



Family speaks of loss; killer gets life

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Family members of a Colby woman murdered early last year came forward and spoke of their loss, before her killer was sentenced to life in prison Monday

afternoon, describing her as one of the best-loved people in their lives.

A prosecuting attorney set up a cardboard poster in the Thomas County Courthouse covered with pictures of Teri Morris before eight relatives or near relatives spoke to Judge Glenn Schiffner.

The family members agreed that Shank

should have to spend as long as possible in prison, although as Rod Rodenbeck, father of her fiancée, said, "there is no amount of time William Shank can spend in prison that will bring Teri back."

About two dozen of Morris' family and friends who sat in on the sentencing sat quietly, but several broke down in tears

when it was their turn to speak. Her father, aunt, two brothers and a sister spoke at the hearing, as did her fiancée and his parents; each of them told the court their lives have been torn apart by the murder.

Schiffner then sentenced Shank to life in prison with the possibility of parole, a sentence which will keep him in prison

or on parole for the rest of his life, in the death of Morris, his former girlfriend. Shank was sentenced to just under eight years in prison for aggravated burglary and aggravated arson, to be served after the life sentence.

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Friends' four feet blessed

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Larry Brown's pooch Dottie (above) was busy socializing before the Blessing of the Pets Friday afternoon at Sacred Heart Catholic School. This kitten (below) got lots of attention before the blessing from Kathie Chavez and Anna Brown, and Laura Starika (left) met Paula Hale's dog Fleur.



Colby native stars in Wichita

The Wichita Symphony plans to stage the one-act opera "Bluebeard's Castle" starring Colby native Samuel Ramey and featuring original sets by renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly in March.

Ramey, a Wichita State University graduate, is a preeminent operatic bass, while Chihuly is perhaps the world's best-known glass artist, with installations in many museums. The opera, considered a 20th-century musical masterpiece, will be performed by the symphony under the baton of Music Director Daniel Hege.

The hour-long show by Béla Bartók will be set in front of the symphony. Ramey will sing the title role, joined by mezzo-soprano Irina Mishura, a star of the Metropolitan Opera and other leading companies, singing the role of Bluebeard's wife, Judith.

The six Chihuly sets were designed for the Seattle Symphony in 2007. Representing the seven mysterious doors of Bluebeard's Castle, towering 14-foot tall podiums revolve at appropriate times in the performance, illuminating secrets of Bluebeard's dark past as interpreted by the artist. The seventh door holds Bluebeard's darkest secret and drives the story to its shocking conclusion. This will be only the fifth time that Chihuly's creations have been seen at an American symphony.

Ramey says he enjoys a special affinity for Bluebeard's Castle. He recorded it on the Sony label with Eva Marton, and Adam Fischer

conducting the Hungarian State Opera Orchestra. Ramey has also performed the work for the Metropolitan Opera. Excerpts of this performance can be found on YouTube.

Ramey recently relocated with his family to join the faculty at his alma mater, the Wichita State University School of Music.

Performances of Bluebeard's Castle will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the Century II Concert Hall. These dates were previously included as part of the Symphony's classical subscription series. Also to be heard at the beginning of the program will be a performance of Mozart's popular "A Little Night Music," or "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik."

Chihuly is credited with revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement and elevating the perception of the glass medium from the realm of craft to fine art. He is renowned for his ambitious architectural installations around the world, in historic cities, museums and gardens. Chihuly's work is included in more than 200 museum collections worldwide. One of the most comprehensive collections of Chihuly glass in the world resides at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Mishura made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 2000 as Dalila in Samson and Dalila opposite Plácido Domingo, and since then has

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Farm Service staff to train

Most employees from the Thomas County office of the U.S. Farm Service Agency will be off for statewide Farm Bill training from next Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 17, though someone will be available to answer the phone.

"We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our customers," said county Executive Director Ross Sloan. "Soon after this training, we will conduct a Farm Bill Informational Meeting to make sure Thomas County farm-

ers and ranchers are knowledgeable of new program policies and eligibility criteria."

The office will remain open next week, but will be staffed with temporary employees, county committee members or other agency staff with limited knowledge of Farm Service programs, Sloan said. Farm loan staff will be available to help with any loan issues.

For questions, call the office at 462-7671.

Homecoming giveaway: fiftieth anniversary quilt

For the 50th anniversary celebration at Colby Community College, Kathy Britton has donated a quilt made in part from homecoming T-shirts from previous years, as well as shirts from college organizations and athletic teams.

The quilt will be given away at the 50th Anniversary Homecoming celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1, during

half time of the Trojan men's basketball game.

Britton graduated in 1971 and worked at the college for many years. Patty (Creason) Berens, who attended classes at the college from 1968 to 1970, did the sewing on the quilt. Two pillows, made from similar T-shirts, are included.

Tickets are offered for a \$5 donation for one or \$20 for five in the receptionist area in Thomas Hall. They also will be available at home volleyball matches. Ticket holders do not need to be present at the game to receive the quilt.

For information, contact Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Dian Organ and Nance Munderloh held a quilt pieced by alumnae Kathy Britton from old homecoming T-shirts. Amanda Wahlmeier is looking at the quilt. All three work at the college.



Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 2 p.m. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 67.

Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m., then a chance of showers between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 4 a.m.

Friday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a high near 53. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Columbus Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73.

Monday: High, 81; Low 45 Tuesday: High, 81; Low 48 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None Month: 0.12 inches Year: 16.43 inches Normal: 19.29 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:48 a.m. 7:14 p.m. Moon: waning, 98 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)



Blessing for all

SAM DIETER Colby Free Press Dogs and humans alike got wet when Father Dana Clark sprinkled the holy water Friday afternoon during the annual Blessing of the Pets.

Colby native stars in Wichita opera

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Brothers Grimm and Edgar Allen Poe. Tickets will be limited to new symphony subscribers before becoming available to the general public.

available to coincide with the start of the Symphony's Classical concerts on Monday, will start at \$30 and range upwards to \$75, with later price increases possible as demand warrants.

Family speaks in court of their loss

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Shank himself did not look at the other people in the courtroom; he did not speak at all except for yes or no answers to Schniffner's questions.

though he worked in the mental health field at Citizens Medical Center, the same area of work that his sister had been involved in, Chase said, he had to stop because stress.

The two had a child, Addylin Morris, in 2012 but broke up later that year. Teri Morris moved into a house in Colby with her fiancée, Russell Rodenbeck.

Morris's father, Lee Chase, did not speak, but Jeremy Chase relayed some of his words for him, saying his dad had been close to Teri, and was changed after her death.

After Rodenbeck left for work on Feb. 9, 2013, Shank apparently broke into the house and stabbed Morris to death. He then set the house on fire and left with the infant. Shank was arrested in Logan County later that day with Addylin Morris.

Jerica Priest, Morris' sister, was the first to speak and was one of several people to break down in tears as she did.

"Teri was the glue of all our family, she was the one who called everyone up," her brother, Jeremy Chase, said. "She brought together the family, which wasn't perfect, which was an amazing task."

