



College finances reviewed

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The Colby Community College trustees got an update at the college's finances at their monthly meeting last Monday, learning that the college spent slightly more money than expected at the start of the school year.

Glenda Overstreet, chief financial officer for the college, reported that the college has \$13.6 million out of its \$15,175,000 budget remaining, or 90.2 percent of the budget. This is actually more money than the college thought it would spend since approving the budget in July, she said, because of unforeseen contingencies and start up costs for the beginning of the school year.

The college had encumbrances of \$551,963 and an unrestricted cash balance of \$2,691,432 at the end of August.

Trustee Linda Vaughn asked

why the college could not pay off more money that it owes if it has an unrestricted cash balance of \$2.6 million. Overstreet said the college is looking for a way to pay them. The college has reconciled bank accounts through July and paid all accounts it owes that are more than 90 days old, Overstreet said. The bookkeepers are trying to make sure all accounts that old are paid, she added, and preferably will pay off all accounts by the time they are 60 days old.

The college is reviewing purchase orders, Overstreet reported, trying to contain costs. The college is also doing audit work on financial aid and other areas, Overstreet reported, and has submitted the state budget form to the county, the Board of Regents and stakeholders.

College employees will be paid on the 20th of each month starting in September, she said. A new time entry system was installed and training was conducted.

Jet emergency forces landing

WICHITA (AP) — A 50-seat jet flying to Dallas was forced to land in Wichita after its windshield cracked.

No one was injured onboard the Embraer regional jet that took off from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Spokeswoman Valerie Wise says the plane was over Salina this morning when the pilot said he needed to make an emergency

landing at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport.

The Wichita Eagle reports (bit.ly/1ri4CQD) the jet landed safely. The flight, which was being flown for American Airlines, carried 52 people, including crew.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the windshield to crack.

Challenger discloses assets

By John Hanna
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — The independent candidate trying to unseat U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts in Kansas disclosed today that he owns assets worth between \$21.5 million and \$86 million.

Greg Orman, a 45-year-old Olathe businessman, released the 38-page document to reporters after submitting it to the Senate over the weekend to meet disclosure requirements.

The report shows that since the beginning of 2013, Orman and his wife, Sybil, have earned between \$917,000 and \$4.5 million in income. Most of the assets and income are associated with Orman's business interests.

"These filings highlight Greg Orman's track record of success as a businessman, starting companies and creating jobs," said Orman campaign manager Jim Jonas.

Roberts reported in August that he and his wife own assets worth between \$1.6 million and \$4 million, with outside income in 2013 of between \$83,800 and \$260,100.

Orman's report shows holdings in multiple real estate companies with interests in medical buildings, apartments and condominiums. Orman also reports owning a vacation condo unit in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, worth between \$1 million and \$5 million, which the

campaign listed as an investment property.

He also has interests in energy and personal and commercial loans.

Orman is the co-founder of a private equity firm and his business dealings have come under scrutiny because of his personal and business ties to Rajat K. Gupta, a former Goldman Sachs board member sentenced to federal prison in 2012 for insider trading, one of the biggest catches in a multi-year government crackdown on Wall Street.

Roberts campaign manager Corry Bliss said the disclosure report doesn't answer enough questions about those ties and Orman's other businessman dealings.

"More is expected than the bare minimum requirement Orman released today," Bliss said.

The disclosure form says Orman has a 25 percent stake Exemplar Wealth Management, an Olathe firm, worth between \$15,000 and \$50,000. Orman and Gupta are listing as two of the three owners of more than 5 percent of the firm in annual reports for 2009 through 2013.

Orman's report also said he served as a director of New Silk Route Advisors, a private, New York-based equity firm from April 2013 to March 2014. Orman was Gupta's representative, but his disclosure firm lists no stake in the company, nor any compensation.



Dancing into autumn



MARIAN BALLARD
Colby Free Press

Parents and kids alike had to go under the bridge (above) in "The Noble Duke of York," a dance demonstrated by the students at Sacred Heart Catholic School before parents were invited to join the fun Sunday evening. The school's Harvest Hoedown began with a potluck, which these students turned into a picnic (left). Following the meal, the kids showed off their fancy steps, including "tinkling" (bottom) in which the third through fifth graders had some fancy footwork dancing over and around moving jump bands. Other dances they showed off were Going to Kentucky and the Virginia reel.

Back-to-school students busy

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George McNulty, vice president of student affairs, reported on back-to-school events to the Colby Community College trustees Monday night.

The events include a mud volleyball tournament, the "Trojan Late Night" on Aug. 21, where students could play with Lego blocks, and "grocery bingo" on Aug. 26, along with upcoming events like Senior Day on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and movies planned each month during the semester.

Thirty-seven students graduated after the summer session, including six with an Associate of Arts degree, one with an Associate of Science, 26 with Associate of Applied Science degrees and four with certificates.

About 312 students are living in the dorms on campus, which McNulty said could hold up to 345. All the dorms are livable, he said, but Living Center North could use some improve-

ments. Some coaches and resident advisers are living there right now.

He said the financial aid department is getting ready to give out financial disbursements. In other reports, administrators to the trustees:

• Greg Nichols, vice president of academic affairs, reported that some programs at the college need to complete an assessment each year. The faculty has recently started working on the 2013-2014 program level assessments, which have been compiled through June.

Dirt work has been completed in three pens at the college farm, Nichols reported. He thanked Trustee Audrey Hines and Cornerstone Ag, which she works for, for providing the dirt. The four cattle from the farm recently sold with the approval of the trustees went for a total of \$6,616.

The college will receive a \$60,109 Kansas Nursing Initiative grant for the 2015 fiscal year, Nichols reported, noting that last year's grant was for \$60,926. The choir has 30 students for the fall. The concert band and pep

band each have 15, the jazz band 13.

• Debbie Schwanke, the college's public information officer, reported that President Stephen Vacik has started recording a radio program, adding that Dr. Vacik is good enough at radio to do the recording on his own. The recording will be broadcast on Monday morning each week on KXXX/KRDQ, starting the morning before the trustees meeting, and then re-broadcast on the college's station, KTCC.

Schwanke also reported that she has taken the pictures for the sports media guide produced by the college each year. There are over 20 sponsors for the publication, she said.

An open house for "nontraditional" students was held with information about on-campus, online and hybrid courses. The Homecoming committee continues to meet to plan Home-

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Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A chance of rain and thunderstorms before 7 p.m., then rain likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., then a chance of rain and thunderstorms after 5 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 a.m. Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the morning.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. Breezy.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy.

