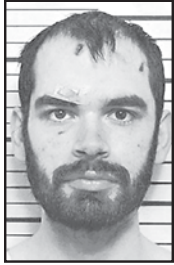




Murder conviction: life sentence

A Garden City man was sentenced to life in a state prison today for killing his ex-girlfriend and running off with their infant daughter after taking a plea deal to avoid a 50-year sentence on a charge of first-degree murder.

William Andrew Shank was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years for killing Teri Morris, his ex-girlfriend, in her home in Colby, a sentence in which he will have to spend the rest of his life in prison or on parole. Under a deal with the state, Shank, 25, pleaded guilty in July to first-degree premeditated murder, aggravated arson and aggravated burglary.



William Shank

prison, 59 months for aggravated arson and 32 months for aggravated burglary, the other charges stemming from Morris's death in 2013 to be served consecutively. Schiffner cut the suggested sentences by three months for each of these crimes.

Domme had asked for the terms to be imposed consecutively because each of them, she said, represented separate parts of a premeditated, brutal act. Shank's attorney, Jerry Fairbanks of Goodland, had asked for the terms to be imposed concurrently, to be served all at once, but did not recommend a specific sentence.

Prosecutor Nicole Romine, an assistant attorney general stationed in Goodland, had pushed for a "hard 50" prison sentence - 50 years before he would have

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'Tornado days' not likely here

WICHITA (AP) - Oklahoma officials are kicking around the idea of instituting "tornado days" in which classes would be called off when the threat of tornadoes is unusually high, but school and weather officials in Kansas think the idea could cause more problems than it solves.

Nine schoolchildren were killed in the May 20, 2013, tornado that ripped through Moore, Okla., including seven at Plaza Towers Elementary School. It was the first tornado death at school during a school day in that state since 1930, said Harold Brooks,

a research scientist at the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla.

Schools in Mississippi and Alabama have tornado day policies in place, *The Wichita Eagle* (bit.ly/1q2o7rm) reported, but Kansas school officials said there are several reasons why that wouldn't work in their state.

"We've had parents driving to school during tornado warnings to pick up their kids," said Susan Arensman, spokeswoman for Wichita's public schools. "Now

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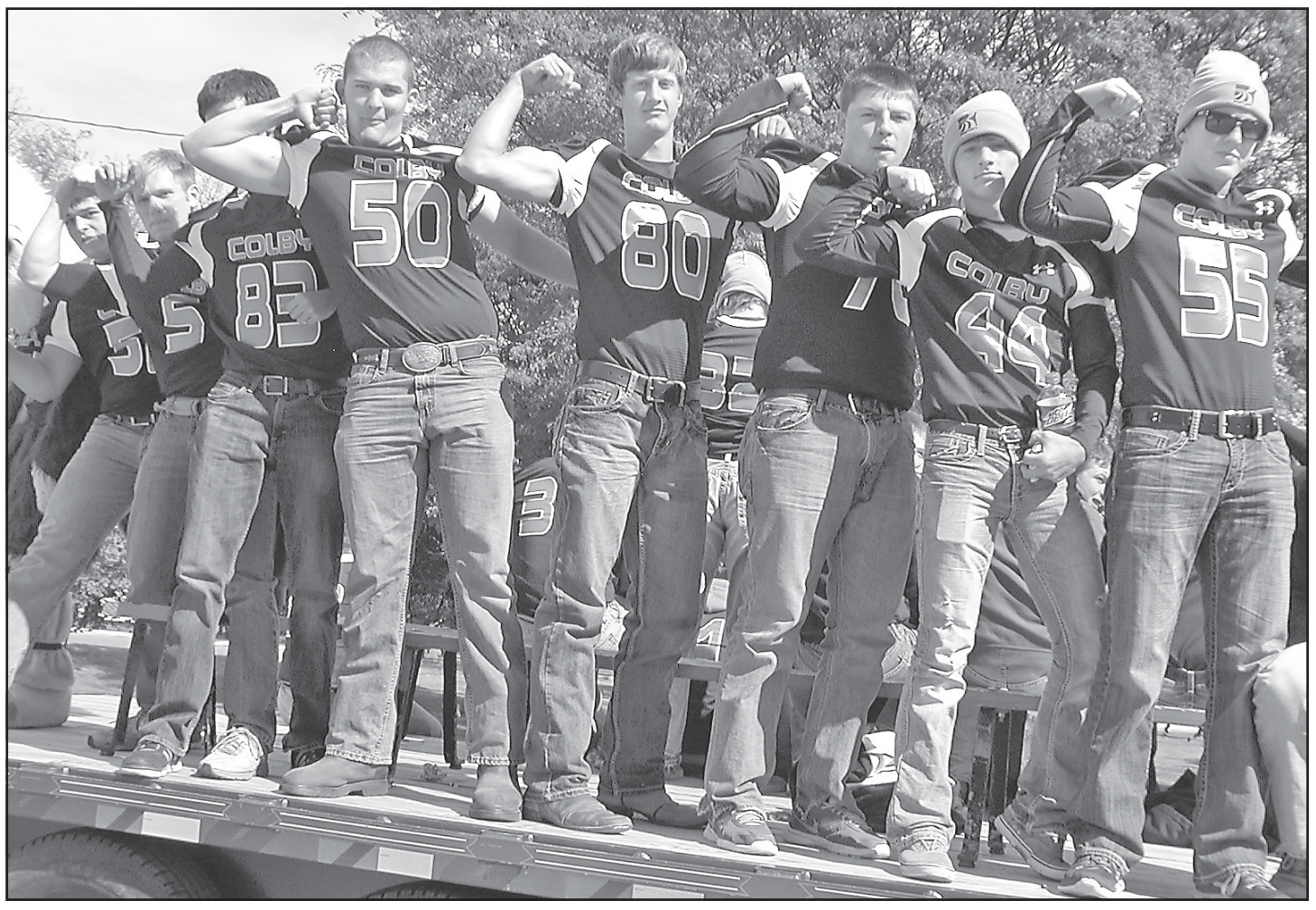
Revenue site online Tuesday

TOPEKA (AP) - Customers of the Kansas Department of Revenue are gaining access this week to a new online customer service center where they can access their accounts and make payments.

The department says the Kansas Customer Service Center will be accessible starting Tuesday from the Online Services link on the department's website.

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan says the change means customers will need to remember only one email address and password combination to access their accounts.

Because of the conversion all Department of Revenue accounts were offline today so data could be moved to the new site. The accounts will be available again at 7 a.m. on Tuesday.



Homecoming memories



It was struttin' time (top) for the Colby High School football team Friday afternoon on their Homecoming float. The Eagle mascot (left) danced with junior class members on their float - partly to show their spirit and partly, we suspect, to keep warm in a brisk wind. With a high for the day of only 60 degrees, watchers and participants alike were shivering. The freshmen (below left) worked on whipping the Longhorns into shape, though the game didn't turn out that way. King and queen Josh Brown and Phoebe Pfeifer (below) were crowned after the game.

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Next Pickerill lecture features news anchor

The second speaker of the year in the Max Pickerill Lecture Series is a Colby native and a former Colby Community College student, Michael Schwanke, anchor and investigative reporter at KWCH-TV in Wichita.

Schwanke does Eyewitness News at 5 p.m. and the 9 p.m. news on KSCW and also works as an investigative reporter. He will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Cultural Arts Center at the southeast corner of the campus.

Schwanke began his broadcasting career in Dodge City as an anchor and reporter for KBSD-TV. He transferred to Wichita in December 2000 as a general-assignment

reporter. He spent several years on the crime beat and was weekend anchor for five years before moving to the Eyewitness Newscast at 5 p.m.

Schwanke has been recognized for excellence in reporting and his contributions to the profession, including a national Edward R. Murrow Award for continuing coverage of the Carr brothers' murder trial from the Radio Television Digital News Association.

Brothers Reginald and Jonathan Carr were tried for a murder, assault, rape and a robbery spree in Wichita in December 2000. The Carrs were convicted of killing five people - a sixth survived a gunshot wound to the head - and sentenced to death in October 2002. The brothers along with "BTK" killer Dennis Rader, are considered to be among

the worst criminals in the history of the state.

Schwanke covered the BTK trial in Wichita. He received two regional Murrow awards for his investigation of abuses at a Wichita dental clinic for children. The clinic was performing unnecessary procedures without parental consent to collect fees from insurance companies and government programs. The story helped lead to a multimillion-dollar settlement.

In 2014, he won in the hard news category for a report that took viewers behind the scenes of the Wichita Children's Home. In 2013, Schwanke won an Emmy in the business category where he featured a dairy farmer in Reno County who feeds his cattle recycled chocolate from the Russell Stover factory in Abilene.

He graduated from Colby High School,

completed general education classes at Colby College and earned an undergraduate degree in informational networking and telecommunications with a minor in public relations and a leadership certificate from Fort Hays State University. In 2010, he was selected by the university as the Young Alumnus of the Year.

He and his wife Tenille, a physician assistant and a native of Colby, have two girls, Jorja, 8; and Jayda, 6. Schwanke is the son of Charles and Debbie Schwanke of Colby. His mother is public information director for the college and his father is co-owner of Colby Bowl and Fun Center.

The free Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by anonymous donors. For information, contact lecture series chair Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at 460-5528.



Michael Schwanke



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. West wind around 5 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 49. Southeast wind around 5 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. South wind 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.
Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Friday: High, 60; Low 33
Saturday: High, 75; Low 37
Sunday: High, 77; Low 45
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday 0.02 inches
Month: 0.12 inches
Year: 16.43 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:46 a.m. 7:17 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 99 percent
Wednesday 7:47 a.m. 7:16 p.m.
Full moon at 5:51 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Waiting for the parade



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Kids were ready for a happy shower of treats before the Colby High School annual homecoming parade on Friday afternoon.

'Tornado days' not likely here

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you're out driving around in weather where you shouldn't be."
Most schools in the district have safe rooms for use by students and staff when violent weather threatens, and there are plans for safe rooms to be added to the few schools in the district that don't have them.
Once the doors to the safe rooms close, they're not opened until a warning has expired or been canceled, Arensman said. They're not opened even for parents who come for children, she said.
If students were let out of classes on a day promising the threat of severe weather, "Would they know where to go? Would they know what to do?" she said.

