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'Notable' authors to be here

The Prairie Museum of Art and History invites everyone to a free noon discussion and lunch featuring Doug Hitt and Jake Vail, authors of "A Kansas Bestiary," at the monthly *Food for Thought* luncheon at noon Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Garvey Education Room.

Reservations are not required, but lunch is first-come, first-served, and donations are welcome.

"Bestiary" was named the 2013 Kansas Notable Book by the state Library, and in 2014 it was a Prairie Heritage Book Award finalist.

Illustrated by Lisa Grossman, the book features "fifteen portraits in word and image offering fantastic, yet true-to-life views of our contemporary wild neighbors."

"Don't be fooled by a quick look," the cover blurb says. "Savor the selections and you will find that art and science, prose and poetry yield surprising connections between familiar Kansas animals and every Kansan. 'A Kansas Bestiary' sparks a sense of

awe, and helps us understand our own interconnectedness with the natural systems of the Sunflower State."

The book is a modern-day take on the medieval bestiary, an illustrated book of real and fanciful beasts. The critters in the Kansas version are all quite real and are described using a blend of science, folklore and poetry.

During the presentation here, Hitt and Vail will use examples from the book to discuss ways in which our lives have been intermingled with these creatures.

The book was published in collaboration with the Kansas Land Trust and financed by a grant from the Elizabeth Schultz Environmental Fund of the Douglas County Community Foundation. All proceeds go for conservation and preservation of Kansas lands.

The authors and illustrator all have their own interests in the state's natural world.

Formerly an agricultural re-

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State champions!



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The scoreboard said it all in Colby Saturday afternoon as coach Steve Ziegelmeier could finally take some deep breaths after Heartland Christian's thrilling Kansas Christian Activities Association state finals win over defending champion Cair Paravel from Topeka. The Crusaders (at right) teamed for a perfect 10-0 season and their historic first football state title. Many more photos and game details can be found in today's *Free Press* on Page 8.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Braving low temperatures and walking through a cloud of smoke, fire fighters put out a blaze that burned six rooms this morning at the Free Breakfast Inn at the hotel north of Oakley.

Inn fire leaves heavy damage

By Sam Dieter

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A fire destroyed half a dozen rooms at an Oakley hotel early today, and by mid-morning, the cause of the blaze was still unknown.

Logan County firefighters got a call shortly after midnight on a fire at the Free Breakfast Inn, just off the U.S. 83 exit north of Oakley, said Pappy Lies, Logan-Gove County emergency manager, who assisted the firefighters.

Jeffrey Harsh, owner of the hotel, said the fire started in an unoccupied room south of the motel's main lobby. A guest in an adjacent room noticed it and got everybody nearby up. Harsh said he tried to open a door to put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher, but that only made it worse.

Close to a dozen emergency vehicles, mostly Logan County Fire Department trucks, as well as two Logan County ambulances and

David Becker, Thomas County Emergency Management's deputy director, were at the scene. Around 2 a.m., fire fighters could be seen with a ladder leaning against the side of the hotel so they could fight the fire through holes knocked in the roof. A fan was placed at the door of one of the rooms to suck out smoke.

About the same time, one of the fire fighters was seen taking off his gear and was taken away in an ambulance. Lies said this morning that the man was treated but not admitted to the hospital. Lies could not specify his medical problem, but did say the county's ambulance crew is careful to check people for health problems at fires.

Harsh said he lost the use of nine rooms, including those which had holes knocked in them. Lies said six rooms were burned. Harsh said he had no idea what caused the fire, and Lies did not know by this morning.

Fire department officials could not be reached for comment today.

Advocacy center seeks donations for 'casino'

The Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center is asking for donations to sell at its casino night in February to raise money to help children who have been abused in Thomas County.

The "Viva Las Vegas" night will start at 7 p.m. Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Colby American Legion Hall. Tickets are \$50 for a night of fun, including food, games and an auction. The "100 Women" volunteers who help the organization are looking for art work and other items to sell.

The organization, which serves 30 counties in western Kansas with offices in Colby, Scott City and Sublette, plus a mobile office, helps children who have been physically or sexually abused or who witnessed a violent crime. Workers interview kids about what they have been through, provide therapy and help them in court when necessary. They also

refer kids to other agencies that can help them.

So far this year, the center says, it has served 13 children in Thomas County. It served 22 last year. In its whole 30-county area, the center saw 322 children last year and 109 children for the third quarter of this year, which puts it on track to see 400 kids in 2014. Vicki Hubin, project coordinator

for the center, said that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before the age of 18, but only one in 10 will tell about it.

"There is a lot more going on behind closed doors than you can ever imagine," said Linda Taylor of Colby, a volunteer for the

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Fatal crash Friday

An Indiana man who state troopers said was not wearing a seat belt lost his life when his car rolled Friday morning as he was driving through eastern Thomas County.

Stephen A. Kaufman, 30, West Lafayette, Ind., was driving south on U.S. 83 just east of Gem and north of the Nine-Mile

Junction, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported. At 6:25 a.m., his 1999 Pontiac went into the ditch near milepost 174, rolled and came to rest on its wheels, facing southeast. The site is about 23 miles north of Oakley.

The victim was taken to Citizens Medical Center.

Veterans get salute from area musicians



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

More than 40 local veterans took the stage Sunday at the end of the Tribute to Veterans Gospel Show at Colby Community College's Frahm Theater, each telling the crowd when they served, and then staying on stage while Leon Woofter sang "God Bless America," accompanied by Pat Ziegelmeier. Almost 20 area musicians and singers, (tribute veterans) along with local pastor W.G. Romine and emcee Sacha Sanguinetti, took the stage for the annual gospel show.



New paint, new speaker series keep Prairie Museum perking

The little yellow Eller House, our humble representative of a 1930s farm house, has been the focus of considerable attention lately. On Nov. 9, it received a much-needed new coat of paint by a volunteer crew headed up by Quinnlyn Woofler Carpenter. She volunteered for the job upon hearing that our buildings were overdue for another round of upkeep including paint and repairs.

Not only does the fresh new paint help preserve the building and improve its appearance, it provides us with a bright, sun-like spot of cheer on the otherwise grey, cold landscape in which we lately find ourselves.

The Eller House was also responsible for a flurry of research and a trip to the courthouse as we attempted to determine where it had been located downtown before it was moved to the Eller farm south of town. We are in the process of creating signs for our buildings that will introduce the historical context and basic facts of each.