Friday: High, 89; Low 60
Saturday: High, 87; Low 51
Sunday: High, 78; Low 51
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.88 inches
Year: 15.47 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:33 a.m. 7:40 p.m.
Moon: waning, 0 percent
Wednesday 7:34 a.m. 7:38 p.m.
New moon at 1:14 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Stretch that bridge wide!

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Tall parents and short kids made for some interesting moments and laughter as they danced together during the Harvest Hoedown at the Sacred Heart Catholic School Sunday.



Back-to-school keeps students busy

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coming week this year, during which time capsule will be made to mark the college's 50-year anniversary.

Sen. Jerry Moran spoke at the Kiwanis Club's meeting at the college on Aug. 28, Schwanke reported. Upcoming events included Dr. Sheila Schroeder's speech Tuesday night, volleyball games on Wednesday and today, and the Phi Theta Kappa induc-

tion on Saturday, Oct. 4. There will also be a Western Experience Trail Ride on Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Smoky Valley Ranch in Logan County, part of a series of activities meant to showcase the college's location in rural America.

Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy reported that he is working with Schwanke on the media guide, which he expects will be out in late October or early November. The college held its annual cross country meet and

will hold the Region VI cross country championships next month.

At the home meet, Chris Speaks took first for the second year in a row. Marissa Bland finished in the top 10 when the women's golf team had its first conference meet last weekend. The baseball and softball teams started playing last weekend, and the volleyball team had its first road conference win Sept. 10.

Mideast strategy not in the clear yet

By Bradley Klapper

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama's Mideast war strategy isn't in the clear yet in Congress.

The president got what he wanted this past week when the House and Senate overwhelmingly approved arming and training moderate Syrian rebels to fight Islamic State militants. But the go-ahead is good for less than three months. And many lawmakers want a say over the rest of a plan featuring some 1,600 U.S. military advisers in Iraq and airstrikes expanding into Syria.

Congressional authorization for military action is "long overdue," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat and the most senior member of Congress to question Obama's legal basis for intervening in the Middle East. "We are living on borrowed time, and we are traveling on vapors."

A showdown looms when lawmakers return to the Capitol after midterm elections - and no

one knows yet how it's going to play out.

Permission to prepare vetted Syrian opposition units as a ground force to complement U.S. airstrikes expires Dec. 11, at which point the training effort won't even have begun. American military leaders say the operation needs up to five months to get off the ground. Authorization for the training program is also included in a version of this year's defense policy bill, but its passage is not guaranteed.

Although some recent polls suggest a swing in U.S. attitudes toward backing foreign intervention, the scars of 13 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan haven't fully healed.

Public and congressional support may only be temporary, heated after the beheadings of two American journalists by Islamic State group militants. Twenty-two senators and 156 House members, Republican and Democrats included, opposed the provision last week. Several in both chambers said they voted "yes" half-heartedly. "I know it's not a perfect

plan, but I think we need to start somewhere," Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I., told Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel at a hearing.

November's elections will have a significant impact. If Republicans win the Senate majority, they may delay reauthorization until January when newly elected senators are in place and they are able to leverage concessions from Obama on foreign and domestic policy matters, including possibly a new round of sanctions on Iran.

If they fail to net six seats and remain in the minority, Republicans may emerge less determined to cooperate with the president.

For Obama, Democrats also are unsteady allies. Most in close Senate races voted for the Syrian training mission, but several leading doves bucked the trend. And many said they hoped to revisit the issue when Congress reconvenes.

In both parties, the specter of a 2016 presidential race will also begin to appear, with potential candidates jockeying for influence and staking out posi-

tions in defiance of party leaders who've all backed Obama on the issue up to now.

"We must now defend ourselves from these barbarous jihadists, but let's not compound the problem by arming feckless rebels in Syria who seem to be merely a pit stop for the arms that are inevitably scarfed up by ISIS," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., one such possible candidate, using one of the acronyms for the Islamic State group.

Calls for Congress to establish the legal parameters for fighting the militants come from both parties and cover the breadth of the political spectrum. There has been widespread rejection of the administration's argument that it can operate on the basis of a 2001 law authorizing action against al-Qaida and its affiliates and a 2002 resolution for the Iraq war.

The Islamic State group militants grew out of the al-Qaida movement, but the two alliances are now fighting. The Islamic State group didn't exist at the time of either vote.

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.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Author to talk about new book at 'Booked'

Marj Brown will review her new book, "Secrets of Roberts Mountain," at a Booked for Lunch program at the Pioneer Memorial Library at 12:15 p.m. next Wednesday, Oct. 1. For information about the book, call Brown at (785) 462-3515.

Orchestra in rehearsal, looking for players

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra has started rehearsals. Everyone interested in playing is invited to rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Colby Community College band room, in the Cultural Arts Center. For questions, call Mary Shoaff, (785) 462-2159, or Janet Hopson, (785) 462-5102.

Retired teachers meet for lunch and program

The Northwest Prairie Winds retired teachers will meet for lunch at noon Tuesday at Beyond the Mug, 365 N. Franklin, moving to the Prairie Museum of Art and History for a program after lunch. All retired teachers are welcome, along with family or friends. For information or a reservation, contact Penny Arnoldy at (785) 460-6944 or at pArnoldy125@gmail.com.

Volunteer training for emergencies

Thomas County Emergency Management will hold emergency response training from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. over four Saturdays beginning Oct. 11 at the Colby Fire Department. Register by Tuesday. For information or to register, call Autumn AraSmith or David Becker at 460-4516.

Health Department offering flu shots

The Thomas County Health Department is holding flu clinics as long as vaccine supplies hold out. No appointment is necessary; just fill out and print a consent form at www.thomascountytks.com under the Health Department tab. Remaining dates are next week, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Health Department, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 2. For information, call 460-4596.

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TUESDAY EVENING

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

Table of TV listings for Wednesday, September 24, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

Museum events honor past, celebrate our Kansas heritage

If there weren't any other way to tell what time of year it is, the decline in visitor traffic and upsurge in weddings would tell us that school has started and fall is around the corner. The summer stream of family vacationers has slowed significantly, though travelers with no ties to the school year continue to drop in.

We were pleased to have the Northwest Research-Extension Center's big centennial celebration dinner and program in the barn on Sept. 4. About 150 people came out to enjoy a hearty meal and presentations on the history of the station, the whimsical north-west Kansas climate and factors influencing it, and a look at university priorities in research and extension for the coming years. Whoever ordered up the fine weather for the evening after the previous day's heat wave has everyone's gratitude.

