, Lopez 17, Sosnowska 16, Geist 13, Gamble 11. Assists: Geist 45. Ace serves: Heydman 3, Geist 3, Rodriguez, Lopez, Forrest, Sosnowska. Block assists: Mueller 5, Sosnowska 2. Stuff blocks: Forrest, Mueller, Geist.

Trinidad State slipped to 2-4 this season, but recovered for a win over Frank Phillips College Tuesday evening.

The Trojans now return to Jayhawk Conference play tonight.



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Freshman Laura Hillebrand from Eschwenge, Germany, started this play as other Colby Community College Trojans are ready to attack during a home match last week. Other Trojans pictured from left are sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska (11), freshman Katelynn Fullmer (8), sophomores Ariana Jacquez (9) and Savannah Gamble (6). Colby resumes Jayhawk Conference play tonight in the Colby Community Building with a 6:30 p.m. match against Seward County.

Seward County Community College visits for a 6:30 p.m. match in the Community Building.

Seward County owns a 6-3 re-

cord and won its Jayhawk opening match over Barton Community College last week in Great Bend.

The Saints return home from a

tournament in Vernon, Texas, during this past weekend where they lost three of four. Colby is 0-1 in Jayhawk Conference play.

Cowboys sign on gay man

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have signed Michael Sam, who is seeking to become the first openly gay athlete to play in the NFL, to their practice squad.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett announced the signing Wednesday morning during a news conference, saying that adding Sam is "a good move for our football team right now."

With a definite need for pass-rush help, the Cowboys are bringing in Sam — who had three sacks in the preseason for the St. Louis Rams — for an extended look to see whether last year's SEC co-defensive player of the year at Missouri can help a defensive line that needs it.

"We're bringing a player in we wanted to see on the practice field and got nothing but good reports about him from our people and the people in St. Louis," Garrett said. "We just want to give him a chance to come in and see if he can help our football team."

The Cowboys are getting ready for their season opener at home against San Francisco Sunday afternoon.



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Kansas State Wildcat Elijah Lee (9) tracked this Stephen F. Austin ballcarrier during a 55-16 K-State win Saturday evening.

Titans get first win over Golden Plains

By R.B. Headley

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Triplains-Brewster found a perfect way to deliver its first volleyball varsity of the season Tuesday evening at Winona.

The Titans (1-3 record) rallied from a 26-24 defeat to knock off nearby rival Golden Plains 25-14 and 25-23 to cap their home triangular.

Senior Shayna Rogge's 13 kills powered the comeback victory while classmate Dara Roulier finished with four and an awesome eight stuff blocks.

It was a sweet win considering Golden Plains won every volleyball meeting last season, then also topped the Titans in their substitute

basketball championship game earlier this year. Golden Plains has to replace several departed several athletes from those excellent teams.

Yet none of that takes away from the Titans' terrific all-around victory on Tuesday.

Freshman Taryn Stramel stepped into another key defensive position and made a team-high 13 digs.

Senior Alicia Barrie joined Stramel in protecting the floor with 11 more digs. Roulier added nine and junior Taylyr Cheatum made seven.

The Titans also featured five different players serving one ace apiece: Roulier, Cheatum, Stramel, Rogge and senior exchange student Ana Gligorijevic.

No details were available about the Golden Plains' effort, but watch for more later this week.

Triplains-Brewster also showed great toughness and resiliency after losing a three-set opener to visiting Cheylin.

After a 25-13 opener, the Titans prevailed 25-23 before losing another 25-23 finale.

Rogge's eight kills powered this effort again while Barrie (five) and Roulier (four) knocked down another nine.

Roulier was a stuff-blocking force again in this match. Her three led the Titans, though Rogge (two) and senior Kelly Lamb (one) combined for another three.

Rogge's digs led the flour defense with Roulier making three.

Triplains-Brewster had lost its

opening two matches at a Palco Tournament on Friday.

Heartland Christian takes third

The Heartland Christian Crusaders finished third at last weekend's Healy Tournament.

Watch for more details about the Crusaders all season.



'Cats, Tigers climb in new coach's poll

from The Kansas City Star

No. 20 Kansas State and No. 24 Missouri stayed put in the new Associated Press Top 25 but both rose in the USA Today college football coaches' poll Tuesday.

Kansas State moved up one spot to No. 20 in the coaches' poll, while Missouri, unranked to begin the season, jumped into the poll at No. 22.