"William Andrew Shank deserves to spend every day of the rest of his life behind bars," Priest said. She asked if the man her sister had a child with ever considered his daughter's welfare when he planned the murder.

When the other speakers talked about their sister, daughter, niece, or future wife and daughter-in-law, they described a good person who always wanted to help.

"In a premeditated act that took less than an hour, we lost an amazing woman," she said.

"Teri was my fiancée," Russell Rodenbeck said, "Teri was also a friend to anyone and everyone she ever met."

Morris' youngest sister, Jolynda Chase, said she goes days without sleeping. "My 5-year-old son always asks to see his aunt," she said, "and he can never see her."

Jeremy Chase went on to say he will never get over his sister's death. Al-

Russell Rodenbeck's parents, Rod and Shelly Rodenbeck, described their son's ordeal that day. Shortly after showing up to his job; he had to return to his own house, and as his father explained, go from being the victim of an arson and the lead paramedic on the scene to try-

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.

Advance voting opens

Early voting begins from 1 to 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Thomas County clerk's office. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday until the day before election day.

School book fairs this week

The Colby Grade School book fair continues from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday. At Colby Middle School, the book fair will be open during school hours and parent-teacher conferences through Thursday.

Leroy's Printing marks 50th

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.

Retiring nurse honored

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

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 at 462-6342.

Program about diabetes

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

Red Cross to serve beans

The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and next Wednesday at the Colby Community Building. Volunteers will serve ham and beans to donors both days.

Health Department to close

The Thomas County Health Department will be closed from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. next Wednesday 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 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.

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OCTOBER 10, 2014

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Deaths

Barbara Ann Pantenburg

Barbara Anne Pantenburg, 73, McCook, Neb., mother of Brette (Sean) Hankin of Colby, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, at the Community Hospital in McCook.



B. Pantenburg

She was born Aug. 23, 1941, in Trenton, Neb., to Harvey Joseph and Florence Mary (Blue) Chapman. In 1959 she graduated from Trenton High School, going on to earn a bachelor's in education from Kearney State College in 1962, where she was a member of the Wagoneers. In 1974, she received a master's in education.

On Aug. 22, 1964, she married Robert Pantenburg in Trenton. They lived in Trenton and Indianola, Neb., before moving to McCook in 1968.

In 2000, she retired from the McCook Public Schools, where she taught beginning in 1968. She also taught for three years in Trenton and two in Indianola.

She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in McCook, the McCook Education Association, the Nebraska Education Association and the National Education Association. An avid knitter and Nebraska Cornhusker fan, she enjoyed riding their Harley Davidson motorcycle, visiting many of the national parks. When younger, she enjoyed fishing and

was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, William "Oscar" Chapman.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two other children, Tony (Tracy) Pantenburg, North Platte, Neb., and Jon Pantenburg, McCook; two brothers, Tom (Detta) Chapman, Ashland, Neb., and James Chapman, Peru, Ind.; four sisters, Floretta "Tyke" Thompsen and Patricia (Wayne) Lafferty, all of Lincoln, Neb., Catherine "Bid" Reiners, McCook, and Shirley "Pud" (Tom) Rine, Waverly, Neb.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, at the church in McCook with Father Gary Brethour officiating and inurnment will in Calvary Cemetery, McCook.

Rosary will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Carpenter Breland Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Senior Center or St. Patrick Catholic School, in care of the funeral home, Box 476, McCook, Neb., 69001.

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



The Saint Louis Brass Quintet branched out into some extraordinary instruments for this publicity photo.

Brass quintet to perform at Hoxie High, give student workshop Friday afternoon

The Saint Louis Brass Quintet will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Hoxie High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association

The groups will do a workshop prior during the 2:30 to 4 p.m. band period at Hoxie High School that afternoon.

Founded in 1964, the group is one of America's longest standing brass quintets. It was

formed by members of the St. Louis Symphony to play children's concerts around the city and surrounding area. Soon, it expanded to full-length concerts.

The group now has three 10-day tours throughout the United States each year, plus recording and international touring. The quintet was featured at the Norway Brass Band Festival in 1994, at a festival in Bombay, In-

dia, in 1995, and then during a two-week concert tour in Japan in 1997.

Admission to the show is by season ticket, or adults \$20, students \$10 at the door. Groups of 20 or more students attending with sponsors may receive a discount admission price of \$5 per student. Call Pat Ziegelmeier at (785) 460-5518 to make group arrangements.

Farm and Food conference coming

The Kansas Rural Center has released a full agenda for their 2014 Farm and Food Conference and 35th Anniversary Celebration Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 530 Richards Drive, Manhattan.

This year's program, "Sustainable Agriculture: A Once and Future Vision," will reflect the future of agriculture, food, and community in Kansas and our region with nationally-known speakers, 24 workshops and a celebration night complete with entertainment and Kansas-raised food.

The full program is online at kansasruralcenter.org/2014-conference-agenda/.

Workshops and speakers are expected to provide inspiring ideas, helpful information and valuable connections. They range from practical farm management, diversification and transition strategies, to community and school gardening. Experts include farmers, extension agents, college professors and community leaders from Kansas and neighboring states.

The Friday evening dinner will feature live music, local food and beverages, and a silent auction. The night will also include a book-signing to benefit the center featuring authors Bryan Welch, Hank Will of *Grit* magazine, Jane Marshall of K-State and Joy Lominska of the center.

Former Rural Center head Dan Nagegast will provide a light hearted history of the center and introduce Welch, editor and publisher for *Mother Earth News*.

Other speakers include:

- Fred Kirschenmann, distinguished fellow at Iowa's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and president of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in New York, will speak about alternative paradigms for the future of agriculture.
- Ricardo Salvador, senior scientist for the Union of Concerned Scientists and Director of its Food and Environment Programs, will address the impact of global realities on the future of food.
- Bob Dixon, mayor of Greensburg, will explore perspectives on the development of healthy, sustainable communities, especially regarding the inclusion of sustainable farming and food.
- Hattie Mitchell, certified public accountant and treasurer of the

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, will share perspectives on the future of sustainable community food solutions and health within the Potawatomi Nation.

• Welch, editor and publisher, *Mother Earth News*, will keynote KRC's 35th Anniversary Dinner on Friday night of the conference.

• Mettenburg, executive director of the center, will address the questions of who will farm in the future and land stewardship.

The center welcomes sponsors, donations and auction items. Proceeds will benefit future work. Information on all of these opportunities can be found at kansasruralcenter.org/calendar/conference-2014.

Farmers, ranchers, food enthusiasts and community advocates are invited to attend the conference. Cost is \$55 per day, \$45 for the dinner or \$145 for both days and the dinner. Registration for each day includes lunch and snacks. For special student rates, contact Natalie Fullerton at nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org or (402) 310-0177.

Register before Monday, Nov. 3, at kansasruralcenter.org/calendar/conference-2014.

