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Walking to school goes global

If you have a grade school student, or several of them, in your family, don't let them miss the chance get some exercise Wednesday.

That date marks this year's National Walk to School Day, when students from Colby Grade School, Colby Middle School and Sacred Heart School will start the day by walking as a group to their respective schools.

The plan for the day is to get kids from both schools together at Fike Park between 7:20 and 7:30 a.m. Richelle Shipley, wellness coordinator for the Thomas County Coalition, said she is counting on having all Sacred Heart kids at the event, and has sent flyers to all the public grade school and middle school classes as well.

Colby police officers will lead the school kids, Shipley said. They will walk by class down

Fifth Street, where the sidewalks have been improved as part of the city's Safe Routes to School project. Public school students will turn south on Grant Avenue and Sacred Heart kids will continue to their own school.

Shipley hopes that the Fifth Street sidewalk will be finished in time for the event. She heard that on several days crews will be in Colby to follow up on the work they did here last week.

Colby High School cheerleaders will be there to send the kids off, Shipley said, and the coalition hopes to have the marching band there as well. She has contacted homeowners and businesses along the route to ask them to sit outside their houses and encourage the kids as they walk to school. Colby Community College art students were also contacted and will make chalk drawings along the route.

Film examines college sports

Colby Community College instructor Ryan Hale has announced the documentary film "Schooled - The Price of College Sports" will be shown in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. There is no charge to attend the screening.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Cartel," "Schooled" takes a comprehensive look at the business, history and culture of big-time college sports. Author and producer Taylor Branch examines how college sports in America became a billion dollar business and the unpaid athletes who built the empire.

The film looks at the questions of money, exploitation, fairness

and the autocratic power of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA regulates college sports, levying fines where it sees fit and controlling the eligibility of individual players who have no legal recourse against its decisions.

"College athletics is a \$12 billion per year business," said Hale. "It is a tax-free non-profit organization with no shareholders. March Madness brings in approximately \$800 million per year. It is a film for those who are interested in college sports and its place in our culture."

For information about the documentary, contact Hale at 460-5544.



Queen Kynndra Rush (left) handed King Domico Luna his signed football during the Homecoming crowning ceremonies at Golden Plains High School Friday. Rush is the daughter of Laura Rush and Lane Rush of Colby. Luna is the son of Bill and Mary Luna of Rexford. During the game's half time, Tod Depperschmidt of Monsanto (below, center) presented a \$25,000 check from the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant program to Golden Plains Superintendent Darrin Herl, third from right, and school board members (from left) Matt Vogler, Paul Bruggeman, Jeremy Schiltz, Matt Cheney and Chad Focke. The district plans to use the money on laptops, soil probes and plants for its agriculture education program.

JUDY ROGERS
Golden Plains High School

Homecoming brings gifts

By Sam Dieter

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Two northwest Kansas school districts will get a helping hand to pay for agriculture-related education this fall.

Golden Plains was presented with a \$25,000 grant from America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant program, sponsored by agriculture company Monsanto, at the Bulldogs' homecoming game against

Triplains-Brewster.

Triplains, meanwhile, will receive its \$10,000 grant at its own homecoming game this Friday against Wallace Country.

Golden Plains and Triplains were among seven Kansas school districts to win grants this year, out of 16 districts that were finalists for the grants sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Nominations from farmers living within each district allowed them to apply for a grant.

"You have to be nominated to begin with

to apply for the grant," said Golden Plains Superintendent Darrin Herl.

With the grant money, Golden Plains plans to fund its Agriculture in Classrooms to Relate Educational Standards, or ACRES, project designed to help students learn about farming.

Most of that money will go to buy 65 Chromebook laptops, mainly for high school and middle school students, Herl said. He

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Spirit Week in Colby



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Freshman Camille Rager posed as Batman this morning for Shooting Stars day in the Colby High School cafeteria. Kids dressed as either celebrities - "shooting stars" - or as movie villains - "falling stars" as part of spirit week. Friday will be "Launch the Longhorns" day, with the homecoming parade scheduled for 2:30 p.m. downtown.

Prisoners and medical care: group looks at improvements

A newly formed group of law enforcement and medical personnel is working on ways to improve prisoner medical care while lowering the county's costs and exposure to liability for medical errors, delivering preliminary solutions to the county commissioners on Tuesday.

The group includes representatives from the county sheriff's department, health department, emergency medical services and Citizens Medical Center, all organizations involved or potentially involved in providing medical care for inmates.

Undersheriff Marc Finley said the group was formed out of concerns over the cost of inmate medical care as well as the possibility that the county could face a lawsuit if an inmate's medical needs are not handled properly.

His department is currently responsible to schedule medical appointments for prisoners or take them to the emergency room for treatment. This forces the officers into a position where they are making medical treatment deci-

sions for the inmates even though the officers do not have much medical training. Additionally, he said, the department is responsible for administering medication correctly to each inmate, and he is concerned a mistake could lead to a lawsuit.

"There's no way for us to know whether they need it or not," he said.

Finley referred to a 1993 National Institute of Corrections assessment and a legal journal's article on civil liability for inadequate care, providing copies to the commissioners. Both documents confirm the county's responsibility to provide adequate medical care and exposure to expensive lawsuits if it fails to provide that care.

"We're just trying to get ahead of the game," he said.

Jennifer Haag, a certified physician assistant at Family Center for Health Care, said "something has to be done."

She gave the commissioners an example of one night she was on duty at the hospital and received a

call from the jail regarding an inmate who had brought in a bunch of medication. Jail staff have no way to know what medication is necessary or whether some prescriptions might interact with others.

Haag said the group's goal is to provide quality care at a lower cost. The county may be able to cut costs if the health department takes care of some non-emergent needs during the day and the emergency medical services pro-

viders takes care of some after-hours needs, she said.

Jenny Niblock, an advance registered nurse practitioner at the clinic, said one way this could save costs is by cutting down on the number or cost of medications inmates receive. While the jail staff typically give inmates what has previously been prescribed to that inmate, those medications may not be needed any longer and

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Winona woman injured

A Winona woman got a trip to the hospital Wednesday afternoon when she ran a stop sign and hit a truck.

Anne L. Lowe, 72, Winona, ran a stop sign where Logan County Road 230 meets the junction of K-25 and U.S. 40, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported. At 3:40 p.m. Wednesday, she drove north into the intersection in a 2004 Chevrolet Malibu and hit the rear axle of a 2014 Volvo which was

pulling a trailer west on U.S. 40.

Lowe, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken to Logan County Hospital, where she was treated and released. The driver of the truck, 62-year-old Ralph C. Redo of Fayetteville, Ark., who was wearing a seatbelt, was uninjured.



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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 38. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 15 to 25 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Breezy, with a north-west wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Wednesday: High, 79; Low 48. Precip: Wednesday 0.10 inches. Month: 0.10 inches. Year: 16.41 inches. Normal: 19.29 inches. (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset: Friday 7:42 a.m. 7:23 p.m. Moon: waxing, 71 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Homecoming brings gifts to schools

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was not sure initially what he would use the money on, but settled on the idea of Chromebooks to help with several assessments centering around technology and career readiness that the state makes of a school's curriculum.