But Scott Curl, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's Norman, branch, said the Moore death toll could have been greater if parents had not come to pick up their children before the tornado struck.
"Even the two schools that got hit, a lot of students had left," Curl said. Had they not, he said, many more of them may have died.
Many students in southwest Kansas would be placed in greater danger if their school districts declared a tornado day and didn't hold classes because a large number live in mobile homes, said Larry Ruthi, meteorologist in the weather service's Dodge City bureau.
"In western Kansas, we would end up with teenagers at home alone, playing video games and not paying attention to the weather," Ruthi said.

Murder conviction: life sentence passed today

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had any chance for parole. Shank avoided that when he pleaded guilty to three charges. Romine agreed not to ask for a hard-50 sentence as part of the agreement. Instead, she recommended a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years.
Shank pleaded not guilty to all three of the charges 18 days after the crime was committed, but reversed that decision and pleaded guilty this summer. His sentencing had been set for Tuesday Sept. 3, but was delayed after Fairbanks said the defendant had tried to kill himself the weekend before. Judge Schiffner ordered that Shank be evaluated to see if he was legally competent to participate in the sentencing.
Eight family members spoke at Shank's sentencing this afternoon, including her siblings, fiancée Russell Rodenbeck and his

parents.
Morris worked for Thomas County Emergency Medical Services and at the Colby Walmart. She lived here with Rodenbeck, another emergency medical technician.
Shank was arrested on Feb. 9, 2013, after he killed Morris; took their child, Addilyn Morris, from the house; and then set fire to the building before fleeing.
Shank apparently broke in sometime after Rodenbeck left for work at 6 a.m. on Feb. 9, 2013. The house was seen burning around 7:15 a.m. Rodenbeck told officials that Morris should have been gone.
However, police officers and firefighters found her body inside the burning house. They later discovered Morris had been stabbed to death and the fire had been set. After an all-day search, Shank was found that afternoon in Logan with the child.
Addilyn Morris was born in May 2012

in Garden City to Shank and Morris. Teri Morris broke up with Shank later that year, testimony showed, and moved to Colby. She moved in with Rodenbeck at the end of that year.
Shank had been arrested for domestic battery on Feb. 2, 2013, a week before the murder, in Hays. Evidence found on his computer showed he had researched how to pick a lock and how to break into a residence. When he was arrested, he had cut marks on his body and Morris's blood was found on his person, his clothing and his vehicle, along with his own.
Shank was given a credit for time served of 604 days, since he has been in the Thomas County Jail since being arrested the day he killed Morris. He was ordered to pay court costs and related fees of \$902 and a restitution of \$108,427.

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.

Red Cross to serve beans at drive

The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. next Tuesday, Oct. 14, and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Colby Community Building. Volunteers will serve ham and beans to donors both days. Just stop by, or make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or (800) RED-CROSS (733-2767). The next drive will be Jan. 6 and 7. For information, call Bev Vaughn, 443-1467 or 462-3861.

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 offered at noon and again at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Colby Community College Student Union, Room 106. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavior 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.

Wednesday is Walk to School Day

Do you have a grade-school student? Make sure they get signed up for this year's National Walk to School Day on Wednesday. The Thomas County Coalition hopes to get as many kids as possible from Colby Grade and Middle schools and Sacred Heart School to meet at 7:20 a.m. at Fike Park to start the walk. For information, call Richelle Shipley at 460-8177.

Business After 5 set for 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.

Book fair this week at schools

The Colby Grade School book fair will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 8 p.m. 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.

Celebration honors retiring county nurse

The Thomas County Health Department staff will hold a retirement celebration for Kathy Ryan from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday in the Thomas County Office Complex conference room, 350 S. Range. For information, call the department at 460-4596.

Once a Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is served to all who come the second Saturday of each month. No reservation. For questions, call the church office at 462-6342.

Program to educate about diabetes

A free program, "Diabetes and You," will be presented at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Colby Community College by K-State Research and Extension and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. Register by Tuesday by going on-line at www.bcbsks.com or calling 460-4582.

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 the after-school program at Colby Elementary School. For information, call Angie Gaede at 460-4596.

Sacred Heart auction set for Oct. 25

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

Elks Lodge to present banners to families

The Goodland Elks Lodge would like to recognize families with members 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.

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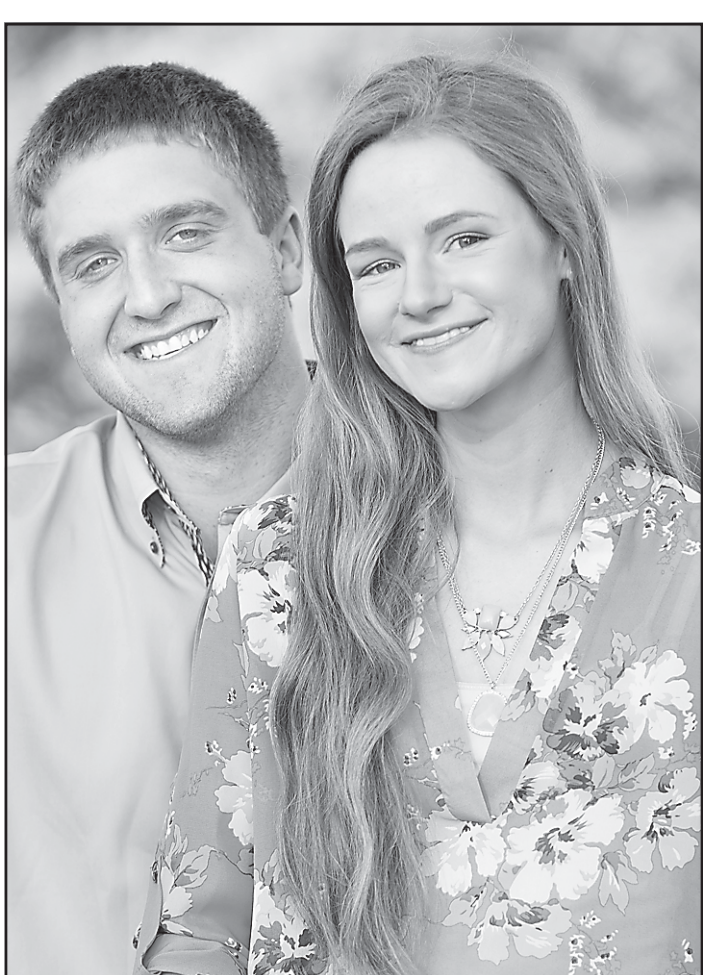
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Spencer Charles Young and Paige LeAnna Rebman

Couple plan to marry Saturday in Nebraska

Spencer Charles Young of Colby and Paige LeAnna Rebman of Republican City, Neb., plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at the Ragan United Methodist Church in Ragan, Neb.

Spencer Young is the son of Kirk and Holly Young of Colby. Paige Rebman is the daughter of Brad and Patty Rebman of Republican City.

Spencer is a 2014 graduate of

Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's in business management. He farms and works with the family's semi dealership, Truck Town, in Colby.

Paige is attending Fort Hays State University with a double major in agribusiness and animal science with an emphasis in pre-veterinary medicine. She continues to expand her cattle herd.

The couple will live in Colby.

Alcoholism's path begins at early age

Ned Lush

12 Steps

It is no secret to some that I suffer from the disease of alcoholism.

In one respect, it is a blessing, if you can imagine, but before you throw eggs on me, I'll concede that it is a repulsive disease and it places a tremendous burden on families, employers, and friends. Let me explain.

When I was a young man, still in high school, I was introduced to Jim Beam, the No. 1 bourbon from Kentucky. I was working a long shift that day, with another member of the employer's team, Leo. It was just he and I working that day.

In the middle of the afternoon Leo broke out a bottle of Jim Beam and invited me to join him in a treat. I poured out some of the cola in my bottle and then topped it off with Jim Beam. Turning it upside down a few times with my thumb on the opening mixed the concoction and then it was time to imbibe.

That 16-ounce drink went down easily, warmed me up inside, and quickly gave me a little "buzz" — that counterfeit feeling made me seem taller, more confident and smarter. A little later Leo said I could have another one. I didn't waste any time on that offer. The buzz had reached the slightly dizzy stage but I thought I was enjoying it so why not another.

Later that evening the shift had come to a close and I had drunk all of Leo's hooch. He didn't scold me or even bring it up but we both knew I had gone too far. I was slurring some words, walking a little funny and my eyes had drooped a bit.

As I was leaving work in my old Cadillac I didn't make it far before I plowed into the side of another car. I'm not sure exactly what went wrong — I just froze and caused an accident — the first of many accidents, after a night of

drinking.

The police came to investigate the accident and I wasn't sure what to do. I was drinking but any good alcoholic can weave his way through that tiny problem — put it in your pocket. I got a ticket that night but the ticket had nothing to do with drunk driving — whew.

That was a long time ago. Times were different then; it's much different now. Driving drunk can wreck one's life in no time, and the second or third time one gets caught driving drunk — well it's a progressive disease and so is the penalty for driving drunk. When it happens it will seem huge.

I'm not proud to confess that the accident just mentioned was simply the first of many pathetic accidents and personal conflicts over the next 20-some years. My self esteem plummeted over a period of years and I found myself severely depressed.

The eventual outcome was positive for me and I'll explain that to you but for now, I would like to take a break.

My suggestion is, if you drink any alcohol do not drive for the next eight hours. If you think you may be consuming too much alcohol, or the alcohol is contributing to problems in some part of your life, be sure to read my next confession. I do have some suggestions. Best of luck but please be careful when drinking alcoholic beverages.

"Ned Lush" is a pseudonym for a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. In keeping with that organization's tradition, further identification is not provided. The author and the Colby Free Press hope these columns are helpful.

Hawaii rice dish record sets 1,126-pound record

HONOLULU (AP) — A group is claiming a world record for a popular Hawaii dish, after putting together a massive bowl of rice, hamburger, eggs and gravy.

Chef Hideaki Miyoshi of Tokkuri Tei restaurant and volunteers at the Fifth Annual Rice Festival Sept. 28 assembled a bowl of loco moco that weighed 1,126 pounds.

Loco moco was invented in the late 1940s in Hilo. There are varieties, but the basic dish consists of hot white rice, a hamburger patty, an over-easy fried egg and brown gravy.

