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It was a busy start to the week in Colby for employees at the Thomas County Courthouse (above), where the fire alarms went off around 9 a.m.

Fire – not – in courthouse

The Thomas County Courthouse emptied briefly this morning after a false fire alarm rang out in the corridors. Employees were standing outside the building shortly after 9 a.m. Judge Rich-

ard Ress said that the fire alarm had gone off about 10 to 15 minutes earlier, but like other courthouse workers, Ress did not seem particularly concerned. He pointed out there were no signs of smoke or fire.

The crowd was walking back into the building about 9:15 a.m. Fire Chief Bob McLemore said later that the alarm had been set off by a faulty sensor in the bell tower.

Tax forum planned in Colby

A bipartisan group formed to oppose Gov. Sam Brownback and his policies plans a public forum on what is says are rising property taxes in Kansas at 7 p.m. next Monday in the Little Theater of the Colby Community Building. Speakers will include Dr. Ed Flentje, professor emeritus at

Wichita State University, and Joan Wagnon, Democratic Party state chair for Kansas and a former secretary of revenue under Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Flentje was a cabinet officer under former Republican gover-

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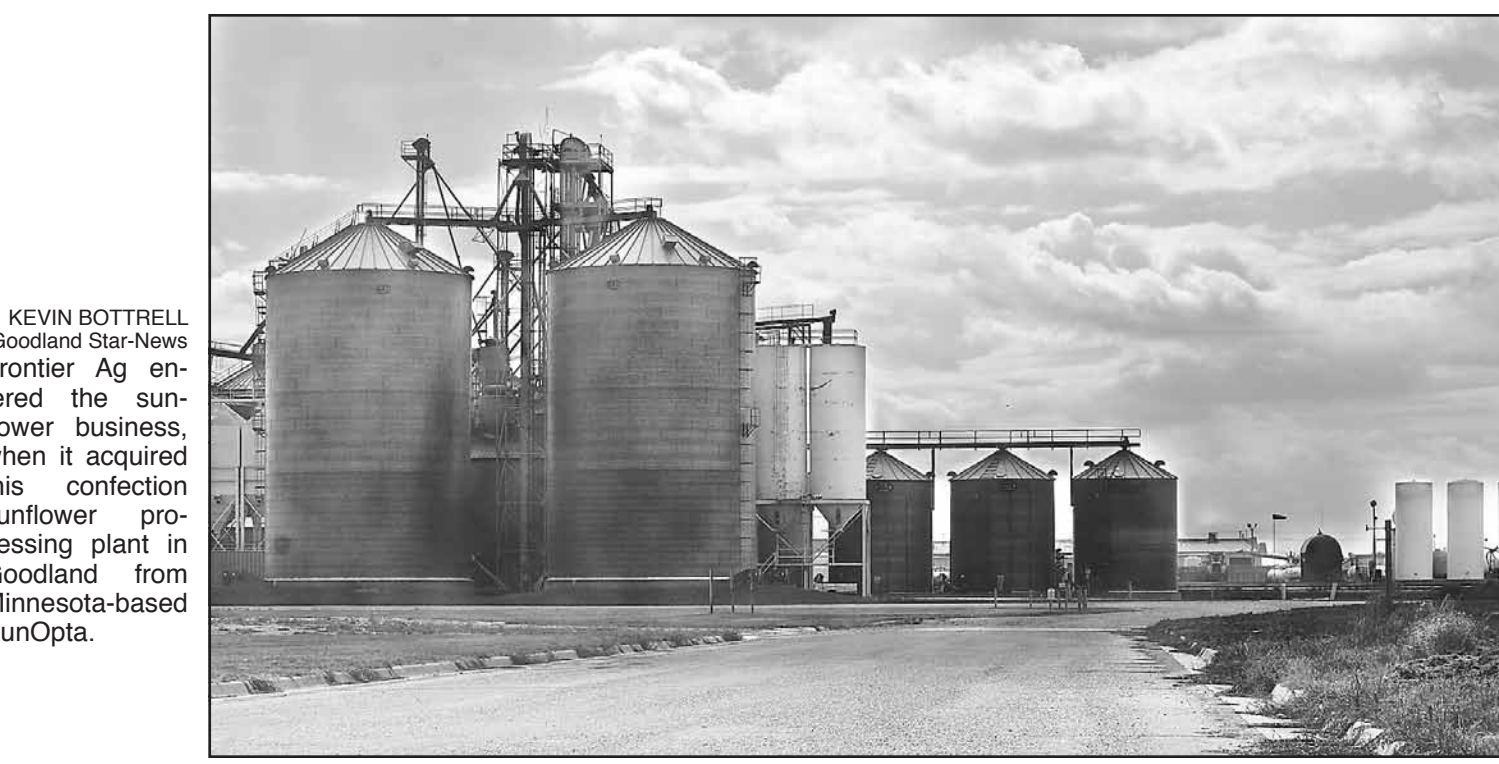
Lawsuit could scramble race

By John Hanna
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA – A key contest in the fight for control of the Senate could turn on the outcome of an arcane legal argument today over whether Democrats must field a candidate against struggling Kansas Republican Sen. Pat Roberts. The case before a Topeka court centers on whether a state election law requires Democrats to pick a new candidate after ex-nominee Chad Taylor withdrew earlier this month. Some Democrats pushed Taylor out, viewing independent candidate Greg Orman as the stronger rival for Roberts and hoping to avoid a split in the anti-Roberts vote that would help the

GOP incumbent stay in office. Republicans need to gain six seats for a Senate majority, and the GOP has always counted on the 78-year-old Roberts winning in a state that has elected only Republicans to the chamber since 1932. Orman, a 45-year-old Olathe businessman, is running as a centrist – promising to caucus with whichever party has a majority and play kingmaker if neither does. Roberts has struggled after a bruising primary and questions about his residency in Kansas. Taylor had to petition the Kansas Supreme Court to force Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Roberts supporter, to remove the

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KEVIN BOTTRELL
Goodland Star-News
Frontier Ag entered the sunflower business, when it acquired this confection sunflower processing plant in Goodland from Minnesota-based SunOpta.

