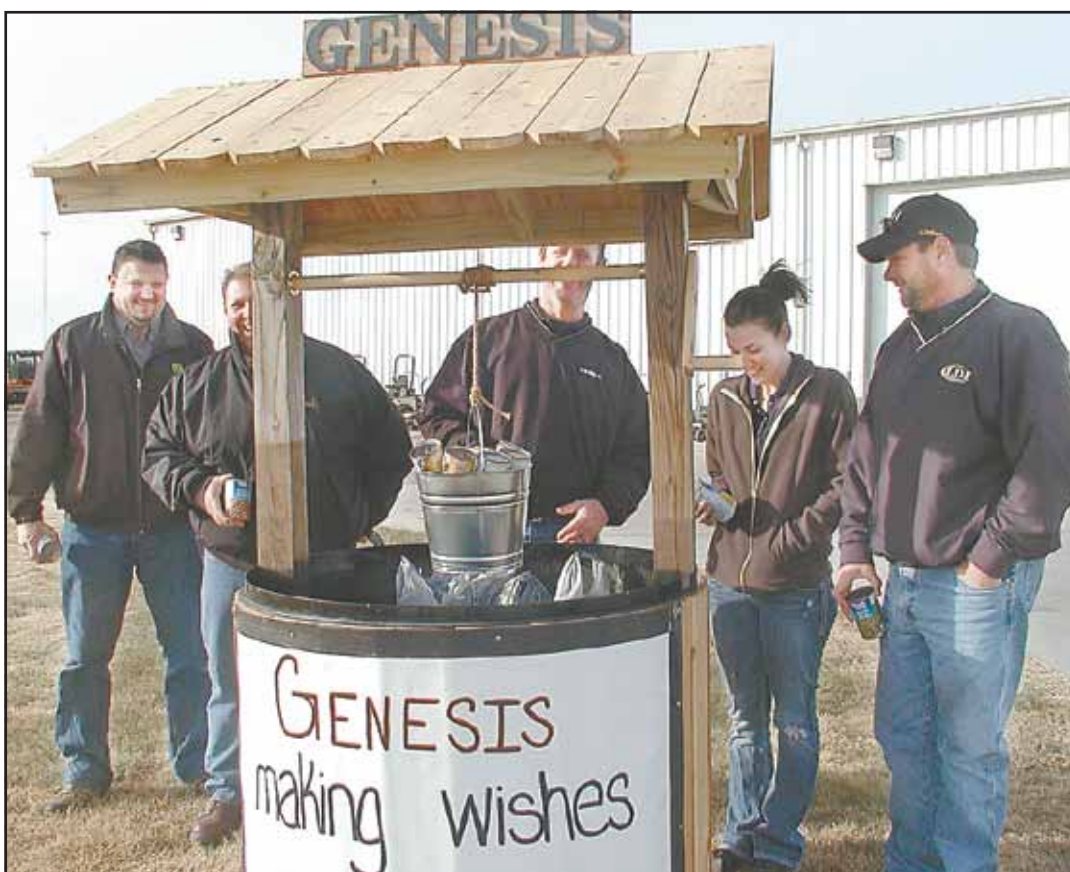


Dealers 'implement' drive

Local implement dealers joined the Community Can food drive, sponsored by the Northwest Research Extension Center by challenging each other to collect the most food. Mark Miller (above left) with American Implement, Carl Miller and Sheila Williams with Lang Diesel, and James Rehmer of Colby Ag Center posed next to the drop off-site for food donations at Colby Ag. Ty Slaven (left, at right) and Miller, both employees at American Implement, stood alongside Rehmer and Lang Diesel employees Kim Wessel and Vann Koon with cans next to a "wishing well" drop box outside Lang Diesel on Tuesday morning. Later they went to check out American Implement's drop box (bottom, a week before the food drive wraps up. The dealers each formed teams for the food drive, asking for anyone willing to make a donation to drop it off before the weigh-in Tuesday.



