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Insurance rep talks to county

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The Thomas County Commissioners got an update on the county's insurance at their meeting Monday.

Larry Sharp, a Hutchinson-based insurance services representative with the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool, which provides counties in the state with insurance, talked to the commissioners. The amount counties pay each year for insurance closely matches a county's population, Sharp said, and Thomas County has one of the lowest loss ratios.

In fact, Sharp said, the county missed getting a cash reward from the pool for a drop in its insurance claims, by about four percentage points. Thomas County's loss ratio was 14 percent last year, well below the multiline pool average of 48 percent. He did not have this year's average for Thomas County. But the five year average for the county, 58 percent, is the same as the multiline pool average. Sharp said later that some county property was damaged by storms which he believed hit the county in 2011, and this brought the county loss ratio to close to 140 percent. All other years were at or below the multiline pool average.

He said several counties have installed cameras at their court houses, and others have put cameras on the dashboards of sheriff's department vehicles. The sheriff's department vehicles have cameras, Baughn said. Sharp said this is important in the event of a chase or crash on the highway where deputies respond.

Sharp said he has seen a shift in

the insurance money counties pay out in recent years, from liability cases to property claims. Mainly this comes from counties' road and bridge departments, because of the heavy cost of equipment used on roads. For instance, Sharp said, another county's dump truck hit a train, causing it to derail. Sharp learned that the railroad company would charge \$2,000 for every hour one of its engines is out of order, among other claims.

County trucks should be covered with tarps, Sharp said, if they have a heavy load like gravel, because otherwise it can slip out of a truck and hit a car. In fact state law requires the county to use tarps, which road and bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock confirmed.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved the settlement of the county's 2013 tax roll, provided by County Treasurer Layn Bruggeman, which came to \$16,409,254 by Oct. 1. Bruggeman counts the ad valorem tax for the county — which does not include vehicle or sales tax — and heavy truck tax by the fall the year after the tax year. The tax this year came to \$16,540,538 before added tax and tax abatements were counted. The heavy truck tax came to \$143,251 and \$146,213 before added tax and abatements were counted.

- Approved the accounts payable register, which came to \$49,976.

- Approved a \$4,767 line item transfer within the landfill department budget, for money which had been billed to the wrong line item.

- Discussed holidays for the

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Arrest made after threats

A Colby man was taken to jail after apparently threatening another man Monday night.

Colby police got a call reporting a person being threatened with a gun at 7:45 p.m. Monday, the department said in a press release. Three officers went to a house in the 1200 block of W. Fifth St., where they found a 21-year-old

man injured. The victim was taken to Citizens Medical Center, treated and released.

Officers found Michael Joe Hillis, 43, Colby, several blocks away and arrested him. The Thomas County Sheriff's Office helped the police officers in the incident.



Let's all walk together



Colby Public Schools crossing guard Michael Kowles (top, from right), stood with a group of kids at the curb on Fourth Street, along with Dane Hrencher, Layton Teydig and Kyrie Wooten, some of the Colby Community College athletes who volunteered to walk with the kids. Adrian Salcido (above) walked next to her teacher. Mayor Gary Adrian (not pictured) and the Colby High School mascot (above right), along with high school cheerleaders, led the group of kids to their classes Wednesday. Maureen Ostmeyer, (right, at right) one of the coordinators for the day, and Kelise MicMillan, a kindergarten teacher, led the kids across the street.

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Life Chain speaks out for children



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Sunday afternoon this group stood along Fourth Street during the annual Life Chain organized among area churchgoers to support an end to abortion by praying while they held signs for passing motorists to see. Local organizer Geri Landry said 168 people and 14 churches participated.

Registration to close; voting begins next day

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Thomas County is gearing up for the election season, with early voting beginning next week and deadlines looming for people looking to register.

The registration deadline for this year's election, is Tuesday, County Clerk Shelly Harms said. Early voting starts the next day, and runs until Monday, Nov. 3, the day before the general election.

Since the county has to update its roster books on Tuesday, Harms said, county residents must register, and current voters must change their name or address by 5 p.m. that day to vote in the election. Those voters

looking to change their name and address need a photo ID, and those looking to register need an ID and proof of citizenship.

You can vote early from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day through the rest of October and from 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 3. The county has to stop the voting at 4:30 p.m. each day, to upload the number of people who voted to the state voting system Harms said. The Kansas Secretary of State's office needs the information to notify groups that ask how many people voted in each county.

Friday, Oct. 31, is the last day the county will send out a mail-in ballot. But Harms said the county cannot guarantee your ballot will be counted if you wait until the last day to or-

der one, since election workers here have to have those ballots counted by 7 p.m. on election day.

Acceptable documents that prove U.S. citizenship include: birth certificate; a passport, including one that is expired; a U.S. naturalization document or the number of your certificate of naturalization; a U.S. hospital record of birth, including the place of birth; a U.S. military record of service; a Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty number or tribal enrollment number; among others. Go to www.Gotvoterid.com for a full list of possible documents.



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Weather

Wind turbine tower donated at college farm

Dan Brenn, owner of Brenn Pump and Supply in Colby, recently donated and installed a tower for a wind turbine at the Colby Community College farm.

"The installed value is about \$4,000," said instructor Derek Reilley. "Dan is on the solar/wind program advisory board and has been a huge supporter since the college started the program."

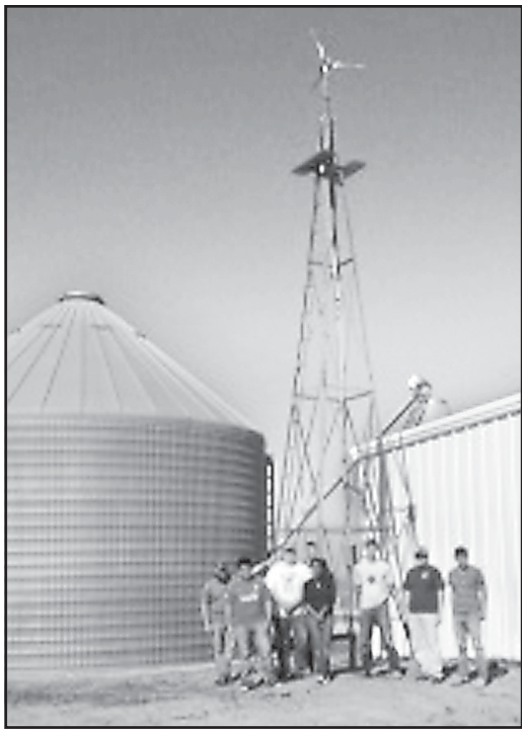
The program is a one-year course of study that concentrates specifically on small wind technology (50 kilowatt and smaller). Small wind turbines are designed for the home, farm and small-to-medium business.

"Because this program is online, it gives the student the ability to learn and work from home," said Reilley. "Certain online courses have a one Saturday boot camp that is highly recommended. However, if the student is unable to attend, an alternative assignment will be given."

"Each semester the student is engaged in multiple online courses that prepare him or her for a career in the wind-turbine industry."

The program can be completed in a year, enabling students to prepare quickly for a career, he said.

For information about this program or the solar photovoltaic program, call Reilly at 460-5431.



Instructor Derek Reilley and his students stood at the base of the tower donated by Dan Brenn.

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county without taking any action. The county normally celebrates all state holidays except Columbus Day and Martin Luther King Day.