Guinness World Records said the dish would have to weigh at least 1,100 pounds for consideration.

Miyoshi and his crew used more than 600 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of ground beef, 300 scrambled eggs and 200 pounds of gravy. They used donated rice and borrowed kitchen space at Ward

Centers.

The festival holds the Guinness World Record for making a 286-pound Spam musubi in 2011, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reported (bit.ly/1uwSc9Z).

The big loco moco took 3 1/2 hours to prepare and then was donated to charity to feed the homeless, organizer Lincoln Jacobo said.

Some loco-moco purists were critical of the use of scrambled eggs instead of over-easy eggs.

"If you order at a restaurant, they ask you how you want your egg," Cesar Panocillo said. "So I guess it's a preference. Some people might like it scrambled."

The event also featured a Spam-musubi eating contest. Randy Javelosa beat four-time champion Ron Lee by eating seven of the canned meat, dried seaweed and rice snack in two minutes.

Deaths

Carol Sue Baalman

Carol Sue Baalman, 77, Hoxie, mother of Keyna Baalman of Colby, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at

time with the "Chatty Cathy" coffee group.

She was host for many McIl-nay family reunions. She served on the Sheridan County Election Board and at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

A member of the St. Martin Catholic Church in Seguin, she was the current president of St. Ann's Sodality.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her parents-in-law, Ed and Leoba Baalman.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; three more daughters, Stephanie (David) Schippers, Hoxie; Danielle (Dave) Perry, Minneapolis, Kan.; and Darcy (Art) Hotz, Rosehill; a son, Mitchell (Lola) Baalman, Hoxie; three brothers, Burt McIlany, Glendale, Ariz.; David McIlany, Loveland, Colo.; and Joe (Sheryl) McIl-nay, Colby; three sisters, LeeAnn Rehmer, Grinnell; Kathleen (Jim) Tubbs and Tracey Perkins, all of Colby; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were to be today, Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at the church in Seguin, with burial in the church's cemetery.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.mickeyleopardfuneral.com.



C. Baalman

Fredrick R. Deal

Fredrick R. Deal, 68, Garden City, formerly of Colby, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City.

death.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Jeffrey (Tonya) Deal, McPherson, Michael (Shawna) Deal and Jimmy (Debi) Deal, all of Garden City; a sister, Terry Waggle, St. Louis; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, at the church in Garden City, with Fathers Reginald A. Urban and Earl Befort officiating and burial in the Valley View Cemetery, Garden City.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Dominic Catholic School in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 412 N. Seventh St., Garden City, Kan., 67846

Condolences for the family may be left at garnandfuneralhomes.com.



Fredrick Deal

On June 4, 1966, he married Janice M. Befort in Hays.

An insurance adjuster for Nationwide Insurance Co., he was a member of the St. Dominic Catholic Church of Garden City, the National Rifle Association, and the The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He was also a volunteer ombudsman, and a Friend of Bill W. He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, along with yard work, leatherwork, college football and time with his family.

His parents preceded him in

Big brat marks bicentennial

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Residents in the southwest Illinois city of Belleville celebrated its 200th birthday with a 200-foot bratwurst, complete with a 200-foot bun.

A few days earlier, a saloon hosted a half-size practice run for grilling the mega-bratwurst.

Lindenwood University and Southwestern Illinois College athletes helped march the bun down a main thoroughfare, making a wide turn in a parking lot to finish the delivery. The athletes also helped roll the bratwurst onto a 200-foot metal grilling trough.

Event organizers decided not to pay a fee to have the bratwurst record attempt recognized.

Larry Schubert and his team from Schubert's Packing Co. in Millstadt used about 120 pounds of meat to make the brat volunteers grilled Sept. 21, the final day of the city's bicentennial celebration, the *Belleville News-Democrat* reported (bit.ly/1po9SWo).

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.23
Corn (bushel)	\$3.04
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.17

Corrections

In an article, "Boy Scouts advance at court of honor," on Page 3 of the Wednesday, Oct. 1, *Colby Free Press*, the photo caption gave the wrong name for Toby Korte, who is shown pinning an award on his mother. This was a reporting error.

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An article, "Winona woman injured," on Page 1 of the Thursday, Oct. 2, *Colby Free Press*, stated incorrectly that the driver of a car had run a stop sign during a wreck last Wednesday. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported only that Anna Lowe, 72, Winona, had failed to yield the right of way to a truck at the sign. Lowe said she in fact stopped at the sign before pulling out. This was a reporting error.

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Other Viewpoints

Fort Riley soldiers headed back to Iraq

Fort Riley troops are heading back to Iraq. As their friends and neighbors, we wish them the best and hope for their speedy return.

As realists, we hope everyone sees what this deployment means. And as Americans, we hope they get the job done, whatever that entails.

The Department of Defense announced Sept. 25 that nearly 500 soldiers from Fort Riley will deploy to the Middle East in late October. The 1st Infantry Division will be the headquarters unit to deploy to Iraq as part of the U.S. battle against the organization called the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, or ISIL. The unit's role, according to official announcements, is to advise and assist the Iraqi security forces to help them go on the offensive and conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flights. Basically, in our view, this is an effort to re-create the training apparatus that the U.S. dismantled when we pulled out last time.

We're quite confident in the ability of Fort Riley soldiers to do whatever they're supposed to do. They're preparing to be deployed for a year. We certainly hope to see them all back here as soon as possible.

President Obama has said that there will be no ground war against ISIS, but what the announcement of this deployment shows is that, regardless of the type of military conflict our nation enters, there's always going to be a need for an army. You're going to have to have boots on the ground.

Call them advisers or whatever, but if we're serious about taking on an enemy force, it's going to require men and women in fatigues on the ground at some point. To say otherwise is to either be naive or disingenuous.

Fort Riley is invaluable as a training center for those troops. This deployment shows that once again.

But the point here is not simply to make domestic political points. Clearly, ISIS is an enemy determined to cause America harm. This is a complicated international situation, and there's reason to believe ISIS really wants nothing more than to pick a fight. We're certain Fort Riley soldiers are as prepared as anybody, and we're confident they'll get the job done to the best of their ability.

The big question remaining is exactly what the job requires.

- The Manhattan Mercury, via the Associated Press

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Children's play stretches imagination

I love watching small children playing, especially when they are using their imaginations. I think all of my three children have very good imaginations; at least I know they did when they were small.

My oldest, Duane, was obsessed with Zorro. We bought him a Zorro costume for Halloween when he was about 4, and I still remember how he ran around in the house fighting imaginary bad guys with his plastic sword.

When he was older, he suddenly became Evil Knievel, the man who jumped his motorcycle over Grand Canyon. Unknown to me at the time, Duane was piling up cement blocks in the street and placing a long plank up to them so he could ride up on it and jump over the blocks with his bicycle. I'm sure that's not all he was jumping his bike over, but I knew nothing about it at the time.

Allen, my second child, three years younger than Duane, always wanted to show he could do anything his older brother could do, so he tried to make that jump with his much smaller bike. That's when I heard Allen come screaming in the back door with skinned-up places all over him. He looked like he had been run over by a truck.

For him, the jump didn't quite go as planned. Needless to say, I commanded that the cement blocks be returned to their usual resting place behind the garage, and Evil Knievel was grounded.

Earlier, when Allen was about 5, he was playing with a neighbor boy in our basement.



Marj Brown

• Marj's Snippets

I don't remember who it was; it might have been Chuck Plumisto, because he was at our house a lot in those days. I was in the kitchen with the door to the basement open and could hear everything that was being said down there. That was when I heard the neighbor boy let out a scream and then he shouted, "Superman! Superman! I hear a lady screaming. She needs help." Allen shouted back, "I need to change my clothes."

I heard Allen run into the furnace room and slam the door. After just a moment, he ran back out. I was sure he was then sporting one of my dish towels over his shoulders as his Superman cape. Next there was a lot of shouting and running around while the criminals got what they deserved.

The boys continued to play and talk for a while until, once again, the lady let out another scream and Allen ran in the furnace room to reappear as Superman. This type of thing continued most of the morning. Finally, the lady let out another scream and I heard Allen say in a rather tired voice, "I wish that lady would shut up. I'm not getting a thing done." That's

when I knew it was time for his nap.

Then there was the day when Linda, my youngest, was playing dress up with Lisa Chase. They were about 5 or 6 at the time. The girls were wearing their mothers' (Betty Chase's and mine) can-can skirts. Those are big skirts made out of a stiff net material to wear under full skirts to make them stick out. The girls were wearing the skirts on the outside of their clothes and feeling very grown-up.

At that time, the Chases lived on Mission Street right in front of where the new Meadowlark Manor homes were being built. Linda and Lisa got in Betty's car and decided to go for a drive. Linda was driving. She took the car out of gear and it coasted right down through the front door of the only Meadowlark Manor apartment that was completed. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and it didn't do a lot of damage, but Linda didn't try to drive again until she got her restricted license at 14.

Yes, I know, when this comes out in the paper, my three children are all going to be embarrassed. But isn't that one of the perks we get as parents, the fun of embarrassing our children? At least I never took any pictures of them as babies in the nude.

Marj Brown has lived in Colby since 1947 and has spent a good deal of that time writing about people and places here. She says its one of her favorite things to do

If it's not rigorous, find another school

"You're not getting one of those cheap (name deleted) university masters degrees, are you?" That was the reply of the superintendent when one of my high school teacher colleagues had stopped in to mention that she was beginning a master's program. She was not pursuing that cheap degree, but another that he recognized with: "Now that is a good program."

Administrators are aware of the extreme variations in quality of university programs. And students should be aware that it matters. Some degrees are valued. Others are worthless.

College freshmen have now had enough time to observe their first classes and make a judgement on the quality of their school. What should they look for in a rigorous and valued degree?

On the first day of classes, did many professors just hand you a syllabus and dismiss class? You just missed an hour of learning that you paid for. Some pundits quip that education is the one industry where the customer rejoices in not getting what they paid for. But you are now one day dumber, and more of that can add up. Find another school.

Every school now seems to have a mission statement, a vision statement, and other formal mottos. Do the words "academic" and "scholar" and "intellectual" and "rigor" appear anywhere in those documents? If not, then its mission is not academic, scholarly or rigorous. Perk up; you have just learned the meaning of "platitude." But find another school.