We knew the house had been built on Fourth Street by the Rev. Keeling in 1903 – but where, exactly? A quick trip to the Register of Deeds office and help from Lora Volk verified the answer, 620 W. Fourth St.

The Ellers bought it in 1906, and moved it to their farm in 1919. As usual, no question can be answered without generating a few more,



Ann Miner

• Around the Museum

but we opted to leave the puzzle of when the current house was built on that site for another day.

November's cold weather means it's time to gather 'round the soup pot on the third Thursday of the next several months to enjoy lunch and *Food for Thought*. At noon Thursday, we will be hearing from the authors of the 2013 Kansas Notable Book, "A Kansas Bestiary." Doug Hitt and Jake Vail will be using examples from their book to discuss ways in which our lives have been interconnected with various Kansas critters over time. A light lunch will be served, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend this free program from noon to 1 p.m.

Our noon, Thursday, Dec. 18, *Food for Thought* program will feature Museum Director Chris Griffin discussing the treasures to be found in our archives (photographs, family histories, documents and other items) and how

the public can make use of them to research family and area history. This will include how to search the online "Sons and Daughters of the Soddis" database. As usual, a light lunch will be served and the program is free and open to the public.

Either of these dates will also be a perfect opportunity to enjoy Cal Mahin's exhibit of creative collages. Cal is a former Colby resident and art teacher now living in Hays, and we are delighted to be displaying his latest works of art here at the museum through Saturday, Dec. 20. The exhibit is open during regular museum hours and may viewed free of charge. A reception honoring Cal will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 20, when the public is invited to come out and visit with him.

Christmas is around the corner, and there's a big sale in the Museum Mart going on now. Gift memberships to the Thomas County Historical Society are another great idea for friends and family. The museum is open from 9 to 5 Tuesday through Friday, and from 1 to 5 on weekends. We are now closed on Mondays until April. Call us at (785) 460-4590 for information, find us on Facebook, or visit us at www.prairiemuseum.org.

Ann Miner is the Education Director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Kiwanis plans playground repairs, upgrades through designated grant

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County in Colby recently received a \$1,000 designated grant from the Midwest Energy Community Fund.

The money will be applied toward replacing aging playground equipment at Villa High Park with equipment that meets current safety standards, as well as handicap-

accessible equipment.

An example of the needs at the playground, said past president and chairman of the project Marvin Bickner, is the slide, which doesn't meet current safety standards. Another is the horse swing set, which has some gaps in it.

A possible priority could be a handicap swing, which would cost

about \$1,200.

The club has a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for this and other projects. Its mission is to improve the local community as well as international projects, emphasizing promoting better lives for youth.

Over 120 organizations submitted applications for the grants.

Community Fund grants are awarded twice a year by five committees of Midwest customers in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. Application deadlines are March 1 and Sept. 1. To apply, contact the local Midwest Energy office or go to www.mwenergy.com for information.

Strawberries need winter protection

Winter can be a difficult time for strawberry plants in Kansas. Plants need time to become adjusted to cold weather and will gradually become more cold resistant as fall progresses. This gradual adjustment is known as hardening off.

Keep soil damp until fall frost. Then, withhold water to help harden off the plants. A final watering in late November before the soil actually freezes will help prevent winter-kill caused by drying out.

In cold winter climates, like Kansas, a winter mulch of clean, weed-free straw (or similar material) is recommended. Normally, strawberries should be mulched for the winter in western Kansas around Thanksgiving. However,



Ray Imhof

• Master Gardener

if temperatures stay abnormally warm, give plants another couple of weeks to become cold hardy before mulching. Apply approximately two or three inches of mulch. Wheat straw makes good mulch and is usually widely available. If using baled straw, be sure to break the slabs apart to avoid leaving large compressed chunks. Too much can actually smother the plants rather than being beneficial. Bird netting can be placed over the mulch and weighted at

the edges if there is a problem with wind blowing the mulch away. The layer of mulch helps protect plants from drying winter winds and from root damage by alternate freezing and thawing of the ground. The heaving caused by this freezing and thawing action during Kansas winters can actually push the plants out of the ground where they die.

The straw mulch not only helps protect the plants over winter but can also help avoid damage from late spring frosts by delaying blooming a few days in the spring. Leave the mulch in place as long as possible to restrain plant growth in the spring. Early spring growth produces early flowers which are subject to damage by adverse

weather. Therefore, check the plants under the mulch in March for new growth. When growth begins, part the mulch to allow sunlight to reach the foliage. Remove enough so the leaves can be seen. As the plants continue to grow, gradually remove the mulch, leaving as much as possible as a soil mulch to keep the fruit off the ground and conserve moisture during the growing season. Leaving a layer of ground-cover mulch also makes it more convenient to get into the beds to pick the berries during muddy conditions.

Ray Imhof is a Thomas County Extension Master Gardener.

Education helps in recognizing food allergens

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a consumer update outlining the hazards of undeclared food allergens in certain food products. Fadi Aramouni, extension specialist and professor of food science at Kansas State University, is an expert in food processing and food product development. He said consumers should be aware of the update, as food ingredient label education is important.

"Undeclared food allergens are due to mistakes by food companies, where certain products have been added," Aramouni said. "Some of the main allergens that have been added to the food product have not actually been declared on the label."

Consumer education
Aramouni said it's important for consumers to be aware of these allergens, particularly those who have known food allergies. Ingredients most often involved in cases of undeclared food allergens are milk, wheat and soy. The products most affected, according to administration studies, are baked goods, snacks, candies, salad dressings and sauces.

"We have about 30,000 people annually who end up in an emergency room due to severe food allergies," he said. "That's a big number, and consumers should be concerned. They should educate themselves and know there are certain ingredients that may contain allergens that they're unaware of."

Some products have allergens that people may not expect, Aramouni warned. Reading labels is

important. "If I say soy sauce, the first thing that comes to a consumer's mind is probably soy, yet you have examples of soy sauce where the main ingredient is wheat," he said. "It's used together in the fermentation to produce soy sauce."

"I've seen labels on strawberry yogurt that say, 'contains fish,'" he continued.

"Gelatin is used as a stabilizer in the yogurt to make it firm, and gelatin is extracted from fish. That's an unusual case; a lot of times it's probably extracted from beef or pork, so people have to realize if they have certain allergies to gelatin."