It will be useful to have a laptop, which unlike some high-tech gadgets, can be used to type essays, he said.

When he wrote the proposal for the grant, Herl pointed out that the ACRES program was conceived in the district after a conversation he had with a father whose son did not think he would need his school education to be a farmer.

Some of the grant will be used to buy soil and moisture probes, Herl added, and he has contacted farmers from whose land the students will take samples for their class work. In his proposal for the grant, he outlined how students would participate in

field checks on farmers' land to understand the moisture depth and profile of the soil, and then will pull more soil samples after the crops have been harvested to analyze which nutrients each of the different plants use.

The rest of the money will go for trees, shrubs and plants to put in a garden and in the schools Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site, or OWLS.

The Triplains School District administrators also have plants on their minds as they await their money. Lamar Bergsten, principal and superintendent for Triplains, said his district will use its \$10,000 to build a greenhouse.

Kate Moorhous, the junior high and Title I grade school reading teacher for the district, who wrote the grant proposal, said students will become gardeners once the greenhouse is built. Triplains students of all grades will be able to raise and care for different plants, studying them for cross-curricular

education in math and science. Moorhous said a visit with parents and teachers convinced the district that a green house would be the best way to give kids a hands-on lesson in these subjects.

While younger students study the life-cycles of their plants, the older kids can work on experiments on the soil, light, temperature and growth patterns, Moorhouse said. Students can also eat vegetables they grow in the greenhouse for lunch, and sell garden plants grown there.

Triplains had already applied for a grant from the Grow Rural Education program to help with their kindergarten to eighth grade curriculum, and did not win. But according to the rules of the grant program, districts can keep applying.

Brewster and Goodland school districts were also among the finalists, according to Monsanto's website, but did not win grants this year. Golden Plains and Palco were the two school

districts to win a \$25,000 grant. Along with Triplains, Fort Scott school district in Bourbon County; Royal Valley district in Jackson County; Pike Valley district in Republic County; and Little River district in Rice County each won a \$10,000 grant.

Monsanto sponsors two grants each year, including the grow Rural Education and the Grow Rural Communities grants. Grow Rural Communities provides a \$2,500 grant to one non-profit organization in each of the 88 Kansas counties eligible each year. The Pioneer Memorial Library won one of these grants in the spring.

For the Grow Rural Education grant, the 88 counties are grouped into larger crop reporting districts and compete with each other within them. To be eligible, counties must have more than 30,000 acres of planted crops.

Group looks at prisoner medical care

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cheaper alternatives may be available, potentially saving the county hundreds of dollars each month.

Finley added that the county could also save on jail staffing costs, decreasing the number of hours deputies spend taking care of medical needs.

Although the group is addressing the needs of the current jail, they have an eye toward the future needs of the new judicial complex, too. Haag said they can begin working now on a solution for the current situation, working out the details to expand to fit a new, larger facility when it is built.

Health Department Director Kasiah Rothchild supports the efforts to have her department's nurses respond to the jail's needs. But she said she will likely need an additional nurse on staff to do it.

"I think it would be a great opportunity as a county to have that medical portion of the jail (taken care of)," she said.

It would likely take at least six months to get a solid program put in place, Rothchild said, including time to develop necessary forms, protocols and standing orders.

Haag echoed Rothchild's comments, adding that the medical checks and screenings are not something to be done once a week but would likely need a full-time nurse.

Commissioner Paul Steele asked Rothchild whether her department had all the necessary equipment to process lab work like blood tests. She said she would not need any new equipment, just another nurse.

Emergency Medical Services Director Joe Hickert had a few concerns, mainly centering around ensuring that his staff are not asked to make medical determinations that should be made by a supervising provider. But he said he thinks the group can work out the details appropriately.

Commissioner Mike Baughn, who had met with the group previously, said he thinks they are taking the right approach to tackle the issue ahead of time.

"I've been concerned with deliberate indifference, which is not defensible in court," he said. "We've just, by the grace of God, gotten away with not having a lawsuit situation."

He applauded the idea of solving the problem incrementally, hiring staff gradually over a few years instead of all at once.

"It's never palatable when we have to spend tax dollars," he said, but added that it is less palatable to the public when costs come up all at once.

Finley said one of the jail planners he spoke with was shocked to find out that the jail was operating with so few jailers, saying there is no way to operate a jail of any size with fewer than 11.2 jailers. Finley added his department requested a budget increase for three new jailers for 2015 but his request was denied.

"It's something that's going to have to be done," Baughn concluded.

Rev. W.G. Romine, who attended the commissioners' meeting as a representative of the Criminal Justice Strategic Planning Group, commented that he felt the issue "should not be shelved too long." A long-term solution should be in place, he said, well before a new jail is built.

The commissioners asked Rothchild to look into grant funding for a nurse position and bring them the details of what it would cost to hire a new nurse. Rothchild is scheduled to discuss this with the commissioners at their Monday meeting.

Liberia to prosecute man who brought Ebola to U.S.

By Jonathan Paye-Layleh and David Warren

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Liberia plans to prosecute the airline passenger who brought Ebola to the U.S., alleging that he lied on an airport questionnaire about not having any contact with an infected person, authorities said today.

Thomas Eric Duncan filled out a series of questions about his health and activities before leaving on his journey to Dallas. On a Sept. 19 form obtained by The Associated Press, he answered no to all of them.

Among other questions, the form asked whether Duncan had cared for an Ebola patient or touched the body of anyone who had died in an area affected by Ebola.

"We expect people to do the honorable thing," said Binyah Kesselly, chairman of the board of directors of

the Liberia Airport Authority in Monrovia. The agency took the case to the Ministry of Justice, which will formally prosecute it.

Neighbors in the Liberian capital believe Duncan became infected when he helped bundle a sick pregnant neighbor into a taxi a few weeks ago and set off with her to find treatment.

The case has raised questions about whether a disease that has killed 3,300 people in West Africa could spread in the United States. U.S. health officials say they remain confident they can keep it contained. Liberia is one of the three countries hit hardest in the epidemic, along with Sierra Leone and Guinea.

In Texas, health officials have reached out to about 80 people who may have had direct contact with Duncan or someone close to him in their efforts to stem the risk of

the Ebola virus spreading.

None of the people is showing symptoms, but health authorities have educated them about Ebola and told them to notify medical workers if they begin to feel ill, Erika Neroes, a spokeswoman for the Dallas County Health and Human Services agency, said today.

The group will be monitored to see if anyone seeks medical care during the three weeks immediately following the time of contact, Neroes said.

Also today, Texas health officials ordered four members of Duncan's family to stay in their Dallas home and posted law-enforcement officers outside to be sure.

Texas State Health Commissioner David Lakey said authorities took the unusual step to ensure the family could be closely monitored, including checking them for fevers over the next 21 days.

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.