Discussed the possibility of purchasing new radios for Thomas County Emergency Medical Services and repairing the Thomas County No. 3 ambulance.

Don Morton, assistant director for Emergency Medical Services, said his department is hoping to buy more radios. Commissioner Mike Baughn pointed out that the model they are looking for is no longer in production, but Morton said the older radios are cheaper, and Emergency Medical Services would still be able to replace the radio parts.

The commissioners asked Morton to find out how long the county will be able to get maintenance and service for the older radios and learn the cost of the newer, ones by the next meeting.

The air conditioning on the ambulance is not working and the mechanic who looked at the vehicle thinks the compressor is broken. The alter-

nator is also out on the ambulance, Morton said, which would bring the price tag on repairs on the ambulance to about \$2,000 in all.

Discussed getting new vehicles for the sheriff's department, also without making a decision. Undersheriff Marc Finley told the commissioners that the department would like to buy a Dodge Durango out of the sheriff's department budget. He would also like to trade in for two Ford vehicles. These vehicles are faster and are rated for a police pursuit, Finley said, but he prefers the Durango - even if it is not pursuit-rated - because it would make a good transport vehicle.

Finley said he got bids for the vehicles earlier, but the commissioners asked him to come up with specifications and get the bids again.

Reviewed the department reports for the commission and the landfill, and the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The landfill reported taking in an annual tonnage of 16.13 tons a day in the last year. The courthouse spent \$19,563 for the 2014 fiscal year, mainly in salaries.

Report: Kansas lags behind nation in job growth

By Roxana Hegeman Associated Press

WICHITA - Kansas job growth is lagging well behind the national average, but the state's employment outlook for next year has improved, a report released today shows.

While employment nationwide grew by 1.9 percent nationally in the past 12 months, Kansas jobs increased by just 1 percent, according to the report by Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research.

However, it said Kansas is expected to add 23,239 jobs next year, for an anticipated employment growth of 1.7 percent in 2015.

A year ago, the center predicted that Kansas would see job growth of 1.4 percent in 2014 - an optimistic forecast that failed to materialize amid ongoing losses in major industries, particularly in the beleaguered aircraft manufacturing companies in Wichita.

The strongest growth statewide next year is expected to be in service jobs, with a growth

rate of 2.6 percent. The fastest growing sectors in that category are for jobs in professional and business services, education and health care.

About 5,000 jobs are also forecast to be added statewide next year in the production sector, with most anticipated in the natural resources such as oil and gas industries and construction.

Federal and state governments are expected to continue to decline in employment, with local governments adding slightly more jobs.

The Wichita economy is projected to improve, but more slowly than the national average.

Wichita employment grew just .2 percent in the second quarter of this year compared to the same period a year ago. During that same period employment grew 1.7 percent nationally.

"This recovery has several downside risks that could reduce growth expectations. Further downturns from foreign trading partners, tightening monetary policy, regulatory changes, and local political uncertainties could all darken the outlook for 2015," according to the report.

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.

'Trick or Treat' comes knocking for Genesis Sunday

Colby Girl Scouts' annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Non-perishable items will be collected and given to Genesis Food Bank. If you want to donate and will not be home you can leave a bag marked "Girl Scouts" on your porch.

Advance voting opens Wednesday

Early voting begins from 1 to 4:30 p.m. 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.

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. Wednesday. A free meal is served at 6 p.m. and care or activities are available for children.

Leroy's Printing to mark 50 years

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

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.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided.

Program to educate 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.bcbks.com or calling 460-4582.

Red Cross to serve beans at drive

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 early next week

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.

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.

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LOCAL TV LISTINGS sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

SATURDAY EVENING

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SUNDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 12, 2014

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New 3D printer to be on display at library hobby fair this Saturday

The Hobby Fair is from noon to 4 p.m. this Saturday.

We will have on display our newest 3D printer with computer and software for item creation. We have just unpacked it and begun to use it, so we will be learning right alongside of you. I know of a few people in town who want to try it out.

The computer will have software or you can download a software program to print a 3D item from the Internet. Once that is done, we find out how long the printing process is estimated to be. Then we schedule printing the item. Some 3D images may take 90 minutes, others three hours, or some six to eight hours. That is why we have to schedule the printing; we cannot leave the printer running overnight, it would be dangerous if unattended.

If you have not heard about 3D printers before, let me tell you of an amazing result using one. Just in the last few years, Garrett Peterson was born with tracheomalacia. His windpipe was would close down and he'd not be able to breath. Dr. Glenn Green at the University of Michigan contacted a biomedical engineer with the same university and asked him about his 3D printing capabilities. They teamed up and created a device from the 3D-Printer to keep the windpipe open.

You may say this is an extreme case but what about the hand created for a child? Mashable on YouTube tells us 3D printers are being used as adaptive manufacturing (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vx0Z6LpAMU). Objects are created by adding materials layer by layer that create complex parts for parts, machines, cars, planes, you name it! It produces prototype examples that are inexpensive yet give the understanding of what the object or material



Melany Wilks

Library Links

will look like when finished.

Architects, mechanical engineers, clothing and accessory designers, and many other industries are beginning to use 3D printers. If you have something you'd like to try and create, come and schedule a time for creating and printing. There will be a minimal charge to help with the filament cost replacement, but it will depend on the size of the object or objects being printed.

The 3D printer was given to the Pioneer Memorial Library by the Northwest Kansas Library System (our regional library system that serves large and small libraries in the Northwest of Kansas). They wrote a grant for several libraries like ours so we could make this important resource available to our communities. We hope that this will spark creativity, invention and design that help businesses, students, inventors and just those who want to image and bring new creations to life.

Remember to come and participate in the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library Discover Your Library: Trivia Challenge. This is the first week. We have six questions. Each person who gets all six correct (stage 1) and then answers correctly how the six items are related (stage 2), will be entered into the weekly drawing for a \$25 Thomas County Chamber Bucks.

They then will get entered into the grand prize to win a Kindle Paperwhite and a \$50 gift certificate from Amazon. So if you participate all four weeks, you have four chances to win the grand prize.

Now let me tell you about another Kansas Notable Book 2014 winner for this week. These are found in our new book section of the library. We received a grant through the Kansas State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (a Federal Agency) to purchase this items. It is written by a Kansas author. The Kansas State Library website (www.kslib.info) tells us the book, "The Black Country," by Alex Grecian is set in British Midlands. The region is "called the 'Black Country' for a reason. Bad things happen there. When members of a prominent family disappear from a coal-mining village — and a human eyeball is discovered in a bird's nest — the local constable sends for help from Scotland Yard's new Murder Squad. Fresh off the grisly 1889 murders of The Yard, Inspector Walter Day and Sergeant Nevil Hammersmith respond, but they have no idea what they're about to get into. The villagers have intense, intertwined histories. Everybody bears a secret. Superstitions abound. And the village itself is slowly sinking into the mines beneath it. Not even the arrival of forensics pioneer Dr. Bernard Kingsley seems to help.

Find out what happens when the mystery increases and the going gets tough!

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

See you in the library!

What does 'sustainable dinner plate' look like?

A term common in food production today, sustainability has been difficult to define. Even so, several major food companies have promised to only use and sell products that are raised in a sustainable manner.

While many definitions of "sustainable" exist, one of the most common comes from the United Nations and connects social, environmental and economic components.