The Tigers had the most votes of any team outside the coaches' top 25 last week. They opened the season Saturday with 38-18 victory against South Dakota State.

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel is one of the voters in the poll this season.

The Tigers are one of eight SEC teams in the coaches' poll along with Alabama (No. 2), Auburn (5), Georgia (8), LSU (12), Texas A&M (13), Mississippi (17) and

South Carolina (21).

Florida State and Alabama remained in the top two spots in both polls.

Among other Big 12 programs in the coaches' poll, Oklahoma was third, Baylor moved up a spot to No. 9, while Texas slipped one spot to No. 25.

The AP poll also features eight SEC teams, including the Tigers. Alabama and Auburn checked in second and fifth, but Georgia moved up to sixth and Texas A&M rocketed 12 spots to No. 9 after beating South Carolina 52-28.

The Gamecocks, which started the season ranked No. 9, flipped spots with the Aggies and are 21st. LSU (12) and Mississippi (15) also are ranked.

Oklahoma remained fourth behind Oregon in the AP ranking, while Baylor is 10th.

K.C. quarterback gets wealth of abuse

from The Kansas City Star

Very little is sacred in an NFL locker room. Not personal appearance, n

ot on-field performance and certainly not contract status, as Alex Smith can attest.

The Kansas City Chiefs' quarterback was already a rich man before his four-year, \$68 million contract extension was announced Sunday. But tell that to his teammates, who started harassing their good-natured leader from the moment he entered the team's training facility Monday.

"Oh yeah, that's part of the deal," Smith said. "You better be ready to wear it when you walk in. Everybody (gets on you), the

whole team."

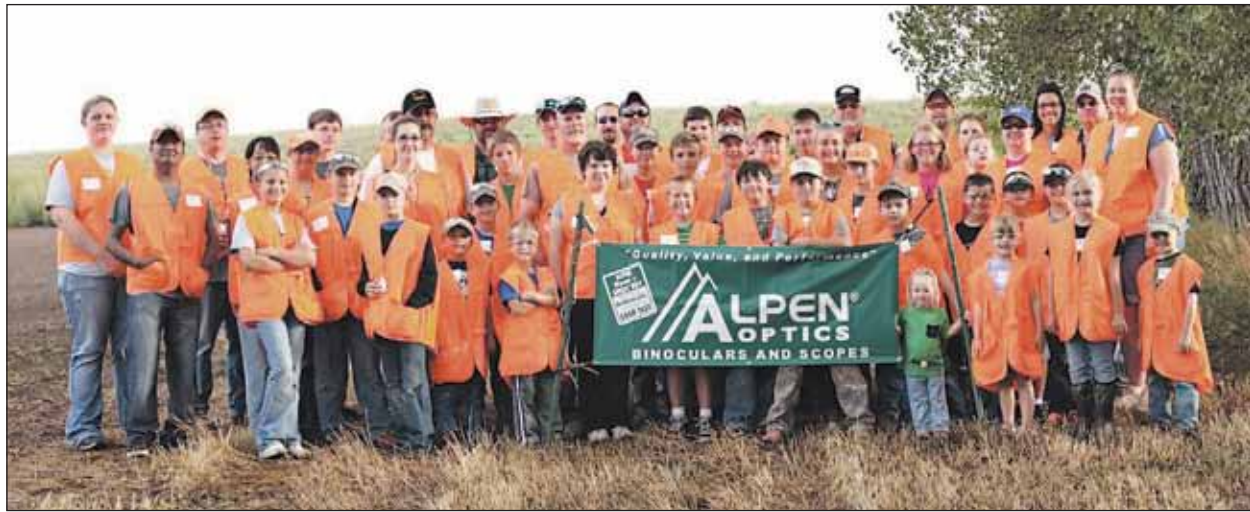
"Well, everybody wants a loan. They want to borrow some money," Smith recalled with a chuckle. "(I'm paying for) lots of dinners, you're hearing that. ... (They're saying) no one's going to pick up the check again with me."

"There are already plans of making my locker into 'The Bank of Alex.' They're putting a little ATM machine up in my locker." Smith described it all quite fondly, and in that moment, it was obvious his teammates' support — disguised as ribbing — meant a lot to him.

"All of the players were fired up for him," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "Sometimes you don't see that on teams."



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