Sunflower plant changes hands

Frontier Ag, based in Oakley and Goodland, has expanded its operations and moved into the sunflower business with the purchase of a facility in Goodland. Last Monday, the company purchased the confection sunflower processing plant in Goodland and the grain elevator in Edson from SunOpta, a Minnesota-based processing company. Frontier will continue to process confection sunflowers at the Goodland plant. "It's just an opportunity to expand in an

area that we weren't operating already," said Brad Cowan, president and chief executive officer of Frontier Ag. "I'm excited about it and looking forward to be able to work with area producers and learn a new business." This will be the first sunflower processing facility for the cooperative, Cowan said. Frontier has over 30 grain elevators in northwest Kansas. The Edson elevator will be operated as a grain elevator, available to farmers during harvest.

All employees have retained their positions with Frontier, and there will be no foreseeable change in employment, said Mike Bretz, one of the workers who came over from SunOpta. Dave Ruddell, a 20-year employee of the sunflower plant, will continue to manage the Goodland facility for Frontier. Bretz, another 20-plus year employee, will be in contact with farmers for harvest delivery and new crop contracts for fall 2015 delivery.

Life Chain to be Sunday

The annual Thomas County Life Chain is scheduled for Sunday in Colby to coordinate with the National Life Chain movement planned for the same day and hour across the U.S. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. that day, an ecumenical group of Christians will line the sidewalks at Fourth and Range (U.S. 24 and K-25) in Colby, silently holding pro-life signs and praying for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is intended to provide a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community in the Thomas County area that abortion is wrong and the church is opposed to the killing of unborn children. It is a testimony that the church supports the sanctity of human life.

Those whose churches are not planning to attend as a group may call Francis and Geri Landry at 460-2258 or 443-3226 to sign up, or e-mail them at land@st-tel.net. "Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the U.S. and Canada," said Geri Landry. "You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. Bring the whole family. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are encouraged, rain or shine." The "chain" will go east and west along Fourth St. and south on Range, she said. All participants are asked to meet at the Sacred Heart School gym at 2 p.m. for instructions and for handing out signs.

Crash leaves drivers injured

Two young people were injured and taken to the hospital in Colby after their vehicles collided about 11:06 p.m. Saturday night on U.S. 24 east of Colby. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Grant Spresser, 18, Gem, was eastbound at mile marker 68, about 12 miles east of town, when his car drifted into the center of the road. His four-door 2006 Volkswagen collided head-on with a westbound 2006 Dodge

Ram driven by Jessica A. Kennedy, 21, Colby. Both drivers lost control of their vehicles. The Volkswagen skidded into the north ditch and stopped facing southwest. The pickup stopped facing southeast, partly in the ditch and partly in the westbound lane, the patrol said. The drivers, who both had been wearing seat belts, were taken to Citizens Medical Center, treated and released.



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In a separate accident Thursday, this car left the road a few miles east of the Brewster exit on Interstate 70, although no

report was available on the details of the accident.

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Low around 52. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. West wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Thursday: A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 72.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Friday: High, 86; Low 54
Saturday: High, 85; Low 55
Sunday: High, 86; Low 56
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 1.53 inches
Year: 17.00 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:39 a.m. 7:28 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 38 percent
Wednesday 7:40 a.m. 7:27 p.m.
First quarter moon at 2:33 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Sharing sweet harmonies



The Armouaires quartet came to the Mingo Bible Church Sunday night. The group, from Wichita, includes Will Arsmith, left, his father David Arsmith, Matthew Esquivel, Andrew Wells and Jarad Kannady.

Tax forum planned next week here

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nors Robert Bennett and Mike Hayden. He has done extensive research on Kansas government.

Wagon is a founder of the group Reroute the Roadmap, formed by six women - three Democrats and three Republicans - to oppose Brownback and his conservative policies. Former Sen. Sheila Frahm of Colby

is another of the six, along with Jill Docking, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. Reroute is sponsoring the forum.

The group says cuts to the state budget have already affected the quality of Kansas schools. Cuts to the income tax proposed by the governor and passed by the Republican-dominated Legislature will force more costs of

schools and other programs to be paid for out of the property tax, it says.

Property taxes for schools have grown more than three times faster in rural counties than in urban areas, Reroute says, based on research by Dr. Flentje, and property taxes for schools in rural areas grew more than five times faster in rural areas.

The group also says property taxes in area counties have risen 20 to 30 percent in the last four years, according to the same research.

The Community Building is at 345 E. Fifth St. in Colby. Organizers say everyone who pays property taxes is welcome to attend.

Lawsuit could scramble Senate race

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Democrat's name from the Nov. 4 ballot. Minutes after the high court ruling, a disgruntled voter sued the Democratic Party to get a replacement on the ballot, and Kobach is attempting to intervene again.

Kobach has said the case must be resolved by Oct. 1 so that counties can print thousands of ballots and people can begin early voting from Oct. 15. He said his goal is enforcing state election law "exactly as it's written."

But Kansas Democratic Party Chairwoman Joan Wagon said of finding a new candidate, "I don't see how, in any kind of practical sense, you can pull this off."

The law in question says that if a candidate vacancy occurs after the primary, it "shall be filled by the party committee" of the district or the state, depending on the office. A three-judge panel in Shawnee County District Court must decide whether the language means all vacancies must be filled, or whether the law simply spells out who fills a vacancy if a party wishes to do it.

A Libertarian is on the ballot and is likely to draw a few percentage points of the vote. A Democratic candidate - even one who doesn't campaign at all - could siphon vital votes from Orman and allow Roberts to prevail.

"There are going to be some Democrats out there who wander into the polling place and see a D and vote for the D," said Bob Beatty, a political science professor at Washburn University of Topeka. "It could be 5 to 10 percent, and that's a lot if Orman wants to win."

About 12 Americans fighting in Syria, not 100

By Eileen Sullivan

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. believes there are about a dozen Americans fighting alongside extremist groups in Syria, not more than 100, as has been cited for months.