Did they schedule you for the easiest classes your first year, avoiding the more difficult "weed out" courses in your major that might "flunk out" students? This is one strategy being used in Kansas to keep students who are not college-able in school to retain them as



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

long as possible to collect tuition. The regents have essentially commanded it. But if you don't start your major courses, you will be unable to finish in four years. Their obsession with retention can cost you a year of your life. Find another school.

Are professor's office doors open between classes for students to get extra help, good advising, and to carry the classroom discussion further? If the professor is never in, e-mail is a poor excuse for efficient and meaningful communication. Find another school.

Do your teachers know your name by mid-terms? Yes, most universities have been herding students into large lecture halls for decades - a form of institutionalized malpractice. A class should be less than 30 students so every student can participate in the discussion and the professor can monitor eyes for understanding. You are not just a number. But even if professors are teaching big classes under duress, the teacher should still know your name. You are also going to need references when you graduate. If your professors never know your name, find another school.

Do your advanced courses have prerequisites? If not, they could all be taken by beginning freshmen. An "advanced" course that starts at a beginning level really isn't an advanced course at all. A bachelor's degree is not just two associate degrees. A real educa-

tion progresses into advanced learning. "No prerequisites" means "no depth." Find another school.

Is your school spending more money on marketing than on faculty salaries? In some for-profit online operations, their most expensive line-item is advertising to attract students. But they hire adjunct professors who work at food-stamp wages. Find a real school.

Is your university gutting its general education program? - Reducing the credit hours for a bachelor's degree from 124 to the regent's minimum of 120? - Offering a master's degree for going one year past the bachelor's degree? Run, don't walk, to another school!

Unfortunately, our students live in an educational Wild West. Political pressure to increase the number of college graduates and bring in tuition dollars has silenced the faculty voices for academic integrity. At higher education conferences in Asia and Europe, this decline in the value of the American public university degree is an open topic of conversation. But the value of degrees at our more rigorous campuses remains.

Students who want a diploma of value will have to take charge of their life. That may mean - finding another school.

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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Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sept. 25

12:28 a.m. - Caller reported loud music. Spoke with subject.
4:42 a.m. - Security check at Wal-Mart.
4:50 p.m. - Caller reported theft.
6:53 p.m. - Caller reported disorderly conduct.
Sept. 26
10:33 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School.
1:28 p.m. - Removed garage sale signs from stop signs.
2:07 p.m. - Possible suicidal person.
5:14 p.m. - Non-injury hit and run accident.
9:44 p.m. - Caller reported unwanted people on property.
Sept. 27
12:15 p.m. - Funeral block for Baalmann's Mortuary from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to Sacred Heart Cemetery.

1:12 p.m. - Transient asking for aid. All OK, provided escort to Law Enforcement Center.
11:11 p.m. - Helped Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol units.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Sept. 25
9:10 a.m. - Released Joe Leija on Sept. 24.
10:39 a.m. - Released David Christopher Warren.
12:58 p.m. - Helped Highway Patrol, ambulance, rescue squad on minor accident.
1:03 p.m. - Released Dennis Clyde Sheaks.
2:19 p.m. - Insufficient funds checks report filed on Stacy Nacole Horinek.
2:21 p.m. - Booked Horinek.
2:29 p.m. - Released Horinek.
3:57 p.m. - Warrant served on Raven Storm Sporing.
Sept. 26
8:03 a.m. - Caller reported don-

key at large in the 1400 block of County Rd. 11.
10:27 a.m. - Narcotics violation, driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 12.
11:42 a.m. - Booked Nicol Sondra Frahm.
1:11 p.m. - Oakley Police Department called about possible mental or suicidal person. All OK.
2:40 p.m. - Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.
4:55 p.m. - Brought inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.
10:22 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle at County Rd. 15 and I-70. Spoke with subjects.
Holiday Inn advised of a customer that was unable to get roadside assistance. Escorted vehicle to motel.

Student finds skeleton of bird from dinosaur age

Hours digging in the August sun rewarded Kris Super, a Wichita freshman at Fort Hays State University, with a remarkable discovery - more than half a skeleton of an 85 million-year old bird.
Super and a few of his paleontology friends spent their last weekend before school "in the chalk" looking for fossils near Castle Rock, in Gove County, west of Hays. Late one afternoon, Super noticed some small bones wedged in rock.
"I was able to free a medium-sized slab of rock containing the bones," said Super.
At first, Super said, the fossils looked like a "scrappy fish." But after further study in his dorm room later that night, he thought it might be a bird instead. "I noticed a raised edge along the side of one of the bones that told me it used to be hollow," said Super.
That same night, he emailed Dr. Laura Wilson, curator of paleontology at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History and an assistant professor of geosciences at Fort Hays. They met the next morning, on Super's first day of college.
It turns out he found the remains of a toothed flying bird called Ichthyornis (pronounced ick-thee-OR-niss) from the Mesozoic Era-- about 252 million to 66 million years ago.
Ichthyornis is Greek for "fish-bird" and is named that way due to its fish-like vertebrae.
Ichthyornis was first discovered

in 1870 by a professor from Kansas State University in the Solomon River in Kansas.
Because of its reptile-like teeth, Ichthyornis further solidified the evolutionary relationship between birds and dinosaurs. This caused Charles Darwin, the founder of evolutionary theory, to write that Ichthyornis offered "the best support to the theory of evolution" since he had first published "On the Origin of Species" in 1859.
The quality of the bones makes this fossil rare since bird bones are notoriously difficult to preserve; the bones must be hollow to reduce weight and allow flight.
"This is why there are less fossil records of birds and more records of other specimens with thicker bones," said Wilson.
"It's really rare to have a fossil

record of a bird with teeth," said Super.
The fossil is also rare because of the number of bones Super found.
"Often, we only find a couple of bones associated with a skeleton, but in this case we have a large proportion of the skeleton preserved," said Wilson. "Additionally, the bones are in really great shape."
"I donated the fossils to Sternberg Museum so Dr. Wilson and I can continue to study it," said Super. Researchers at KU are also working with them to further analyze the fossils.
"This specimen has a couple of years of research ahead of it already. This find will give us a great opportunity to study this extinct group of birds in more depth," said Wilson.

Salina TV station planning contest for best music jingle

Access TV of Salina is having a jingle contest. The winner of "King (or Queen) of the Jingle" will receive a prize package valued over \$1000.
The contest is open to any musician living in Kansas. All genres of music are accepted.
Artists are asked to submit an original jingle 60 seconds or less, and it must incorporate "Access" and "Community."
Artists may submit their jingle

online at the Access website, salinatv.org, or by mail or hand delivery to Access Studios, 215 N. Ninth, Salina, Kan., 67401. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Oct. 10.
On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Access staff will determine the finalists, who will be judged by public online voting through Sunday, Oct. 26, on the Access TV Facebook & YouTube pages. The winner will be announced on Monday,

Oct. 27.
"We know that there are a lot of talented artists..." said James Curtis, community relations coordinator, "and we want to give them a platform to showcase their talents. Of course, we'd like a great jingle to come out of it too."
The official rules can be found at salinatv.org.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 4, 2014

STATE OF KANSAS, THOMAS COUNTY, ss Office of the County Clerk, Colby, KS
As required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given there will be a General Election held in Thomas County, Kansas, Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

The candidates for members of the National Offices, State Offices and District if composed of more than one County, have been approved by the State Board of Canvassers and certified to this office by the Secretary of State, the names of candidates being arranged in the manner in which they will appear on the Official Ballot in Thomas County, Kansas.

The candidates for County Offices and Township Offices have filed declaration papers in the office of the County Clerk and being found regular are entitled to have their names on the Official General Ballot of Thomas County, Kansas subject to the rotation of names pursuant to law governing the same. The names of the candidates for National, State and District offices are shown and arranged, as they must appear on all the printed ballots of the County.

ADVANCE VOTING BY MAIL AND/OR IN PERSON

As required by K.S.A. 25-1123 advanced voting by mail shall begin on Wednesday, October 15, 2014; ending Friday, October 31, 2014; please contact the Thomas County Clerk's office at 785.460.4500 or e-mail at tcc01@st-tel.net for an application to receive a ballot by mail. ID REQUIRED.

As required by K.S.A. 25-1122(g) -1123 advanced voting in person shall begin at the Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby, KS on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; ending Monday, November 3, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact the Thomas County Clerk's office at 785.460.4500 or e-mail at tcc01@st-tel.net for further information. ID REQUIRED.

VOTING HOURS AND VOTING PLACES on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 Colby Community Building - The voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The voting places are as follows: All precincts vote at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. 5th St., Colby, Kansas.

NATIONAL OFFICES

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE (Vote for One)
Randall Batson, Wichita Libertarian
Greg Orman, Olathe Independent
Pat Roberts, Dodge City Republican

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 1ST DISTRICT (Vote for One)
James E. Sherow, Manhattan Democratic
Tim Huelskamp, Fowler Republican

STATE OFFICES

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One Pair)
Keen A. Umbehr, Alma Libertarian Paul Davis, Lawrence Democratic
Joshua J. Umbehr, Wichita Libertarian Jill Docking, Wichita Democratic

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One)
Jean Kurtis Schodorf, Wichita Democratic Kris Kobach, Piper Republican

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)
A.J. Kotich, Topeka Democratic Derek Schmidt, Independence Republican

FOR STATE TREASURER (Vote for One)
Carmen Alldritt, Wichita Democratic Ron Estes, Wichita Republican

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (Vote for One)
Dennis Anderson, Overland Park Democratic Ken Selzer, Leawood Republican

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 118th DISTRICT (Vote for One)
Don Hineman, Dighton Republican

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 120TH DISTRICT (Vote for One)
Richard (Rick) Billinger, Goodland Republican

FOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT #5 (Vote for One)
Sally Cauble, Dodge City Republican

COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP

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Stephen Shull, Colby Republican

SMITH TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
Vernon Vance, Rexford Republican
WENDELL TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
Allen Cheney, Rexford Republican

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE QUESTIONS 1-4 (Vote Yes or No)
Shall the following be retained in office?
Eric S. Rosen, Topeka Position #4 Lee Johnson, Caldwell Position #6