"In general, (sustainable) means meeting the food and fiber needs of people today without harming the environment," said Mary Lee Chin, a nutrition educator and consultant, and a registered dietitian, "and, not only meeting these needs for today but into the future, too, so that we protect the environment for future generations."

Chin, a native of Denver, spoke at Kansas State University in Manhattan to K-State Research and Extension family and consumer science professionals about "The Sustainable American Dinner Plate" and the revolution of foods and food choices on the American dinner table.

She said along with protecting the environment, being sustainable means taking the needs of

producers and consumers of food into account.

"Another factor involves the people who produce the food, that they produce it in a manner they can make a living wage," Chin said. "Then going along the food production line ... so it is affordable for people as well."

In addition to addressing the challenge of defining sustainability, Chin discussed food labeling and nutrition, and how to meet the needs of a world population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050.

Food labeling and nutrition
While foods bear many labels, not all labels are standardized or regulated, Chin said.

"If something is labeled 'organic,' that is certified, and there are standards for that," she said. "But, if something is labeled 'local' or 'natural,' there is no standardization."

A "local" label is often more important to consumers than any other food label, Chin said, as consumers feel as if they are buying fresh foods and supporting their local economies. But, a "local" label could mean the product was produced in the immediate community, to being trucked from within the state, to being brought in from the region.

Research recently published in the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* (ageconsearch.umn.edu/bitstream/167903/2/220130036.pdf) has shown that nearly a quarter of consumers confuse the terms "local" and "organic." Although locally produced foods can be raised organically, not all locally-raised foods are organic.

Other research has shown that consumers are also confused about "natural" labeled food products. A *Consumer Reports* study

has shown that 59 percent of consumers check whether products are "natural," though no verified label for the term exists.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates meat, poultry and egg products, said any meat item can be called "natural" if it contains no artificial ingredients or added color, and is minimally processed. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which regulates all other foods, does not have a definition for "natural."

Consumers should educate themselves about what labels mean, Chin said. Nutrition labels are separate from any label indicating how the product was raised.

"Nutrition labeling ... means the actual content of what's in the food, not how it was produced."

People have extensively discussed genetically modified, or genetically engineered, foods and labeling those foods recently. According to the FDA, food and food ingredients from genetically engineered plants were introduced into the food supply in the 1990s. Genetic engineering means that scientists introduce new traits or characteristics to an organism to enhance the growth or nutritional value of food products.

An example of a genetically engineered food product is golden rice, which was developed to help prevent vitamin A deficiency, a condition that can cause irreversible blindness and even death, Chin said. Another example would be modifying specific proteins that give the peanut its allergenicity, which is under study currently. It could potentially eliminate the threat of peanut allergies.

The FDA has reported that foods produced through genetic engineering are as safe and nutritional as any other foods, so they

do not have to be specially labeled. However, food manufacturers can voluntarily label whether foods have or have not been developed through genetic engineering.

Food production challenges
Chin said it will take growing food in a variety of ways to meet the food needs of 9 billion people worldwide in less than 40 years.

"My perspective is we have to use the best practices of every single type of food production method and agricultural technology that suits the system, that suits the producer and that suits the eventual consumer, in order to produce food for that number of people."

She said the comparison of food production practices — organic, conventional and genetically engineered as examples — shows they are many times more alike than they are different. Each method has its advantages and risks.

Producers will need to find ways to grow more food to feed more people, Chin said, using limited farmland, water and other resources and combating drought, flooding and natural disasters.

Much of the general public, she said, doesn't understand production agriculture and these many challenges.

"I think the crux of the problem is that 50 or 60 years ago, there were many people involved with food production and agriculture," Chin said. "Today, less than two percent of people are involved.... Many people don't understand that just like every other industry in our country now, it's highly technical."

A video interview with Chin is available at youtu.be/Fyb3DhvkmlA. For more about food production and nutrition, Chin recommends the website (www.foodinsight.org/).

Deaths

Claude D. Woerpel

Claude D. Woerpel, 79, a retired heat and air conditioner company owner from Colby, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born March 8, 1935, in Gem.

His wife, Betty Woerpel, preceded him in death in 2010.

Survivors include two sons, Todd Woerpel, Hot Springs, Ark.; and Troy Woerpel, Overland Park; three sisters, Leta Moses, Colby; Lela Mae "Putt" Musil, Aurora, Colo.; and Jean Johnson, Overland Park; and four grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating and burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Respecting the wishes of Claude, the family suggests friends do a random act of kindness for a stranger as a memorial, rather than flowers or contributions.

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

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Sept. 28
12:06 a.m. — Security check at Wal-Mart
12:09 a.m. — Caller lost his wallet. Report filed.
4:08 a.m. — 911 caller reported subject being assaulted.
7:51 a.m. — Helped ambulance crew on call.
11:35 a.m. — Possible transient at Horton and Range. All OK.
11:51 a.m. — Subject now wanted report on assault call at 4:08 a.m. Information gathered.
3:02 p.m. — Caller reported opossum in garage. Trap provided.

Sept. 29
1:25 a.m. — Security check at the south Cornerstone Ag.
8:52 a.m. — Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
8:56 a.m. — Assisted fire chief.
9:23 a.m. — Responded to I-70 and K-25 area in reference to erratic driver on I-70 eastbound from mile 48; not found.
11:38 a.m. — Caller reported unauthorized vehicle. Landowner spoken to.
12:02 p.m. — Walk through at Colby Grade School.
1:52 p.m. — Aggravated assault report filed.

Sept. 30
12:09 a.m. — Caller reported a car parked in the alley. OK.
2:13 a.m. — Security check at Wal-Mart.
4:15 a.m. — Security check at Wal-Mart
7:52 a.m. — Caller reported theft of flag and pole. Report filed.
8:55 a.m. — Assisted fire chief on call.
12:20 p.m. — Walk through at Colby High School.
12:44 p.m. — Walk through at Heartland Christian School
12:54 p.m. — Walk through at Sacred Heart Catholic School.
5:15 p.m. — Domestic disturbance report filed.
7:21 p.m. — Harassment report filed on incident.
11:23 p.m. — Caller advised of fighting. Report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Sept. 27
8:53 a.m. — Caller reported possible drunk driver westbound on U.S. 24 from County Rd. 22. All OK on traffic stop at Heartland Christian School.
9:38 a.m. — Caller reported three sheep out in north ditch just west of Colby Wrecking Yard in the 2100 block of E. Fourth.
12:23 p.m. — Funeral block for Baalman's Mortuary from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to Sacred Heart Cemetery.

1:05 p.m. — House check at 290 County Rd. 36.
1:23 p.m. — Traveler's aid.
2:48 p.m. — Booked Brian James Bandy.
3:15 p.m. — Car fire on County Rd. 2.
3:26 p.m. — Released Bandy.
7 p.m. — Served 48-hour affidavit on Nicol Sondra Frahm.
11:11 p.m. — Accident on U.S. 24 at the curves. Turned over to Highway Patrol units. Colby Dodge and Butch's towed vehicle. Emergency Medical Services and Rescue responded.

Sept. 28
1:24 a.m. — Caller reported a cow walking on Vets by Country Club. Left message with possible owner, was put into a pasture on the north side of Veterans. Owner was notified.
2:13 a.m. — Caller from Holiday Inn advised of a customer that was unable to get roadside assistance, needed fuel west of Colby on I-70. Escorted vehicle to motel.
9:14 a.m. — Caller reported two sheep out in north ditch in the 2100 block of E. Fourth. Contacted owner.