SAM DIETER
Colby Free Press

Foundation grants help local causes

The Thomas County Community Foundation recently awarded five grants money from the third-quarter grant cycle, which ran from July 1 to Sept. 30:

- \$3,500 to the Colby Grade School After-School Program from the Darren Miller Memorial and Food for Kids funds. This money will go to help pay for nutritional snacks to kids in the program.
- The Western Plains Arts Association received \$950 to bring the group "Cirque Zuma Zuma" for a public performance, from the Patricia A. Embree Fund.
- Three grants were awarded from the James and Betty G. Seccrest Fund:
- The First Presbyterian Church received \$600 for its World Friendship project, which helps adults learn English through cul-

tural exchanges.

- The After-School Program received \$900 to supply musical and rhythmic equipment and experiences.
- Pickin' on the Plains and the Sons of the American Legion received \$5,000 to help bring a jazz band from Denver to town, along with a "Big Band" like the ones the Legion used to have. This event will be a fundraiser for the Pickin' on the Plains and the Sons.

Anyone interested in donating to a fund or just to the foundation in general should call the office at (785) 460-9152. If you need money, go to our website, www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com, and print an application form, or stop by our office at 350 S. Range, Suite 14, and pick one up. The foundations says it considers all applications.

Grant to help health program

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The Thomas County Health Department will get a grant to help make the county a healthier place, after commissioners gave the go-ahead to sign a contract a \$50,000 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant.

Administrator Kasiah Rothchild presented the grant to the commissioners last week at their Nov. 17 meeting.

Misty Jimerson, who works for the health department and is the coordinator for the grant, said the money will be used to make Thomas County an easier place to stay healthy.

Some of it will go towards helping people on the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, buy food at the county farmers' market or to help local residents get food from a regional produce co-op.

People on food stamps will get more money each time they buy food from the farmers' market, although there are some stipulations on how it can be used. People cannot buy alcohol or tobacco, for instance.

Some of the money will be spent to bring vegetables grown by area farmers to Colby to be sold. Some Kansas and Colorado farmers already provide vegetables to Colby residents, Jimerson said, through the High Plains and Rocky Mountain Front Range Food Producers. This group already provides food delivery to Atwood residents, and Colby hopes to add that service, she said.

Some will be used for a feasibility study of providing area-grown food to Colby schools. At a meeting for the coalition this month, Jimerson learned about a similar program with the Greeley, Colo., school system. The district has its own kitchen and some food processing machinery, and buys much of the food it serves from farmers.

Finally, the grant will help pay for the Working Well Thomas County workplace initiative, which Brett Hankin, director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, has help put in place. This initiative would provide ways to help employers keep their workers healthy, such as providing an employee health plan with screenings to check their health, looking for problems such as high blood pressure or cholesterol.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard about repair needs on ambulance No. 3, which blew out a head gasket and had to be towed 80 miles. Director Joe Hickert said he hopes to lease-purchase a chassis to fit under the ambulance and

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School board plans superintendent search

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The Colby School Board planned the search for a new school superintendent at its monthly meeting Nov. 17, agreeing to look for candidates next month.

The board voted to start interviewing in January and set a special meeting for Tuesday, Dec. 9, to decide what kind of candidate they want to see take over the position.

Terrel Harrison, the outgoing district superintendent, said that Doug Moeckel,

executive director of the Kansas Association of School Boards, will be at the special meeting. He will ask community members what they want to see in a new superintendent. Starting at its January meeting, the board plans to interview finalists screened by a committee from the association.

Harrison announced her resignation at last month's meeting, effective June 30 at the end of the school's fiscal year.

In other business, the board heard reports from its administrators:

- High School Principal Troy Keiswetter reported that his students had an as-

sembly Nov. 14 before that night's school play and talked about a fire alarm that stopped the showing of the play the previous evening. Students evacuated the building and the board generally agreed that they did a good job of responding.