Parenting class offered by church

The Colby Wesleyan Church will offer Parenting with Love and Logic, a six-week class, beginning at 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

The class provides solutions, tips, and practical techniques to help adults with kids of all ages:

- Raise responsible kids.
- Have more fun in their role.

Wheat drilling has arrived in western Kansas and many are on the ground and running. With some already done drilling and some still needing to drill, farmers can look at what might be the causes of poor emergence this year in wheat.

Good stand establishment of wheat is going to be the first hurdle producers need to address. If the wheat doesn't emerge, or is in a spotty pattern, farmers need to diagnose the problem quickly and efficiently to decide if they can wait a little longer or replant the field.

Poor emergence can be caused by a number of different things, such as deep planting, a plugged drill, poor seed quality, seed dormancy, dry soil, soil crusting, and false wireworms. Looking for patterns in the field and close examination will help determine the causes of poor stands.

Deep planting can slow emergence or cause stand establish-



Kurt Sexton

Knowledge for Life

ment problems as the planting was deeper than the ability of the coleoptile, a protective sheath covering the shoot, to elongate. Most varieties can emerge at slightly deeper depths if the soil is not restrictive and temperatures are ideal.

Wheat, for the most part, should be planted about 1.5 inches. Any deeper than 2.5 inches the wheat may not be able to emerge. By digging up a seed, you will see a first true leaf emerged underground and most likely will not be able to force its way through the soil. In this case, it's very unlikely the wheat will make a good stand and replanting will be necessary.

Flag raises furore in Belfast

28-nation EU, and he was flying the blue flag with gold stars to celebrate Europe's Ryder Cup victory over the United States. The man declined to be identified because of fears that Belfast's home-grown extremists might attack his house.

"You couldn't make it up," said Belfast councilman Andrew Muir. The flying of rival Irish, British and paramilitary flags frequently raises tensions in Belfast.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.43
Corn (bushel)	\$3.23
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.63
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.45

Got news? Tell us! Call 462-3963

The family and friends of Erwin Thiele are invited to attend an open house celebrating his 90th Birthday

It will be held from 2-4 pm Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. 5th St, Colby, KS.

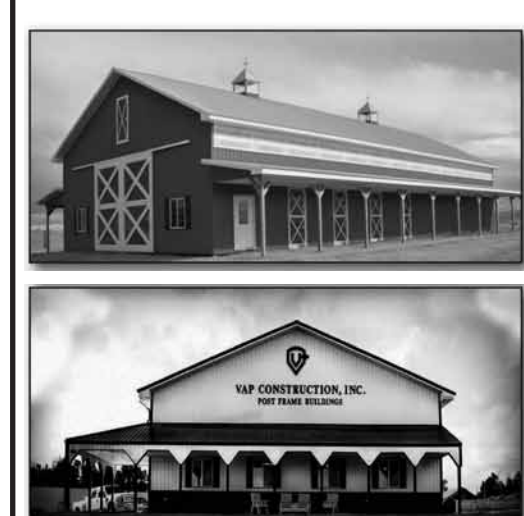


Thank You

Family, friends, assistants, caregivers, staff at the hospital, Brian Unruh, PA and Dr. Dygert, thank you so much for the care, prayers, get well and birthday cards, visits, flowers and balloons that I received during my recent hospital stay. Everyone was so kind!

Velma Barnett

The Selden Cemetery will allow grave decorations between November 1st and March 1st. All items must be removed by March 1st for maintenance purposes. After March 1st any remaining items will be removed and discarded.



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Numbers' uses must be limited

In this era of identity theft, Congress needs to take a look at how Social Security numbers are used – and restrict them to their intended purpose.

What's happening today in no way meets the spirit of the Social Security law, and quite possibly includes a slew of violations.

When the program was introduced, many feared the government-assigned numbers would usher in an era when citizens would become little more than a set of numbers to Uncle Sam. People in that simpler time were assured that wouldn't happen; Social Security numbers were for Social Security use only.

Sometime later, they became your taxpayer ID as well. That made sense, since you and your employer reported Social Security earnings on tax forms to the Internal Revenue Service.

Fast forward to the last half of the 20th century. Use of Social Security numbers expanded. Banks, brokerages, other financial institutions had to have them to report earnings, joining employers and the government. Then under the so-called Patriot Act, the government decreed that even babies needed a Social Security number.

It became, in effect, a cradle-to-grave government identification. True, when states got on the bandwagon and tried to use them as our driver's license numbers, many cried foul. That use was banned, and states had to make up their own numbers.

The same thing happened when colleges began to use Social Security numbers in place of traditional student numbers.

Because banks and other businesses use the numbers, however, they became a universal ID in business and finance. That means anyone you want to borrow money from, except maybe a Mafia loan shark, wants your number to run a credit check. Never mind that a credit report can be obtained without one. Many businesses use the "Social," or the last four digits, as a unique identifier for a customer or a security code for accounts.

Medical insurance carriers, hospitals and clinics also use the numbers, and that made sense because Medicare and other government agencies use the numbers anyway. But who gave private insurance companies the right to use them? And why?

The problem here is twofold:

First, the numbers really have become a substitute for our names, despite people's feelings about that happening. And because the use is so widespread, a scam artist who can get your Social Security number and birth date can pretty much have his way with your accounts.

It is not secure to have the Social Security number in such widespread use. The more people who know and see it, the bigger the chance it will be stolen and used by fraudsters.

Congress needs to do something. The problem is, lobbyists for the insurance companies, credit bureaus, banks and what have you probably would block any bill that cut them out of the loop. Unless and until they realize the terrible liability they are taking by having so much customer information.

Then, perhaps, they will come over to our side. But until people start to complain again, rest assured, nothing will be done. — *Steve Haynes*

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End of summer fruit season 'just peachy'

The cantaloupe were two for a dollar, and the fruit stand lady said that she was closing the next day.

We got a couple of the little cantaloupe, but Steve had to dig around in the bin to find a pair that didn't have soft spots. He got three peaches and I picked up four pears.

Fruit season is drawing to a close, and personally, I'm ready.

We've had fruit for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the last few months, but not every day, of course. Sometimes we had vegetables out of our garden.

But as soon as the peaches came off of the western slope of Colorado and the melons started rolling into Rocky Ford, we feasted on cantaloupe, watermelon and peaches.

And then the case of peaches arrived in Colby.

I ordered a case from a co-worker's son, who was selling them for his 4-H club. Last year I split a case with a friend, but she moved away, and after we'd been eating peaches for a month, here was big box of them.

We normally eat peaches two ways – wash,



Cynthia Haynes

- Open Season

cut, eat or peel, cut, sweeten and serve over fresh shortcake biscuits.

We've had a lot of shortcake biscuits, which are just the drop biscuit recipe on the Bisquick box. Add strawberries or peaches, milk or cream, and breakfast is served.

But, a case! That's a lot of peaches.

I decided to freeze some.

Peel and pit three peaches, add some Splenda-sugar mix and a little Fruit Fresh, mix, put in a freezer bag, mark and date the contents and freeze.