COURT OF APPEALS QUESTIONS 1-7 (Vote Yes or No)
Shall the following be retained in office?
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Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton Position #5
Henry W. Green, Jr., Leavenworth Position #7
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Melissa Taylor Standridge, Leawood Position #13

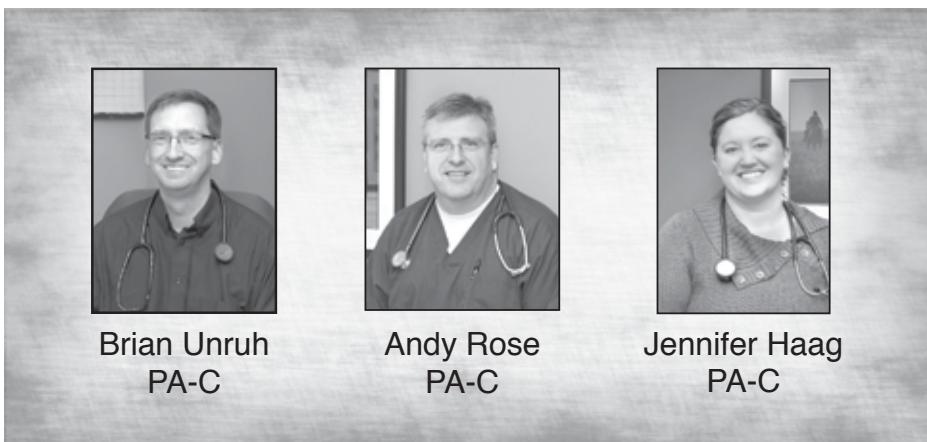
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Table with columns: WT#, NAME, ADDRESS, TOTAL. Lists delinquent personal tax warrants for 2013.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

A copy of this certificate and abstract is being delivered to the County Attorney. Notice of publication as provided by K.S.A. 547.

Layn Bruggeman
Thomas County Treasurer
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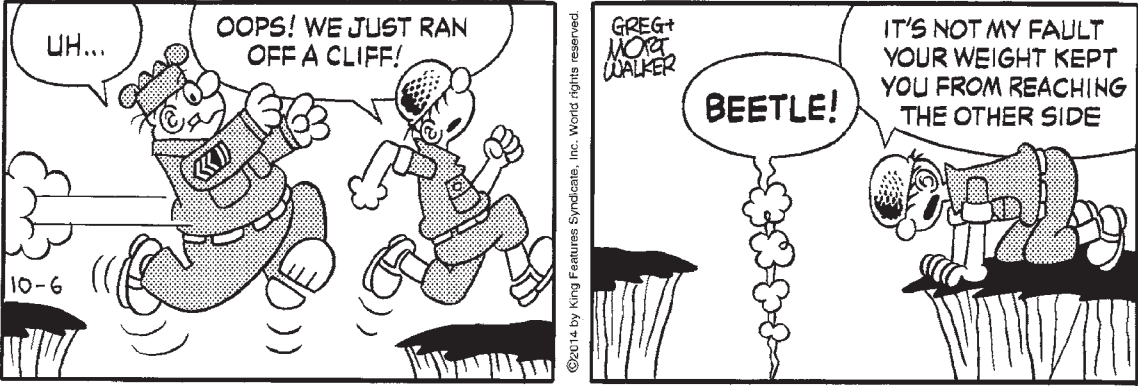


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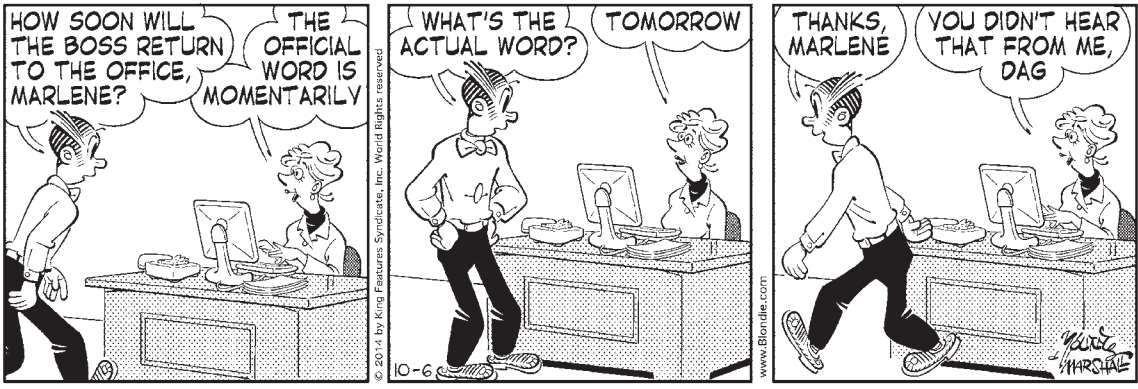
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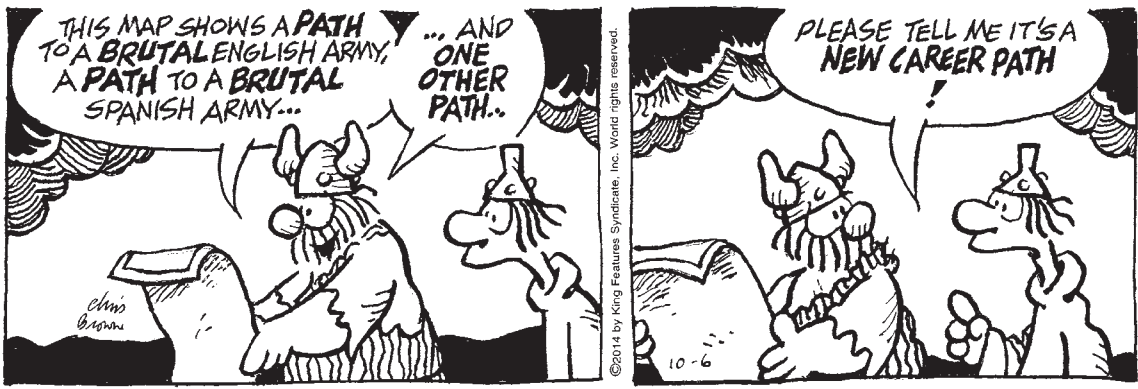
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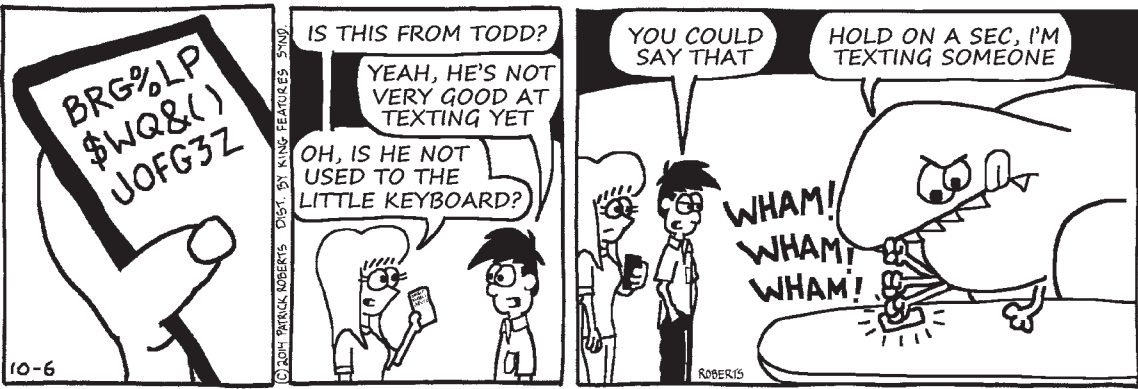
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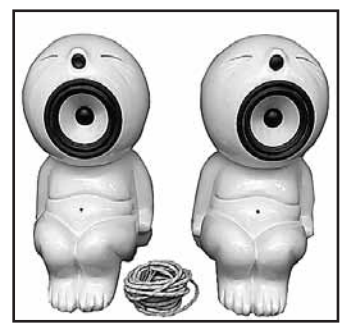
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Odd speakers part of history

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Many collectors are furnishing a house or apartment and want antiques that are useful and well-priced. But younger collectors today seek useful things from the '50s era...

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Bridge • Steve Becker

Bridge hand details: South dealer, Neither side vulnerable, NORTH hand, WEST hand, EAST hand, SOUTH hand, The bidding, Opening lead — queen of hearts.

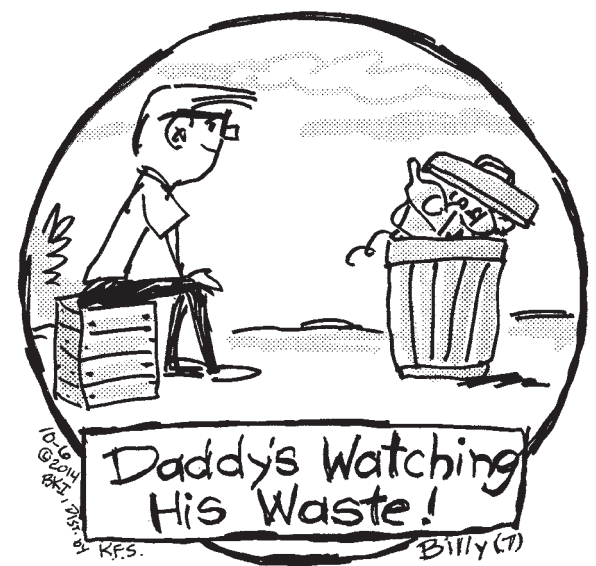
Famous Hand

This deal was played in a tournament many years ago by John Moran, California expert. It features an unusual situation where Moran, the declarer, had to hope that a critical finesse would lose...

When the diamond jack held, however, the suit became hopelessly blocked. West's king would naturally appear on the next diamond lead, but if Moran won the trick with the ace, he would cut himself off from dummy's remaining diamonds.

West could have thwarted Moran's plan if he had, for example, returned the king of diamonds at trick five instead of cashing the heart jack.

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Note: Daddy has the week after his birthday off, so little Billy (age 7) takes pun in hand and fills in.

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 and difficulty level ★.

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.