September and October will be busy months with six weddings and/or receptions on tap, most in the Cooper Barn, along with assorted educational events.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students in the Colby after-school program will be here on Wednesday for a couple hours of settlement-era activities, and the Colby High juniors will be joining us in a few weeks for a similar program as they have done each fall for the past four years. The Northwest Kansas Homeschool Association has also requested a pioneer program for their students Thursday in Hoxie. We are tentatively holding a day of activities Saturday, Oct. 4, in which Girl Scouts can earn their "Playing the Past" badge, depending on how many sign up.

Something new we are trying this fall is a "talking tombstone" program at Beulah Cemetery (also known as "Boolah" Cemetery for this occasion) on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 18. This is sort of like *Night at the Museum* in that historian-actors will portray people from the past, only the people will be located by their tombstones at the cemetery. Nancy Rundel's drama students have taken on this project and will be portraying figures from Thomas County's past along with a few of our "Night" alumni.

This free program will be another opportunity to learn about local history and explore the older part of the cemetery. We are excited to have high school students participating in this project; look for details soon, and plan on attending.



ANN MINER and CHRISTINA BERINGER Prairie Museum of Art and History Quite a crowd gathered (above) for the Northwest Research and Extension Center centennial at the Cooper Barn. These posters (right) marked the event. The current exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History features the art of Allen Bailey (bottom right).



Ann Miner
• Around the Museum

We are exhibiting Allen Bailey's western-themed paintings of wildlife, landscapes, railroads and people. Many of you know him as the Marshal of Dodge City, musician and host of the High Plains Public Radio program, "Western Swing and Other Things." The exhibit will be up through Sunday, Oct. 26; on that date we will hold a reception for Bailey during which he'll tell some of the stories behind the paintings and sing a few songs. But you don't have to wait until then to view the free exhibit.

We are open 9 to 5 on weekdays and 1 to 5 on weekends; call (785) 460-4590 for information.

Ann Miner is the Education Director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.



New pest poses sorghum problems

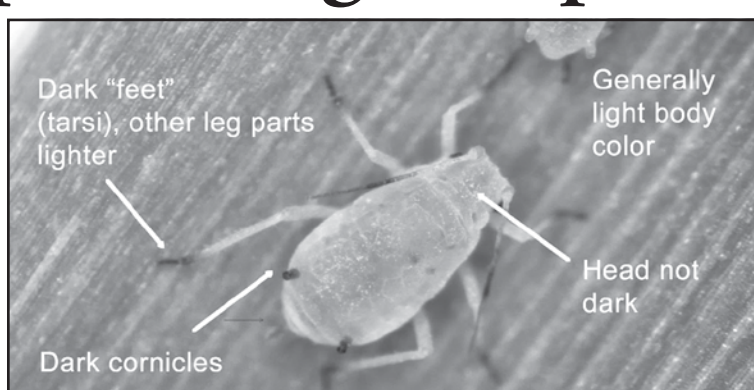
An invasion of sorts has occurred in Kansas, and the invaders may pose a problem for this year's sorghum harvest – but not in the way you might think.

"The sugarcane aphid, *Melanaphis sacchari*, also known as the sorghum aphid was recently detected in Kansas for the first time ever," said Kansas State University entomologist Jeff Whitworth. "Scott Armstrong, entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Stillwater, Okla., officially confirmed the identity of this particular sorghum pest on Aug. 29 from specimens he collected in a mature sorghum field in Sumner County, Kan."

To differentiate this pest from the yellow sugarcane aphid, *Siphonophora flava*, some scientists and grain producers are calling it the "white" sugarcane aphid.

"White" sugarcane aphids have been troublesome in the southeastern United States prior to 2013, said Whitworth, who is a crop production specialist with K-State Research and Extension. In 2013, problems were reported in eastern Texas, and the pests have since moved into Oklahoma and have now apparently invaded Kansas.

Kansas' farms grow more sorghum than any other state. In 2013, Kansas produced 165 million of the total 389 million bush-



SCOTT ARMSTRONG/USDA-ARS, Stillwater, Okla. and RICK GRANTHUM/Oklahoma State University

The sugarcane aphid, *Melanaphis sacchari*, also known as the sorghum aphid or "white" sugarcane aphid was detected in late August in Kansas for the first time ever. It has caused problems in Texas and Oklahoma sorghum crops in recent years.

els grown in the U.S., according to the Department of Agriculture. Texas was second at just under 129 million bushels.

"This (sugarcane) aphid is yellowish-lime green with black cornicles (tailpipes) and probably will not do much damage by feeding on sorghum plants at this time, as sorghum is mature across the state," Whitworth said. "However, they produce copious amounts of honeydew, which can interfere with grain harvest because of the stickiness of the honeydew."

So far it is unclear whether "white" sugarcane aphids will be able to withstand Kansas winters,

he said. Producers who have aphids in sorghum that appear yellow to

Selden Cemetery

In order to keep maintenance costs at a minimum, all ornamental items and flowers at the Selden Cemetery should be picked up by October 1st. Any items left will be picked up and discarded.

Thank you

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Deaths

Charles Lloyd 'Chuck' Kammer

Charles Lloyd Kammer, 59, an over the road truck driver from Silver City, N.M., son of Nadine Kammer of Colby, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, in Breau Bridge, La.

Survivors also include his wife,

Patcy (Halbleib) Kammer, a daughter, Sarah Kammer, a sister, Lou Brown, and a brother, Ken Kammer.

A celebration of life service will be scheduled later.

Kevin S. Finley

Kevin S. Finley, 56, Atwood, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, at his home.

He was born in Atwood to John D. and Doris E. (Luedke) Finley. In 1976, he graduated from Atwood High School.

He completed two years at Colby Community College before starting his own insulation, siding and window business, Finley Energy Corp. in 1979.

On Sept. 1, 1979, he married Karin Snodgrass. They recently celebrated their 35th anniversary.

He enjoyed taking his well-trained Labrador retrievers hunting, and the couple especially enjoyed going to the Beaver Creek European-style hunts.

A talented singer, he sang in choir in high school and college. Later he and his wife sang at many weddings together.

He was a passionate golfer, on the course nearly every day with the 12:30 regulars. He was always

willing to give free golf lessons and advice.

The couple traveled a lot, and he enjoyed combining a trip and golfing.

Preceding him in death were his father and his parents-in-law. Lonnie and Barbara Snodgrass.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; his mother, of Atwood; four brothers, Stephen (Anita) Finley, Larry Finley, Doug (Donna) Finley, and Brad (Laurie) Finley; and two sisters-in-law, Paula Slater and Linda (Jeff) Glad.