Sept. 29
8:04 a.m. — Spoke to subject on phone about child seat questions.
8:56 a.m. — Alarm at Thomas County Courthouse. Everyone evacuated; fire chief en route.
8:58 a.m. — Arrest warrant served on Walter Gariffo.
9:02 a.m. — Abandoned vehicle at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 3. Owner contacted, will get it moved.
9:13 a.m. — Walk through at Brewster School.
11:13 a.m. — Child endangerment report filed.
3:27 p.m. — Released Nicole Frahm.
4:10 p.m. — Booked Jayde Adelman.
4:21 p.m. — Booked Brandon Boutte.
5:13 p.m. — Released Jason George.
5:33 p.m. — Released Boutte.

Sept. 30
9:36 a.m. — Cattle in ditch near entrance to Wastewater Plant at 1945 County Rd. 21. Owner contacted; put back into pasture.
2:10 p.m. — Subject came to station about possible harassment in Rexford. Report filed.
2:52 p.m. — Caller reported two cows out in the 2200 block of County Rd. 15
3:16 p.m. — Served arrest warrant on Jayde Adelman.
11:10 p.m. — Security check at the Brewster Frontier Ag.
11:13 p.m. — Security check downtown businesses in Brewster.

Boys survives fall in chute

HONOLULU (AP) — An 8-year-old Hawaii boy who fell six stories down a trash chute and was pulled out by a neighbor with a fire hose has suffered only cuts.

The *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* (bit.ly/ZbP0CU) reports the boy's 13-year-old aunt rushed up to 29-year-old Dan Kaetsu on the eighth floor of the Honolulu condo tower, asking for help.

She says the boy threw garbage down the chute and fell through the opening. He landed in trash piled up to the second floor.

Kaetsu broke a glass fire-hose box and sent the hose down the chute. Using the chute walls for support, the boy held the hose, and Kaetsu hoisted him out.

Firefighters arrived as the boy emerged.

He was taken to a hospital with cuts to his forehead, arms and feet.

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

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| Wheat (bushel) | \$5.41 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$3.30 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$5.68 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$8.40 |

Costume Contest sponsored by The Goodland Star-News

Join Us For Trunk or Treat

Bring your "Trunk" and join in the fun!

October 31st

On Main Street in Goodland - (10th to 12th Street)

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Class presented by: Lanissa (DeGood) Blevens

When: Sunday, October 12, 2014 - 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Where: El Dos de Oros - 1950 S. Range Ave., Colby, KS

Refreshments provided!

RSVP: encourage@juno.com

First 5 RSVP's will receive a gift of essential oils.

Other Viewpoints

Senate race battle comes full circle

So the legal battle over the U.S. Senate race in Kansas ended where it started a month ago – with Democrat Chad Taylor out of the race, his state party looking pathetic, and Secretary of State Kris Kobach seeming more partisan agent than impartial election overseer. At least the absentee ballots can go out now. Kobach's court losses mounted during the fight. They included the Kansas Supreme Court's unanimous Sept. 18 ruling overturning his decision to keep Taylor on the ballot and the Shawnee County District Court's Oct. 1 decision that Democrats need not replace him. Nor would the district judges allow Kobach to intervene in the latest case, which seemed to fizzle out when its plaintiff, a Kansas City, Kan., Democrat, failed to show up for the Sept. 29 hearing. In the end, the judges decided the voter lacked legal standing and even ordered him to pay the costs of the proceeding.

Both the petitioner and Kobach had focused on the word "shall" in statutory language saying that "when a vacancy occurs after a primary election in a party candidacy, such vacancy shall be filled by the party committee...." But the court pointed to "full five distinct meanings" of the word in Black's Law Dictionary and concluded "that the legislative and case history falls in favor of a limitation on the use of the word 'shall' ... to who has the authority to fill a vacancy and/or otherwise how such a vacancy is to be filled. The statutory framework mandates the who and the how, not the whether."

In the process of losing again in court, Kobach lost some credibility among Kansans as well. By working so hard to keep a Democrat on the ballot, Kobach appeared to many to be trying to help Sen. Pat Roberts, on whose honorary campaign committee Kobach serves, by splitting the votes against the three-term Republican. Not coincidentally, recent polls indicate that Kobach now has his own tight race against Democratic challenger Jean Schodorf.

Meanwhile, Kansas Democrats satisfied with the Shawnee County court decision should be ashamed instead. The 65,000 Democrats who voted in the primary for U.S. Senate just saw their voices muted and their state party subjugated – apparently by national-level Democratic operatives who are gambling that when independent candidate Greg Orman says "I won't answer to either party," as he does in a new ad blaming Democrats and Republicans equally for the mess in Washington, D.C., he's actually pledging allegiance to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Only the courts are due praise, for how they sorted through some legitimate legal questions in unusually rapid fashion while under fierce political fire.

With Kobach's legal ploy having played out, voters can now focus on the candidates and their stands, and decide which would best serve Kansas and the country as a U.S. senator.

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Native Americans 'invisible' to coach

Legendary former football coach Mike Ditka is apparently unaware Native Americans exist.

To Ditka, the controversy surrounding the Washington NFL team's mascot is all about political correctness. He has referred to the people offended by the slur "Redskins" as "politically correct idiots" and "liberals who complain about everything."

He called the debate "silly" and "asinine." Then he said, "I hope the owner keeps fighting for it and never changes it, because the Redskins are part of American football history and they should never be anything but the Washington Redskins."

Not surprisingly, half-term governor Sarah Palin has sided with Ditka in this debate. She mirrored Ditka's obliviousness.

"Nothing should surprise us lately; but when the Politically Correct Police bust Ditka, they hope the silent majority will cower under leftist control," Palin said. "My goodness, Ditka merely spoke his mind."

"This ... esteemed coach knows there are big issues to be addressed in America today; there's no intent to offend by referring to a team by the names they've proudly worn since day one and chose with pride in our native ancestry and obviously had absolutely no intent to insult, and the liberal media's made-up controversies divide our country."

The quote is part of Palin's body of work: The snooty liberal media are once again imposing their politically correct ways on ordi-



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

nary Americans. But by blaming the controversy on liberals and their politically correct ways, Palin and Ditka are ignoring Native Americans' pivotal role in this debate.

One of the Indian activists the Palins and Ditkas of the world conveniently ignore explained things to left-wing sports writer Dave Zirin:

"I always find it amazing, considering the fight against Native mascots is something I've been aware of my entire life," said Navajo/Yankton Dakota Sioux organizer Jackie Keeler, who is one of the founders of the group Eradicating Offensive Native Mascots. "My parents protested against it in college in the late '60s and early '70s. When I was a student at Dartmouth in the 1990s, we native students were forced to confront this issue."

"It was at Dartmouth that I first met Suzan Harjo, long-time native activist who has led the fight against native people being used as mascots, and of course, National Congress of American Indians, the largest representative of the body of tribes (two of my dad's family members were former executive directors)

first began an initiative to get rid of native mascots in 1968.

"This idea that the fight against the mascot-ing of native people is something new and led by white folks is oddly insular and navel-gazing to understand the issue – and yet another way of cutting native people out of American discourse about things that matter to us. By reframing the issue this way, the Washington NFL team continues to make real, modern native people to disappear, much as their mascot does. It's a continuation of the extinguishment of native voice and the appropriation of our identity and lands."