This winter, we will feast on almost-fresh peaches.

It'll be great. But for now, I'm tired of peaches. I'm tired of cutting, pitting, sweet-

ening and freezing. I'm even a little tired of peach shortcake.

Luckily enough, the peaches are gone. They've been eaten or frozen.

Now all I have to do is finish off that last cantaloupe and, oh yes. The half watermelon that has been hiding in the fridge for a week has to get eaten – and soon. And as soon as we finish those melons off, it'll be pear and apple season.

Luckily I don't know anyone selling cases of pears. Please don't give any of those cute little 4-H'ers my phone number, because the freezer is full and Steve was looking longingly at a case of apples out of Missouri.

Looks like I'll be putting some apple pies in the freezer and the peaches will just have to move over.

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner and chief financial officer of Nor'West Newspapers, writes this column weekly. Her pets include cats, toads and a praying mantis. Contact her at c.haynes@nwkansas.com

Journalism challenges communities

I believe in newspapers.

Well, that's no surprise, you might say; you're the executive director of the newspaper association for Kansas.

That's true, but I sincerely believe those words.

Why?

In a newspaper career that now spans more than four decades, I have witnessed hundreds of times how the power of the printed word and the timely photograph can spark change in our culture.

I've seen communities rise to the occasion because editors believed that when citizens are presented all facets of complex issues, they will challenge their leaders to make the right decisions.

Time after time, I've seen controversial issues dealt with and resolved when reporters did their best to lay out all the facts for readers and when editors followed up by providing reasoned commentary urging the community to act.

It may be that this special week of Oct. 5 through 11 – what we in the industry proclaim as National Newspaper Week – might more accurately be called National Journalism Week. Because it's really journalism that we celebrate.

Journalism, Merriam Webster's Dictionary says, is the practice of gathering, processing and disseminating news and information to an audience.

For the first two centuries in America, we



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presented journalism to a mass audience through newspapers, eventually adding radio and television to the mix.

Today, journalism is disseminated in those ways and also through the World Wide Web to our computers, tablets and smart phones.

You may not even realize it, but you're "reading a newspaper" even when you're on the newspaper's website or reading a story that has been scraped from a newspaper website and added to sometimes tens of thousands of other websites around the world.

In whatever way it is delivered, what makes it journalism is that it is, or attempts to be, accurate, fair, balanced and comprehensive. It has context and depth.

Part of the reason journalism still thrives is because our Founding Fathers recognized the importance of freedom of thought and penned the First Amendment to our nation's Constitution.

Their words were powerful, and they were specific: "Congress shall make no law," they said, "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;

or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

What visionaries they were; they realized that citizens had to be protected from a tyrannical government and that the best way to do that was by guaranteeing the freedom of expression.

This week, we Americans celebrate the First Amendment, newspapers, journalism and the overarching need for an informed citizenry in a democratic society.

Doug Anstaett, executive director of the Kansas Press Association in Topeka, is a former Kansas publisher and an award-winning editorialist.

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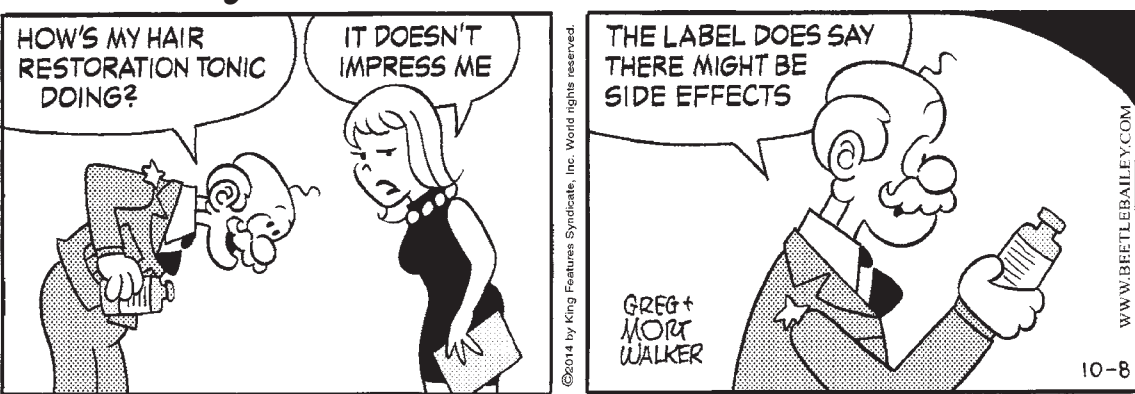
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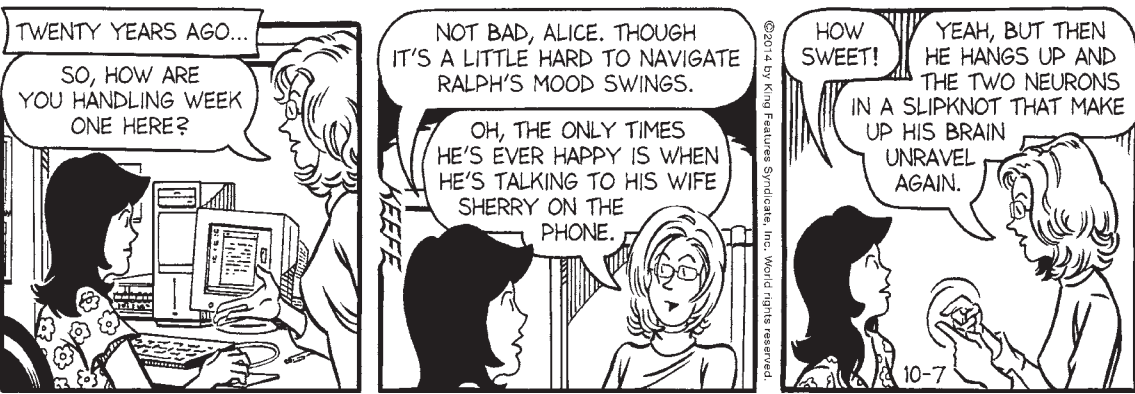
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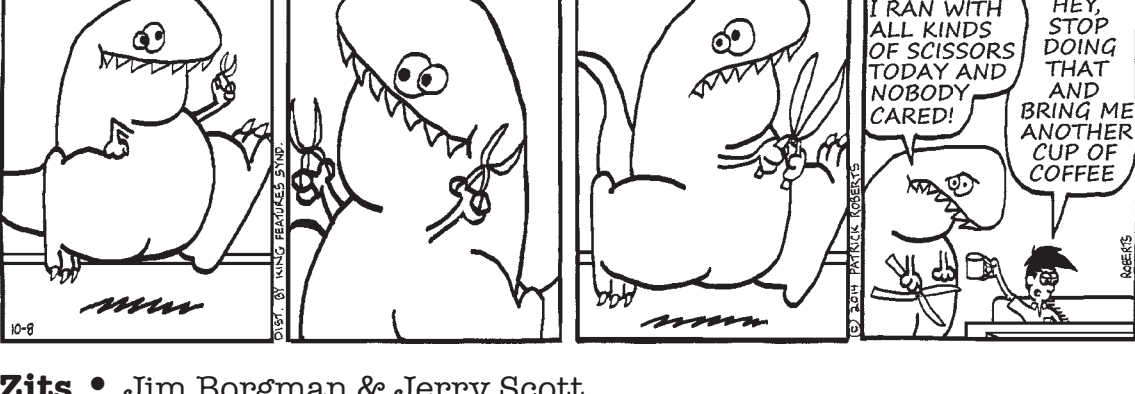
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Oven cleans cast-iron buildup