A celebration of life gathering will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, at the Atwood Country Club No. 4 fairway.

No visitation. Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Atwood Country Club building fund, in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Kansas students ACT scores up again

The percentage of Kansas high school graduates meeting college readiness benchmarks in all areas measured on the ACT college entrance exam, increased for the fourth year in a row, and the average composite score recorded its largest increase since 2011.

Seventy-five percent of Kansas high school graduating seniors participated in the 2014 ACT test compared to 57 percent nationally. Of those students, 31 percent met college readiness benchmarks in English, reading, math and science, (up from 30 percent in 2013, 29 percent in 2012 and 28 percent in 2011 and 2010), well ahead of the national average of 26 percent.

The ACT college readiness benchmarks represent scores that would indicate a level of preparation needed to have at least a 50 percent chance of achieving a grade of B or above in entry-level college coursework.

The percentage of 2014 Kansas graduating students taking the ACT who met college readiness benchmarks in English and reading held steady from 2013 at 72 percent and 52 percent, respectively. The percentage of graduating students meeting college readiness benchmarks in math declined for the second year in a row (50 percent in 2014 versus 51 percent in 2013 and 52 percent in 2012). The most significant increase was in the percentage of students reported to be meeting science benchmarks (44 percent in 2014 versus 42 percent in 2013 and 35 percent in 2012).

"We are pleased with the increased number of Kansas high school graduates now taking the ACT," said Brad Neuenswander, interim education commissioner. "This gives us a more complete picture of the college readiness

of our students and helps inform state and local education decisions in Kansas. Our students continue to score ahead of the national average and our goal is to continue to increase the number of children meeting and exceeding established benchmarks."

Overall, the average composite score in the state was 22, up two-tenths of a percent from 21.8 in 2013. The national composite score increased to 21 in 2014 from 20.9 in 2013.

In comparing Kansas' 2014 ACT college readiness scores with those states that also have 75 percent or more of its graduating high school students taking the ACT exam, Kansas' average composite score of 22 ranked second highest. Minnesota reported a composite score of 22.9 and South Dakota reported a composite score of 21.9.

Results of the exam continue to demonstrate the importance of taking core coursework in high school, including four years of English and three years each of math, science and social studies.

In Kansas, 80 percent of the 2014 graduates who took the ACT exam completed core or more coursework in high school and their average composite score was 22.7; 3.3 percentage points higher than those student who had not taken core coursework and 0.7 percentage points higher than the average composite score for all Kansas graduates taking the exam.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners Tuesday were: first, Faye Goeken; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Gail Vacca; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Margaret Denmeler.

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
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Other Viewpoints

Renewable energy working for Kansas

Despite Gov. Sam Brownback's sudden lack of support for it, the renewable energy mandate in Kansas deserves to be kept. The Renewable Portfolio Standard requires the state to get at least 20 percent of its electric power from sources such as the sun and wind by 2020. It has created thousands of jobs in the wind industry, provided new income to farmers and kept electricity prices in check for utility customers since bipartisan approval by the Kansas Legislature in 2009.

Unfortunately, its few enemies are rich and influential when it comes to lavishing campaign contributions on lawmakers. Opponents include special interest groups that financially benefit from the dominance of coal and other polluting fossil fuels (hello, Koch Industries) as well as conservative lobbying groups such as the American Legislative Exchange Council, Americans for Prosperity (a Koch-funded group) and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

The newest threat to the clean-energy renewable standard comes from someone with plenty of political clout. In recent weeks, Brownback has indicated he has thrown in his lot with enemies of the rules, and will work to repeal them if he's re-elected this fall.

The fact that Brownback would take this position on an issue that has benefited so many Kansans undermines his credibility as someone looking out for consumers, not special interests.

Democrat Paul Davis, Brownback's opponent, has the right answer. "I will veto a bill that repeals our RPS," he said during his state fair debate with the governor in Hutchinson.

At the time, Brownback ducked the issue, saying, "Let's see if a bill gets to my desk."

That's not leadership. In fact, just days earlier, Brownback had conceded he was open to the idea of the repeal, talking about how interested parties could come together to hasten the demise of the renewable standard.

But why would the wind industry, in particular, want to do that? Remember, this state law is working exactly as intended. It has brought jobs to Kansas, something Brownback and other GOP lawmakers purport to be interested in.

It has helped farmers who receive lease payments when wind turbines are placed on their properties, part of the reason several rural GOP lawmakers defend the standard.

And the rules have not led to an explosion in electricity rates, despite statements to the contrary by some state lawmakers.

Instead, as the Kansas Corporation Commission has found, the cost of the renewable mandate actually accounted for only about 2 percent of the cost of electricity in the state.

Want to see a true driving force behind higher utility expenses? Consider the hundreds of millions spent to install equipment at coal-fired power plants to slash pollution.

Repeated attempts in the Legislature to repeal the standard have not succeeded. Most recently that was because of opposition by Republican lawmakers in 2014. For that, at least six House members were targeted for defeat in primaries. All won.

Brownback should retreat from his current stance and go back to playing a more familiar and positive role for Kansans, the one where he's been a champion of wind power, especially in a state known as the Saudi Arabia of wind.

The energy standard needs to be retained, and even strengthened with requirements for using more renewable power in the future.

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Institutional racism still exists

For some time, I've thought that while there are examples of police brutality and racial profiling in this country these are not as prevalent as critics have argued.

But, as the stream of allegations about police brutality and harassment against African Americans, particularly poor African Americans living in the inner cities, pours in, I've reassessed my position. It has become clear that our country has a problem with institutionalized racism that needs to be acknowledged as a reality, and then changed so people are no longer wrongly harassed or subjected to an overly militarized response from police forces.

I remain someone who has the utmost respect for most police officers. They deserve plaudits for the dangerous job they perform to protect the public from nefarious elements in our communities who have decided to prey on law-abiding citizens for self-interested reasons. But, in many places across the nation, it's clear that something has gone wrong.

The events in Ferguson serve as a microcosm of a larger problem. I won't pretend to know what happened when unarmed teenager Michael Brown was fatally shot by St. Louis police officer Darren Wilson. Some of Brown's defenders say he put his hands up to surrender when he was shot, while Wilson said Brown assaulted him in his car and tried to grab his handgun. We may never know the truth.