Alzheimer workshop Wednesday at college

"Know the 10 Signs," a workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association and sponsored by Citizens Medical Center, will be held at noon and again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Colby Community College Student Union, Room 106. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin treatment and plan for the future. For information call Jeanene Brown at 460-4850.

Group plans dance at American Legion

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

Life Chain Sunday at Fourth and Range

Join the Thomas County Life Chain from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, as an ecumenical group lines the sidewalks at Fourth and Range in Colby, holding pro-life signs and praying for an end to abortion. Individuals may call Francis and Geri Landry at 460-2258 or 443-3226 to sign up, or e-mail them at land@st-tel.net. Meet at 2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School gym for instructions and signs.

Business After 5 to be next Thursday

Join Leroy's Printing, 560 N. Franklin, to celebrate their 50th anniversary at Business After 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. For information call 460-2211.

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.

Book fair next week at Colby schools

The Colby Grade School book fair will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 8 p.m. next Thursday. At Colby Middle School the book fair will be open during school hours and parent-teacher conferences, Monday through Thursday. For information call Kelly Draper at 460-5200.

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'Dead Line,' Poirot fresh at the library

This week I want to tell you about the new book "Dead Line," by Chris Ewan.

This thriller has Daniel Trent, a supposed salesman of hostage insurance for moneyed people, become part of a kidnapping for a new client of their company. Trent tells them he was checking out Jerome Moreau's security. Jerome and Trent were supposed to have met to discuss changes and ways that his security could be beefed up.

This was all true, but with a twist. Trent also knows that Moreau is himself a kidnapper. He kidnapped Trent's girlfriend, the reason Trent is following him. He needs to take careful action to gain the return of Amie, his girlfriend. Before he can do this, Moreau is himself abducted. Now Trent must negotiate Moreau's release so he can get Amie released. The circumstances get complicated before the end of this novel. Enjoy the read!

Sophie Hannah is an award-winning author of poetry. She won first prize in the Daphne Du Maurier Festival Short Story Completion for her book, "The Octopus Nest" (www.sophiehannah.com/other-writing/the-fantastic-book-of-everybodys-secrets). She has written this psychological suspense story, as well as "Little Face," which is a psychological crime novel. Hence, I expect a lot from her newest book, "Agatha Christie: The Monogram Murders."

Hercule Poirot is enjoying himself in a little French restaurant, Pleasant's Coffee House. He has just been enjoying hot coffee when a rather intense lady enters. He notes her discomfort and decides to approach her and ask if there is anything he can do to help her.

He introduces himself to her and tells her he is a retired policeman in London. He says she seems to emanate fear. Jennie, the woman in distress, does not want help. In fact she tells Poirot she just wants the situation to happen. She has been running too long and is tired of hiding. She must endure the murder and let things just happen. Poirot a Belgian, has come to take a break by hibernating in France, but cannot resist this damsel in distress. This is a fast easy, enjoyable read. Please take some time and enjoy it.

The next title is, "Raging Heat," by Richard Castle, No. 6 of the



Melany Wilks

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Nikki Heat series. Protagonist Nikki is an NYPD homicide detective with a new case about an illegal immigrant who just happened to fall from the sky, to his death. Nikki is just beginning the investigation when an old heart throb steps back into her life. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Jameson Rook wants to help. She must juggle solving the case without killing this enjoyable relationship.

Remember, the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library are sponsoring a month long Trivia Challenge. We are calling it, Discover Your Library: Trivia Challenge. Come by Sunday to pick up the questions you need to solve to enter this week's drawing. Each week you solve all the questions, you are entered to win \$25 worth of Thomas County Chambers bucks. Then, each week you solve the questions you are also entered into the grand prize which is a Kindle Paperwhite model and a \$50 gift certificate from Amazon. So the more weeks you complete the better your chances to win.

Remember we are also having a Hobby Fair sponsored by the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Share your hobby by signing up ahead and setting up a table, or come to see all the hobbies displayed on Oct. 11.

Don't forget about the Fall, StoryWalk project we placed in cooperation with the Northwest Research-Extension Center at 105 Experiment Farm Road in Colby. The "walk" will be available through Monday, Oct. 27, weather permitting. The route begins at the Center's office where flyers will be available with a map. Walk to the Extension's parking lot. Get a map showing you the direction of the story and read the book, "Growing Vegetable Soup," by Lois Ehlert. It's a great way to spend one of these lovely warm afternoons or evenings. All are welcome to visit StoryWalk and the experience is free!

Our fall/winter hours are: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Local author talks about book for young people



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
Marj Brown (above) drew a map of Temptation, the fictional town where her book "Secrets of Roberts Mountain" is set, Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. Over 60 people (right) heard Brown review the novel for this month's *Booked for Lunch* at the library. Brown, (inset) who also writes columns for the *Colby Free Press*, centers her adventure on a camping trip.



'Ghost' to visit home in Marienthal

The ghost of Anna Morgan Faber will be summoned to perform her 13-song cycle "The Legend of White Woman Creek" on Saturday, Nov 1, in Marienthal.

This will be the first time the ghost of Anna Morgan Faber has performed in Kansas, in Wichita County, home to The White Woman Creek. The show follows a North American tour with performances in Cincinnati, New York, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Edmonton, Alberta, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

"The Legend of White Woman Creek" is a one-woman, music-theater piece inspired by a

ghost story from western Kansas, created by The Coldharts, Katie Hartman and Nick Ryan. It weaves a narrative through 13 original folk songs based on the traditional music that first inspired Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. With only her guitar and powerful voice, Hartman evokes the desolation of the Kansas plains, the oppressive times, the brutal conflict between two warring people, and the small joys one manages to find amidst such turmoil.

A tale told from the perspective of a spirit who cannot rest until she sings the record straight, "The Legend of White Woman

Creek" is a presentation for lovers of music, ghost stories, and the North American West.

The show will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Marienthal Grade School, 208 N. Second St. in Marienthal.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Student tickets are \$5. Make reservations by contacting Wichita County Economic Development at (620) 375-2182 or wced@wbsnet.org. All proceeds will benefit the Wichita County Arts Alliance.

Agencies offer tips for Fire Prevention Week

Home fires can start and spread quickly, which is why we all need to be careful and educated when it comes to fire safety. In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5 to 11, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Safe Kids Kansas remind families that, when it comes to fire, just a little bit of planning can make a big difference.

Every day, at least one child in the U.S. dies from a home fire and every hour approximately 16 children are injured from fires or burns. Fourteen Kansans have lost their lives this year from fires. According to the latest National Fire Protection Association research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke

alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"In a fire, seconds count," said Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

Preventing the loss of life is the highest priority for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. With that in mind, the office launched a statewide smoke alarm installation program last week. For information about the free smoke alarm program, visit www.ksfm.ks.gov/SmokeAlarm

The following fire safety tips could save your life:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- Fire safety for kids:
 - Teach kids never to play with matches and lighters. Make a habit of placing these items up and away from young children.
 - Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways

out of your house in case of a fire. Get a stopwatch and time how fast your family can escape. The kids will love it. Create a map of your home to help plan escape routes.