That's not to say there is no concern about these other 88 or

so Americans who officials say have been killed, arrested, traveled or attempted to travel to join the fight. But the U.S. only knows of about 12 currently in Syria fighting, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday.

Comey also said the U.S. believes it knows the identity of the British-accented masked

man in the videos depicting the beheadings of two American journalists and a British aid worker. He declined to name the man or reveal his nationality.

He did not address whether the U.S. believes the man actually carried out the killings. The full beheadings are not shown in the videos, but the English-

speaking militant holds a long knife and appears to begin cutting the three men, American reporters James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

The figure of 100 American militants joining the fight had taken on an urban legend status over the past few months.

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.

Elks Lodge to present banners to families

The Goodland Elks Lodge would like to recognize those who family members are serving in the military abroad. If you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter overseas, the lodge would like to present you with a blue star emblem to display in your door or window. For information, call Zona Price at (785) 890-6251.

Class coming up for beginning medics

Thomas County Emergency Medical Services and Colby Community College are offering a class for new emergency medical technicians from Friday to March 27. It will meet from 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays and one Saturday a month. This is a hybrid course; much of the homework is online. If you are 17 or older, have a driver's license and are interested, contact Candy Bryant at 460-4585.

Author to talk about new book at library

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. Wednesday. For information about the book, call Brown at (785) 462-3515.

Walking School Bus program to kick off

The Colby "Walking School Bus" program begins Wednesday for Sacred Heart and Colby Public schools. Volunteers are needed to walk children to school one to five times a week. To volunteer or register your child, email colbywsb@gmail.com or call Ryan or Paula Hale at (785) 405-0228.

Health Department to close early Oct. 15

The Thomas County Health Department will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, to help with a bike rodeo. For information, call Angie Gaede at 460-4596.

Sacred Heart Parish auction set for Oct. 25

The 17th Annual Sacred Heart Parish Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, at the City Limits Convention Center. For tickets, contact Kathy Britton at 462-2179.

Senior center needs delivery help

The Senior Progress Center is looking for two volunteers to delivery meals to people's homes from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday. Mileage may be reimbursed. Talk to Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information or to volunteer.



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Table of TV listings for Tuesday, September 30, 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).

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Blessings benefit from after-dinner chat



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Friends, neighbors – and church members – relaxed over coffee at the First Baptist Church's Joyful Blessing lunch Saturday. The free meal is offered every fourth Saturday for anyone who wishes to come.

Winona grain facilities sold

The Scoular Co. has acquired the assets of Winona Feed and Grain Inc., including two Kansas grain elevators, one with 1.8 million bushels of storage space and access to the Union Pacific Railroad's main line in Winona and another in Pence with nearly 800,000 bushels of storage capacity and truck-only access.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. "We're pleased to add Winona Feed and Grain's operations to our grain merchandising network and to bring the benefits of that network to farmers whose grain is tributary to the Winona and Pence facilities," said Glen Hofbauer, Scoular's director of Kansas operations. "We've enjoyed a long-standing trading re-

lationship with the staff of Winona Feed and Grain over the years, and we're delighted that the owners selected us to continue what they've worked to build for the past 65 years." Hofbauer said Winona General Manager Art Koster will continue to manage the business under Scoular ownership.

"We knew we wanted to sell the business to a company that shares our vision for the future of agriculture in our local area," said Michael W. Brown, president of Winona Feed and Grain, "has a presence in the global marketplace and is committed to customers and employees alike. We found all of that in Scoular, and we're excited about what this company can bring to our local area."

Scoular operates 11 other grain storage and handling locations in Kansas as part of the company's grain marketing network that includes offices and facilities in 20 states as well as Canada, Mexico, and South America.

"Our network of diverse locations, products, and services allows us to connect farmers to opportunities down the road, across the country, or around the world," said Hofbauer.

A 122-year old company with more than \$6 billion in sales, Scoular operates 90 independent business units dealing with grain, feed ingredients and food ingredients around the globe.

Register in October for water conference

Registration is now open for the Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, to be held and Thursday, Nov. 12 and 13, at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Manhattan.

The conference will highlight the latest policy and research developments of water issues in Kansas, says the state Water Office, as well as share the results of the past year's efforts to address Gov. Sam Brownback's 2013 Call to Action to develop a long-term vision for our state's water supply.

Many great speakers and topics are planned; a few are highlighted here:

- Rhett Evans, chief executive of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Mark Lambert, chief executive of IDE Americas Inc.
- Mike Teague, Oklahoma secretary of energy and environment.
- Paul Wenger, President of California Farm Bureau Federation.
- Jerry DeNoyelles of the Kansas Biological Survey.

Topics and themes will comple-

ment the Vision: working with your available resources, developing additional sources of supply and conservation and management practices for all water users in Kansas. Day two will build on the water policy discussions from the previous day with technical presentations, posters and talks.

Legislators, water managers, scientists, state, federal, city and county administrators, organizations, irrigators and citizens who share an interest in Kansas water resources are encouraged to at-

tend.

Registration is available online at www.kwo.org. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 31. Conference details, a brochure, speakers and sponsors can be found online at www.kwo.com. The event is being planned and sponsored by the Water Office and the Kansas Water Resource Institute at Kansas State University. Sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

Toll now 36 at Mount Ontake, Japan

By Emily Wang
Associated Press

KISO, Japan (AP) – Toxic gases and ash from still-erupting Mount Ontake forced Japanese rescue workers to call off the search for more victims today as dozens of relatives awaited news of their family members.

Rescuers found five more bodies near the summit of the volcano, bringing the death toll to 36. They have managed to airlift only 12 bodies off the mountain since the start of the eruption on Saturday because of dangerous conditions.

How the victims died remains unclear, though experts say it was probably from suffocating ash, falling rocks, toxic gases or some combination of them. Some of the bodies had severe contusions.

Survivors told Japanese media that they were pelted by rocks from the eruption. One man said he fled with others to the basement of a lodge, fearing that the rocks would penetrate the roof.

Yuji Tsuno, a veteran mountain photographer, was near the summit. After taking pictures of the initial explosion as ash and debris rained down, he quickly took refuge in a nearby hut, he told the TBS TV network.