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN THE MILITARY, DO ANY RECRUITS THAT HOPE TO BECOME PLUMBERS GO THROUGH BASIC DRAINING?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword clues: ACROSS 1 Hair product, 4 Shortest mo., 7 In the offing, 11 Deposited, 13 Rowing need, 14 Smell, 15 Sandwich cookie, 16 Paid player, 17 Fishing gear, 18 Book jacket write-up, 20 Standard, 22 Coffee vessel, 24 Within one's capability, 28 Sleepwear, 32 Relative by marriage, 33 Eye part, 34 Urban transport, 36 Relocate, 37 Of little weight, 39 Journeys, 41 "Star Wars" weapons, 43 Flower garland, 44 "— Mis-behavin'", 46 Guns 'n' Roses guitarist, 50 Barber's sweepings, 56 Former "A mouse!", 58 Authentic color, 59 Color worker, 60 "Catcher in the —", 61 Pigpen, 2 Count counter-part, 3 Stead, 4 Dandy, 5 Deserve, 6 Worry persistently, 7 "The Naked and the Dead" author, 8 Fiancee's last words, 9 Deity, 10 Day fractions (Abbr.), 12 "Strange Interlude" actress, 19 Moch, 21 Marseilles monarch, 23 Talk on and on, 25 Online journal, 26 Wash, 27 Rams' mates, 28 Tablet, 29 Soprano's solo, 30 Leprechaun's dances, 31 Explorer or Pathfinder, 35 Scale member, 38 One more than bi-, 40 "Indeed", 42 Villain's look, 45 "South Park" co-creator, 47 Chopping tools, 48 Lovers' quarrel, 49 Sacred, 50 Scuttle, 51 Whatever amount, 52 "Rocks", 54 — out a living.

Saturday's answer crossword grid with numbers 1-61.

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Eagles rally to stun Cowgirls

Comeback win over Goodland starts Colby spikers at Oakley

The Colby High Eagles could have picked a better way to start their volleyball Saturday than falling nine points behind rival Goodland.

But oh, how the Eagles responded from their 21-12 deficit in this Oakley Invitational opening match.

Senior Shailla Giebler's super-sharp serving sliced up that huge Cowgirl advantage, and then the Eagles survived set point four times to steal a 26-24 victory.

Tied at 24-24, junior Brenly Terrell blasted Colby's go-ahead point over the best Cowgirl blocks.

Goodland knew something extra was needed at this point, but getting into the net was not a great answer. The violation gave Colby its amazing comeback win.

Not even a Cowgirl 25-21 second-set triumph could bother Colby.

The Eagles briefly fell behind, 5-3, to start their third and decisive showdown. Yet they rattled off 10 of the next 12 points, then senior Brooklyn Bange's ace serve gave Colby an even more commanding 23-13 lead.

The Eagles eventually closed a 25-15 decision for their first win over Goodland since last fall's substate finals showdown.

Colby carried that momentum through Oakley Invite pool play on Saturday. Coach Jerry McKee's team didn't lose another set while sweeping both Oakley 25-13, 25-11; and Wheatland-Grinnell 25-23, 25-14.

The Eagles advanced into championship semifinal play on Saturday and promptly took a 25-21 opening set from Lakin.

Lakin did rally to take the next two 26-24, 25-19.

However, the Eagles were determined not to leave Oakley without one more triumph. They took on familiar Great West Activities Conference foe Hugoton for third place.

It was almost more mismatch than match. Colby fired out to an 8-2 first-set lead as Giebler was still serving aces past these Eagles' best defenders.

Junior Brielle McKee sent another serve to the court without

any return for a 23-12 Colby lead.

Hugoton briefly rallied before one more Terrell shot finished a 25-16 win.

Set two was a little closer than the opener, yet Colby still maintained an upper hand throughout this 25-21 decision.

Other key contributors to the Colby consolation championship were seniors Hailey Schindler, Darby Sager, Courtney Reilley, freshmen Lauren Dempewolf and Kora Schindler.

The Eagles now get ready to make only their second varsity home appearance of this season today. They will play a 4 p.m. quadrangular in Colby High School with Liberal, Phillipsburg and Hays scheduled to challenge them.

Colby's finale against Hays will likely begin around 9 p.m.

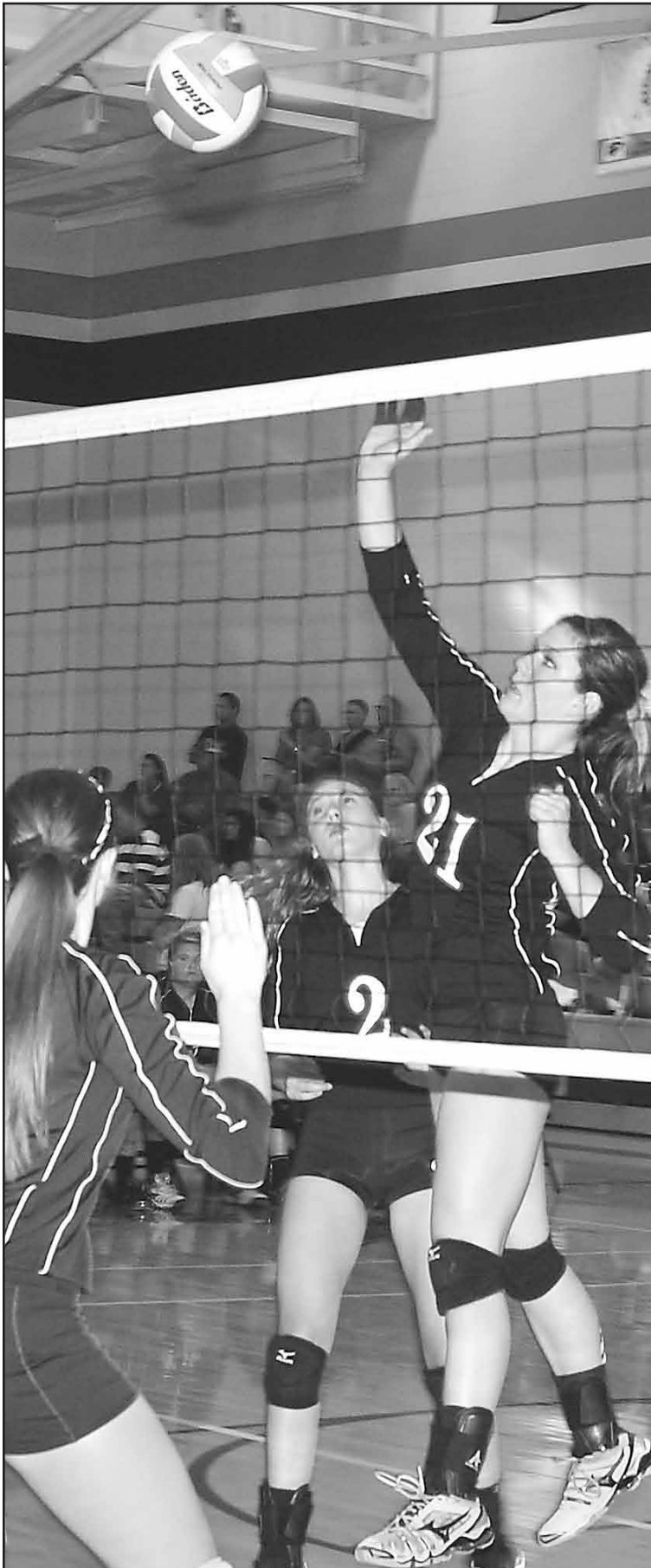
A glance at other area sports action that will begin another busy week:

Today
Girls golf: Colby hosts GWAC at Meadow Lake, 1 p.m.
Volleyball: Colby Quadrangular, 4 p.m. (Hays, Phillipsburg, Liberal)
Volleyball: Heartland Christian at Logan Triangular, 5 p.m. (Russell)
College volleyball: Colby at Seward County, 6:30 p.m.
JV football: Brewster at Wallace County in Sharon Springs, 7 p.m.
JV tennis: Colby at Tribune Invite, 3 p.m.
Middle school football: Colby at Hays, 3:30 p.m.

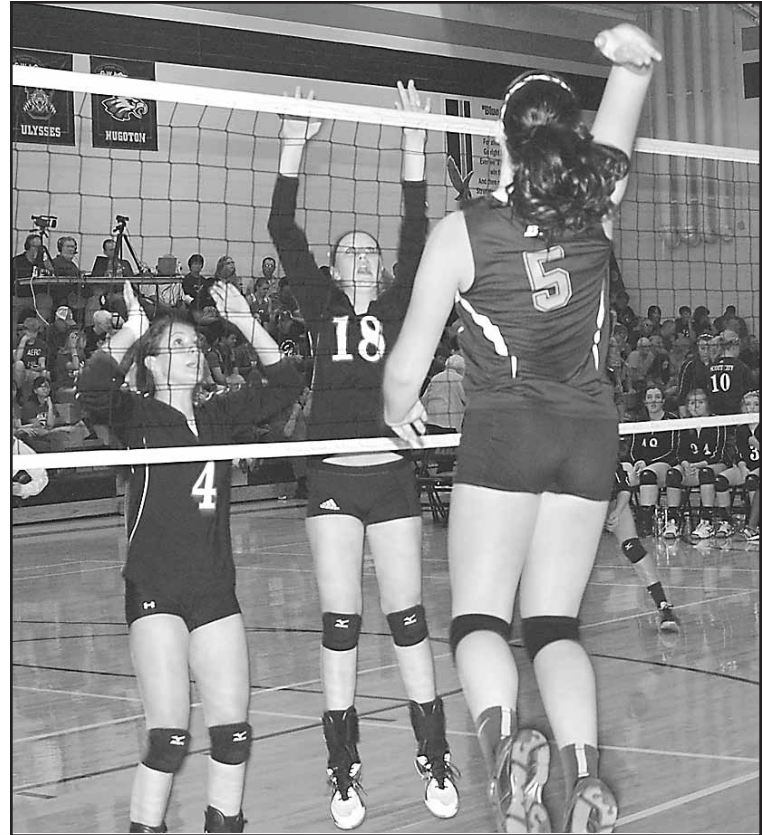
Tuesday
Volleyball: Triplains-Brewster, Golden Plains at Golden Plains Triangular, 4 p.m.
Cross country: Brewster at Hoxie Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
College volleyball: Colby at Hutchinson, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
Girls golf: Colby at Syracuse Invite, 1 p.m.
Cross country: Colby at Phillipsburg Invite, 4:30 p.m.
JV/C volleyball: Colby at McCook, Neb., 4 p.m.
Middle school volleyball: Colby at Norton, 4 p.m.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Senior Hannah Strange sent a ball back at Colby High's foes during a varsity home match earlier this season. The Eagles are home today to play a 4 p.m. quadrangular in Colby High's gymnasium. Liberal, Hays and Phillipsburg will be the opponents.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press A pair of Colby High junior varsity players go for the block during home volleyball competition this season.