• Children should know how to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. Teach them to get low and get out when they hear it. A child who is coached properly ahead of time will have a better chance to be safe.

• Watch the video "Start Safe: Learn how to plan and practice home fire drills with your children" so your family will know how to be prepared and get to safety if a fire occurs in your home.

Go to www.safekids.org/fire and www.ksfm.ks.gov to find more fire safety tips, videos and activities.

Index ranks Norway tops for well-being of elderly

By David Crary
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A global index reflecting economic security, health and other factors — and not deducting for cold winters — ranks Norway and Sweden with the highest level of well-being for older people. Of the 96 nations indexed, Afghanistan ranked last.

The Global AgeWatch Index, released on Tuesday, was compiled by HelpAge International, a London-based nonprofit with affiliates in 65 countries. Its mission

is to help older people challenge discrimination, overcome poverty and lead secure, active lives.

The 13 indicators measured in the index include life expectancy, coverage by pension plans, access to public transit, and the poverty rate for people over 60. Scores of countries were not ranked due to lack of data for some of the criteria, but HelpAge said the countries included in the index are home to about 90 percent of the world's 60-plus population.

Switzerland, Canada and Germany joined Norway and Sweden

in the top five. The United States was eighth, Japan ninth, China 48th, Russia 65th and India 69th.

According to HelpAge, there are now about 868 million people in the world over 60 — nearly 12 percent of the global population. By 2050, that's expected to rise to 2.02 billion, or 21 percent of the total, the group said. In dozens of countries — including most of eastern Europe — the over-60 segment

will be more than 30 percent of the population.

HelpAge launched the index in 2013. Among the changes for 2014 were the inclusion of more countries, and Norway replacing Sweden with the highest ranking.

The new report devotes special attention to the issue of pensions and their role in helping older people remain active.

Armin Jack Fromholtz

Colby, Kansas - Armin Jack Fromholtz, age 82, died Sunday, September 14, 2014 at Via Christi Village, Hays, Kansas.

He was born March 20, 1932, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Alphas Francis and Barbara Elizabeth (Vetter) Fromholtz. He married Sharee Mydland (Slawson) on June 28, 1955, in Colby, Kansas. She died September 29, 2013.

He was an auto body repairman most all of his life, working on his own in Goodland, Kansas for 10 years then joining his sons in their businesses until his retirement. He attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri and was a graduate of Colby High School. He moved to Colby, Kansas in 1948 and worked with his father at Fromholtz's Refrigeration. He served in the Kansas National Guard for 10 years and was a Master Sergeant. He loved to collect and restore old cars and Lionel Trains. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Colby, Kansas.

Survivors include two sons, Jett Fromholtz and wife, Barbara, St. Francis, KS; Shawn Fromholtz and wife, Lisa, Colby, KS; two daughters, Jenifer Kraus and husband, Charlie and Trese Holle and husband, Ken, both of Hays, KS; one son-in-law, Russell Bowers, Colby, KS; one sister, Barbara Sweazy, Gardner, KS; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, daughter, Stephanie Bowers and one infant brother.

Services are 1:00 P.M. Saturday, October 11, 2014, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, Kansas. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colby, Kansas with military honors by the Colby Sons of the American Legion.

Memorials to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and High Plains Regional Dialysis Center, Goodland, Kansas. Cline's Mortuary of Hays, 1919 East 22nd Street, Hays, Kansas 67601, are in charge of services. Condolences can be sent via e-mail to clinesmortuary@eaglecom.net

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Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Ken Ptacek; second, Dave Ulmer; third, Barb Ulmer; fourth, Faye Goeken; and fifth, Joy Davis.

Corrections

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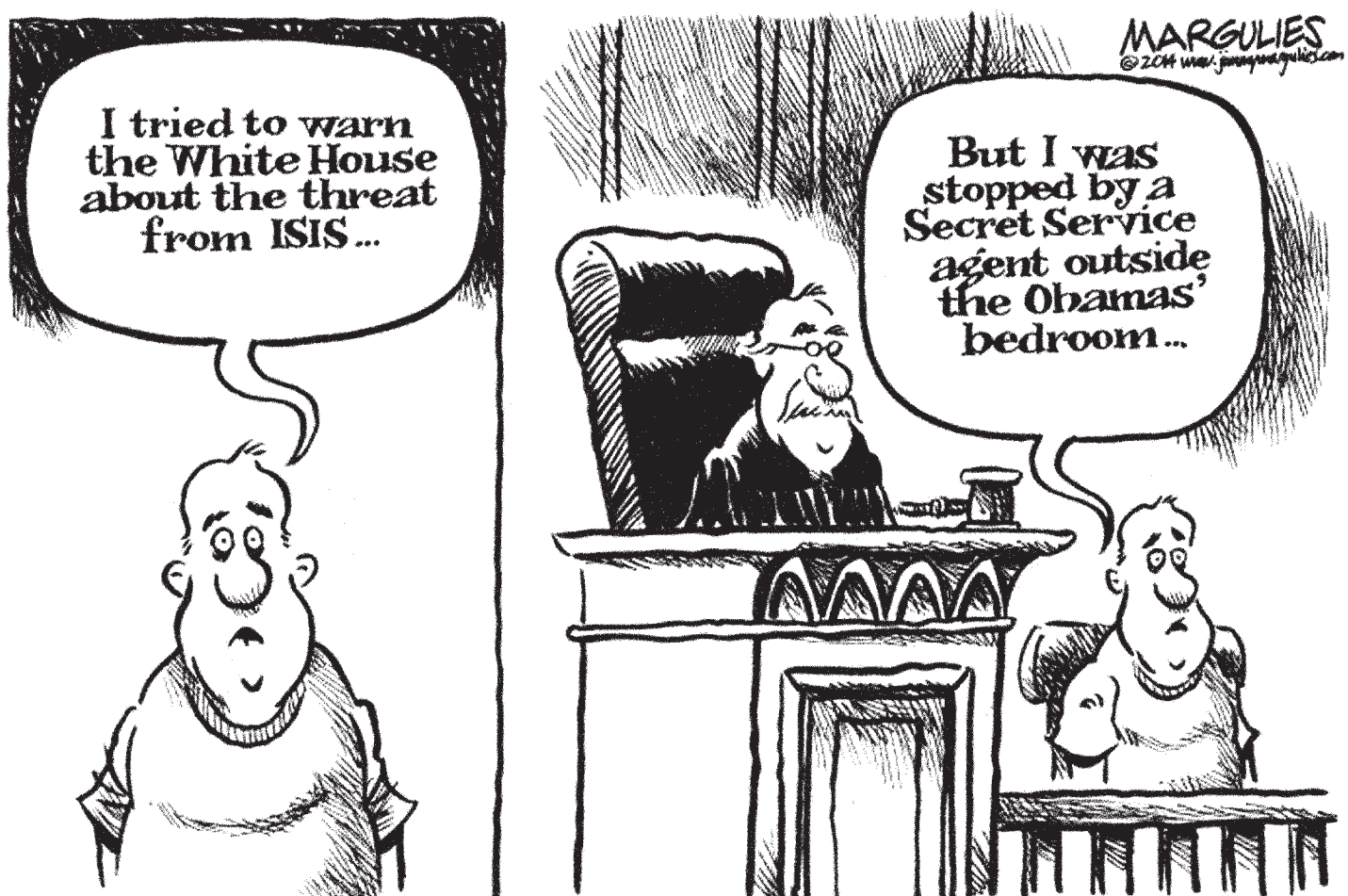
Kansas campaigns getting expensive