About 20 minutes later, when the smoke partially subsided, he rushed out and began his descent. It was a gamble, but he believed it was his only chance, he said.

"I almost thought it was the end of my life," he said in the interview.

On his way down, he spotted a man heading up. "I told him to go down with me, but he said he had to check on his child up there. I couldn't stop him," Tsuno said.

The eruption caught seismologists by surprise. Although somewhat increased seismic activity had been recorded for about two weeks, there were no indications of a major eruption, said Satoshi Deguchi, a Japan Meteorological Agency official in Nagano prefecture. Typical signs, such as increased seismic rattling or under-

ground structural movement, were not detected.

Japanese TV showed soldiers carrying a series of body bags on Monday morning to a military helicopter that had landed in a relatively wide-open area of the now bleak landscape, its rotors still spinning.

The bodies were flown to a nearby athletic field and then taken to a small wooden elementary school in the nearby town of Kiso, where they were being examined in the gymnasium.

Family members of the missing waited at a nearby municipal hall.

More than 200 soldiers and firefighters, including units with gas detection equipment, were part of the search mission near the peak, said Katsunori Morimoto, an official in the village of Otaki.

The effort was halted because of an increase in toxic gas and ash as the volcano continued to spew fumes, he said, adding that the rescuers reported a strong smell of sulfur.

The eruption was the first fa-

Babies

Evan James Bolen

Evan James Bolen, son of Ryan and Linda Bolen of Atwood, was born Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Sister Tessa and brother Cy welcomed him home. Grandparents are Joe Kanak III and Lynette Kanak of Atwood, Doug and Debbie Bolen of Salina and Jerry and Brenda Collins of Bowling Green, Ky.

Great-grandparents are Beatrice Kanak of Atwood and Ed and Eileen Leinwetter, Topeka.



Evan Bolen

Ambar Soto-Fierro

Ambar Soto-Fierro, daughter of Jose Alfredo Soto and Leslie Fierro, was born Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 17 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are J. Jose Soto Mesa and Maria del Socorro Soto Galindo, Garden City, and Lucas Fierro and Camerina Amaya, Durango, Mexico.

Brother Lucas welcomed her home.

Nash Walter Uhrich



Nash Uhrich

Nash Walter Uhrich, son of Kevin and Kezia Uhrich of Oakley, was born Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Brother Waylon welcomed him home. Grandparents are Carl and Wanda Uhrich of Oakley and Dave and Jenny Schwieterman of Syracuse.

Mason Cole Wright

Mason Cole Wright, son of Justin and Ashley Wright of Colby, was born Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Brother Cody welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Bruce and Sharon Feikert of St. Francis and David and Sandra Wright of Lakin.

Tech support scams take over computer

In an earlier column, we mentioned telephone scams that involve a scammer impersonating someone to try to get into your wallet, usually by wiring them money. But, there's another type of phone scam going on that also aims to steal your personal information and maybe even hijack your computer.

In this scam, the caller will say they are with a well-known computer company, like Microsoft, and they need to install an update on your computer to keep you protected from viruses. If you will just give them a little bit of information about your computer they would be happy to install the update for you.

But, instead of protecting your computer from a virus, the scammer is actually trying to install one that will let them take over your computer. Once you give them access, they can see all of your files, including any personal or financial records you have saved. They may also use your computer to send out spam emails or viruses to your contacts.

In addition to accessing your computer, the scammer may try to sell you antivirus software, extended warranties or technical



Derek Schmidt

• Attorney General

support services that you do not need. These can result in monthly charges to your credit card.

If you do need help with your computer, ask a trusted friend or family member, or take it to a reputable electronics store for help. Never give out personal information, passwords, computer serial numbers or your IP address to a stranger on the phone.

If you've fallen victim to one of these scams, take your computer in to a reputable electronics store to have any viruses or harmful software removed. Once you have confirmed that harmful software has been removed, change your computer's password, and the passwords to any important websites you may have accessed while your computer was compromised, such as online banking or credit card websites.

You can also file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division online at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or call (800) 432-2310.

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Other Viewpoints

Efficiency panel hits sensitive topics

It's not hard to understand why much of the recent attention that the task force to improve Kansas schools has generated involves school consolidation and issues related to teachers.

Those were among topics advanced to the K-12 Student Performance and Efficiency Commission earlier this month by the commission's chairman, Wichita businessman Sam Williams.

School consolidation is a red-flag issue, particularly for smaller, rural districts that often have much more school spirit than either enrollment or money. And because such districts exist across the state, their lobby is a powerful one.

Teachers' issues such as pay, workload, evaluations and benefits can spark heated debate, and in the Kansas National Education Association, teachers also have a vocal lobby.

The efficiency commission last week took up the recommendations as part of a process that will lead to proposals to the Legislature. This commission was part of the same 2014 school finance bill that, at the Kansas Supreme Court's direction, injected \$129 million into mostly poor school districts. It also stripped teachers of a job security measure commonly referred to as tenure. (The Manhattan-Ogden School District and some others effectively restored it.)

If the reaction of a KNEA representative to Mr. Williams' recommendation pertaining to teachers is any indication, Kansas teachers could have more yet to worry about. Mark Desetti, KNEA's legislative director, called the recommendation dealing with changes to teacher contracts an attempt "to destroy what's left of the rights they have and voice they have in their profession."

One recommendation, which surfaced first in the separate Governor's School Efficiency Task Force of 2013, would replace teachers' present salary schedules with a salary range. The former is based on education level and years of experience, while the latter would also take into account such things as area of expertise. Another recommendation would limit topics teachers could negotiate with districts.

Although the recommendation wouldn't "destroy what's left" of teachers' rights, many Kansas teachers are still smarting from last session's changes. They believe they have reason to be wary of such recommendations and of lawmakers, many of whose views of public schools are colored by their obsession with tax cuts.

As for school consolidation, though the possibility never disappears for small districts, they should be at least a little relieved by the tone of the consolidation recommendation. It focuses on creating incentives for districts to pool their resources. Merging with neighbors might not be ideal, but districts would have some say in the matter and could even boost educational opportunities for their students, which ought to appeal to all parents and administrators.