The reaction to Brown's death has been viewed mainly through political filters with a



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

polarized public tending to believe the version that best conforms to their world view. For liberals, the incident provided proof of police brutality against African Americans, while for conservatives it reinforced stereotypes about the nihilism that has allegedly run amok in the nation's inner cities along with the media's bias against American law enforcement.

While there is some truth that liberals are often quick to rush to judgment when it comes to alleged examples of police brutality, there also seems to be an equally visceral tendency among conservatives to never question law enforcement, especially when it involves an altercation with a black teen who fits a specific profile: baggy pants, dreadlocks or corn rows, and an affinity for rap music. Many white people fear these young men, so when they are arrested or even killed it is assumed that they probably deserved what they got.

When Julia Ioffe of the liberal magazine *The New Republic*, interviewed people from the upscale St. Louis suburb of Olivette about the protests that followed Brown's death the

responses she got were depressing.

"I don't think it's about justice for Michael Brown's family," said one teenage boy. "It's just an excuse for people to do whatever they want to do."

"People are just taking the opportunity to satisfy their desire for junk," one woman added.

It's sad that many white people won't even consider whether racial disparity is still a serious problem in our justice system. Nor do they seem able to comprehend the fact that not everyone who believes we have a racially-biased justice system is a looter or a racial ambulance chaser. Their predetermined ideas prevent them from even thinking these thoughts.

This is a dangerous situation because it dehumanizes black teens in the eyes of much of middle- and upper-class white America. And, when a group is dehumanized, things can be done to them that would never be justified if they were committed against another group not perceived as a threat.

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Education rankings? Who do you ask?

Where does Kansas rank when it comes to the quality of schools, teachers, and the education provided? It depends on who does the survey, what they measure, and how they interpret the results.

If you follow *US News and World Report*, Kansas ranks No. 47 (fourth from the bottom with Washington, D.C., as a 51st "state") based on a mix of reading and math scores, advancing the performance of poor kids, and levels of advanced placement students.

But based on parents, students and teachers submitting 1 to 5 scales to the national online "School Digger" site, Kansas ranks No. 4 from the top.

Michelle Rhee's StudentsFirst uses a report card that finds many states, including Kansas, essentially failing. Her group assigns scores for states allowing private school vouchers, charter schools and a "parent trigger" that permits parents to take charge of failing schools. Kansas requires charter schools to be recommended by the local district and that dooms Kansas on any ranking system sponsored by groups favoring them. The American Federation of Teachers' Randi Weingarten points out that Rhee's group gave "the top-ranked state of Maryland a D-plus for failing to embrace the StudentsFirst agenda of testing, sanctioning teachers and divesting from public schools."

WalletHub, a financial social media company, recently came out ranking Kansas as fifth highest in the nation as a "top-performing state in terms of education." This is apparently the ranking Gov. Brownback toutis in his campaign for re-election. WalletHub's 12 "key metrics" include: student-teacher ratios, dropout rates, bullying incidents, etc. Their criteria of "lowest percentage of children who repeated one or more grades" failed to realize that some states automatically promote all students and there-



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

fore would have no repeats by law.

Education Week, the school newspaper of record, issues annual rankings on criteria that vary year by year and involve ever-changing fads. Because Kansas educational governance does not allow for rapid turnover in leadership, and with our relatively unconsolidated rural school autonomy, Kansas does not see the rapid adoption of educational cure-alls that whipsaw teachers in other states. As a result, *Education Week* surveys often rank Kansas in the middle of the pack, often as low as No. 37.

The January 2014 report by the National Council on Teacher Quality has its own agenda, giving Kansas various D's for not expanding the teacher pool or identifying effective teachers, and an F for not "exiting" (firing) ineffective teachers. In an earlier report, the council praised Kansas for depth of training science teachers along with 10 other states, while 39 states and Washington received low scores for training shallow science teachers.

The American Legislative Exchange Council gave Kansas a B+ and A- for academic standards in language arts and mathematics, respectively. But the council has the same agenda as the national council on school choice and "expanding the teaching pool" (letting more folks teach without training), and gave very similar grades as the council for teacher training and firing. On cost per student, Kansas was ranked 26th and on students scoring

"proficient" or higher, Kansas ranked 19th.

What about a reliable long-term national standard? The National Assessment of Educational Progress was first administered in 1969. Managed by more test-savvy experts at the U.S. Department of Education, the assessment for 2013 has Kansas with 9 states significantly higher, 20 significantly lower, and 22 in the same range with insignificant differences. Thus Kansas is somewhat average.

"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics" wrote Mark Twain (attributing the phrase to Disraeli). The above cases select criteria that are at best arbitrary and incomplete. At worst, they are irrelevant, political, and used to assign meaningless scores to make unjustified policy.

Harvard Professor Daniel Koretz has written a simple book, "Measuring Up," to describe "what educational testing really tells us" that will help a parent understand why test scores and other numbers are not adequate criteria for deciding where to move to provide your child with a good education.

We should focus on having good teachers in our classrooms just as we should be concerned with having good surgeons in our hospitals — period. "State report card" rankings give voice to non-professionals who usually have political agendas.

National Education Association data show Kansas is No. 1 among all 50 states in having the most males in classrooms (33.1 percent). Whether that is good or bad, I do not know. But it is about the only bit of education data that I trust.