Getting elected to a political office isn't an inexpensive thing these days, although election campaigns in Kansas haven't traditionally been among the most expensive affairs. That could be changing, at least for the current election cycle. The Associated Press reports spending by campaigns and political groups has been about seven times as much as it was for the 2010 elections, and Election Day still is more than a month away. The Associated Press was reporting on a study by the non-partisan Center for Public Integrity, which estimated that about \$2.2 million has been spent on television ads for statewide offices so far — \$314,057 was spent on television advertising during the 2010 elections — with the gubernatorial race accounting for about \$2.1 million of the total. The story didn't specifically mention the Senate race between Republican incumbent Pat Roberts and independent Greg Orman.

Given polls that show the governor's race — between incumbent Republican Sam Brownback and Democrat Paul Davis — and the Senate race will be close, it isn't surprising that money is flowing into the state. As of Sept. 8, the Center for Public Integrity estimated Brownback's campaign has spent only \$306,200 on TV ads and the nonprofit Roadmap Solutions Inc. has spent \$86,900. The Kansas Values Institute, a pro-Democrat group, has spent about \$306,200 on ads against Brownback while Davis' campaign has spent about \$86,600 for television advertising. The Center for Public Integrity's report and The Associated Press' story noted the significant amounts of money flowing into the race — from outside and inside the state — through sources not a part of any campaign. More will be coming within the next month. There's no telling now how high the final tally will be, but there's little doubt the spending will set a new benchmark for Kansas politics.

Kansans shouldn't ignore the political ads all that money has bought or will buy. Actually, it would be difficult to ignore them given the frequency with which they are appearing on television screens. Rather, voters should pay attention to what is being said and then check the veracity of the ads themselves — they probably at least touch on an issue of concern. Political ads, by Republican and Democratic forces alike, are designed to sell a point of view or a particular candidate. Facts and truth often take a beating in the process, but there are plenty of sources available to anyone who wants to be well-informed on Election Day. The responsibility to vote includes a responsibility to be informed.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press*



Governor touts record, applauds Tech

Sam Brownback only hinted at being an incumbent governor under heavy attack during a visit to Goodland last month. Mostly, he touted his record and said nice things about the Northwest Kansas Technical College, where he spoke at a fundraiser. "Did you hear?" he asked. "Kansas fell from No. 7 to No. 8 in okra production. Who knew? I'm expecting a TV commercial about it any day now, blaming me." First in okra, he added, in case anyone wondered, is "Oklahoma." Maybe next term, he'll get a new joke writer. The governor, who has pushed for more and better technical education, complimented the college for doubling its enrollment over the last four years. "That kind of growth is fantastic," he said. Turning to his first-term record, Brownback said he thinks things are changing in rural Kansas. "When I came in," he said, "80 percent of the state wasn't growing. Twenty percent was growing, but not enough. People asked how this could work. It doesn't. I just had seen too much decline." "Some counties had 10 percent population loss. Now it's more like 1 percent, and some areas are growing. We're building housing.



Steve Haynes

- Along the Sappa

Our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the country." He noted that he had started a discussion of the state's water use, focused on having a sustainable supply into the future to support towns, farms, ranches and industry. A special concern is the Ogallala Aquifer, he said: "We've used about 30 percent of it up." Changes so far have included doing away with the "use it or lose it" rule on water rights, allowing farmers to cut usage and not lose rights which might be needed later. "We've got to do more," the governor said. "You don't have a future without water." He said he's tried to push back against "President Obama's war on the middle class," citing the ruling to classify the Lesser Prairie chicken as a "threatened species" as one example of a federal decision that threatens our economy. The number of birds is down mostly

because of the drought, he claimed: "They've got to have water." At the same time, he said, the government has cut back on the amount of land in the Conservation Reserve Program, which encourages farmers to plant grasses and other plants to provide habitat for birds. "They're broke," he said of the government. "The country has a huge debt it can't pay and an entitlement system we can't explain. They'll have to have inflation to get out of debt." "We're going to have Kansas in as good a position as it can be going into this." When he took office, the governor noted, the state had only \$876 in the bank, but actually the \$14 billion budget was about \$22 million in the hole. The state retirement system was "in the red zone." And Kansas was a "high-tax" state. "We've put a record amount into K-12 schools," he said. "People are moving back to Kansas. We've had net immigration from every neighboring state but Colorado. It still has a lower tax rate — and higher mountains."

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

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Campaign money pleas focus on disaster

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Ken Poland

- Ken's World

compromise isn't a mortal sin. "My way or the highway" doesn't work in a democracy or democratic republic type of government. I'm a pretty loyal Democrat, but that doesn't mean I've approved of everything the Democrats have done over the years. I have to applaud some of the things Republicans have accomplished, too. (However, it seems pretty hard to recall very many things.) We live in a changing world. Some changes are good and some are bad. It depends on your perception. Freedom of choice is good, but if that freedom infringes on someone else's freedom it may not be so good. Freedom of religion is good. But, that freedom must apply to all religions, not just a few chosen ones. Sad to say, religion has been the cause of nearly all the conflicts in recorded history. Religion, when teamed with physical or economic power, becomes corrupt pretty quickly. It just seems to be man's nature to want complete authority for themselves. And, to have complete authority for myself, I have to have authority over those around me. Whether it be through evolution or by the