- The Manhattan Mercury, via the Associated Press

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Rancher did what needed doin'

We lost a unique individual last week, the kind that we can ill afford to lose.

I came to know Larry Haverfield, who ranched south of Russell Springs, late in his life, but even in that short time, he made an impact on me. It is the values that one generation passes on to the next that help determine the course that each of us takes in this world.

At his funeral last Friday, I thought about how you could describe Larry in one word. (Limiting, I know, but that was the exercise I set.) I thought of independent and simple, but settled on real. For what you saw in him was real. No hidden motives, no agendas - the man you saw was the real Larry.

There was nothing pretentious about Larry. His coffin was not polished mahogany or brass, but smoothed rough-hewn wood. At the viewing, he held not a rose or a lily, but a sunflower. Oh, he did have a new truck that he fed the cattle with. Well, new in the '70s anyway. Never got a newer one because the cattle wouldn't know it.

Larry knew well the rancher's way of life.



Evan Barnum

- On the Other Hand

Every day, you did what needed doin'. It didn't matter if it was cold and snowing, you were sick, or you just didn't feel like it, you did what needed doin'. To him it was simple - the cattle didn't care, and they depended on you, so you did it. Even a week before he died, with cancer clouding his mind, he had one thought as he tried to struggle out of bed. He needed to get back to the ranch, back to the cattle, to do what needed doin'.

Larry had a love for the land and all the creatures that lived on it, whether his or what nature provided. It was that subject that got some folks riled up, at least when it came to prairie dogs and ferrets. He liked them, others

didn't. And when controversy swirled around him, he meet it head on - not for the glory or the fame, but because he felt it needed doin'. He wasn't angry or resentful of those who opposed him; he just said that some folks saw things differently than he did.

The world needs more folks like Larry Haverfield. People who aren't out to change the world, not after power or to make a name for themselves, but who are just there to do what needs doin'. And in the process set an example for the rest of us.

In the end that's all that any of us can do: Get up each morning and ask God simply for the strength to do what needs doin'. And then do it.

Kind of like Larry did.

Evan Barnum, who does technical support and troubleshooting for the Colby Free Press and all of Haynes Publishing, is expected to be the calm in a storm of crisis, though some disasters loom bigger than others.

High ranks don't equal good education

The Academic Ranking of World Universities was released earlier this month. According to the summary in University World News, United States universities took "... 16 places in the top 20, 52 in the top 100 and 146 in the top 500."

Eight of the top 10 were U.S. universities: Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Berkeley, Princeton, Caltech, Columbia and Chicago (by order). The United Kingdom took the other two slots with Cambridge at 5 and Oxford at 9.

The Academic Ranking was established over a decade ago by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 2003. They rank over 1,250 universities worldwide and also break down rankings by five broad subject fields. U.S. universities dominate them all - for now. The Ranking of World Universities uses a variety of measures such as the number of professors with publications in high ranking journals. The system is considered "objective" but places heavy emphasis on research.

There are other ranking agencies, including the Times Higher Education World University Rankings that attempt to classify the best 200 higher education institutions in the world. The Times uses 13 performance indicators "covering the full range of university activities - research, knowledge transfer, international outlook and the teaching environment." Similar to the movie Casablanca, they end up "rounding up the usual suspects." Harvard, etc.

The Office of Economic Cooperation and Development in Europe conducted a study of how universities worldwide used these rankings and found:

- 58 percent of respondents were not happy



John Richard Schrock

- Education Frontlines

with their current ranking.

- 70 percent want to be in the top 10 percent nationally.
- 71 percent want to be in the top 25 percent internationally.
- 56 percent have a formal internal mechanism for reviewing their rank order.

Everyone from national leaders to local governors to university presidents wants their universities to be in the top ranks and feel inadequate if they aren't. They direct huge resources toward developing a national and international reputation. But that diverts resources from serving their local region's needs and teaching their students.

Meanwhile, one country stopped to ask if these rankings are really useful. The Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research commissioned a report that the University World News summarized with the headline: "Official study slams university rankings as 'useless'." The Norwegian study "... concluded that even the top rankings are so based on subjective weightings of factors and on dubious data that they are useless as a basis for information if the goal is to improve higher education."

Last year, the European Union launched yet another university ranking system: U-Multi-rank.

UWN reported that "Some 500 universities worldwide are expected to sign up to U-Multirank."

U-Multirank rates universities in five areas: research reputation, quality of teaching and learning, international orientation, success in knowledge transfer (partnerships and start-ups), and contribution to regional growth.

And BBC News just reported a study that analyzed top-ranked universities and found "money is the key to being a top university." With over \$700,000 in grants per year per professor, a university can buy into the higher ranks.

Students - and in particular foreign students - often ask me if such-and-such university is "highly-ranked." (Indeed, in China, universities are ranked Level One, Two or Three.) I ask my students what are they studying? I tell them that it is the department or school that matters, not the university. If you want to be an excellent elementary teacher, don't go to Harvard. Several Kansas schools have undergraduate programs in that area that are much better. Many Research I universities have some terrible undergraduate programs. Undergraduates will rarely if ever see that \$700,000-grant professor.

Norway knows that quality education for undergraduate students has little to do with university rankings. So should we.