Colby JV teams rule home tourney

Colby High's junior varsity teams were one match from going unbeaten through the home round-robin tournament at Colby High on Saturday.

Each team played two sets with the margin of victory deciding matches that weren't sweeps.

The Colby 1 team swept Quinter 25-17, 25-10; swept Oakley 25-11, 25-13; Goodland 25-13, 25-12; and Dighton 25-18, 25-15.

Colby's No. 2 team crushed Quinter 25-4, 25-7.

The Eagles then split with Oakley, but their 25-12 triumph easily bested Oakley's 25-22 victory.

It was the same story against Goodland, where Colby overcame a 25-21 first-set defeat by winning set two 25-18.

Colby 2 needed just one more

win against Scott City. However, the Beavers were able to triumph with 25-19 and 25-22 final counts.

Other scores from Saturday's Round Robin Tournament:

Oakley defeated Goodland 25-22, 25-8.
Scott City topped Dighton 25-9, 25-11.

Scott City also defeated Goodland 25-23, 25-9.

Dighton edged Quinter 25-22, 26-24.

Digton prevailed over Oakley 25-17, 25-22.

Scott City returned to sweep Quinter 25-9, 25-13.

Quinter finished with a victory over Goodland. Goodland took the first set 28-26, but Quinter responded with a 25-18 closing victory.

Bronco sets record

DENVER (AP) — The best part of Peyton Manning's big day was getting to share the spotlight with some of his best friends.

Manning joined Brett Favre in

the NFL's most exclusive of clubs with his 500th touchdown toss Sunday when the Denver Broncos handed the Arizona Cardinals their first loss, 41-20.

"Football is the ultimate team game, and so I guess one man has to accept it and I really accept it on behalf of a lot of coaches and teammates," Manning said.

Manning threw for 479 yards and four TDs, moving him within five of Favre's record 508.

After getting his touchdown touchdown -- a 7-yard dart to tight end Julius Thomas -- out of the way early, Manning helped Demaryius Thomas and Wes Welker make history, too.

Demaryius Thomas set a franchise record with 226 yards on eight catches, beating Shannon Sharpe's mark of 214 yards set against Kansas City in 2002.

Welker's seven receptions moved him past Rod Smith for the most catches in NFL history by an undrafted player. He has 854, five more than Smith caught for Denver between 1995-2006.

"I still can't believe he was undrafted because that man can play some ball," Demaryius Thomas said.

Demaryius Thomas caught touchdown passes of 31 and 86 yards, and his 77-yard TD was nullified on a chop block.

Crusaders need overtime to stay undefeated

By R.B. Headley
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Whoever believes a dramatic thriller was good for Heartland Christian's unbeaten football team might want to check that idea with coach Steve Ziegelmeier.

"I think they (the players) will look back on it favorably," he said about Saturday's 42-34 overtime win over the Wichita Home School Warriors in Salina. "I'm not sure how much we enjoyed it at the time."

The Eagles (5-0 record) certainly showed championship character throughout this contest. They

not only surrendered their first points of this season — Heartland Christian actually trailed multiple times including 34-26 with barely five minutes remaining.

"We always say we play for a purpose," Ziegelmeier said. "We play for a mighty god. I was really impressed with our seniors stepped up."

The Crusaders stepped up and marched to overtime beginning senior Brook Ziegelmeier's second fantastic kickoff return behind brilliant team blocking.

Brook dashed 51 yards to follow up his 75-yard touchdown return after the Wichita Warriors' first TD. That return continued

Heartland Christian's season-long streak of scoring on opening plays.

"Yeah, we kept that going," coach Ziegelmeier confirmed.

The second huge return set up senior classmate senior Blaine Wertz, who promptly dashed nine yards around end to his third touchdown.

It still wasn't tied until Heartland Christian delivered the two-point conversion play, making it 34-34.

Yet the first super challenge of 2014 was only beginning for Heartland Christian.

Dynamite playmaker Blaine Wertz — who added another 171

yards to his impressive career rushing totals — was feeling ill and could not play during overtime.

"The other boys carried the load," coach Ziegelmeier confirmed.

The Crusaders needed all four downs before finally blasting into Wichita's end zone with a Taylor Miller two-yard run. Brook Ziegelmeier and Corey Wertz then connected for a two-point pass which put Heartland Christian ahead, 42-34.

However, Wichita's Warriors (3-2 record) still had one more chance to score. Their final fourth-down play carried inside Heartland's one-yard line — only to see senior Matt Wertz stop this final play short of that ultimate Warrior goal.

Game over. "We shut them down on the one-foot line," coach Ziegelmeier confirmed. "It was quite a game. They (the Wichita Warriors) were

a very well-coached team. We have some issues to address, like high (shotgun) snaps."

Coach still offered plenty of praise for all his Crusaders, especially senior lineman Nick Delzeit.

"Nick had about six solo tackles. For an interior lineman, that's quite a feat," coach Ziegelmeier proclaimed.

Brook Ziegelmeier totaled 220 all-purpose yards either rushing, returning kicks or also scooping up a crucial Wichita Warriors fumble.

Brennan Ziegemeier fired a 33-yard scoring strike to Corey Wertz for one of the Crusaders' six TDs.

Heartland Christian now gets ready for the fourth and final regular-season home game in Colby.

The Crusaders take on Sunrise Academy Friday afternoon with opening kickoff now set for 3 p.m.

"They're a very young team but also very athletic," coach Ziegelmeier concluded.

Let those Eagle colors fly



REBEL JAY

Colby High students and fans released a colorful array of black and orange balloons before Friday night's homecoming football game against the 4A Division II No. 5 Holcomb Longhorns at Dennen Field. More details about this contest are featured on page 10.

Bulldog team goes to 4-0, but then loses vs. Titans

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The Golden Plains Middle School football team suffered their first loss of the season when they traveled to Triplains-Brewster on Wednesday.

They had defeated the Titans in the second game of the season but with just nine players on the team, one injured player in the second quarter changed the team dynamic for this rematch.

"We had a solid lead to start the game," said Coach Russ Aumiller, "But we struggled to hang on to

the ball with fumble after fumble." He added, "We did score in the second half, but the Titans took advantage of our turnovers to gain momentum."

The Titans won the game 60-36.

The Bulldogs will play back at home on Thursday as they host Northern Valley-Western Plains.

This is the first time they will have played the Huskies this season.

Bulldogs beat Cheylin

The Golden Plains Middle School Team was 4-0 after their first away game at Cheylin on Sept. 25.

They played Cheylin at the beginning of the season, beating them at their home field and defeated them again in Bird City 48-0.

"Cheylin did a great job on holding us back on D," acknowledged Coach Russ Aumiller, "We may have won, but the boys need to get prepared for the games ahead and be ready for what's to come."

Almost every player got a hand on the ball and ran it into the end zone including Dylan Spresser, AJ Camacho, Caleb Korte, Jacob Ritter, and Nolan Ritter. The Bulldogs finished their shutout.

Longhorns shake loose late from Colby

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There was no escape from trouble-making guests at Colby High's football homecoming party Friday night.

If only a few doors had been available to slam in Holcomb Longhorns' faces, because they were crashing into places where nobody from Colby wanted them and causing all sorts of chaos.

"They blitzed upfront more than other teams this season, and we didn't handle that blitz real well," Eagles coach Chris Gardner said.

The result was Colby High's first scoreless effort since last year's season-closing home loss to Goodland.

Holcomb also didn't score much until deep into third quarter, leading just 8-0 on a fourth-and-long first-half touchdown pass.

Sophomore Tate Carney's interception inside the Colby 10 prevented this Longhorn party pooping for awhile.

However, No. 1 irritant Trey Teeter eventually did complete 27 throws which eventually added up to a 27-0 Longhorn victory.

Teeter, a former Goodland Cowboy, threw mainly short passes yet totaled 345 yards on 27-of-35 completions including all four Holcomb TDs.

The 4A Division II No. 5-rated Longhorns (4-1 record) recovered from a 49-6 Scott City blitzing one week earlier.

Despite Teeter's troublesome antics — he added a team-high 41 rushing yards — Colby (1-4 record) stayed much closer than earlier showdowns against two rated foes: Scott City (59-19 winners) and Ulysses (62-13).

"I thought the boys really took some strides tonight," Gardner said. "They rallied to the ball pretty well and did some good things. Our line didn't step down and protect some gaps like they should have, but here's the thing: we are going to learn from this."

The Eagles also learned how football connects to real-life homecoming dilemmas: miss an early chance to dance and somebody else is soon having all your fun.

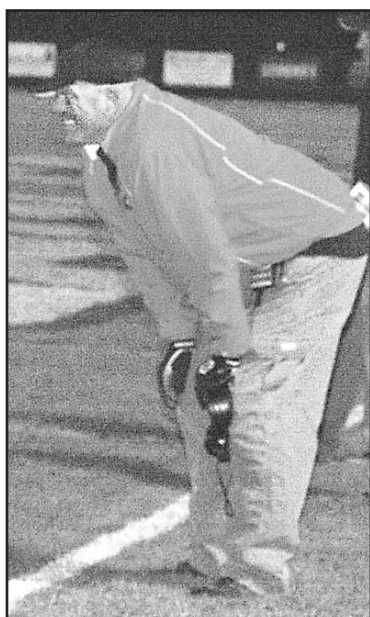
Colby created a great opportunity when aggressive defense knocked the football loose. Senior Eric Schuette, sophomore Ethan Jay and junior Colyn Gugelman were all involved in the play with junior tackle Austin Hart recovering this Longhorn fumble.

Hart wanted to run with the ball, showing that same take-off speed which made many a baseball foe want to stay out of his way last summer.