Many barbecue sauces include Worcestershire, which traditionally contains anchovies, a type of fish, Aramouni said.

"We've seen a few people getting allergic reactions from barbecue sauce," he said. "They never expected to find fish in the barbecue sauce. Some companies have started manufacturing Worcestershire sauce without anchovies to avoid having that label of 'contains fish.'"

The Food and Drug Administration has also reported the absence of milk in ingredient listings on dark chocolate labels, Aramouni said.

Educating food companies
Each year, K-State's food science students develop between at least 300 and 400 labels for Kansas food companies, Aramouni said, and allergen declaration is one of his and his students' target issues.

"All of our Kansas companies

send their food labels over here," he said. "They send their ingredient list and their products, and we develop their ingredient listing for them and the label."

Aramouni said K-State's system automatically attempts to check for any undeclared allergens. Then a nutrition facts panel and an ingredient legend listing any potential allergens are developed.

Aramouni and his students also train food companies in performing label compliance with Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. K-State offers two classes in the area for these food companies, where they develop a label compliance program.

"This way, they make sure that every label is checked when there is a change in product formulation," Aramouni said. "That's especially important for companies that have a long line of food products, and they may not pay attention when another formulation has been used or when they have moved to another product."

Each time a product on the line is changed, it must be double-checked for accurate label usage on the product being manufactured, Aramouni said.

"Companies must also check the ingredient listing to find out if they have used the same ingredi-

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.65
Corn (bushel)	\$3.71
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.68
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.27

Deaths

John Leland Juenemann

John Leland Juenemann, age 3 months, Colby died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born July 21, 2014, in Denver, to Michael and Amanda (McInlay) Juenemann.

Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents: Lawrence Juenemann, Stanley Rogers, Leland and Celeste McInlay and Bill Kennedy.

Survivors include his parents, a brother, Max Juenemann, his grandparents, Steve and Sara Juenemann and Joe and Sheryl McInlay, all of Colby; great-grandmothers Mary Ann Juenemann and Eleanor Rogers of Selden, and Doreen Kennedy of Hoxie, and a large extended family.



John J.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with burial in the church's cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials in his name, or to the church or the Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation, Denver, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

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

Colby Shakespeare Club

On Oct. 24, seven members of Colby Shakespeare Club met at the home of member Sheila Frahm, answering roll call with "Life Lessons learned from the Refrigerator Door."

Under old business, Joyce reminded the club that it was responsible for refreshments for the Nov. 14 Three of Clubs meeting. The program will be the cross country student from Kenya, Michael Kinuthia.

Under new business, members were encouraged to pay dues, and Pat Criss will have a bill in January.

Frahm presented the program and encouraged all to vote in the upcoming election. She said six ladies, three Democrats and three Republicans including herself, began meeting a year and a half ago, and have been concerned with issues in Kansas. Education has been cut everywhere, Frahm said, and the last four checks written to our school district were out of the highway fund.

Technical colleges have had cuts as well, but not quite as many. Four years ago, Frahm said, Gov. Brownback had a roadmap for Kansas, but his experiment failed.

She also spoke about corruption in the Medicaid program, where it was not expanded, saying it leaves 70,000 Kansans with only emergency rooms for health care. Hospitals and physicians in rural areas are endangered, Frahm said, because of the decreasing reimbursement of Medicaid.

According to Frahm, Kansas now is in charge of Medicaid, and wants to also govern Medicare, but that would be a mistake. A club member had approval for care held up for five months before anything happened. The Department of Children and Families is also struggling for support, Frahm said. She passed around information from her "Reroute the Roadmap" coalition. This bipartisan coalition will send weekly emails about policies, she said. The address is www.rerouteroadmap.org. Frahm concluded her program by showing us her red, white and blue arrangements, and discussed her journey in finding the blue bottles to hold candles.

Meeting was adjourned and coffee, tea and brownie cookie dessert was enjoyed by all.

—Amie Kendrick, secretary pro tem

Vision screener benefits students

Colby Public Schools have been helping students with their vision, thanks to grants from local groups.

The school has screened 591 students and given out 27 referrals to get their vision checked further so far after getting a new Welch Allyn SureSight Vision Screener this summer. The schools bought the screener with a grant from the Thomas County Community Foundation.

In May, the foundation gave the school system \$4,042, included money from the Seele Foundation

Fund, the Ziegler Family Fund, the Jennings Family Fund and the Thomas County Community Foundation Director's fund. A separate grant came from Midwest Energy.

A Welch Allyn vision screener is a small, handheld device used to quickly screen anyone from 6 months old to adults. The machine can be used to spot a number of disorders, such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, blurred vision, eye misalignment and unequal pupil size or refractive power between two eyes, among others.

Corrections

The photo caption of "Making art come together," on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Nov. 12, *Colby Free Press*, had the name and age wrong for Jaya Highland, who is 3. This was a reporting error and an error in information provided to the *Free Press*.

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An article, "One life keeps giving hope to others," on Page 1

of the Thursday, Nov. 13, *Colby Free Press*, omitted a byline of the author, Marj Brown. This was an editing error. Our apologies to the writer.

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Other Viewpoints

Is it voter apathy? Or tech disconnect?

Regardless of how you feel about the outcome of the Nov. 4 election, one thing is painfully clear: Voter turnout was, as usual, pathetic.

Of the state's 1,735,395 registered voters, only 847,988 bothered to vote in the governor's race, while 844,874 people voted in the race for the U.S. Senate - the two highest-profile races in Kansas.

That means between 48 and 49 percent of registered voters participated in this election, which in turn means that Gov. Sam Brownback kept his seat with 24 percent of registered voters and roughly 18 percent of the voting-age population.

The results are nearly identical in the U.S. Senate race between Pat Roberts and Greg Orman.

It seems every election cycle, there's a lot of talk about voter apathy and how, despite get-out-the-vote drives by both parties, little can be done to increase turnout.

Yet this conversation seldom includes what we can do to modernize the voting process to match the lifestyle of the 21st century American.

We still use today much the same process for casting a ballot that was used more than 100 years ago, despite the fact that we live in a digital world with instant access to information and mass communication.

We file our taxes, buy our clothes, register to vote, read our information, apply for health insurance, manage our retirement accounts and watch our entertainment online - all when and where it fits into our schedules.

When it comes to voting, however, we require voters to interrupt their day, drive to some place they'll only go to once or twice a year - if at all - and stand in line to vote.