Dear Heloise: I read your column every day in The Decatur (Ala.) Daily. If you have cast-iron cookware that has a "buildup" on the outside, you can clean it in your self-cleaning oven. Afterward, be sure it is completely cool, then wash in warm, soapy water and wipe down inside and out with a thin coat of shortening. I even have put mine in a 300-degree oven for an hour or so at times for minor cleaning. — Dot B. in Alabama

Dot, don't you love this tried-and-true Heloise hint on how to "easy clean" a cast-iron skillet? Since you need to put it on an oven rack, just leave one rack in the oven when doing this. Many readers leave both racks in when self-cleaning the oven. They may get dull, but they won't be damaged. — Heloise

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MICROWAVE MISTAKES

Dear Readers: Microwaves are pretty much a standard appliance to have today. They sure make cooking or heating up some leftovers a snap! However, there are some very important don'ts for a microwave. Make sure you keep the following items out of the microwave, as the U.S. Department of Agriculture says they aren't safe, and that's good enough for me:

- Containers with metal handles.
- Foam-insulated carry-out containers.
- Food wrapped in aluminum foil.
- Cold containers that contain yogurt, cottage cheese, margarine, etc. These should be used only for storage and not for microwave cooking.
- Brown paper bags. — Heloise

STUBBORN JARS

Dear Heloise: I have a problem opening glass jars. Do you have a hint for how to do this? — Olga V. in New Jersey

Hola, Olga! Readers, Olga wrote to me in Spanish. I read and speak just a little (solo un poco), so I can answer her question. My trick is to wrap the lid in a thick kitchen towel, then "whack" the side of it in several spots with a heavy utensil, or tap it (just the lid, not the whole glass jar!) on the floor. You can use a bowl of hot water and turn the jar upside down just until the water covers the lid. Since heat expands, the metal lid should loosen a little. — Heloise

EASY TRASH TAKEOUT

Dear Heloise: I traded out my large garbage can for several small ones in the corners of my kitchen. The one by the sink is for "messy" trash and is handy for meat trimmings and leftovers. It's easy to lift the small can to wherever the mess is, tie it up and toss. — D.M.L. in Mississippi

QUICK DRY

Dear Heloise: I reuse 1-gallon plastic bags, but they are hard to dry. Recently, I put a bag over a roll of paper towels. I rolled it around several times and dried the inside of the bag. — Addie W. in North Carolina

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A Q
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

WEST
♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J 10 8 5 2
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ —

EAST
♠ 10 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ J 10 6 3

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

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 7 NT
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

A Self-Inflicted Wound

The human brain, remarkable though it is, does not always function at peak efficiency. Certain circumstances can have a numbing effect on it, and for many, one of those circumstances arises when playing a grand slam.

Perhaps North was unduly optimistic when he bid seven notrump on today's hand, but his optimism would have paid off had South contributed his fair share to the play.

West led the queen of hearts, and it did not take South long to accomplish his own destruction. He won the heart with the king and cashed the ace of clubs, on which West showed out. There was now nothing South could do but concede down one by yielding a club trick to East.

The 4-0 club division was certainly unlucky -- but, even so, South should have made the grand slam. Instead of plunging ahead as he did at trick two, he should have paused to consider the only possible danger to the contract -- namely, that the clubs might be divided 4-0.

Had he done so, he would have come to the conclusion that the contract could not be made if West had the J-10-6-3, but that it could be made if East had the J-10-6-3.

Accordingly, he would have led a low club to the queen at trick two and, after West showed out, returned a low club at trick three. East's J-10-6 would eventually have succumbed to the A-K-9, and South would have made the grand slam, scoring five clubs, two hearts, three diamonds and three spades in all.

This would have given him 2,220 points (or 2,420 at rubber-bridge scoring) instead of a loss of 100, and would have made the effort to stay focused at times like this well worthwhile.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Little Billy continues as substitute cartoonist so Daddy can take the week off.

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/08

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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XDKA WA KTBV-QBBRYOE

UYKJDK, AJWA QJDC YK W

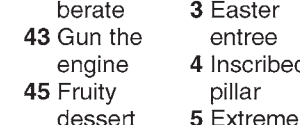
XBOW CYUD QMBQR KAWM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT FELLOW IS ABOUT TO SLEEP ON A BUNCH OF PLUGGED-IN ELECTRICAL CORDS TO GET A POWER NAP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 "— fair in love and war"
 - 5 Small sala-mander
 - 8 Fellow
 - 12 See 13-Across
 - 13 With 12-Across, sailor's heavy jacket
 - 14 Firetruck necessity
 - 15 Posse, often
 - 17 Portent
 - 18 As a whole, in Paris
 - 19 Seoul man
 - 21 Blond shade
 - 22 Trade
 - 23 Interlaken interjection
 - 26 Chapeau
 - 28 Alpaca's cousin
 - 31 Part of TWIMC
 - 33 Fond du —, Wis.
- DOWN**
- 16 "Non-sense!"
 - 1 Liniment target
 - 2 Crazy sort
 - 3 Easter entree
 - 4 Inscribed pillar
 - 5 Extremely significant
 - 6 Tina of "30 Rock"
 - 7 To-do list entries
 - 8 Harmonized hymn
 - 9 Website's entry point
 - 10 On the briny
 - 11 Teller's partner
 - 20 Hooter
 - 23 Piercing tool
 - 24 Dance syllable?
 - 25 Baseball scores
 - 27 — Mahatma
 - 29 Mid-May honoree
 - 30 Donkey
 - 32 "The Scottish Play"
 - 34 Ricocheted, in pool
 - 37 The gal
 - 39 — noire
 - 42 Different
 - 44 Pan-orama
 - 45 Con job
 - 46 Hodge-podge
 - 48 Tournament format
 - 49 Fat
 - 50 Tackles' teammates
 - 53 Raw rock



Yesterday's answer 10-8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
15			16					17		
18							19	20		
		21					22			
23	24	25		26		27		28		29
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45	46					47			48	49
51						52	53			
54						55			56	
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In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES DAVID COOK, Deceased

Case No. 14-PR-39

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

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Case No. 14-PR-39

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

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/s/ Charles Jerome Zart
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Eagles on fire in home finale

Colby sweeps 5A Liberal, bites Panthers with big rally

By R.B. Headley
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Whether they're beating the Goodland Cowgirls before breakfast or pummeling Phillipsburg's Panthers after 10 p.m., one fact is becoming clear about Colby High this fall:

These Eagles are putting it together at just the right time.