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

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- Bruce Tinsley



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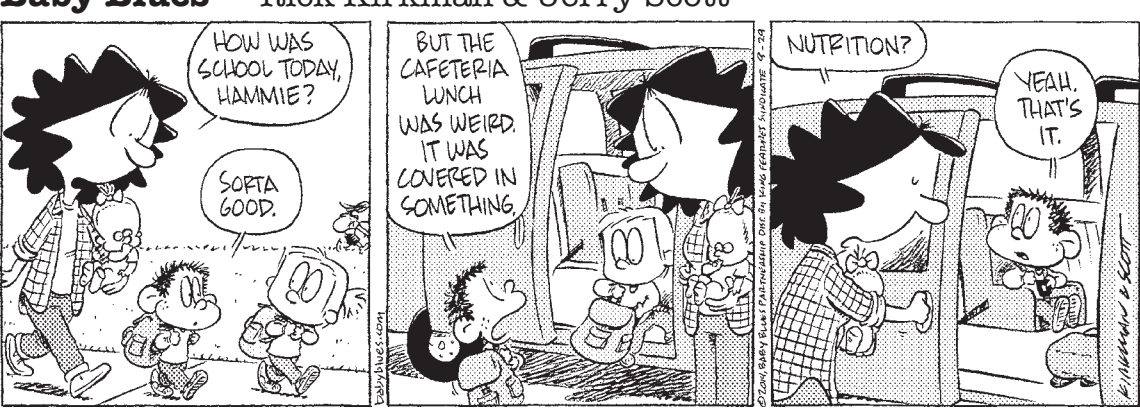


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Fruit stand ends Victorian dinner

Is it called a fruit bowl, berry bowl, fruit stand, fruit dish, epergne, basket or bride's basket?



A search of 1880s and '90s catalogs of silver and glass tableware manufacturers had similar pieces called by any of these names.

A formal Victorian dinner party had multiple courses with special serving pieces for each. The many-named stand was used at the end of the meal.

A typical dinner had up to nine courses. First was raw oysters, then soup, meat, poultry, salad, dessert, then fruit and perhaps cheese, followed by coffee and tea in the drawing room. The table was cleared between courses and sometimes even fresh tablecloths were used.

The bowl with many names often was the centerpiece for the dessert and fruit courses. There were small berry bowls and berry sets that held strawberries, raspberries or similar fruit served with fresh cream and sugar. Elaborate stands that held colored glass bowls probably held bunches of grapes or apples, easier to serve since the bowl and stand would be too heavy to pass around.

The silver-plated stands were decorated with three dimensional figures, animals, flowers or strange groupings like a cupid driving a chariot pulled by a peacock or the Greek god Poseidon with his spear poised to catch a piece of fruit from the bowl below. The bowls were sometimes silver but more often were colored art glass like Amberina, Burmese, Peachblow, Pomona, satin glass, or pressed or cut glass.

Because collectors since the 1960s have preferred colored glass, art glass pieces found in stands today often are replacements for the original old clear glass bowls. An all-original "berry bowl set" on a silver-plated stand with two Burmese bowls decorated with flowers sold recently. The silver stand featured young boys riding on turtles. It sold in 2014 at an Early's Art Glass auction in Milford, Ohio, for \$3,220.

Tip: Cover the nose of your hammer with a piece of felt to protect the wall when you are putting up picture hooks. If the wall is smooth, some of the new stick-on hooks might work.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Now I know summer's REALLY over. Mommy just got me two new sweaters."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/29

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.

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

Cryptoquip

MQVJ OQV JKAMVBYZJ BWR
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MEDICAL WORKERS ARE WEARING HOSPITAL SCRUBS, I OFTEN THINK OF THEM AS BEING ILL-SUITED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Hot tub
4 Just sat around
9 A Gershwin brother
12 Documentarist
13 Prolonged attack
14 Apprehend
15 Job seeker's ordeal
17 Dead heat
18 — chi
19 Saying nothing
21 Kitchen rack array
24 Rip
25 Triumphed
26 Myrna of old Hollywood
28 Small streams
31 Greek vowel
33 Preacher's addr.
35 One-on-one battle
- DOWN**
36 —
38 Energy
40 Modern-day evidence
41 Knocks
43 Octogenarian's next
45 Tex-Mex treat
47 Society newcomer
48 Beer relative
49 Thwart a pass
54 Medic
55 Different
56 Sticky stuff
57 Collection
- DOWN**
1 Half an Aspen pair
2 Corral
3 Pismire
4 Mideast nation
5 Math problem term
6 Island neckwear
7 Discharge
8 More moist in the morn
9 Short piece of music
10 Precipitation
11 Help illegally
16 List-ending abbr.
20 Deposited
21 Gulp down
22 Indigent
23 Add a comment
27 "Uh-huh"
29 Fasting period
30 Dispatch
32 Anti-oxidant berry
34 Buyers
37 Choice of South Dakota
42 — Domingo
44 Fallon's network
45 Crazes
46 Lotion additive
50 Nevertheless, for short
51 Early bird?
52 Luau dish
53 Heavy weight



Saturday's answer 9-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13						14		
15			16						17		
			18					19	20		
21	22	23				24					
25			26		27	28			29	30	
31			32		33	34		35			
36			37		38	39		40			
			41		42	43		44			
45	46					47					
48			49		50				51	52	53
54			55						56		
57			58						59		

Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 7 4
♥ J 8 7 4
♠ A J 9 6 5
♣ Q

WEST
♦ 10 5
♥ A 9 6
♠ 10 7
♣ A J 9 7 3 2

EAST
♦ A 6
♥ K Q 3 2
♠ Q 3 2
♣ K 10 6 5

SOUTH
♦ Q J 9 8 3 2
♥ 10 5
♠ K 8 4
♣ 8 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 NT 2 ♦
3 NT 4 ♥ Dble 4 ♠
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — five of spades.

Famous Hand
Before the U.S. team rallied over the last two boards to win the 2003 world championship by 1 IMP, Italy had staged its own rally to erase a 28-IMP deficit and take the lead midway through the final 16 deals. This was the hand that put the Italians ahead at that time.

When the deal was first played, Norberto Bocchi and Georgio Duboin of Italy bid and made three notrump with the East-West hands. Bocchi, East, took 10 top tricks after an opening spade lead by South to score 430 points.

At the other table, with Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace sitting North-South, the bidding went as shown. Versace's two-diamond bid showed a long major suit, and Lauria did not really care which one it was. Thus the Italians ended in four spades doubled, which seemingly was destined to go down two.

Bob Hamman, West, led a low spade, taken by Paul Soloway with the ace. The defenders could have collected two hearts and a club at that point to hold the U.S. loss to 8 IMPs, but Soloway, no doubt thinking he would have plenty of time to take tricks later, and hoping to stop club ruffs in the dummy, continued with a trump. That gave Versace a chance for a huge pickup.