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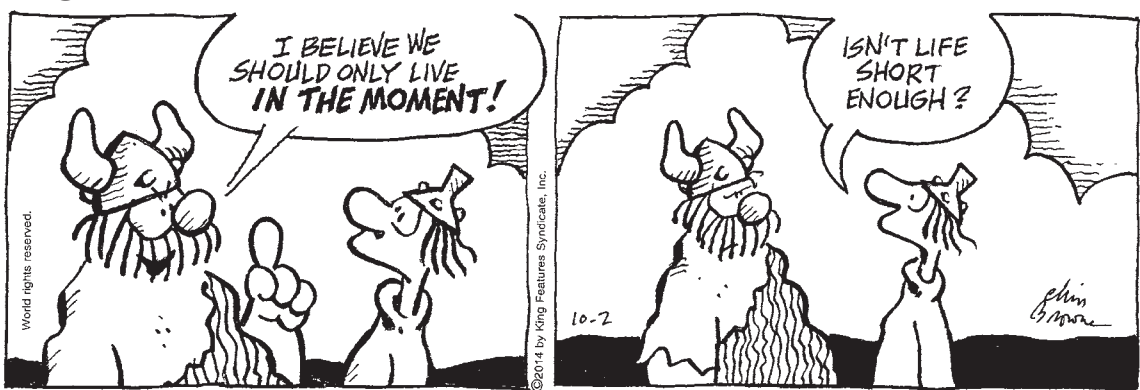
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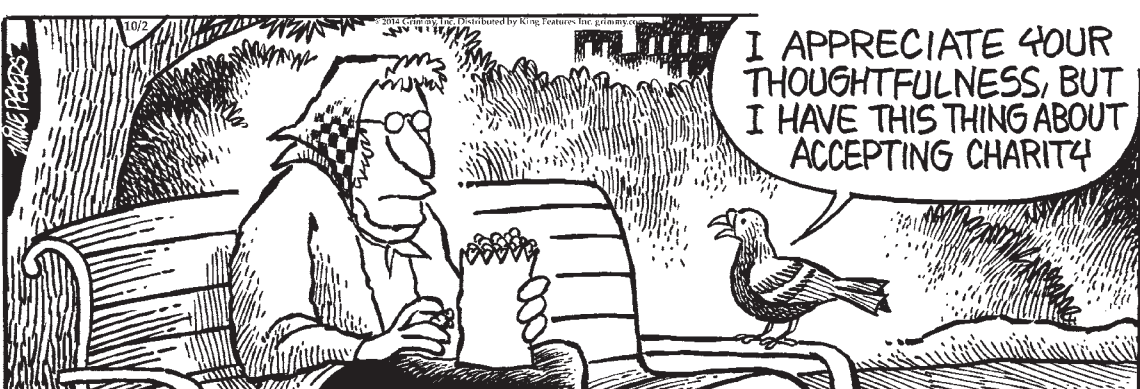
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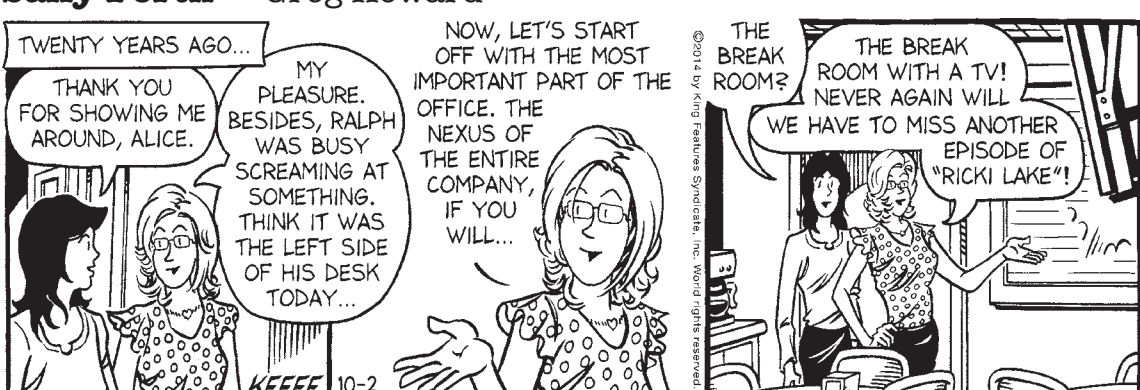
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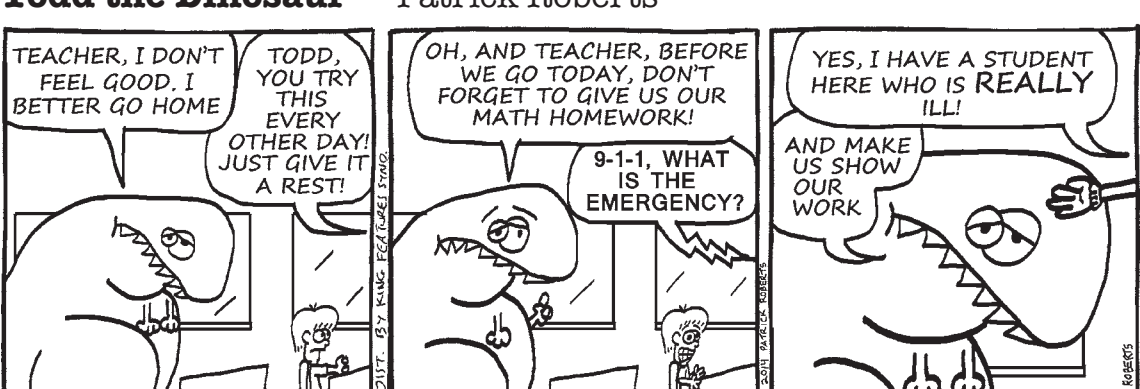
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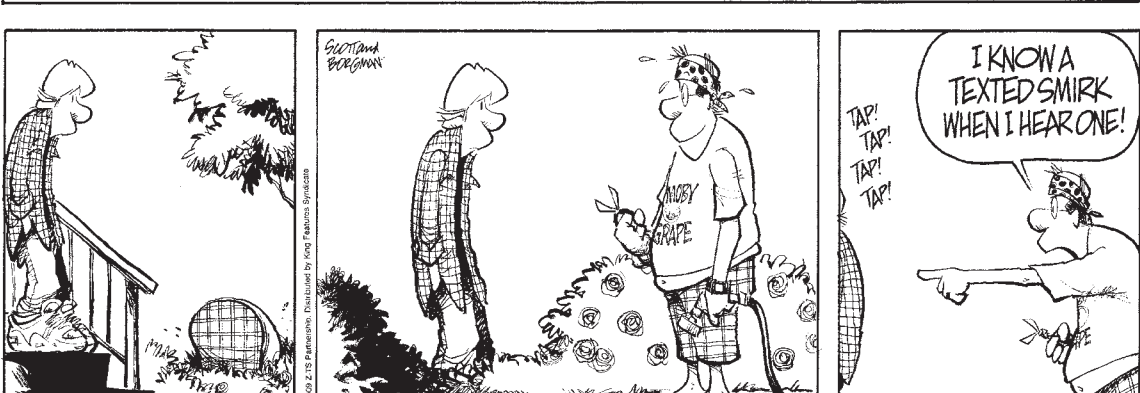
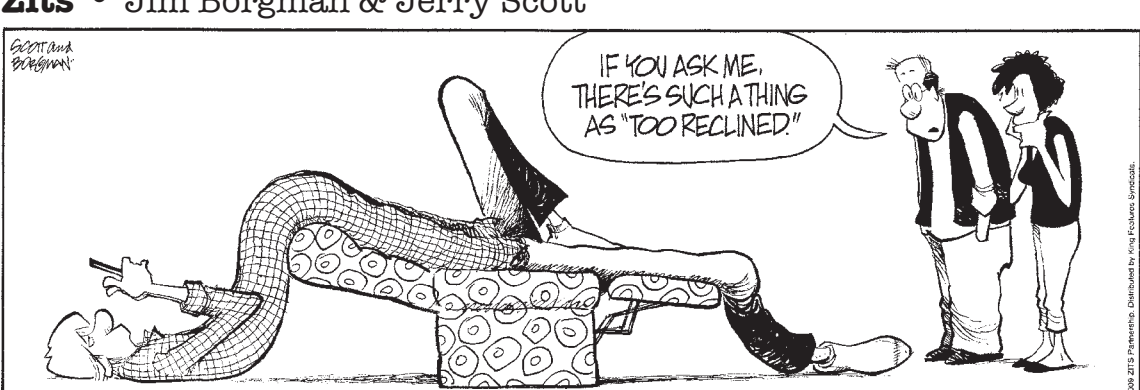
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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

'Black Forest' is a misnomer

Q: A family member has a coffee table and two end tables that are stumping us. They were purchased in Germany in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The tops are hand carved, stained and painted, and covered with removable glass. The legs screw in. They are marked on the bottom "D.B.G.M. Geschutzt." I hope you can help with information and a value.