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• Bruce Tinsley



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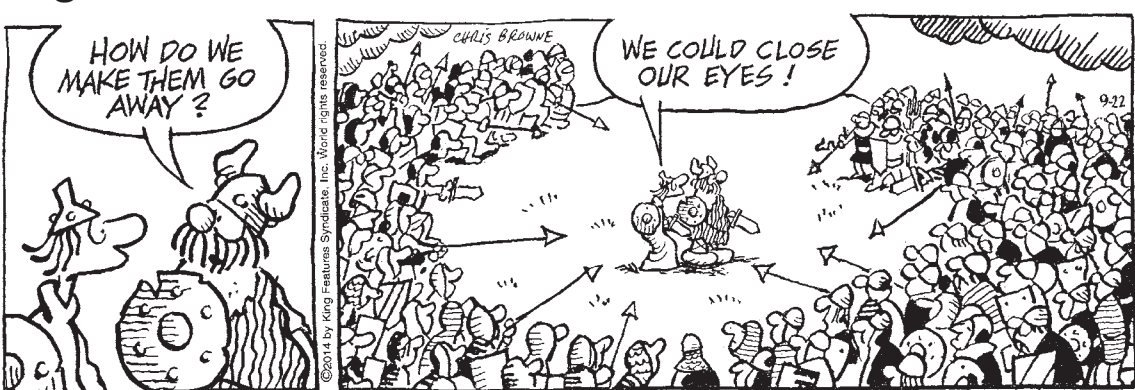
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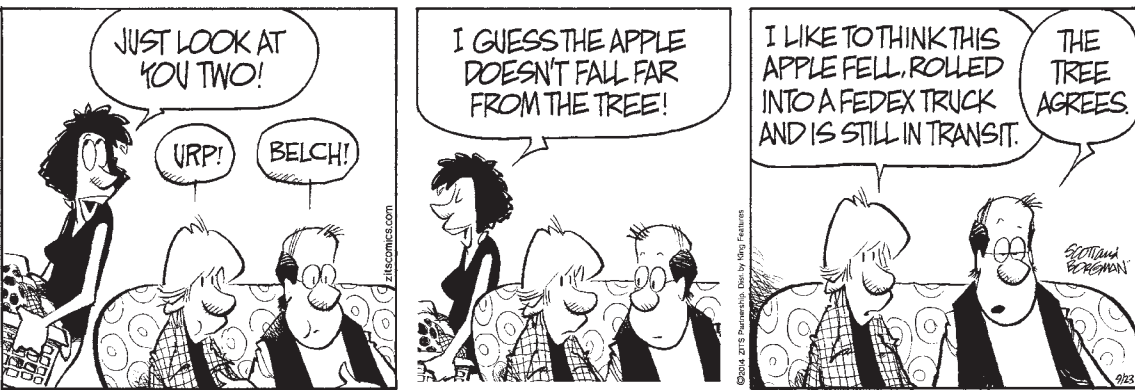
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Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Unusual piece: fireplace bellows

In past centuries, fireplace tools consisted of a poker and tongs to rearrange burning logs, a small shovel to remove ashes, perhaps a whisk broom to sweep up leftover fuel and ashes, and a bellows to encourage flames to burn brighter. The fireplace was the main heating source for small houses before 1900, so a bellows to coax a flame from a dying fire was important.



A man's face is a clever decoration on a bellows used to fan flames in a fireplace. The rare 19th-century bellows sold at auction for \$2,700.

Early bellows probably were a bag made from the skin of a small animal and a piece of metal, usually brass, to direct the gust of air created by squeezing the bellows. Later examples had stiff wooden boards and leather sides.

Nails rust, and leather and wood dry out, crack and have to be replaced, so most of the antique bellows found today are repaired or made in the 19th century. Many were hand-decorated, and some even had wooden sides carved by cabinet makers. Many antique bellows have attractive folk art decorations and are wanted for the art, not for use with a fireplace.

Most new and many old bellows sell for under \$100, but in April 2014, an unusual 1800s bellows with original leather painted to look like a man's face had a bid of \$2,700 at a Showtime auction.

Tip: When rewiring an old Arts and Crafts lamp, use fabric-covered wire that looks very much like the silk-wrapped cord used at the turn of the 20th century.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 5 4
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ A Q 4 2
 ♣ 6 5 2

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ J 10 9 8 3
 ♣ A K

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 6 3
 ♥ J 10 9 5 4
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ 7 6
 ♣ Q J 10 9 8 4

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the Canadian Trials to select a team for the 1972 world women's team championship. The hand features a sparkling defensive play — the kind you read or hear about but rarely ever see.

The heroine of the piece was Sharyn Linkovsky of Montreal, who held the East cards at the first table. Her partner led the jack of diamonds. The winning defense would have been easy to find had declarer played the queen from dummy; in that case, Linkovsky would have taken the king and returned a diamond, leaving South in a hopeless position.

But declarer, no green hand, went up with the ace on the diamond lead, and it was on this trick that Linkovsky made the magnificent play of the king! As a result, declarer went down one. West won the club lead at trick two, established her diamonds and soon afterward got in with another club to cash her remaining diamonds and set the contract.

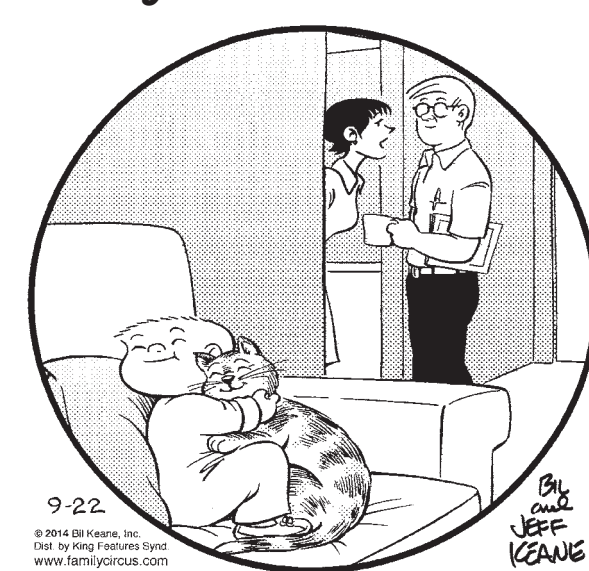
Had Linkovsky not dropped her king of diamonds on the ace, declarer would have made 10 tricks with proper play instead of the eight she actually wound up with.

At the other table, North became declarer at three notrump, and East made the perfectly normal lead of a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led the queen of clubs. West took the king and shifted to the jack of diamonds, but North went up with the ace and led another club to make four notrump.

At the second table, East could have duplicated Linkovsky's feat had she found the brilliant opening lead of the king of diamonds. But in Canada, they don't play the game with mirrors.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/22

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Slightly open
 - 5 Tweak the soundtrack
 - 8 Pageant contestant's wear
 - 12 Panthers' home
 - 14 Choir voice
 - 15 Not merely memorable
 - 16 Deposits
 - 17 Tit for —
 - 18 Storage area
 - 20 Wan
 - 23 Deck in the ring
 - 24 Afterward
 - 25 Ontario city
 - 28 Actress Farrow
 - 29 Plastic-wrap name
 - 30 "Alley —"
 - 32 Light plane
 - 34 Lounge about
 - 35 Prolonged sleep
- DOWN**
- 2 — alai
 - 3 "Error" has three
 - 4 Mean of
 - 5 Grime
 - 6 Singular prefix
 - 7 Card
 - 8 Old West pub
 - 9 Word of woe
 - 10 Eyelid problem
 - 11 Emcee
 - 13 Temporary gift
 - 19 "Lolita" actress Sue
 - 21 Boat
 - 22 Get wind of
 - 23 "M*A*S*H" locale
 - 25 Agra attraction
 - 26 Frog's cousin
 - 27 Leak slowly
 - 29 Location
 - 31 Apiece
 - 33 Leopard-like cat
 - 34 Whitman's "When — Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd"
 - 36 Strahan co-host
 - 37 Swine
 - 38 Fix texts
 - 39 Angry
 - 40 On the briny
 - 43 Anger
 - 44 Japanese theater
 - 45 Altar affirmative
 - 46 Bee follower

Saturday's answer 9-22

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Mama mia! Colby celebrates delicious win

By R.B. Headley

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Colby High's most ferocious "Italian Stallion" finally saw a quarterback he knew there was no chance to catch Friday evening.