He won the return with dummy's king and now had the opportunity for a rare "backward" finesse — leading the jack from dummy, in the hope that East had the queen and West the ten. Given East's one-notrump opening, Versace felt the queen was much more likely to be on his right, so after a long study he led the jack from dummy and, when Soloway followed low, let it ride.

This gave Versace five diamond tricks and 11 in all for a score of +690. Added to the 430 registered by his teammates at the other table, the result was a 15-IMP gain for the Italians, giving them a 3-IMP lead with just eight deals to go in the match.

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Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of October, 2014; all registration books for the general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 5th day of November, 2014.

- County Clerk's office at 300 N. Court Ave., Colby, during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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- The voter's name has been purged according to law.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 26th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Shelly A. Harms,
County Clerk/Election Officer
Thomas County, Kansas

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Where do I go? That's the question confronting many ballcarriers who've encountered Heartland Christian's defense during four consecutive Crusader shutouts to start this season. Among the defenders converging on this play are Corey Wertz (10), Shawn Sullivant (25) and Nick Delzeit (22).

Crusaders don't allow first down in 58-0 win

By R.B. Headley
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Every football coach in civilized or uncivilized society would love to share Steve Ziegelmeier's dilemma through four games this season.

"At some point, somebody will score on us. Then we'll see how we respond," Heartland Christian's head coach said after the Crusaders' total reached 202-0 with their 58-0 shutout of St. John's Military Academy Saturday afternoon. "From here on, we'll be facing a little tougher competition."

A tougher challenge seems inevitable, considering St. John's didn't just fail to score against Heartland Christian.

The Muleskinners (1-3 record) never even achieved a first down.

"I didn't realize that," Ziegelmeier admitted. "I admit the defense has exceeded our expectations. I can't believe how well our defense is clicking. To not be scored on in four games is amazing, especially in eight-man football where one missed tackle can mean off to the races."

"But coach (Brad) Wertz really has our defense clicking," he added. "They're playing together so well as a unit."

Yet four consecutive shutouts might not even be the Crusaders' most impressive streak. Consider one more crazy-amazing fact: they've scored a touchdown on their first offensive play in all four no-contests.

"That's become our mantra," Ziegelmeier confirmed. "It happened against us a few times last season, so our guys decided to turn it the other way. Football's a game of emotion and scoring first helps."

Senior Blaine Wertz's 39-yard run around left end kept the streak going on Saturday and also confirmed another Crusader advantage.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Heartland Christian football and coach Steve Ziegelmeier are clearly moving in the right direction this season.

"Speed kills, especially in eight-man football," Ziegelmeier said. His team's averaging 50.5 points even though every Crusader game has been stopped early due to eight-man's 45-point mercy rule.

St. John's featured one more than one player tipping the scale at 220-plus pounds, but it was obvious the Muleskinners weren't winning any races that didn't involve hamburger eating.

Corey Wertz smartly hustled back and intercepted St. John's first long passing attempt.

The Crusaders then "waited" until their third play to score again on Blaine Wertz's 53-yard run.

An awesome downfield block from teammate Shawn Sullivant wiped out one remaining Muleskinner roadblock.

Sophomore Caleb Morris promptly powered past all obstacles for a two-point conversion. The Crusaders were already leading 14-0, and less than 30 more seconds were needed to make it 20-0.

That's because Brennan Ziegelmeier recovered the ensuing squibbed Crusader kickoff inside St. John's 30-yard line.

Corey Wertz took a screen pass from brother Blaine and delivered

Heartland's third TD in four offensive plays — though three in five isn't too shabby.

Brennan Ziegelmeier took the next snap and turned into old-school Tim Tebow, rumbling nine yards before literally blasting through another defenseless Muleskinner.

Heartland Christian (4-0 record) actually missed the ensuing two-point try, but its lead was 20-0 with still less than four minutes played.

Blaine Wertz's third touchdown run was followed by Brennan Ziegelmeier dashing nearly 50 yards for a fifth Crusader first-quarter TD.

Heartland Christian's defense even scored when Matt Wertz delivered an end-zone sack of the Muleskinner quarterback.

The safety completed a 36-0 Crusader first quarter. Riding the bus back to Salina was probably already sounding good for St. John's Military Academy.

However, the Muleneckers didn't quit and forced Heartland Christian into fourth down during its next scoring threat. Brennan Ziegelmeier calmly conquered this challenge, rolling out and throwing a touchdown pass to Corey Wertz.

The Crusader lead was now 42-0 with still 11:07 remaining before halftime.

Taylor Miller's touchdown and two-point officially made it "half a hundred."

Morris' touchdown run finished the 58-0 first half, and the game was called shortly after intermission.

"The games are going to get harder, so we just have to keep a level head," coach Ziegelmeier concluded. "Next week, we play the Wichita Warriors, and their only loss was to state champion Cair Pavel last season."

Saturday's Heartland-Wichita Warriors game is set to kick off at 2 p.m. in Salina.

Eagles knock off Kansas City team

Colby High's 26-24, 25-20 comeback win over Kansas City Sumner highlighted a Saturday of tough competition at the Topeka Seaman Tournament.

The Eagles pushed Lawrence Free State to three sets after senior Hailey Schindler served nine consecutive points during a second-set victory.

However, Free State prevailed and 5A Manhattan later won a two-set match with the Eagles.

Kansas City Sumner took a 21-15 lead first-set lead, but senior Hannah Strange's flurry of kills ignited the Eagles.

Senior Darby Sager stepped into to serve a key ace. Sumner still reached set point at 24-21 — only to see freshman Kora Schindler's stuff block deny victory.

Senior Shailla Giebler's hustling

save kept another huge point in play, and an ensuing Sumner error forced the 24-24 deadlock.

Junior Brielle McKee then served the next two points which finished Colby's 26-24 victory.

Junior Brenly Terrell's crushing kill got the Eagles started on their dominant second-set effort. A McKee ace made it 19-0, and another Terrell kill pushed Colby ahead 22-11.