"I think each game we're getting better," Colby coach Jerry McKee said after the Eagles swept 5A Liberal and rallied past Phillipsburg during their home quad Monday evening.

It was a terrific follow-up to Saturday's 4-1 effort at the Oakley Tournament which began with Colby beating rival Goodland.

"We played real well against Phillipsburg," McKee added. "We were getting to everything, and three girls were touching the ball every time."

In other words, it was set-pass-and KABOOM during those 25-15, 25-13 Colby victories.

The Eagles' "night owl" attack was unstoppable after shaking off a 25-23 opening-set defeat.

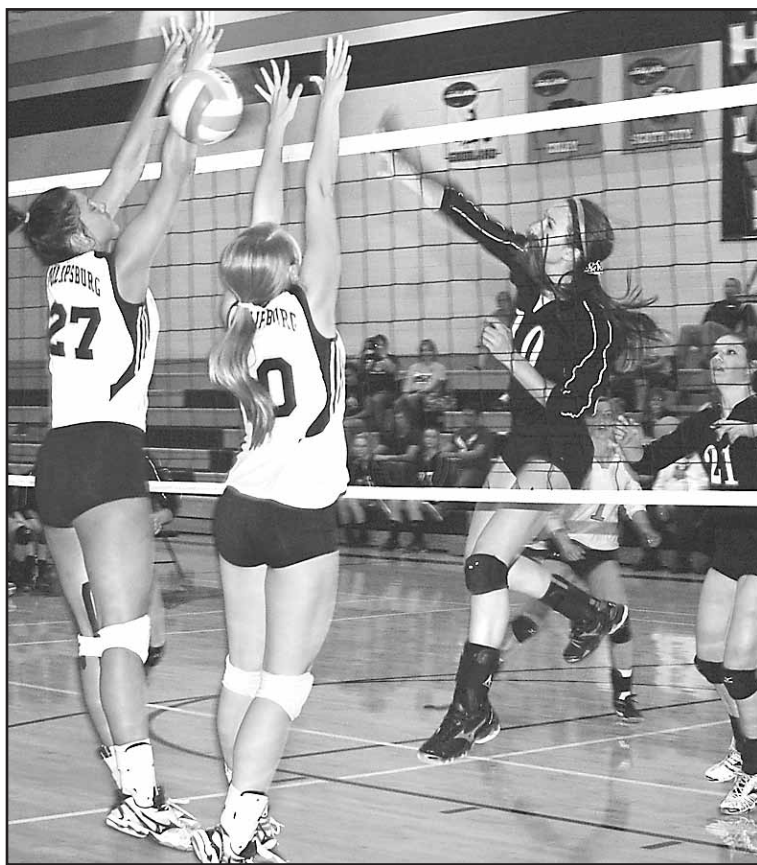
Panthers were running everywhere, but there were no answers or defense for Colby's barrage on this evening.

Junior Brenley Terrell and senior Hannah Strange unleashed the most "sizzle" as words like hot and "on fire" could be heard throughout Colby High's gymnasium.

Yet just as lethal was the sister-sister combination of senior Hailey Schindler and freshman Kora Schindler. The Panthers wanted no more of 6'1" Kora late in that decisive third set.

"They had to know our big block was there and wasn't going to give them anything easy," McKee confirmed. "And we did hit some bullets at them. That can get into your head."

Junior setter Brielle McKee quarterbacked the attack again, sometimes slipping smart points past blockers when they were expecting another big hit.



Senior libero Brooklyn Bange and Shaila Giebler led Colby's floor defense — although Giebler also showed she can unleash a strong hit.

Colby blasted to an 8-1 lead in the last set with Phillipsburg. It reached 15-4 on Terrell's ace serve, and one more Strange missile made the margin 20-8.

Brielle McKee's ace eventually closed the Colby victory around 10:15 p.m.

It was a super home finale for seniors Hailey Schindler, Strange, Bange, Giebler, Danielle Foster, Courtney Reilley, Darby Sager and manager Melissa Emmot.

"Every one of them got in and contributed," coach McKee said.

Earlier, the Eagles used a balanced attack to surprise 5A Liberal 25-21, 26-24.

Colby rallied from 10-5 down to take the first set. Liberal then reached set point with a 24-22 lead, only to see those Eagles rise up again.

A Terrell kill started the victory-clinching rally. Liberal's next

hit went directly into the net and forced a 24-24 tie.

When Bange wasn't serving up trouble, she was hustling to stop a potential Liberal point

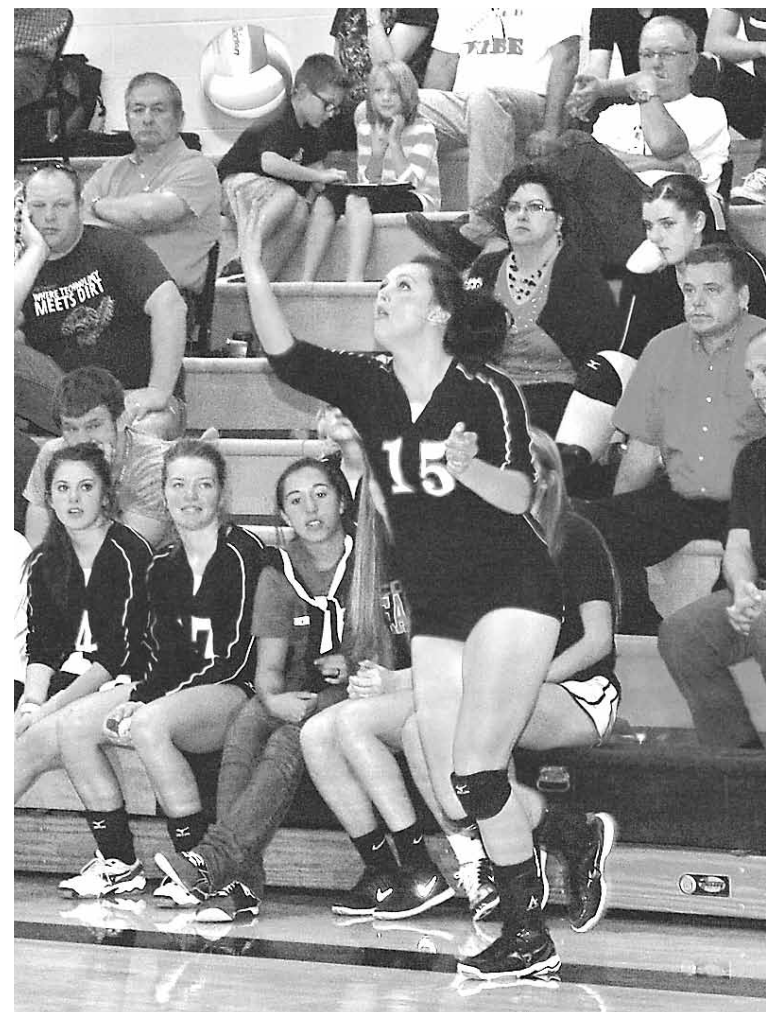
Hailey Schindler made this hustle truly pay off when she tapped Colby's go-ahead point past the Liberal blocks.