Eric Schuette couldn't have been happier about that fact.

"I was running down the sideline, wanting him (quarterback Josh Matchell) to keep going," the senior linebacker said about a 72-yard touchdown that ignited Colby's 27-12 triumph over Hugoton at Dennen Field.

"Did I keep up with him?," Schuette added. "No."

Matchell admitted he felt like a Hugoton Eagle was right on his heels throughout this unforgettable second-quarter "18 load option" run.

It all began when Matchell ran right, cut upfield and saw junior lineman Austin Hart throw one massive Eagle-crushing block.

Yet this journey really began days ago, not long after Colby had been crushed 59-19 against powerful Scott City on a chilly, depressingly drizzly home opener at Dennen Field.

The Eagles' defeat streak had reached 16 games, clear back to Sept. 21 of all these senior good friends' sophomore years.

"He's Italian," Matchell said about Schuette, which this reporter gullibly believed since he'd eaten at Colby's new Italian restaurant (Napoli's) just hours earlier.

"It's really good," he added about the Napoli's cuisine.

At least that statement was totally true.

Yet anyhow, Colby's victory run really started in the early hours of last week.

"We were more dedicated," Schuette said. "We had goal sheets. We went in early and lifted weights."

"We stayed after practice and worked on things," the seniors all confirmed.

It clearly began paying off when Matchell outran those final Hugoton Eagles for Colby's first touchdown Friday evening.

Perhaps it paid off even more after Hugoton scored its first TD on a stunning 43-yard third-period pass.

Suddenly, Colby's 14-0 halftime lead was 14-6 and memories of losing a 10-point, fourth-quarter lead at Oakley two weeks earlier propably danced through some Colby fans' heads.

Whack! Senior Zachary Young blasted past blockers to reject Hugoton's PAT kick and help get every Colby Eagle refocused.

The offense then embarked on perhaps its most important drive all season.

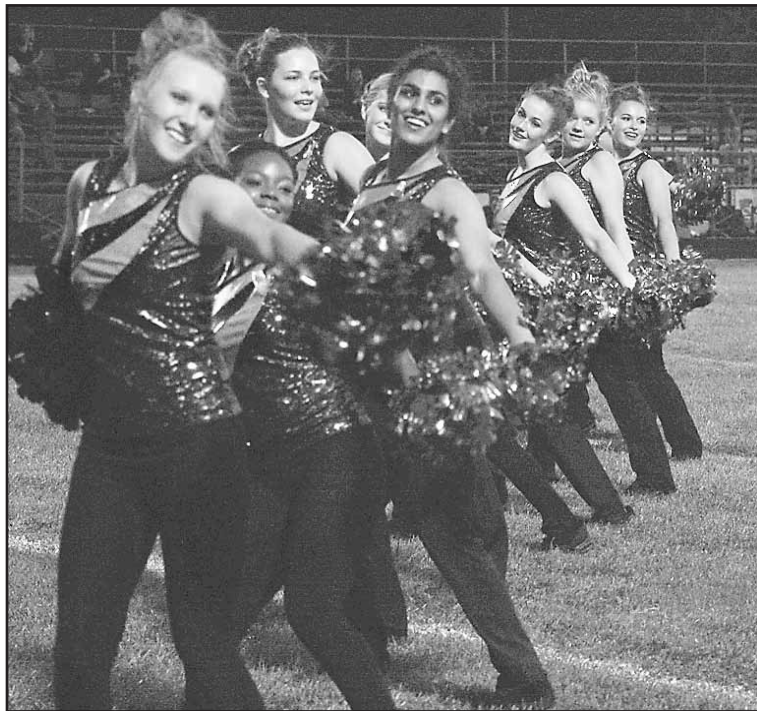
"Their first touchdown was a setback, but we just thought about being resilient," Matchell explained. "Keep moving forward. Yeah, I'd say it was (a huge ensuing drive) because we started way back."

Colby kept moving forward until facing fourth down-and-one just inside Hugoton's 40. Matchell had already sneaked successfully on pressure-packed plays as line-



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press and REBEL JAY

Going, going, gone! was senior quarterback Josh Matchell (left) on a 72-yard touchdown run that started Colby High's 27-12 home victory over Hugoton Friday evening. Eagle teammates (above) happily got in line and sang their school song while celebrating the end of 17-game varsity football losing streak. Colby defenders often caught Hugoton Eagles like quarterback Parker Titus (below right) as junior Bryce Aramberger (55) and others were relentless. Fans filled Dennen Field to see the Colby High dance team (below left) put on a superb halftime performance.



men Hart, senior Jay Ziegelmeier, juniors Brady Slinger, Casey Quagliano and others would lead the way to an awesome 390 rushing yards.

Matchell easily achieved another first down — but then he decided on another route.

"It was supposed to be a sneak, then I saw an opening to the outside," he explained.

Matchell turned upfield and began outrunning Hugotonians again.

"I saw him running, but the guy covering me had his back turned to Josh," senior receiver Austin Russ said. "So I kept acting like Josh was going to throw me a pass so he (the defender) wouldn't see him."

"He never turned around. We had him on that, and Ben (Matchell) was able to take it in (for a touchdown) a couple plays later," Josh added.

Indeed, Colby leading TD-maker Ben Matchell soon blasted across the goal line for his fourth touchdown this season.

Kicker Austin Nichols — another senior — calmly booted his third extra point for a 21-6 Colby advantage.

Although Hugoton (1-2) would also score one more time, the visitors never really threatened Col-

by's victory chances again.

Junior Brady Holzmeister's 35-yard, fourth-quarter run put the final touches on the first win since Colby blanked Hugoton, 21-0, in 2012 at Dennen Field.

Josh Matchell fittingly earned "Player of the Game" honors from other local media — yet every good Eagle fan knows the game was really won upfront.

Besides rushing for 390 yards, Colby's defense held Hugoton to a measly 59. Sophomore nose guard Ethan Jay was among those to plug all those inside running lanes.

Junior Bryce Aramberger caused havoc on both sides of the line despite an ankle injury.