A: Your tables are in the style called "Black Forest," used to describe the elaborate, naturalistic wood carvings of animals, plants and landscapes thought to be made in the Bavarian Black Forest region of southwest Germany.

Most pieces were really made in Brienz, Switzerland, where the carving style started in the early 1800s. From the mid-1880s to the 1940s, Brienz wood carvers made rustic clocks, benches, hall trees, smoking stands, chairs, tables and other furniture they sold to tourists. It was popular with Americans. The mark on your tables stands for Deutsches Bundes Gebrauchsmuster (German Federal Registered Design) and was used in West Germany from 1948 to 1985. So your tables were probably made in the 1950s.

Black Forest carvings from Brienz are from the 1880s to 1920s are sought after and sell for a lot of money. Most midcentury Black Forest style pieces made for tourists in Germany or Austria, are machine made and worth much less. Your tables could sell for \$50 to \$100.

Q: Please tell me the value of a 1939 San Francisco World's Fair lady's compact. It has an image of a tall building on the front.

A: The Golden Gate International Exposition was held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay in 1939-40. Among the many souvenirs of the fair are several different styles of compacts. The building pictured on your compact is the Expo Tower at the fair's main entrance. Any lady's compact from the fair sells for about \$10-\$20.

Q: I have an antique doll that reads "Dainty Dorothy, Germany" on the tummy. It has yellow hair, a bisque head, open mouth with teeth, and a kid body. It is jointed but is missing a hand. It has shoes and socks and a new dress. The doll is about 21 inches tall. Can you tell me how old it is and what it might be worth?

A: Dainty Dorothy was a line of dolls sold by Sears, Roebuck & Co. and by T. Eaton Co., a Canadian department store, from 1910 until, at least 1922. Kestner, Simon & Halbig, Armand Marseille, and Gebruder Heubach made bisque heads for the dolls. If you find a manufacturer's mark on the doll's head on the back of the neck, you can identify the maker.

Dolls with composition forearms and lower legs were made beginning in 1912. An all composition version was sold by Eaton in 1918. Not having the original dress doesn't affect the value very much but the value of your doll is lower because it's missing a hand. Your doll is worth \$50 to \$75.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q 10 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ K 10 6 5

WEST
♠ 10 3
♥ 7 6
♦ J 9 8 4 3
♣ J 9 7 2

EAST
♠ A K J 9 5 4
♥ 8 3 2
♦ A 6
♣ 8 4

SOUTH
♠ 7 2
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A Q 3

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

A Guess Becomes a Certainty
Counting how many cards the opponents hold in each suit might be more work than some players would like to undertake, but it sure saves a lot of guesswork.

Take this deal, for example. East won the opening spade lead with the jack and continued with the A-K, South ruffing the third spade high as West discarded a diamond. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps, West discarding another diamond, and led a low diamond to the king.

East took the king with the ace and returned a diamond, and South was at the crossroads. He had to decide whether to finesse the ten of diamonds, or whether to go up with the queen and hope to discard the ten on dummy's fourth club.

After reviewing the play to this point, declarer correctly rejected the diamond finesse (which would have been fatal) because the contract had by now become a certainty. South knew that East had started with exactly six spades (West discarded on the third round) and had followed to three rounds of trumps. East had then also shown up with the A-6 of diamonds.

With 11 of East's original 13 cards fully accounted for, it was impossible for him to hold more than two clubs. So, after taking the diamond queen, South cashed the A-Q of clubs and led a third club. When West produced the nine, it was a simple matter to finesse the ten, since East could not have the jack of clubs.

The same result could have been achieved if South had cashed his last trump after winning the diamond queen, a move that would have embarrassed West for a discard. The key point, though, is that by resorting to elementary counting, declarer found a way to avoid embarrassing himself.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/02

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

Cryptoquip

NI KJ'D VJNRU ZJPAAF UWWW
PE DTVEAJ LJZDTPDNWR, N'M
DPF EKJ LNPRW DJAAJZ TDJD
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOME PEOPLE CHARGE THE SAME BATTERIES OVER AND OVER. I CONSIDER THAT RE-VOLTING BEHAVIOR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Zhivago's fish
5 Express love
8 Tactic
12 Scads
13 Id counterpart
14 Emanation
15 Delta
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CASE NO. 2013-PR-15

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It's time to lock horns

Colby aims at launching Longhorns on Friday

By R.B. Headley

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While one senior starter must sit out Friday's homecoming game, the other Colby Eagles know it will be time to step up against one Holcomb Longhorns.

In other words, Holcomb's 49-6 loss at Scott City last week should not fool any Colby Eagle.

The Longhorns' other three games were all wins by a total margin of 108-28.

"Holcomb is a very good football team," Colby coach Chris Gardner said on Thursday while also confirming Eagles quarterback Josh Matchell will not play

his last homecoming game.

Matchell suffered a tough landing after scrambling for yards late in the first half of last weekend's 62-13 loss at 4A Division I powerhouse Ulysses.

He didn't return to that contest, and Gardner said junior Brady Holzmeister will step into the starting quarterback spot.

Holzmeister took over those duties last week en route to rushing for 101 yards. He also started at quarterback when Matchell was injured last season.

Sophomores Donte Whitfield and Tate Carney will fill Holzmeister's usual slotback position, Gardner reported.

Colby's gameplan likely won't

change much against the 3-1 Longhorns.

"We have to control the football and not turn it over," Gardner said. "On the defensive side, they (Holcomb) have two inside linebackers that are big and play fast."

Holcomb suffered a terrible turnover bug last week against Scott City, losing four fumbles and throwing three interceptions. They were shut out until the fourth quarter while totaling only 159 yards of offense.

However, Gardner sees several Longhorns who can bust loose.

Junior quarterback Trey Teeter (5'11", 175 pounds) "is a good thrower and does a great job of managing the game," according to Colby's coach.

"They have a good running back in No. 8 (sophomore Brandon Stegman)," Gardner added. "They do a good job of mixing it up on the offensive side of the ball."

Colby (1-3 record) will try to even its Great West Activities Conference record at 2-2. The Eagles won their previous home game over Hugoton on Sept. 19.