It's not as if elections aren't digital anyway. If you filled out a paper ballot, it was digitally scanned, counted and compiled into a database.

That information was electronically sent to Topeka, where it was combined and compiled by the Secretary of State's office, and those results were shared on the agency's website.

The only place in which our election system hasn't been modernized is where democracy meets the voter, and that has to change if we ever hope to see robust participation.

Why can't elections be held online and ballots delivered electronically? It's already being done for military and overseas voters.

Why can't we ensure that votes will be counted and tabulated accurately through a digital format? We do this with federal and state income taxes. We put our credit card information online when we purchase something and fill out countless forms that securely and safely make it to their destinations.

Voter fraud a concern? There are at least a thousand different ways to verify that someone is who he or she claims to be.

We live in a fast-paced, electronic, information-based world, and yet one of our most important functions - free and public elections - still operates as it did when the telegraph was the newest form of communication. It's about time we figured out how to do a little updating.

- The Hutchinson News, via the Associated Press

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Lobbyists don't always win - quite

Other Opinions

Lee Hamilton Center on Congress

Because of its power to influence public affairs, the press has long been known as "the Fourth Estate," but I think the media may have been displaced. These days, it's lobbyists who seem to carry the most clout in Washington.

Here's a case in point. When Congress closed at the beginning of August for its end-of-summer recess, it faced wide-scale derision for having accomplished next to nothing during the year. In fact, the Pew Center ranked the session as the least productive in two decades.

But it wasn't entirely unproductive. Just before they left town, members of Congress did manage to get three things done: they passed a Veterans Administration reform package, they increased aid to Israel, and they kept highway construction projects around the country from losing funding.

Why did these three measures find success when so many others did not? There's a two-word answer: Powerful lobbyists. Veterans, supporters of Israel and the combined weight of highway construction interests and state and local governments are among the most influential forces in Washington.

Last year, some 12,000 active lobbyists spent \$3.24 billion trying to influence the federal government, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. I don't know of any other country where lobbyists have those kinds of numbers, spend that kind of money or get the kinds of results they're able to achieve here - in Congress, in the executive branch, and increasingly, in statehouses around the country.

But even among all those lobbyists, some stand out for their effectiveness. The National Rifle Association, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, veterans' groups and the American Association of Retired Persons all

are good at obtaining laws and policies in their interests and blocking those they consider harmful.

I don't mean by this that they're all-powerful. They don't win every battle. But they do win most of them.

How do they do this? To start, lawmakers have to get elected. Good lobbyists don't just provide large amounts of money for campaigns, they provide early money and expert help. They donate, they introduce you to other donors, and they help you establish connections that can help during your campaign and later on. Early money in politics is better than late money. Candidates remember that sort of thing. They also remember that if you oppose these organizations' views, they'll come at you hard.

Good lobbyists and their organizations also provide information in easily digestible form. They'll assign particular staffers to develop relationships with members of Congress - people who can write a speech or testimony or legislative language quickly. They and their colleagues are sophisticated observers of public affairs who know whether, when and how to approach policy makers, along with the particular policy maker who can help them best. They are knowledgeable about the process

of government and have a wide network of friends on Capitol Hill, in the agencies and in members' districts - often, their most effective voices aren't Washington lobbyists, but the grassroots networks they've built back home. They understand that at heart, lobbying is about establishing relationships long before any particular issue affecting them comes up, so that when they go to talk about a bill, they're going in to see a friend.

They build relationships in several ways. There are all kinds of approaches to members - the annual policy conferences to which members of Congress flock, the sponsored trips and meetings in out-of-the-way resorts where a lobbyist can get a few days of a member's undivided attention. But the best lobbyists are also friendly, approachable people who know how to talk to members and policy makers of both parties.

The best lobbying groups also have a lot of money and resources not just to woo policy makers, but to shape public discourse. They make good information available to their advocates, and make sure that the advocates who speak for them on television, online and in newspapers are well informed. They know that part of the battle is to shape public dialogue.

The best lobbyists are masters at making the system work for them. My guess is that their influence over policy surpasses the media's clout, and they have now become the fourth branch of government.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Walking trails not best use of money

To the Editor, Do we really need more walking trails in Colby? I happen to live in the south part of town, just a little ways from the present walking trails, and to be honest, I saw very few people walking on those trails this past summer and fall.

I'm sure some of you are saying, "Oh well, she's an old lady who probably wouldn't use those trails." I have to admit that is true; However, I do pay taxes in Colby, and think that \$37,008 could be saved for some greater need, or maybe just donate it to a better purpose to help lower taxes, or maybe to lower our utility bills.

There are a lot of regular sidewalks in Colby that are in really bad shape. Maybe the Thomas County Coalition could donate that fund to the city so they could repair sidewalks for individuals who can't afford the cost. That would



Free Press Letter Drop

Our readers sound off

be a big improvement to our town.

We are in the process of planning a new law-enforcement building, so where is that money going to come from? We already have high taxes, so when do we start cutting down. Should we be throwing money away on more walking trails that only a handful of people are going to get any use out of?

How about the traffic situation on Range

from McDonalds to the Colby Visitors Center? We sat at that intersection for quite a while on Saturday, trying to get out on Range. There was traffic coming from North Range, South Range, the Interstate-70 turnoff, McDonalds and the Visitors Center exit. It was a dangerous mess. I'm not a big fan of roundabouts, but I think one might be useful at that spot after we got used to it. Or maybe someone else can come up with a better idea.

Yes, those walking trails are nice looking, but they aren't being used much.