Yet the play was whistled dead — and Colby's scoring threat didn't survive much longer.

Longhorn defenders rudely blasted into the backfield and ruined a second-down Eagle play. Third-and-long soon became fourth down.

Senior kicker Austin Nichols still had a chance to deliver three early Eagle points just like he did during Colby's season opener against Oakley.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High coach Chris Gardner intently watched this crucial third-down play against the Holcomb Longhorns Friday evening at Dennen Field.

Perhaps a Longhorn got his hand on this field-goal attempt, though, because the 25-yard try fell short.

"We were in the 'red zone' twice early and could have got some things done," Gardner said while confirming that an early Colby lead could have been big momentum. "Again, our boys played hard. We have to learn from this."

The Longhorns showed they've learned a quick, short passing game. Teeter constantly attacked the flanks by throwing screens and slants.

His 27 completions would be spread to seven different Holcomb receivers.

However, the Eagles still forced fourth-and-seven at their own 18 after junior Brady Holzmeister broke up one of those short throws.

Any Longhorn field-goal tries were ignored as Teeter dropped back and fired one perfect slant pass to junior Christian Merz for an 18-yard TD.

An ensuing two-point conversion was made to give Holcomb its 8-0 halftime lead.

Several Holzmeister tackles helped Colby keep the Longhorns from breaking farther way. He also made his first start of the season at quarterback since senior Josh Matchell was injured against Ulysses on Sept. 26.

Holzmeister broke away for a memorable 20-yard run, only to see that Eagle drive stalled by penalties.

He later lofted one perfect pass into junior teammate Ben Matchell's hands.

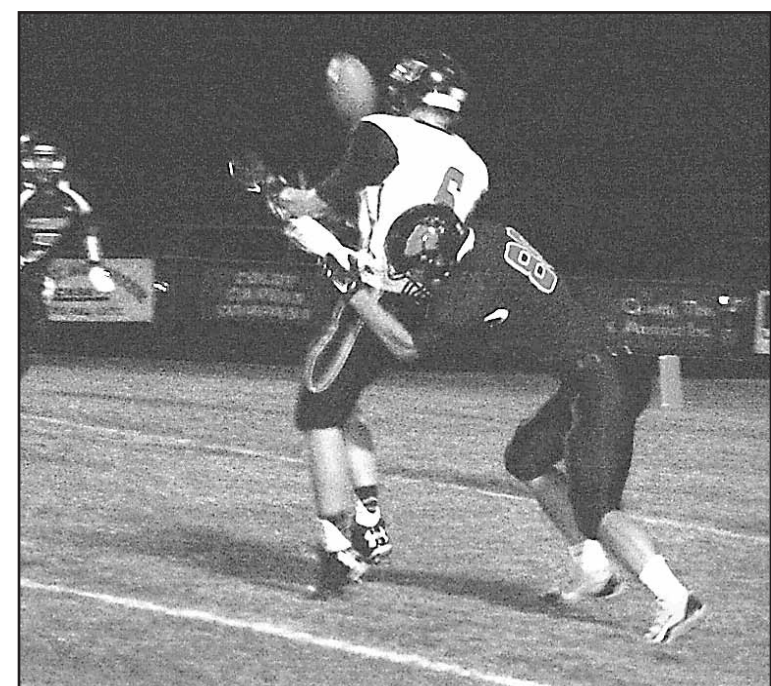
Matchell made the lunging catch and rumbled inside Holcomb's 20 before being stopped. The fourth-quarter play gave Colby hope to cut into Holcomb's 14-0 lead.

"Sure, we were missing Josh, but I thought Brady came in and did a great job," Gardner said. "He managed the offense well. He threw the ball well."

Yet the Longhorns stepped up again and eventually stopped Colby on downs.

Holcomb went on to add two more touchdowns — the second again coming on fourth down.

Senior Dalton Gottschalk, ju-



nior Braden Showalter and sophomore Conner Vanleave scored those other three 'Horn TDs.

Tough Holcomb defense prevented any late Colby touchdown apries.

The Longhorns also blanked Cimmaron, 36-0, earlier this season and have allowed only 28 points total during their four victories.

Colby will try to get back on the winning track when the Eagles visit undefeated Norton Friday evening.

Like every Colby foe this season, the Bluejays boast a winning record entering this 7 p.m. game. Norton knocked out Plainville, 48-0, on Friday evening.

However, Gardner also points out the Eagles are also still unbeaten against all-important dis-

trict foes. "We've got one game left before we go into the three games that really count," he said about

those upcoming contests against Concordia, Clay Center and Goodland. "We just need to keep working on getting better."

Josh Matchell will likely miss the Norton game, but expects to return for that district opener with Concordia on Oct. 17.

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A Holcomb Longhorn was stopped cold in his tracks (left) as Colby High defenders did their best to keep Friday's homecoming game within striking distance at Dennen Field. The powerful Longhorns were held to eight points through almost three full quarters, but eventually pulled away for a 27-0 victory. Colby suffered its first shutout defeat of the season even though Eagle runners like Ben Matchell (below left) were still tough to bring down. Other Eagles blocking on this play included junior Bryce Arntberger (55), senior Jay Ziegelmeier (50) and senior Austin Russ (80). The Longhorns completed 27 passes during this contest, yet at one least one was broken up with good Eagle contact from Russ (below right).

GWAC standings

- The updated football league standings through Friday:
1. Scott City 4-0 (5-0 overall)
 2. Holcomb 3-1 (4-1)
 3. Ulysses 3-1 (4-1)
 4. Goodland 1-3 (2-3)
 4. Colby 1-3 (1-4)
 6. Hugoton 0-4 (1-4)

Unbeaten Wildcats pounce upon Titans for 50-16 win

Senior Ivan Montes averaged more than 20 yards per rush as unbeaten Wallace County defeated Triplains-Brewster, 50-16, at Winona Friday evening.

Montes gained 166 yards on just eight attempts en route to two rushing touchdowns. Quarterback Eric Gfeller also threw for 140 yards and another two scores.

The Titans (3-2 record) brought a three-game winning streak into this contest, but fell behind 16-0 after one quarter and 30-8 by halftime. All Titan leaders:

Rushing: Jace Jorgensen 23 carries, 79 yards (1 TD), Justin Schmidt 8-74 (1 TD), Ryan Gfeller 9-30, Tad Holm 9-17, Jaden Schmidt 2-7, Hudson Stramel 1-4.

Passing: Holm 2 completions-11 attempts-32 yards-2 interceptions; Gfeller 1-3-13.

Receiving: Jaden Schmidt 1-24, Jorgensen 1-21.

Kick return yards: Jorgensen 22, Jaden Schmidt 17.

Total tackles: Takoda Turner 8



Triplains-Brewster sophomore Jaden Schmidt took this handoff from junior quarterback Ryan Gfeller during a Titan contest earlier this season. The Titans have a 3-2 record.

(4 solos), Fred Schertz 8 (2 solos), Skylor Hansen 8 (1 solo), Holm 6 (4 solos), Taylor Stramel 5 (3 solos), J.D. Draper 3 (1 solo), Hudson Stramel 2 (1 solo), J.B.

Felzein 2 (1 solo), C.J. Felzein 2 (1 solo), Jaden Schmidt 2 (1 solo), Coleton Rogge 2 (1 solo). Tackles for loss: C.J. Felzein, Turner, Schertz, Taylor Stramel, Rogge.

Party time in Kansas City as Royals take down Angels

Orioles await to decide American League crown

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Nobody likes to leave a party early after waiting 29 years for an invite, least of all the Kansas City Royals, who're having an absolute blast.

The game's new darlings assured themselves of sticking around for more October festivities by thrashing the Los Angeles Angels 8-3 on Sunday to complete an improbable sweep of their American League Division Series.

After eking out extra-inning wins in their first three postseason games since 1985, mostly relying on speed, defense and a terrific bullpen, the Royals put together the kind of complete game that should give pause to the Baltimore Orioles, their opponents in the upcoming AL Championship Series.

Alex Gordon, Eric Hosmer and

Mike Moustakas, the three No. 1 picks selected to become franchise cornerstones, delivered big blows as Kansas City knocked out Angels starter C.J. Wilson in the first inning and poured it on against his relievers.

James Shields, the veteran starter acquired before the 2013 season to guide a youthful staff, pitched six solid innings to keep the Angels at bay while notching his first postseason victory since the 2008 World Series, when he was with the Tampa Bay Rays.

Center fielder Lorenzo Cain, who twice robbed the Angels of hits in Game 1, thwarted a rally with back-to-back sensational catches in the fifth, the latest demonstration of Kansas City's ability to frustrate opposing hitters even when they make good contact.

Mike Trout crushes first career

postseason homer into fountains. The fearsome bullpen that had not yielded a run in nine innings during the series welcomed back seventh-inning specialist Kelvin Herrera, who showed his arm is healthy by hitting 101 mph on the radar gun.

The relievers yielded their first run in the eighth but kept K.C. comfortably ahead.

Heck, the Royals even got a stolen base out of beloved but lead-footed designated hitter Billy Butler, just one more sign of how comfortable they feel in the typically pressure-packed postseason environment.

"What's so impressive to me is they all look like they're enjoying it," manager Ned Yost said before the game, "and that's fun to see, that we get in this type of atmosphere and they're flourishing."

Kansas State climbs six spots in newest AP football ratings

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Pure, unadulterated anarchy. And Katy Perry. If asked to describe Week 6 of the 2014 college football season, the discussion pretty much begins and ends there.

Four of the nation's Top Six teams are gone. Five of the top eight.

In their place is the rise of Mississippi, the restoration of the national spotlight on one of the

sport's biggest powers in No. 4 Notre Dame and the nation's two best teams from 2013 — Florida State and Auburn — moving on unscathed as the world burns beneath them.

Florida State earned its first relaxing victory over an FBS opponent (Wake Forest) to make it a school-record 21 straight wins and stay at No. 1. With a nationally televised obliteration of LSU, Au-

burn re-ascends to its 2013 perch at No. 2.

Mississippi now shares No. 3 with hated rival Mississippi State after pop star Katy Perry correctly picked a Rebel victory over mighty Alabama Saturday morning.

Big 12 power Oklahoma also dropped with a loss to TCU, while rival Kansas State moved up six spots to No. 17.