Wildcats take win vs. Titans

The Wallace County Wildcats fought off Triplains-Brewster's best rally attempts during a 25-22, 25-16 victory at Winona Tuesday evening.

Stuff blocks from senior Dara Roulier and teammate Shayna Rogge's big hits kept the Titans within striking range throughout this match.

However, some excellent defensive saves helped Wallace County keep momentum. The Wildcats made two or three terrific, lunging, hustling dives during one memorial second-set play.

The Titans played another match in Tuesday's home triangular, but results were not obtained.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
The Triplains-Brewster Titans work on returning this serve during a recent varsity home volleyball match. Triplains-Brewster will play in the Ellis Tournament on Saturday.

Bulldogs still battling at 0-4

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High football dropped its homecoming game against the Triplains-Brewster Titans, 51-6, Friday night in Rexford.

"We have struggled to start the season," coach Travis Smith said at the afternoon pep rally before the game. "But it is not because of effort. These boys have busted their rears."

Their effort was quite evident during the first quarter of the game. The Titans (3-1 record) received the kickoff and moved the ball consistently to get an early touchdown. They slipped the ball over the goal line and added two points to lead 8-0.

With the ball back in the Bulldogs' hands, the hometown boys worked hard to gain yards but ended their drive just short of a first down. The defense stepped to the line and held the Titans out of the end zone throughout the remainder of the quarter.

Golden Plains had to punt at the beginning of the second giving the Titans a chance to connect on a pass for their second touchdown. The extra point attempt was stopped by senior Domic Luna.

Homecoming King Luna then scored the first home touchdown of the season for the Bulldogs. Although the Titans stopped the PAT attempt, the Bulldogs were on the board at 14-6.

Following another Titan turnover, the Bulldogs tried to start a potential game-tying drive. They made a short gain, but the Titans defense pushed them back for a safety.

The Titans received the ball, returning it to midfield before being stopped by Golden Plains senior Braden Korte. They then ran around the outside for another Titan touchdown.



MAGGI NIEMAN/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains' Dawson Spresser closed in to tackle Triplains-Brewster's Ryan Gfeller Friday evening at Rexford.

Luna caught the kick on the goal line returning it for the Bulldogs. However, they turned it over on the 22 giving the Titans excellent field position, allowing them another eight points.

The Titans kicked back to the Bulldogs, but a Golden Plains penalty put them on the nine-yard line with 71 in front of them.

Sophomore Dawson Spresser caught a pass running to midfield, but a forced fumble was recovered by the Titans. They gave the ball to Jace Jorgensen who ran in another Titan touchdown.

The Titans attempted a field goal for extra points but were blocked by Korte.

With the ball back in the Bulldogs' hands, they made good progress with short gains and a first down. Unfortunately for the home team, Ryan Gfeller picked up another fumble and ran over the goal line. This time their field

goal cleared the posts to give the Titans a 45-6 lead.

As the second quarter neared the end, Korte returned the kick to start the drive on the Bulldogs' 26 yard line. Luna drove to midfield but another fumble gave the ball back to the Titans.

The Bulldogs dug deep and stopped them with tackles by Korte, Spresser, and freshman Jeron Schutte. The Titans were pushed out of bounds as the half-time buzzer sounded.

The Bulldogs received the ball to begin the third quarter but turned the ball over on downs. The Titans took the ball into the end zone to finish the game.

"We played the best we have so far this season," junior Cole Ziegelmier concluded. "But one mistake led to the next and it snowballed from there."

Golden Plains (0-4) will next play at Greeley County on Friday.

Golden 'A' team tops Cheylin

By Charlotte McCurdy

Golden Plains schools

The Golden Plains Middle Schools volleyball team played against Cheylin for the second time this season on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Bird City.

The A team had to go three sets to get the win. The first set was 25-14, the second set was 25-13

for Cheylin, and in the third set Golden Plains came through with a 15-3 win.

"The girls have been working hard," coach Mindy Fleckenstein said. "And getting better as the season progresses. Our goal is to go into league tournament undefeated against league teams."

The B team had defeated the Cougars in the first game of the

season. Although they went to three sets, they were unable to bring home a win from this rematch.

In the first set, they won 25-21, but they lost the second set with a score of 25-23. The third set was close, but the Cougars outscored the Bulldogs, 15-11. The C team played only one set against Cheylin, which they lost 25-15.



REBEL JAY
Colby High senior Alex Young (32) and Eagle teammates were close to blocking this Ulysses Tiger kick during last weekend's varsity football game at Ulysses. The Eagles aim for a second consecutive home victory when Holcomb visits Friday night.

Trojan spikers win big over Barton

By R.B. Headley

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A repeat Jayhawk Conference West championship is still well within sight after the Colby Community College volleyball team swept Barton County 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 Wednesday night.

The Trojans (9-13 record overall) resumed their winning ways with a 45-kill barrage that buried

home-team Barton (5-18 overall).

Sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska's 14 kills topped the attack as Colby captured its fifth Jayhawk league win.

The Trojans' 5-3 record ties Pratt College for second place behind only league leader Hutchinson (7-0, 13-6 overall). Besides

Sosnowska's usual assault, Trojan hitters Laura Hillebrand and Ariana Jacquez crushed more kills (18, nine apiece) than Barton's entire team (17).

Freshman middle-blocking force Mallory Mueller added eight kills for coach Carey Jones' team. The Trojan front line also com-

combined for 20 blocks assists. Mueller made seven while Jacquez had four. Hillebrand, Sosnowska and freshman setter Miranda Geist made three apiece.

Other Trojan leaders were libero Danielle Rodriguez (19 digs), Savannah Gamble (nine digs) and Geist (39 assists).

Men's tourney set for Oct. 12

A Colby 4-Man Scramble golf tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course will be played on Sunday, Oct. 12.

Entry fee is \$50 per man and food will be served after play. The scramble features a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Contact Kevan Taylor at (785) 460-6443 for information.

Men's Night

Men's Night play continues as

46 golfers participated in a 2-Man Scramble on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Top placers from each flight: First flight — 1. Taylor-Kersenbrock, 2. Stithem-Molstad.

Second flight — 1. Strutt/Edmundson, 2. Garcia-Harper.

Third flight — 1. McKee-Gatz,

2. Wiens-Huffles.

Men's Night was scheduled to play another 2-Man Scramble Wednesday evening. Watch for re-

sults in an upcoming edition.

Other October dates to note at Meadow Lake:

Monday — Colby High School girls' team will be home for the Great West Activities Conference tournament. Opening tee time is 1 p.m.

Oct. 25 — Colby Community College's cross country teams will be home for the Region VI championship meet starting at 10 a.m.

Royals fans paying the price

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Post-season fever for the Kansas City Royals is getting expensive.

Game 3 of the American League Division Series against the Los Angeles is the most expensive

playoff game in the next round, according to StubHub.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the average price of a ticket for Game 3 sold for \$211. At 7 a.m. on Wednesday, a standing room

ticket to the game could be had for \$145. Twelve hours later, the cheapest standing room ticket was \$70 more (\$215). No other division series game currently has a get-in price of over \$100.

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