But Palin, Ditka and others are convinced this issue is all about politically correct white liberal guilt. One would think the fact that the genocidal campaign against Native Americans that started with the Spanish ended with Americans would make U.S. citizens a little more sympathetic to these issues. But the unreflective patriotism practiced by the Palins and Ditkas of the world makes it difficult for Native American concerns to be addressed or even acknowledged.

This should trouble all Americans.

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President swore to uphold 'rule-book'

"On issue after issue, we cannot rely on a rule-book written for a different century," so said President Barack Obama to the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 24, presumably referencing the U.S. Constitution.

You may recall that the current biggest issue is his having initiated war in Syria by bombing ISIS without the constitutional approval of Congress. This is the third country he has bombed without congressional approval (including Libya and Iraq), which gives him a legacy as a war president. Many recall he was critical of President George W. Bush for having done the same thing.

All war powers are clearly described in Article I, Section 8 and the President is left with none. Once approved, he can execute the war as commander in chief, but still under the funding limitations imposed by the House of Representatives.

The obvious dig on being restricted to a document "written for a different century," shows a lack of respect for the Constitution he swore by oath to "preserve, protect and defend" (Article II, Section 1). Some in Congress considered his having done so in Libya an impeachable offense, stating thus in Concurrent Resolution H. Con. Res. 107, but Democrats did not wish to confine their president.

Still, the president's phrase is a mockery to the Constitution and should be unacceptable and embarrassing to every American, whether said by a Republican or a Democrat. Ironically the Constitution is designed to harness presidents just like him and his predecessor George W. Bush, but it will never work if the party in power runs interference for their own constitutional abuser.

It also shows a lack of understanding of the Constitution, based upon human nature and



Harold Pease

• Liberty Under Fire

natural law which do not change from century to century. Man and governments are beset by the same sins in all ages. There will always be those that wish to rule over others.

Government will always attempt to grow its power. There will always need to be a list of the things governments can do and they will always need to be harnessed to that list. There will always need to be division of power and presidents will always, as James Madison said, "have a propensity for war" and wish to use any military power without consent.

And there will always be those who wish to use the force of government to redistribute the wealth so that they can, in effect, purchase elections by "gifting" voters. The magic of the Constitution is that it, outside defense, does not distribute benefits to anyone. These are the reasons it is said to be outdated by those who wish to take our liberties. President Obama's problem with the Constitution is that it restricts him from doing anything he wishes.

One of my favorite classes is Contemporary Political Topics. Students are encouraged to first use the Constitution, then natural law in problem solving, rather than political party or philosophical persuasion, justified because every politician has sworn to "protect, preserve and defend" this document. It is the instrument by which everything should be judged. They love it. We have yet to find a current problem

the Constitution does not address.

So why should the president have the same restrictions on war as those presidents of a different century? It is because he does not fight on the front lines and is not at real personal risk. It is the sons and daughters of the nation who bleed and die for the cause and it is the taxpayer who funds the war. They, through their representatives in the House of Representatives, elected every two years by those most likely to suffer from the decision, are the ones constitutionally empowered to make the offering.

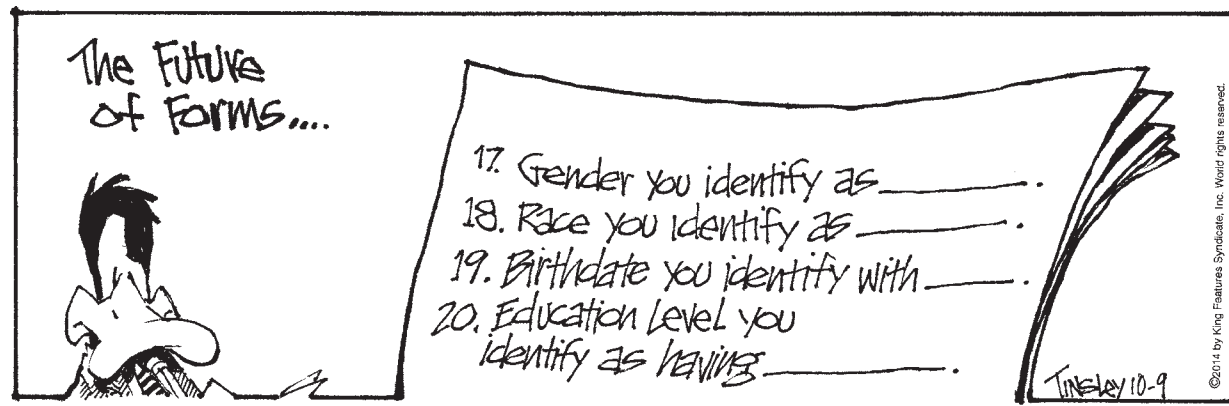
War would then never be taken lightly. Suffering and cost to the nation would always have its proper place in the equation. When the war goes on too long the President must justify to the House the reasons why, and if the peoples' representatives do not accept his reasons, funding can be limited incrementally to bring an end to it or cutting it off entirely. In short, the people, rather than just one man, make the decision to go to war. As it was under George W. Bush, and now is under Barack Obama, one man and his military machine, both benefiting from war, decide entry and exit, not the people.

The "rule book written in a different century" is still reliable to protect us on entry and exit of war. What we need today are presidents and legislators that love and use it. In this quest we are embarrassingly in short supply.