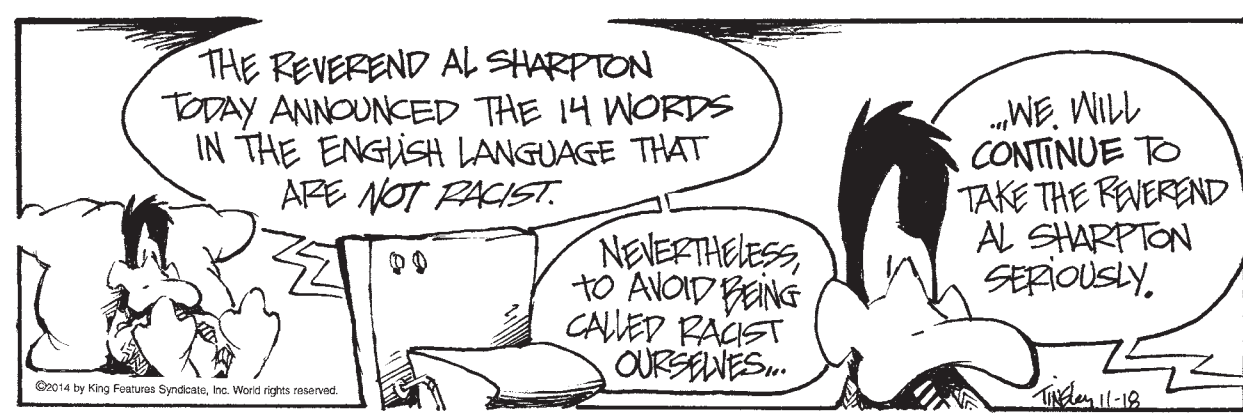
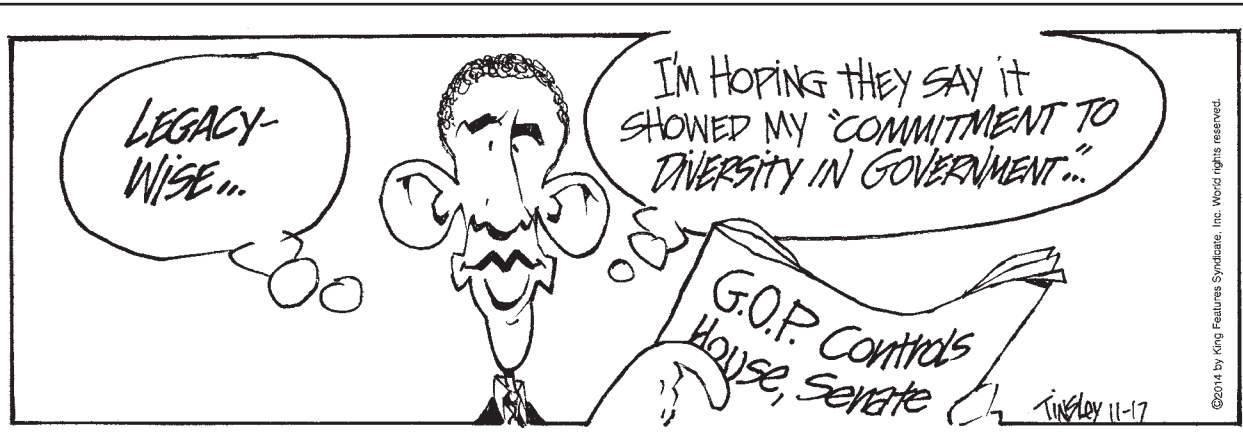
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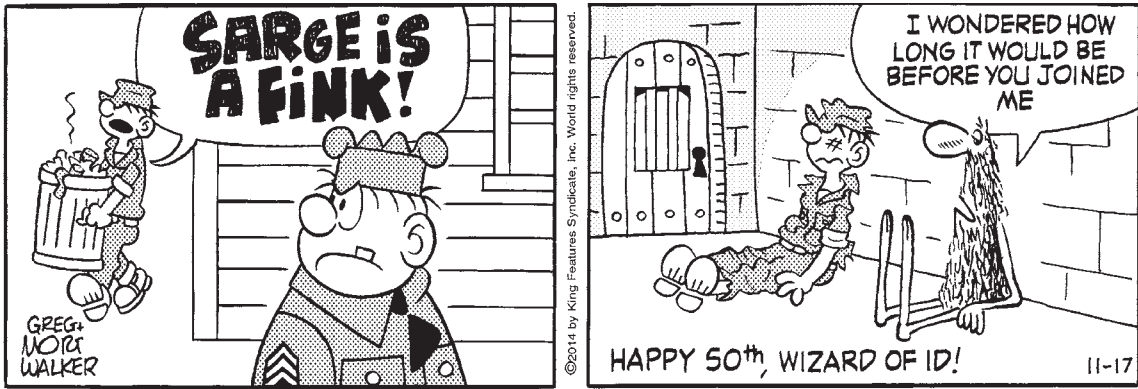


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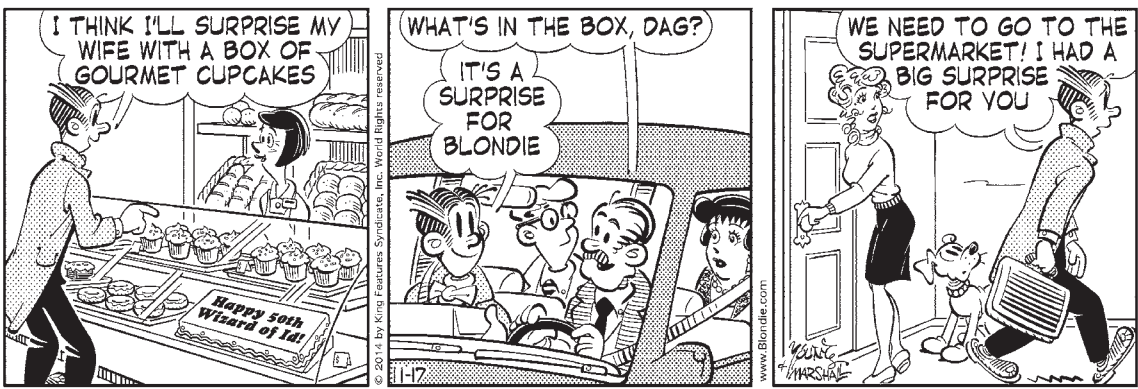
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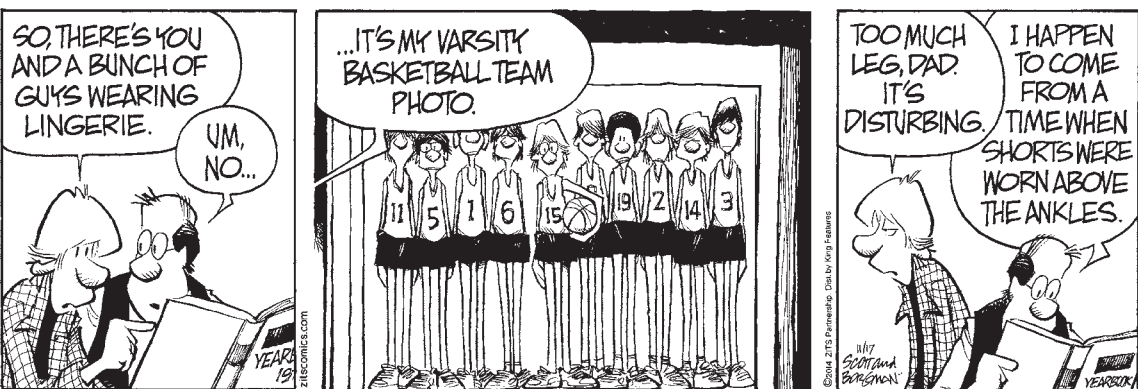
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• Antiques and Collecting

This pottery is well marked

Rookwood pottery, made in Cincinnati since 1880, is perhaps the most popular American art pottery among collectors. The company not only made artist-decorated vases, molded bookends, art-deco figurines and commercial wares, but it also used marks that tell a collector exactly what it is.