Bange's decision not to make one more save was equally brilliant. She pulled her hands back just in time for a Liberal hit to be called "out" and secure Colby's 26-24 comeback win.

The Eagles did lose their middle match of Monday's quad, 25-16 and 25-17, to 5A Hays High.

"Hays was very quick in its attack," coach McKee said. "It probably helped us get more ready for Phillipsburg."

Colby will now have nearly a week to get ready for its next varsity competition at Tuesday's Quinter Triangular. Those matches will be the last tune-up before a Great West Activities Conference tournament showdown on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Scott City.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Trouble was coming for the Phillipsburg Panthers Monday night whether it was senior Hailey Schindler (right) unleashing a jump serve, junior Brenley Terrell (left) jumping high to send another kill through their blockers, or any other way that Colby High attacked during its comeback victory that capped Monday night's varsity volleyball quad in Colby High's gymnasium. Other Eagles pictured along with Terrell are seniors Brooklyn Bange (4) and Hannah Strange (21). It was "Seniors Night" in Colby High School as seven players and a manager were honored. The Eagles also avenged an earlier defeat when they swept 5A Liberal earlier on Monday. Colby captured six victories in just more than 48 hours after finishing 4-1 at Oakley Saturday.

Bulldogs take win vs. Titans

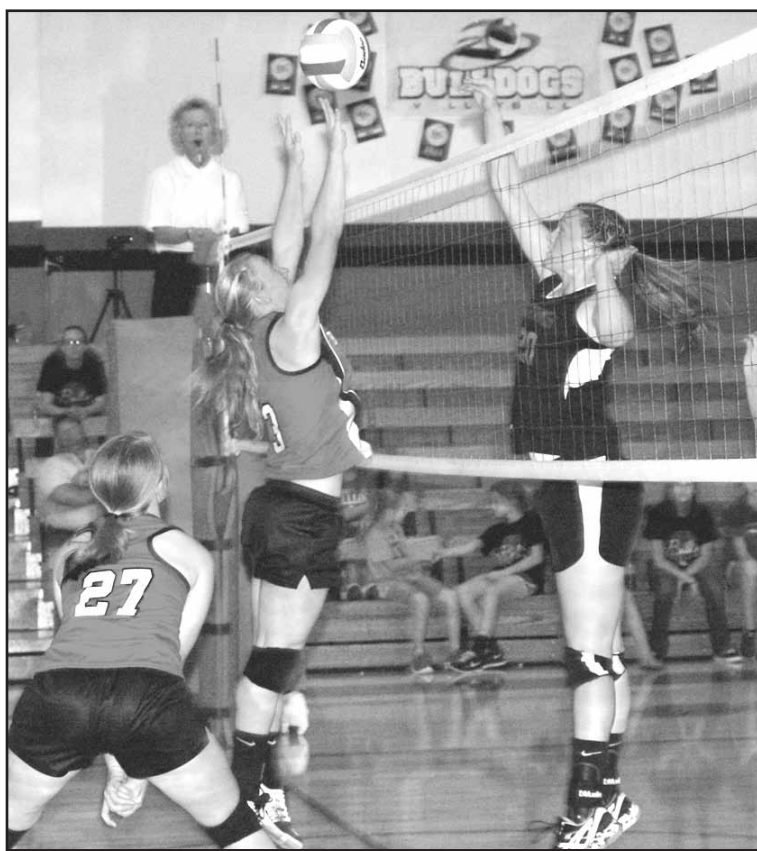
Golden Plains took the latest varsity volleyball showdown with rival Triplains-Brewster, 25-20 and 25-22, Tuesday evening in Rexford.

The Titans won their opening collision in 2014, but Golden Plains has won two meetings since including this marquee matchup of Tuesday night's home triangular.

Triplains-Brewster also lost a two-set match against Northern Valley earlier on Tuesday. Final scores were not obtained.

More details about the Golden Plains matches will be featured in an upcoming edition.

The Titans did score a victory on Saturday over Palco, 25-18 and 25-10.



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Triplains-Brewster senior Dara Roulier got this hit just around the block of Golden Plains' Kami Miller Tuesday night in Rexford.

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Nobody was missing this flight as top players and others watched Colby High junior Miranda Kern's tee shot during the Great West Activities Conference tournament at Meadow Lake on Monday. Kern earned a top five medal while helping the Eagles take second overall.

Cowgirls, Eagles go 1-2

By R.B. Headley
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Medalists Miranda Kerr and Kelly Sloan led the Colby High golfers to a Great West Activities Conference second-place team finish at Meadow Lake on Monday.

The Eagles weren't outgolfing a full-strength Goodland squad (399 team score) featuring 1-2-3 individual placers.

Yet Colby (435) outgolfed three other league foes as junior Kern took fifth (102) and senior Sloan (104) placed ninth.

Sloan took home the first conference medal of her Colby High golf career.

"Kelly played great!" coach Rick Williams declared with that exclamation point added on to his submitted quote. "Miranda had a rough day, but played really well in the playoff to secure the best place she could."

"If she would have played that well all day," he added. "She would have won this thing easily."

The Eagles were still eight strokes better than third-place Ulysses thanks to junior Elissa Zerr's strong finish (60-52-112) and freshman Natalie Oren (61-56-127).

"Elissa bounced back with a good back nine (holes)," Williams confirmed. "Natalie played really well again from her sixth spot. She has been one of our top four

golfers for four tournaments in a row."

Isabel Rosales (127) and Jenna Crampton (144) also competed for Colby.

Top 10: 1. Emily Purvis, Goodland, 44-53-97; 2. Katie Hays, Goodland, 51-48-99; 3. Dani Mangus, Goodland, 50-51-101; 4. Megan Burrows, Holcomb, 51-50-101; 5. **Miranda Kern, Colby, 50-52-102**; 6. Logan Perryman, Goodland, 52-50-102; 7. Gracen Becker, Holcomb, 53-49-102; 8. Bailey Pflugsten, Ulysses, 54-50-104; 9. **Kelly Sloan, Colby, 54-50-104**; 10. Skylar Kistler, Ulysses, 55-53-108. **Teams:** 1. Goodland 399, 2. **Colby 435**, 3. Ulysses 443, 4. Holcomb 444, 5. Hugoton (no team score).

Trojans stop streaking Saints

Seward County said good-bye to its five-match winning streak courtesy of Colby Community College's 28-26, 28-26, 22-25, 25-21 victory at Liberal Monday evening.

It was a huge victory for the Trojans, whose 6-3 Jayhawk League record is again one game better than Seward County (5-4). Colby (10-13 overall) complet-

ed a season sweep of the Saints (17-12) after also winning a five-set showdown at Colby about one month ago.