Senior Brooklyn Bange promptly ace-served Colby's 23rd point. K.C. Sumner made one last-gasp rally, but a serving error gave the Eagles their clinching point.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High senior Darby Sager handled this serve-receiver during the Eagles' varsity home quad earlier this season. Sager helped the Eagles knock off Kansas City Sumner during the Topeka Seaman Invitational last weekend.

Sophomore Tate Carney's 22-yard touchdown run on the final play capped a rough Colby High football visit to Ulysses Friday evening.

Still stinging from an overtime loss one week earlier, the 4A top-five Tigers used all-stater Ian Rudzik's six touchdowns to romp past the Eagles by a 62-13 final count.

Many more details and photos will be included in Wednesday's edition.

However, Rudzik's dominant performance was definitely worthy of headlines. The NCAA Division I recruit only needed eight carries to gain 244 yards (30.5 per rush) and score five of those TDs.

Rudzik's first score came on a pass reception.

The Ulysses Tigers (3-1) were leading 49-7 by intermission.

Colby (1-3 record) ran effectively with junior Ben Matchell topping the 100-yard mark again. However, senior quarterback Josh Matchell was lost just before halftime due to a reported head injury.

Tiger destroys Colby's victory plans



CARRIE TOWNS

Colby High junior Ben Matchell topped 100 rushing yards again Friday night at Ulysses, but no one could match six Ian Rudzik touchdowns during the Tigers' 62-13 Homecoming win.

Titans trounce Bulldogs

A 37-point second quarter ignited the Triplains-Brewster Titans past Golden Plains, 51-6, for their third consecutive victory Friday evening in Rexford.

After an 8-0 first period, the annual area rivalry showdown broke wide-open as Triplains-Brewster lead 45-6 by intermission.

The Titans (3-1) scored five rushing touchdowns with senior Jace Jorgensen twice reaching six-point pignskin paradise.

Jorgensen averaged better than nine yards when he touched the football (14 carries, 131 yards).

Yet his average was only third for the Titans during this big win. Junior Jaden Schmidt gained 54 yards on just four carries (13.5) while sophomore Jaden Schmidt needed just one rush to travel 53 yards.

Both Schmidts and junior Fred Schertz scored those other Titan rushing TDs.

Junior quarterback Ryan Gfeller also fired a touchdown pass to Jorgensen, who caught two for 49 yards.

The Titans totaled 321 yards overall in a game shortened be-



Free Press photo

Triplains-Brewster senior Jace Jorgensen averaged more than nine yards per rush during a 51-6 win over Golden Plains Friday evening.

cause of eight-man football's mercy rule.

The Titans' defense had enough time to record nine tackles for losses led by Schertz and junior Coleton Rogge with two apiece. Senior C.J. Felzien, Gfeller, juniors Takoda Turner, Taylor Stramel and Jaden Schmidt all made one stop in Golden Plains' backfield.

More details about the 0-4 Bulldogs will appear later this week.

Colby volleyball girls sweep in Atwood

Colby High's C volleyball team swept through Goodland, Rawlins County and won a three-set match over McCook, Neb., at the Rawlins County Quadrangular on Saturday.

The Eagles were clearly champions with their 3-0 effort.

Meanwhile, coach Jerry McKee offered some positive remarks about his varsity team and their

experience at Saturday's Topeka Seaman Tournament.

The Eagles took on 4A No. 1 Topeka Hayden, high-powered Manhattan and Lawrence Free State while also winning a two-set match over Kansas City Sumner.

"I'm excited about what we did today," McKee said about his Eagles. "There were some outstanding players in this tournament,

but our players did well. We hung in, we fought and we took them (Lawrence Free State) to three. That's a positive."

"Topeka Hayden had just come off being upset, so they were a little upset and took their frustrations on us a bit," he added about the 25-10, 25-6 defeat that closed Colby's tournament on Saturday. "We just didn't have quite enough

firepower to withstand that."

The Eagles (9-11 record overall) will return to playing area teams when they compete in Saturday's Oakley Tournament. They will play a home quadrangular on Monday, Oct. 6.

Colby Community College's volleyball team had a tough 0-4 experience at the Johnson County Tournament.

Eagle tennis plays in Garden, home for Tuesday quad

Coach Wendy Weishaar provided this report from the Colby High tennis team's performance at Garden City on Saturday.

"We are exhausted, tired, wind blown and still suffering from colds and flu. Just finished our 4th travel tourney in eight days. Tomorrow the tourney is here, thank goodness!"

Highlights:
There were 37-mile-per-hour

wind gusts with steady winds of 20 miles per hour. Bothered some players but they adjusted.

Fabulous tennis complex at Garden City High School.

Hacking, coughing sick players were well enough to drive down. Probably three of those players should probably have stayed home to get rest and get healthy, but they really want to play!

Very proud of the team overall

despite their bout with illness and injuries. They played deeper into this tournament as a team than they have for several years. That has a lot to do with their attitude and skill improvement this season.

No. 1 singles: Julie Schroeder finished fifth.

Julie was disappointed in her finish. With the improvement in her game this season, she now has bigger expectations for her

performance.

No. 2 singles: Senior Bridget Bickner still sick

We hope to have her back for Tuesday's home quad, 3 p.m. at Fike Park

No. 1 doubles: Senior Olivia Wetter/junior Rachel Browne had to forfeit last match with struggles from Wetter illness. Realized she had a fever after fourth match and had to pull her out. The team fin-

ished eighth by default.

No. 2 doubles: Seniors Tresta Urban and Morgan Sanguinetti finished eighth. Morgan was just released to play the day before since being off for a week with a neck injury as well as having suffered from nagging reoccurring minor injuries all season.

Saw probably the best high school doubles players in a long time. They were from Great Bend.

They will be recruited heavily from a Division 1 schools with powerhouse tennis programs.

It was almost poetic to watch them play. Such a great opportunity for our girls to see such a display of high level doubles. These girls probably had less than 10 unforced. Colby has its last regular season tournament on Tuesday before regionals at Pratt on Oct. 10-11.