Until 1886 the mark was the year in numerals and the name Rookwood. In 1886 a new mark was chosen - a backward capital letter "R" leaning against a capital letter "P."

A flame was added to a circle around the top of the mark each year until 1900. After that, a Roman numeral for the last two digits of the year was put under the mark. So 1904 was a flame mark with IV at the bottom.

The company went out of business in 1967, but was later bought and sold several times. In 2011 the business was bought by Martin and Marilyn Wade, Cincinnati real estate developers.

Today Rookwood uses a new mark - the flame mark with the year in Roman numerals. So 2014 would be marked MMXIV. Other letter marks represent the color and type of clay, numbers 1 to 7301 tell the shape, and initials tell the name of the artist. All of these codes can be found in books or websites about Rookwood.

It helps to know this history, but a collector should judge a piece of Rookwood by the quality of the glaze and the skill of the decorator, and then add extra value for condition, size, age, the fame of the decorator and how much you like the piece.

Humler & Nolan, an auction gallery in Cincinnati, sold a 14-inch-high vase with early Limoges-style decoration that was probably made by the founder of the pottery, Maria Longworth Nichols. It's marked "Rookwood 1883." Although it was chipped and restored, the quality of the decoration, large size and artist attribution attracted a bid of \$5,290.

Tip: When freezing old clothes to kill any insects, check the buttons first. Pewter, painted glass or ceramic buttons may be damaged by the cold.



Look at the bottom of a vase to identify it. This vase has marks indicating it is a piece of Rookwood pottery made in 1883 by a talented decorator. It auctioned for \$5,290 at Humler & Nolan of Cincinnati. Unmarked it would have sold for much less.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"The first thing you have to learn about reading, P.J., is your upside from your downside."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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

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

Cryptoquip

P T W C W X W D Q W Z Q M W

H Z C R G F C G M V T F X W J D Z P C R Z C

G T W B D J F H W R, B F M P F V R

O B X W G T W K R K B M B C O R F M G R.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER THAT GUY KNOWINGLY PARKED HIS CAR IN THE WRONG PLACE, HE HAD A SENSE OF IMPOUNDING DOOM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jacob's brother
 - 5 Skilled, face-tiously
 - 8 Eyelid problem
 - 12 Mississippi symbol
 - 14 Be a leader
 - 15 One of Ahab's men
 - 16 McNally partner
 - 17 Lubricate
 - 18 Vim and vigor
 - 20 Refine ore
 - 23 Jet forth
 - 24 Ring out
 - 25 "American Idol" goal
 - 28 Donkey
 - 29 Plank
 - 30 Wrong (Pref.)
 - 32 Bright at night, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Type measures
 - 2 Perched
 - 3 — Khan component
 - 4 Open out, as a carpet
 - 5 Hebrew month
 - 6 Selfie, e.g.
 - 7 Get in on the action
 - 8 Crafty
 - 9 Rip
 - 10 Yin counterpart
 - 11 Vortex
 - 13 Last write-up
 - 19 Dweeb
 - 20 Hot tub
 - 21 Disarray
 - 22 Sunrise direction
 - 23 Flight
 - 25 Helpless performers?
 - 26 Arabian Sea gulf
 - 27 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
 - 29 Forehead
 - 31 That girl
 - 33 Indifference
 - 34 Om, for example
 - 36 Enticement
 - 37 Viral video, e.g.
 - 38 Choppers
 - 39 Speech impediment
 - 40 Drop
 - 43 Also
 - 44 Uncooked
 - 45 Greek vowel
 - 46 Crucial

Saturday's answer 11-17

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

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A Q 9 7 6 4
- ♥ 9 8 3
- ♦ 7 5 4
- ♣ 5

WEST

- ♠ K 10 2
- ♥ 10 7 5 4 2
- ♦ A 3 2
- ♣ K 10

EAST

- ♠ J 3
- ♥ A K Q J 6
- ♦ Q J 9 8 6
- ♣ 2

SOUTH

- ♠ 8 5
- ♥ —
- ♦ K 10
- ♣ A Q J 9 8 7 6 4 3

The bidding: East 1♥ South 5♣ West Dble North four of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1993 Cavendish Invitational Pairs. South was Ron Gerard, who, with Mike Kamil, finished second in the event to Fred Stewart and Steve Weinstein.

Gerard wasted no time bidding five clubs on his nine-card suit after East had opened with one heart. West, with three potential defensive tricks in his own hand, confidently doubled, no doubt expecting to set the contract at least two or three tricks.

As the cards lie, it might appear that South must lose two diamonds and a club for down one. But Gerard found the way to get home safely.

After ruffing the opening heart lead, he cashed the ace of clubs and conceded a club to West's king. Gerard ruffed the heart return and led a spade to the queen. When this held, declarer ruffed dummy's last heart and cashed three more trumps to produce this position:

North

- ♠ A 9
- ♥ 7 5

West

- ♠ K 10
- ♥ A 3

East

- ♠ J
- ♥ Q J 9

South

- ♠ 8
- ♥ K 10
- ♦ 7

Gerard now led his last trump, forcing West to discard the diamond three. Declarer then pitched dummy's nine of spades, and East did his best to try to deceive him by discarding the diamond jack, hoping Gerard would next lead the diamond king in an attempt to fell the ace and queen together.