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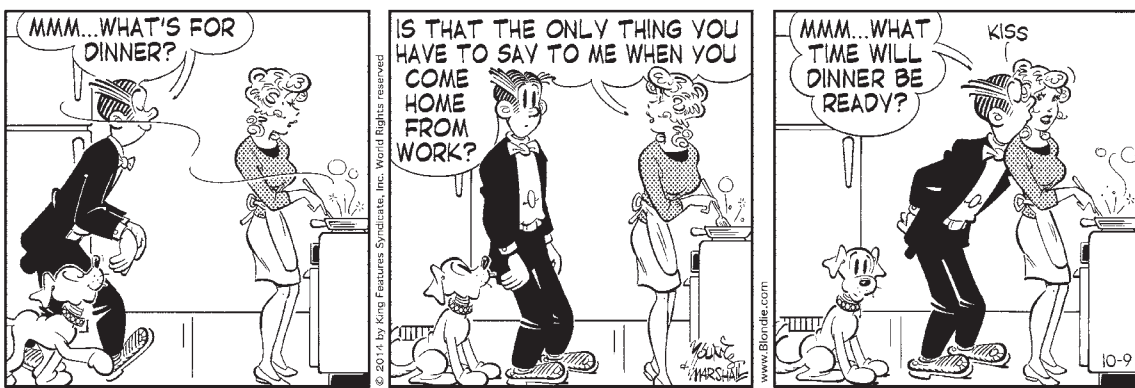
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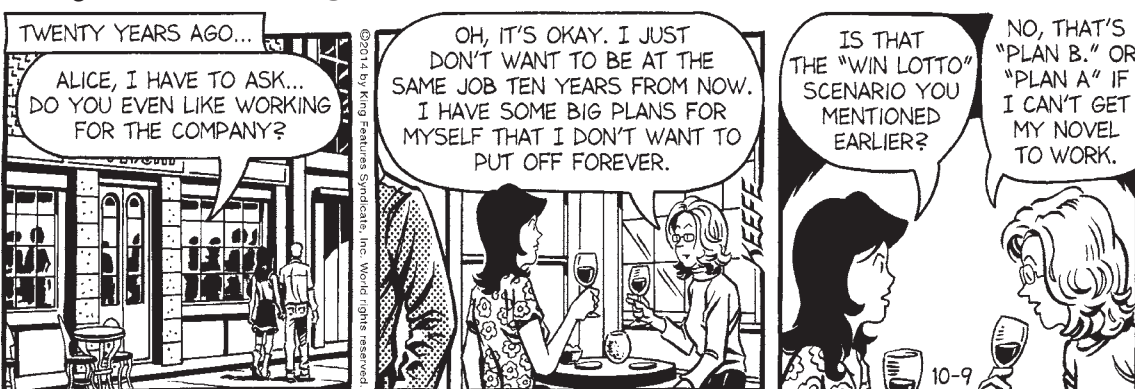
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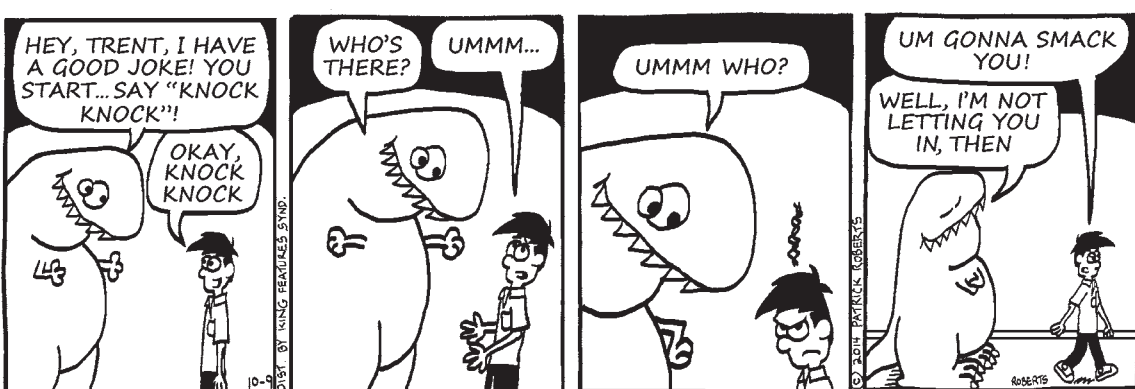
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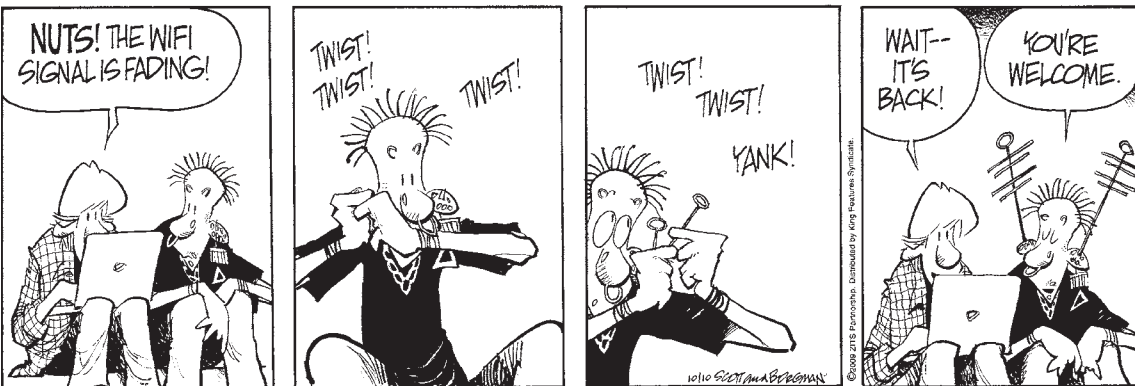
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• Antiques and Collecting

Furniture maker had colorful past

Q: I'm trying to learn about my chest of drawers. It has three drawers with original knobs, a beveled mirror and rolled feet instead of legs. Inside a drawer there's an emblem with "HL" in the center surrounded by the name "Harris Lebus." The chest is in good condition. Can you tell me about the maker?

A: Harris Lebus was a family-run business that became England's largest furniture manufacturer in the 1890s. Louis Lebus, a German immigrant, opened a furniture shop in London in about 1857. Sometime after 1879, when Louis died and his son, Harris, took over the business, the name of the company became Harris Lebus.

It made quality furniture inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement. During World War I, the company made airplanes, gliders, tent pins and other military equipment. Furniture manufacturing resumed after the war. During World War II, production switched to munitions, and the factory was involved in a top secret project. Two or three wooden tanks, exact replicas of Sherman tanks, were built as decoys to fool German bombers.

Harris Lebus became a public company in 1947 and later made inexpensive furniture. The company went out of business in 1969.

Q: I have a bronze sculpture of a chubby Greek god sitting on a donkey. The god has a wreath on his head and is carrying an animal pelt. It was acquired by a relative, who said he was the first Allied officer to enter Hitler's quarters at Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. It came from Hitler's desk in front of the large window overlooking the front of the building. The sculpture is 10 1/2 inches high and mounted on marble. What is it worth?

A: Hitler's quarters were bombed by the British and burned by retreating SS troops before Allied troops entered. If you can prove the sculpture came from Hitler's desk, it will be of interest to collectors. Without provenance — a letter from the officer who found the sculpture or some other proof of Hitler's ownership — the value is the same as for any other unsigned bronze sculpture.

Q: I'm clearing out a friend's house, and found an 8-inch-high black figural decanter. The figure is wearing a cloak and wide-brim hat and holding a red torch. The stopper is the top of the hat. The only marking on the bottom is "Wade, England." Can you give me any information about this decanter?

A: Your decanter is called "The Don," made for Sandeman port and sherry. The Don is holding a glass of wine and wearing a cape similar to those worn by Portuguese university students. The image was first on posters made for Sandeman by George Massiot Brown in 1928 and has been used for ads and bottle labels since. The company says it was "the very first iconic logo for a wine." Sandeman was founded in 1790 London by George Sandeman and still is in business. The Wade group of potteries, now Wade Ceramics Ltd. of Stoke-on-Trent, was founded in Staffordshire, England, in 1810. Wade made your decanter about 1960; its value is about \$15. Decanters were also made by Royal Doulton and Wedgwood; they sell for about \$25.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
Fast-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8 7
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ Q 9 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 5 4
♥ K J 5
♦ 2
♣ A K J 8 4

EAST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 10 9 8
♣ 6 5 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♦
2 ♠ 3 ♦
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Inferences and Deductions

There are lots of inferences a declarer can draw from the bidding and/or play of the cards, and those inferences often permit him to play a hand as though the opponents' cards were exposed.

Consider this case where West leads the king of clubs and continues with the ace and a low club, East ruffing dummy's nine and returning the eight of hearts.

Declarer goes up with the ace and must now find the right way to play the trumps to make the contract. He can play the A-K, hoping to catch the queen; he can play the ace, then continue with the jack and finesse; or he can lead a trump to the king and finesse on the way back.

Before South casts his ballot for one of these approaches, he should first try to assemble every clue that can help him make the right decision.

He knows for a certainty that West started with five clubs, and he can deduce from East's heart bid and West's raise that East started with four hearts and West with three. South can also deduce that the missing spades are divided 4-4, because if either defender had five spades, he would have bid them.