The Trojans move on to play Jayhawk leader Hutchinson Community College tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Hutchinson.

Recreation hoops season draws near

It's time for Colby Recreation Youth Basketball again as registration deadline is just one week away on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

League games begin on Saturday, Nov. 1, and continue every Saturday through that month. Dec. 6 will be a makeup date.

Colby Recreation Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls from first through sixth grades. Registration can be done on-line at www.colbyrec.jigsy.com, and registration forms will be submitted to all Colby grade schools this week.

Registration fees will be \$25 for first and second grades; \$35 for third through sixth.

It's important to get players registered so teams can be formed

and shirts order.

Anyone interested in coaching should mark that on registration forms. The rec department will be contacting potential coaches promptly.

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Women's volleyball

Registration for women's volleyball league can be completed on-line or at the Recreation Department office in Colby's Community Building. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact the Rec Department. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 17.

Colby tennis girls are trouble for visitors

Colby High No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles reached the championship round of Saturday's Colby Junior Varsity tennis tournament at Fike Park on Saturday.

The Eagles took on seven area teams with Phillipsburg (50 points) leading this tournament field. Victoria took second (38 points), but Colby finished only four points behind (34) for third place overall.

Colby's Laura Schroeder wasn't playing any third-place matches after she won the Pool B No. 1 singles title. Schroeder lost only five games total while getting six

wins over WaKeeney and Victoria along with a 6-0 forfeit victory over Tribune.

No. 2 singles player Madisyn Lemman played truly dominant tennis through her first two matches, sweeping WaKeeney 6-0 and trouncing Tribune 6-1. However, Victoria's Madisyn Gerhard won the pool title match en route to winning this No. 2 singles tourney.

Lemman recovered to take third place with a 6-2 consolation triumph over Liberal's Zarya King.

Meanwhile, the Eagles' No. 2 doubles team of freshman Court-

ney Tinkham and Stacia Oren conquered a tough Pool B. They won their opener 6-3 over WaKeeney but then dropped a 6-0 decision to Tribune.

Yet Oren and Tinkham recovered to take a great 6-4 pool title-deciding match against Victoria's Marie Schluctman and Aryan Karlin. They eventually joined Schroeder as second-place finishers in the tourney.

Colby's No. 1 doubles team featuring freshman Lexi Kraft and sophomore Amelia Culver placed sixth to complete the Eagles' team total.

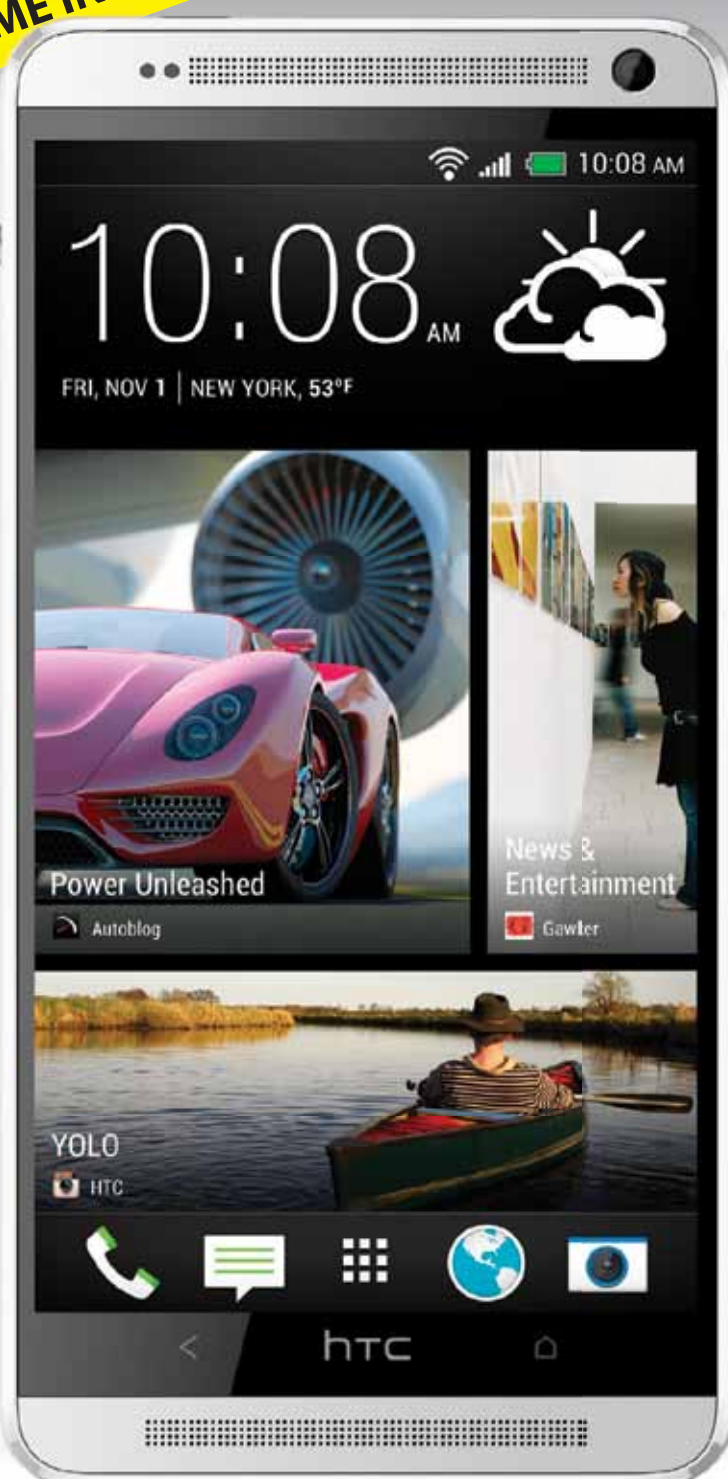
Other results:

No. 1 singles: Phillipsburg's Suzanne Huntley won a 6-4 title match over Colby's Schroeder (3-1 record).

No. 1 doubles: Phillipsburg's Liz Leidig and Madi Mathes won a 6-3 title match over Victoria's Morgan Leiker and Megan Karst. The fifth-place match went to Scott City's Addie Prince and Karlee Logan, 6-3, over Colby's Kraft and Culver.

No. 2 doubles: Phillipsburg's Jillian Gibson and Samantha Prewitz won a 6-3 title finale over Colby's Tinkham and Oren.

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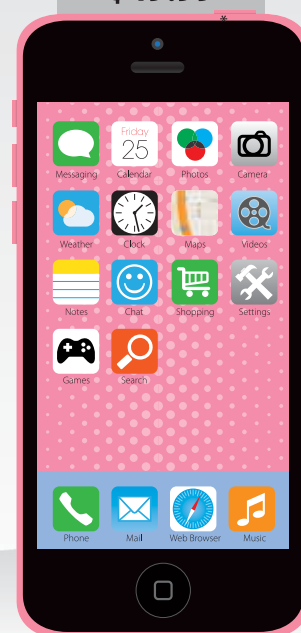
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