But Gerard read the position perfectly and led the diamond ten, felling West's ace. The spade ace and diamond king then scored the last two tricks, and the doubled game was home.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA K. PETTY AKA LINDA KAY PETTY, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2013-PR-12

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 this Court by Bradley A. Rummel, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Linda K. Petty, a/k/a Linda Kay Petty, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as Executor of the Estate of Linda K. Petty, a/k/a Linda Kay Petty, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Crusaders take state from Lions, 62-58



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On a cool Saturday where total touchdowns topped wind chill factors, Heartland Christian lineman Lander Niblock picked the perfect time to unleash his best blazing state finals speed.

The only warm feet in Colby were ones that constantly kept moving. Plus they kept the "new kid" Crusaders — who were playing for their first football championship — a few steps ahead of mighty defending champion Cair Paravel all game.

Yet it all came down to Niblock's hustling save of a rare Crusader punt inside the Lions' two-yard line.

Still two-plus minutes remained in this classic 120-point Kansas Christian Activities Association showdown. More than enough time considering Cair Paravel had thrown two other long touchdown passes over Crusader coverage.

"It wasn't our best defensive game," coach Steve Ziegelmeier said. "We just had to get back and not give up anything deep."

Heartland junior Corey Wertz had seen a few deep Crusader pass plays elude him, and inspire icy looks back at big brother/passer Blaine Wertz that every bro recognizes.

However, Corey didn't have to catch the final pass which followed Niblock's heroics. He simply batted it away from the nearest Lion on fourth down, finally ending Cair Paravel's comeback and prompting two words Crusaders wanted to hear all day.

"I told them they were state champions," coach Steve Ziegelmeier said after the unforgettable 62-58 Heartland Christian win. "That was an exceptional team we played. They have so many great weapons. I was shocked when we played them two weeks ago (Heartland won 56-6), but I think they knew they were going to meet us again."

"What a great win for our school, our team and especially the four twins," he added in reference to seniors Matt Wertz, Blaine Wertz, Brook Ziegelmeier and Brennan Ziegelmeier.

Blaine topped 2,000 rushing yards (2,024 to be exact) for his senior season and totaled 37 touchdowns. He also threw eight TD passes among his 18 completions this fall.

"I'd like to see how many backs in Kansas had similar seasons to Blaine," coach said.

Yet Lions pounced on Blaine from all angles and contained him early in Saturday's game. Believe it or not, there wasn't a score from either team until more than eight minutes were played.

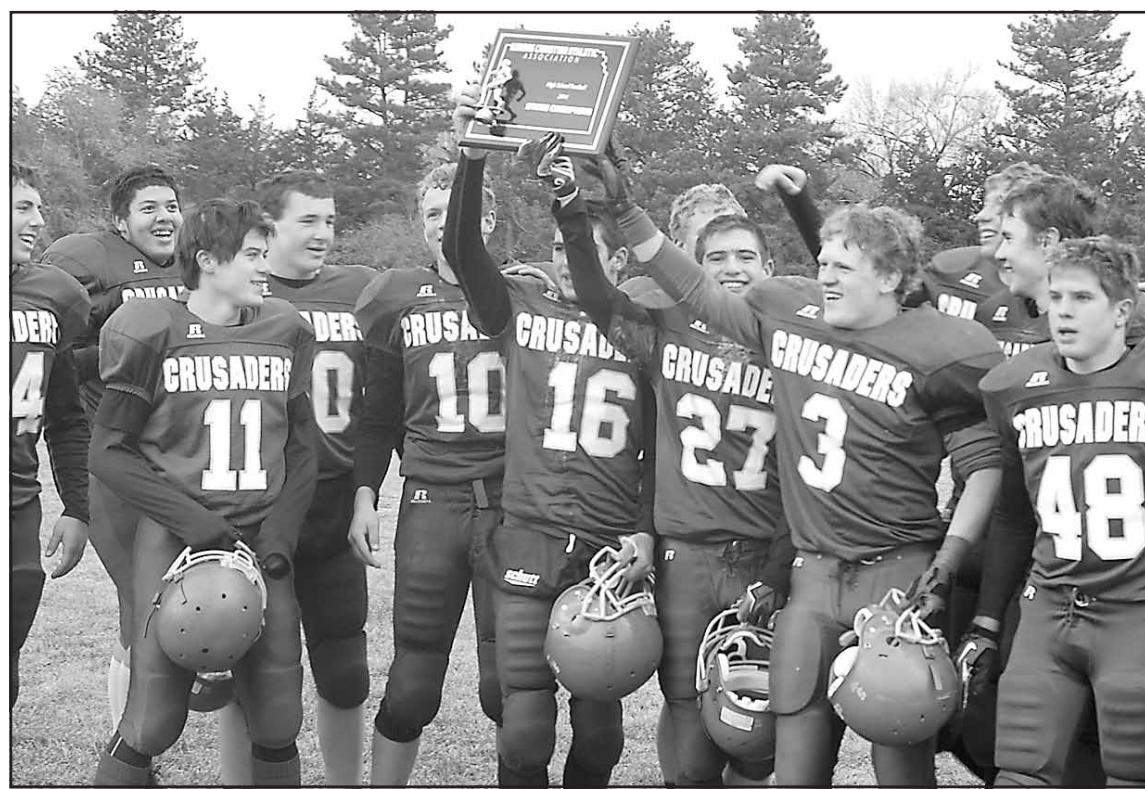
That's when Blaine Wertz dashed 14 yards around left end for a 6-0 lead — and opened the door to one more incredible six-touchdown day.

The Western Kansas Liberty League track champ would later dash nine, 29, 39, 62 and 39 yards again to Crusader TDs.

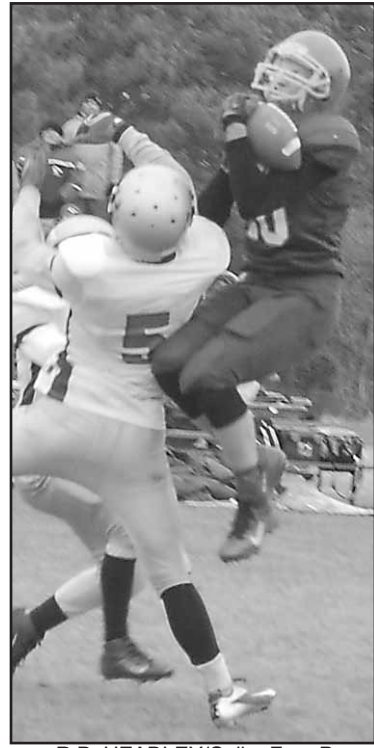
Blaine also lofted a long pass which little brother Corey showed he could juggle on his fingertips and still catch in frigid conditions.