"I thought our D-line really controlled the line of scrimmage, especially in the running game," Colby coach Chris Gardner said. They not only stuffed the visitors' ground attack, good punt pressure forced a weak kick that only reached Hugoton's 29 late in the first half.

Ben Matchell promptly rumbled about 25 yards, even showing some gymnastic talent while nimbly turning sideways and "tip-toeing" down the sideline to Hugoton's two.

Yet after a timeout, Colby Eagles knew the best way into that

Hugoton end zone was full speed and strength ahead.

"We talked it over about what to run, and the lineman said 'sneak,'" Gardner revealed. "They said 'coach, we got this.' These guys are really starting to play for each other and they believe. Josh (Matchell) walked into the end zone."

Matchell's second TD and Nichols extra point gave Colby its 14-0 halftime margin. Linebacker Ben Matchell's blitzing sack finished those first two quarters in fine Colby style.

After controlling most of the second half, the final home-team score came on another fourth-down play. Holzmeister needed just two yards, but went woo-woo! right through a crease to a virtually untouched 35-yard jaunt.

The Eagles now led, 27-6, and didn't flinch when Hugoton delivered a final touchdown with less than two minutes left. Quarterback Parker Titus did pass for 240 yards, including both Hugoton TDs.

However, a final Hugoton on-side kick was terrible and put that football in Colby's hands to stay.

Junior fullback Mathew Pieper powered ahead for one final Colby "first down!" to seal the long-awaited varsity football win.

"We haven't seen that in awhile," another Colby player remarked as his team went into "victory formation" and Josh Matchell took a final knee.

Many Colby students and fans from Dennen Field's nearly-full home stands rushed to the field. They got a good close look while Colby players locked arms and sang the school song.

The Colby Eagles now move on to another challenge at previously 4A state-rated Ulysses (2-1 record), which dropped a 17-14 overtime heartbreaker to Holcomb last weekend.

"We just got to keep building on this," Gardner concluded.

Kickoff will take place at 7 p.m. in Ulysses.

Watch for more details about the Colby Eagles later this week.

Previous Colby win

Amazingly, Colby High's previous varsity football win was same place, same opponent and only two days from being exactly two years ago.

The Eagles blanked Hugoton, 21-0, at Dennen Field on Sept. 21, 2012, as senior running back Beau Brown gained 179 yards on 22 carries including a 64-yard touchdown gallop.

Senior quarterback Zane Winger rushed for another 61 yards on 10 attempts.

The Eagle defense dominated with senior Michael Woofert's 10 tackles (three solos) and three pass interceptions.

Senior Brandon Gaede intercepted two, and senior Macen Schull took his one pick 70 yards to the final Colby touchdown. Junior Andrew Taylor added another nine stops and rushed for 46 yards.

Crusaders win again

Uh oh, the Heartland Christian Crusaders slipped to just a 46-0 victory over visiting Flint Hills Christian from Manhattan Saturday afternoon.

The Crusaders (3-0) were coming off 48-0 and 50-0 triumphs during their first two contests. They settled for 46 on Saturday as the game was called just moments after halftime due to eight-man football's "mercy rule".

All three Crusader games have been actually called early as this senior-led team continues playing awesome football. Flint Hills did bring an impressive 2-0 record



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Heartland Christian senior Blaine Wertz, right, zoomed across the goal line long before this Manhattan Flint Hills Christian defender could stop him Saturday afternoon in Colby.

into Saturday's contest with margins of 60-14 and 88-42. More de-

tails about this latest Crusader win will be featured this week.

Colby takes fourth at Liberal

The Colby High varsity volleyball team won two matches and finished fourth at Saturday's Liberal Tournament.

Colby (7-7 record) was coming off a three-match sweep of the Eagles' home triangular on Thurs-

day.

Saturday began with a sweep of Southwestern Heights 25-20, 25-22. The Eagles then dropped a tough three-set match as Dodge City triumphed 28-26, 16-25, 25-22 despite scoring fewer points.

Colby rebounded to win a two-setter over Pratt 25-15, 25-16.

However, Meade earned a 25-17, 22-25, 25-20 semifinal win over Colby. The Eagles dropped a third-place match to Ulysses 25-23, 25-16. More later this week.

Titans rule on Homecoming

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Homecoming in Brewster was no distraction Friday once the Triplains-Brewster Titans kicked off their football game with Cheylin.

The Titans bolted ahead 24-0 before one quarter was finished and never let their visitors to score during a 46-0 victory.

Titans blasted through to record five tackles for losses, including two sacks from senior Jace Jorgensen and junior Coletton Rogge.

Meanwhile, quarterback Ryan Gfeller shook free to 157 rushing yards and three touchdowns on only 12 carries.

Gfeller averaged better than 13 yards per rush to follow up

his 138-yard effort in a victory at Deerfield one week earlier.

The junior quarterback joined Jorgensen in rushing to five Titan TDs on Homecoming night.

Jorgensen gained 58 yards and reached the end zone twice during his 11 journeys through Cheylin's rather helpless defense.

Juniors Justin Schmidt and Fred Schertz teamed to deliver almost another 80 yards of all-purpose offense.

Schertz gained 32 yards on kick returns, while Schmidt caught a 19-yard pass from Gfeller.

He also gained 22 rushing yards.

Gfeller ran to a pair of two-point conversions and Schmidt added one.

The Titans only attempted eight

passes while holding a big lead throughout most of this contest. Gfeller completed eight covering 18 yards.

Jorgensen's seven tackles and Schertz's six powered Triplains-Brewster first shutout of this 2014 season.

Rogge added five stops with two behind in Cheylin's backfield. Other Titan leading tacklers were juniors Skylor Hansen (four stops), Takoda Turner (three), Taylor Stramel (three), Gfeller (two) and Justin Schmidt (two).

Junior Jeff Draper, sophomores Hudson Stramel, Verlen Plummer and Jaden Schmidt were involved in one defensive stop.

Cheylin slipped to 0-3 this season and have been outscored 145-8 this season.

Trojans earn one win in Texas

Colby Community College's volleyball captured one win during a tough Western Texas College tournament in Snyder, Texas, last weekend.

The Trojans (7-8 record) swept

their opener over Southwest College of the Deaf 25-16, 25-5 and 25-4.

Freshman Mallory Mueller and sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska slammed 12 kills apiece. Fresh-

man setter Miranda Geist delivered 28 assists.

The Trojans dropped their other matches in four sets to Western Texas, five sets vs. Vernon College and five against Laredo.