By putting all these inferences and deductions together, South can conclude that West started with five clubs, three hearts, four spades and, hence, exactly one diamond.

He therefore plays a diamond to the king and finessses the jack on the way back. After drawing East's last trump, South crosses to dummy with a spade and discards a heart on the queen of clubs to make exactly three diamonds.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Seven-year-old Billy keeps his pun in hand and draws up another cartoon.

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/09

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.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEING ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST AT SLOW-COOKING DISHES. THAT CHEF IS A BONA FIDE CROCK STAR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 — Breckinridge
5 Problems
9 Sheepish comment
12 A billion years (Var.)
13 Rodgers collaborator
14 Under the weather
15 Singer born Kathryn Hudson
17 Surgeon product
18 Stag's lack
19 Guitars' ancestors
21 Empire St.
22 Just out of the oven
24 "Galloping dominoes"
27 Indispensable
28 Advantage
31 401(k) alternative
- DOWN**
1 Create
2 Favorable votes
3 Sch. mil. group
4 Whoever
5 Sharpen
6 Scull tool
7 Blunder
8 Fashion
9 2013 song by 15-Across
10 Lotion additive
11 Hearty brews
16 Snoopy org.
20 Employ
22 Untamed
23 Deli loaves
24 Poorly illuminated
25 Rage
26 1962 song by 48-Across
27 Military hat
29 Pistol supplement, with "out"
35 Ostrich's cousin
37 Ballerina
39 Skiers' mecca
40 Salary
41 React in horror
42 One
43 Genealogy chart
44 Caffeine-rich nut
45 TV trophy
46 Colonial seamstress
49 Historic period
50 Brink

Solution time: 24 mins.

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CASE NO. 2013-PR-15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court by Bradley Fikan and Jason Fikan, co-Administrators of the Estate of John Fredrick Fikan, a/k/a John F. Fikan, a/k/a John Fikan, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the administrators, allowance for administrators' expenses, attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 16, 2014 1:30 pm on said day, in said Court, in the City of Colby, Thomas County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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REBEL JAY

Colby High defenders did a triple-team jolt of Holcomb running back Brandon Stegman and junior Austin Hart (71) had his eyes on this fumble recovery last weekend at Dennen Field. Hart and junior Bryce Arnberger both recovered Longhorn fumbles in this Homecoming game.

Tough Eagles put lasso on Longhorns

The Colby High Eagles delivered plenty of big hits on Homecoming as juniors Alex Young, Ben Matchell and Brady Matchell each made nine tackles against Holcomb Friday evening.

Holzmeister's eight solos topped the team in addition to quarterbacking every play for the Eagles' offense.

Complete Colby leaders:
Offense

Rushing: Ben Matchell 10-30, Brady Holzmeister 18-29, Matthew Pieper 9-7, Donte Whitfield 2-4.

Passing: Brady Holzmeister 5 completions-9 attempts-43 yards.

Receiving: Ben Matchell 4-42, Pieper 1-1.

Special teams

Kick return yards: Ben Matchell 72, Tanner Elias 20.

Defense

Total tackles: Holzmeister 9

(8 solos), Alex Young 9 (4 solos), Ben Matchell 9 (4 solos), Eric Schuette 6 (4 solos), Elias 5 (3 solos), Austin Russ 4 (2 solos), Austin Hart 2 (2 solos), Tate Carney 2 (2 solos), Ethan Jay 2 (1 solo), Donte Whitfield 2 (1 solo), Colyn Gugelman 2, Brady Slinger 1 (solo), Brooks Curry 1 (solo), Bryce Arnberger 1.

Tackles for loss: Schuette 1, Ben Matchell 1.

Takeaways: Arnberger (fumble recovery), Hart (fumble recovery), Carney (interception).

Holcomb countered with a strong defensive effort that held the Eagles to 70 rushing yards. Colby had averaged more than 350 during its two previous contests.

Colby also held Holcomb to 117 rushing yards, but quarterback Trey Teter threw for 345 and all four Longhorn touchdowns.

Can Colby knock off Norton?

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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It was the kind of beautiful slobber-knocking hit that every real football fan had to appreciate. Holcomb High's best running back was charging into challenge the Colby Eagles' line when got blown up.

Boom. Down goes Longhorn under three Colby tacklers. Football wanted nothing to do with this scene, bouncing away in a desperate escape attempt until Eagle junior Bryce Arnberger pounced on this pigskin.

Scoring threat over. Politically correct new age football worry-warts probably thought the clean hit was too rough.

Real Colby fans would love nothing more than to see the stuffing knocked out of Norton's current five-game win streak.

The rival Bluejays and Eagles collide at 7 p.m. Friday night in Norton.

"They've got a lot of guys back from last year, and they were a playoff team," Colby coach Chris Gardner said. "They run from sort of an 'I' (power) formation and they run some shotgun. It will be



REBEL JAY

Colby High junior Brady Holzmeister will make his second consecutive start at quarterback while senior Josh Matchell recovers from an injury.

another good test."

"It should be a good one," he concluded.

The Bluejays (5-0) have barely broke a sweat while blitzing through five consecutive foes 195-13 this fall. Only 2A top five-ranked Phillipsburg and familiar

Undefeated Bluejays have allowed 13 points this season

foe Oakley have found the end zone against Norton's mighty defense.

Yet the Colby Eagles should remember how they did make those Bluejays sweat.

Colby tallied 22 first-half points against Norton one year ago, building a 22-10 halftime lead and forcing Norton into one furious second-half comeback.

The Bluejays did rally for a 37-22 victory, but this year's Colby Eagles have been tougher to break. They outplayed Oakley in every way possible except the scoreboard (14-10 Plainsmen escape) and held 4A Division I power Holcomb to eight points through more than half of last week's game.

Now's the perfect time to gain some winning momentum with three huge district showdowns still ahead.

"Those three are the ones that count most," Gardner said. "We can still reach all of our goals."

The Eagles' goal will be to stop Norton junior quarterback Jordan Dole, whose 68-yard touchdown run ignited that Bluejay rally a year ago.

Dole's stepped in for injured 6'3" freshman phenom quarterback Jace Ruder during an earlier season showdown with unbeaten Smith Center.

All Dole delivered was 137 rushing yards on 14 carries (nearly a first down with every touch) while finishing the 32-0 Bluejay victory.

Norton's offense features several other dangerous talents like senior Jared Tallent (sorry for the bad pun). The 5'9" 160-pound Tallent also nearly reached 100 yards (16 carries, 93 yards) vs. Smith Center. Junior Gavin Lively added another 57 yards to the 303-yard ground attack.

When these Bluejays take to the air, senior Deon Lyle covered 70 yards with two pass receptions against Smith Center.

Bulldogs tally TDs

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs scored 38 points in their 78-38 loss to Tribune Friday night when they took on the Greeley County Jackrabbits.

The 'Rabbits started the game out with a 30-0 lead before the Bulldogs scored a touchdown by senior Domico Luna.

Luna went on to score two more TDs along with a two-point conversion for the Bulldogs.

Senior Brandon Korte crossed the goal line three times for the Golden Plains.

"We are still improving," said Luna, "But we had a lot of mistakes and too many fumbles."

The Bulldogs are practicing for a six-man game this week as they prepare to play Weskan Friday night in Rexford. Opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

A glance at other area sports competition this week:

Today

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.