Corey's 48-yard touchdown gave the Crusaders a 16-12 second-quarter lead.

Simply sensational Lions quar-



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
What a lift for the Heartland Christian Crusaders who earned this school's historic first Kansas State Christian Activities Association championship on Saturday in Colby. Crusaders (from left) are Taylor Miller, Tavean Belshe, Gabriel Schreiner (11), Nick Delzeit, Corey Wertz (10), Brook Ziegelmeier (16), Brennan Ziegelmeier (27), Matt Wertz, Blaine Wertz (3), Michael Maurath, Shawn Sullivant and Caleb Morris (48). The Crusaders knocked off Cair Paravel to finish 10-0 this fall.



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Moments were frozen in time throughout a frigid-yet-still-classic state football title game between Heartland Christian and the defending champion Cair Paravel Lions Saturday afternoon at Colby. Cair Paravel's Ben Higgins (5) could have felt a little picked upon as Heartland juniors Shawn Sullivant (top) and Corey Wertz (above right) leaped over him to try for great catches. Meanwhile, Crusader defensive coach Brad Wertz (above left) could be signaling touchdown, but was really just wondering what could stop the Lions from matching every Heartland score.



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Averaging about 16 yards a carry this season, Heartland Christian senior Blaine Wertz (3, left) found more early obstacles than usual during Saturday's state title game against defending champion Cair Paravel. However, Wertz eventually shook free for six touchdowns and more than 280 rushing yards to lead the 62-58 Crusader victory. Senior Brennan Ziegelmeier (27, below right) also reached the end zone on a 52-yard run which helped Crusaders like Wertz (below left) celebrate their first state football championship with Heartland fans. Heartland Christian averaged better than 50 points per game in its 10-0 season.



Longhorns, others advance in playoffs

Great West Activities Conference football teams continued to advance in state playoff action last weekend.

The Holcomb Longhorns are now 10-1 after trouncing through quarterfinal foe Clearwater, 49-14, Friday evening at Clearwater.

Holcomb will face undefeated Andale (11-0) for this weekend's 4A Division II state semifinal matchup at Andale.

The Longhorns were district champions over Colby, Goodland and Hugoton this fall. They ended Colby's first state playoff experi-

ence since 2009.

Powerhouse Scott City dominated its 3A quarterfinal showdown with previously undefeated Wichita Collegiate on Saturday.

The Beavers reached 12-0 with their 26-6 victory which ended Wichita's season at 10-1.

Scott City advances into a Saturday semifinal game at 10-2 Halstead.

Meanwhile, familiar Colby foe Oakley lost its 2A-1A state quarterfinal game against a strong 10-1 Phillipsburg squad. Phillipsburg won 48-12 at Oakley Friday.

Just chillin' on a cool Saturday



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Heartland Christian fans kept cheering between all the coats and blankets Saturday afternoon. Another fan (above) doesn't seem interested in too much fresh air.

terback Seth Nigus always seemed to have an answer. He dashed to four scores covering 62, 37, 14 and a two-yard run which put Cair Paravel ahead 18-16.

Now the wild storm of touchdowns was underway. Senior Brennan Ziegelmeier dashed 52 yards for a 22-18 Crusader lead, yet the Lions roared again and went into those highly-anticipated warm halftime locker rooms ahead 24-22.

For a few seconds of frosty breaths, it appeared Heartland Christian might stop the Lions' scoring barrage. Defenders Taylor Miller, Nick Delzeit, Matt Wertz, Caleb Morris and others were so tough that Cair Paravel fumbled away its first second-half series with Brook Ziegelmeier recovering that loose ball.

The Crusaders tallied consecutive TDs for a 36-24 lead. Brook mixed in his own scoring run cov-

ering 22 yards.

Yet Nigus promptly dashed 632 yards to make it 36-32, resuming this incredible back-and-forth battle. All the clock stopping and kickoffs would lead to a game lasting three hours in "beautiful" made-for-football weather.

Blaine went 39 yards to keep the scoreboard keeper's fingers moving, and another Nigus scamper of 14 yards brought Cair Paravel within 42-38.

Not for long. Blaine's 62-yard run regained a 10-point Crusader margin.

Oh yeah? Watch this was Cair Paravel's response.

The Lions actually fumbled again, yet picked it up and turned this bobble into another TD covering about 50 yards. They even made a two-point conversion — something the Crusaders often prevented — to create a 48-46 thriller.

The fourth quarter was only beginning.

Facing third down and five yards to go, Blaine decided another long run into the Lions' end zone was a better option. The ensuing points made it 56-46.

Third and five was nothing as far as Nigus was concerned. It was fourth down-and-11 when he dropped one perfect fade pass into teammate Tristan Marsh's hands.

Marsh dashed 49 yards down the sideline and suddenly — though not real surprisingly — it was close again at 56-52.

Blaine's final score came on third-and-14 for the 62nd Crusader point. They were three short of their 65 scored against semifinal foe Flint Hills Christian one week earlier — but it was just enough to fight off that final Lion rally.

"What a great football game," coach Ziegelmeier concluded. "We'll never forget this one."

Both Trojan teams triumph

Colby Community College's basketball teams went 2-1 on weekend road trips to Nebraska and Colorado.

The Trojan women (5-2 record) rallied from 10 points down at halftime to score a 58-54 victory over North Platte (Neb.) Community College Saturday night in North Platte.

Sophomore Deandra Williams delivered another delightful double-double featuring 26 points and 12 rebounds. She shot 11 for 16

from the floor which adds up to almost 60 percent.

Amanda Miller's eight points paced the remaining Colby offensive threats. She hit a pair of three-pointers while sophomore guard Jada Grady buried both her shots from beyond the arc (six points total).

Point guard Deja Cato added seven points followed by Colby alum Karly Kriss, Audra Nowak and Heather Cleveland with three points each. Freshman Kylie Min-

ish tallied two points.

Meanwhile, the Colby men (5-3) started their weekend by winning 83-53 over Colorado Christian University's JV team on Friday.

Brian Starr (15 points), Hassan Attia (14) and Khyree Wooten (11) were top Trojan scorers. Attia pulled down 10 rebounds for his double-double.

However, the Trojans suffered a 79-55 Saturday defeat to Air Force Prep.