Middle school volleyball: Triplains-Brewster at Logan, 4 p.m.

Middle school football: Logan at Triplains-Brewster, 5:30 p.m.

Middle school football: Northern Valley at Golden Plains, 5:30 p.m.

Middle school volleyball: Heartland Christian at Logan, 4 p.m.

Friday

Football: Colby at Norton, 7 p.m.

Football: Sunrise Christian at Heartland Christian, 3 p.m.

Football: Hoxie at Triplains-Brewster, 7 p.m.

Football: Weskan at Golden Plains, 7 p.m.

College cross country: Colby women in Ollie Isom Invite

Tennis: Colby at Regionals, TBA

Hoxie can't halt Bulldog climb



MICHELLE WERTH

Brewster High's Takoda Turner (left) and freshman Jake Benham (right) both conquered this hill at the Hoxie Cross Country Invitational on Tuesday. Turner earned a top three finish among varsity runners, while Benham won the junior varsity competition according to available reports. Bulldog senior Leyton Werth took home another championship as he won the varsity race, recording a time of 17:21. Complete results were not available Thursday.

Trojans can't cool Dragon win streak

from bluedragonsports.com

The No. 17 nationally-ranked Hutchinson Community College volleyball team kept a firm grip on its lead in the Jayhawk West Conference on Wednesday after defeating Colby 3-1 at the Sports Arena.

In Hutch's only home match during a 25-day span, the Blue Dragons defeated the Trojans 25-16, 21-25, 25-17, 25-14 to move to 10-0 in the Jayhawk West.

Hutch increased its lead over Colby to four games as the Trojans slipped to 6-4 in conference play, 10-14 overall.

Sophomore Adrianna Sosnowska's 16 kills powered the Trojan attack just two nights after a huge four-set road win over Seward County at Liberal. Colby took over second place in the Jayhawk West with that victory.

Another 15 Colby kills came from a freshman combination of Mallory Mueller (eight) and Laura Hillenbrand (seven).

Yet they couldn't stop the rival Blue Dragons (16-6), who are a season-high 10 games over .500 with their seventh victory in a row. Hutchinson has won 10 of the last 11 matches played.

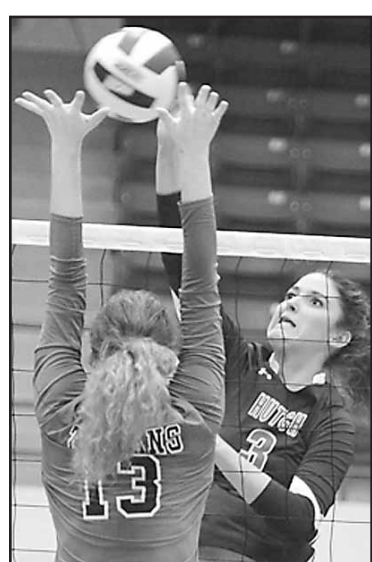
Without freshman Petra Silic, the Jayhawk West's leading blocker who did not play on Wednesday, the Blue Dragons still outblocked Colby 7-3.

Sosnowska was a handful for Hutchinson in the second set as she posted seven of her team-high 16 kills in the stanza. She used power and off-speed equally well and had two back-row kills in the second set.

Hutch still led 16-15, but a pair of four-point Colby runs were too much down the stretch as the Trojans scored 10 of the final 15 points of the set, knotting the match at one set on a Sosnowska kill.

Colby had 16 kills in the second set; the only set the Trojans reached double figures in kills.

The Trojans will play next at



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Freshman Laura Hillenbrand (13) went for the block against Hutchinson's Skye Calvert during the Colby Community College match at Hutch Wednesday evening.

this weekend's Missouri State University-West Plains Tournament.

They start on Friday against Miami (Fla.) Dade College.

Their next match in the Colby Community will be 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday against Butler County.

Playing without a helmet always fun on this page

By R.B. Headley
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Just a few remarks to kick around from your *Free Press* sports scribbler despite having no feeling in his skull since childhood.

Stupid kicker!

Don't be mean to a football placekicker — unless it's Washington State's No. 1 goat Quentin Breshears.

First of all, Quentin and Breshears are names that feel far more suited for somewhere outside a football field. That's like saying Barak Obama would be a good

football name.

Secondly, how in the name of Wazzu and "the Paloose" — which are two fantastic words connected with Washington State football — can you miss a 19-yard game-winning field goal?

Not just 19 yards, but 19 yards after your quarterback Connor Halliday had thrown for 734 yards and six touchdowns!

Halladay had moved Wazzu within scoring range in a 60-59 game against the Cal Golden Bears. There were 19 seconds remaining, and Breshears' moment was actually closer than the eight extra points he'd already kicked after touchdowns.

Yet he missed it, and now appears perfect for the next bad-taste TV commercial where kickers are toilet-paper taped to a locker.

Maybe tape the entire Wazzu defense, which somehow couldn't hold Cal below 60 points. It leads to another potentially crazy idea.

College football games will soon outscore college basketball games?

Think about it. More and more football teams top 50 or 60 points, while more hoops teams can't shoot 40 percent. It makes perfect sense that our next mixed-up generation will assume football is a higher scoring game.

After all, football has become

more like "basketball on grass" with all these increasingly no-hitting-hard rules.

Run around and find an open space to the end zone. Some of us miss the smash-mouth, drill-you-like-Mike-Ditka era.

Do we all remember how to spell Missississississippi?

I added a few "iss"es just for fun, but also proudly recall that I picked both Ole Miss over No. 1 Alabama and Mississippi State beating No. 6 Texas A&M last weekend.

What's really glory is both surprise team's glory may end swiftly — as in this Saturday.

I would not be surprised at all

to see Ole Miss fall at A&M and Auburn knocking off Mississippi State. If all this craziness continues, Kansas State might just climb back into the Final Four picture.

Those mighty Broncos look good.

My early Super Bowl prediction was to take Seattle again against the San Diego "Super Chargers." Yet those Broncos are coming alive and looked really good against previously unbeaten Arizona last week.

Denver over the New York Jets might be this weekend's easiest lock pick — though those sometimes are most dangerous.

Except in this contest.

Golden middle schoolers win showdowns with rival Titans

By Brianna Stoll
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Brewster to face their rival Triplains/Brewster Titans for the second time this season on Thursday, Oct. 2.

The first game of the night featured the A teams. The Bulldogs started the first set off with a kick, beating the Titans 25-13.

Keeping their momentum up,

the girls worked even harder during the second set and won 25-7. The Golden Plains A team is now 6-1 this season.

The second game of the night was the B team. The B team girls also came out ready to go during the first set, winning 25-13.

After fighting back, the Titans beat the Bulldogs 25-18 sending them into three sets. Determined to come home victorious, the Lady Bulldogs fought even harder during the third set, winning 15-3.

Happy Rebel fans pay all fines

ATLANTA (AP) — Ole Miss fans were so thrilled to beat Alabama on Saturday that they're paying for the damage they did and the fine imposed by the South-

eastern Conference.

Ole Miss athletic director Ross Bjork asked fans Tuesday afternoon to help pay for the two goalposts torn down and \$3,000 in

stadium repairs. In less than three hours, the \$75,000 was raised.

"We were going to pay all of this no matter what, and it was worth it," Bjork told ESPN.com.