The school had a student appreciation day on Oct. 31, and a banquet during an induction ceremony for the National Honor Society Nov. 18. There was a site council meeting the same day as the board meeting. All freshmen and sophomores took the ACT-Aspire test Nov. 5 and 6. Keiswetter said he went to the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals

fall conference with administrators from over a dozen districts in western Kansas.

- Middle School Principal Robb Ross reported that athletes at the school still will not be playing against middle schoolers from southwest Kansas, but will be able to play Hays. Ross told the board last month that the school got an offer to join the ARMS league - which includes Garden City, Dodge City, Hugoton and Garden City - but said afterward the deal was not going forward. He typed up another report Nov. 17 detailing an offer from Hugoton Middle School to play Colby students, only to learn later that Hugoton

had decided not play against schools outside of its league.

Hays Middle School, however, will be able to play some games against Colby. That school formed a new league with the Garden City, Dodge City, Liberal and Great Bend middle schools, he said.

An author from Denver came to the school to talk about reading and history.

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.

Sunday: A slight chance of flurries between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Patchy fog between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 36. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 50.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:43 a.m. 5:22 p.m.
 First quarter moon at 4:07 a.m.
 Sunday 7:44 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 65 percent
 Monday 7:45 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 75 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Ross reported. All middle school students went through ACT-Aspire testing the week before, and the results will be back at the end of the semester.

• Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter thanked the grade school Parent-Teacher Organization for selling over \$10,000 worth of candles, which was the goal this year. The school and the organization get a percentage of the sales.

Third grade social studies students presented their projects on Native American tribes, which were supposed to show the daily life of the tribe, like making a traditional food. Students participated in a mock election in which Gov. Sam Brownback and Sen. Pat Roberts won. The second-grade musical, "Of Mice and Mozart," was Nov. 18.

• Athletic Director Larry Gabel reported that 39 boys and 23 or 24 girls are playing basketball, and 35 to 36 are in wrestling. The scholars bowl team competed in Rawlins County and Oberlin recently, and will have competitions in Goodland and Sharon Springs. The FFA livestock judging team took third place at both dairy judging in Bird City and at livestock judging at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and is preparing for the Kansas Beef Expo.

A student-initiated jazz band started Nov. 13, and choir and band students auditioned for Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association district concert and northwest district honor choir, both of which will perform Saturday, Dec. 13, at Fort Hays State University.

Four out of six band students were chosen for the honor band, and 10 out of 16 for the honor choir. The high school band and high school and middle school choirs will perform at a winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 9, and at several sports games.

• Superintendent Harrison reported that the district has successfully upgraded its PowerSchool software, which should not have any major problems anymore. It should come back within two

days if it goes down.

Harrison reported she met last week and learned about changes in Kansas Public Employee Retirement System benefits. She said next year retired employees who come back to work for a district will not be able to make more than \$20,000 without their benefits from the system taking a hit, and some may want to keep working. She said she also learned a little about changes to the state budget that are in the works for next year and how they will affect education.

School will let out on Tuesday this week to allow teachers time to enter their grades in PowerSchool, which has been down since Oct. 13.

• Curriculum Director Diana Wieland said the Thomas County Community Foundation awarded a grant to buy snacks for kids going to the after-school program. The federal money for the program was cut by 40 percent before the start of this school year.

That program has been going well, Wieland said, with recent presentations from military veterans. Three parent nights, a Thanksgiving celebration and a 5K run are planned.

Wieland also reported that she and 24 other school administrators and staff will go to a fall Kansas Professional Development Team workshop Monday and Tuesday to be trained in spreading talking points from the Kansas Department of Education about how school districts should operate across the state. They will learn the department's talking points on student growth measures, state assessments, Kansas education systems, advanced placement U.S. history, Kansas college and career ready standards and next-generation science standards.

The department has made some changes in its assessments, Wieland reported. Right now, the state breaks up the number of assessments for each grade, with five for high school juniors, eight for sophomores, 11 for third and fifth graders, 12 for fourth and seventh graders and 13 for sixth and eighth graders.

Accidents hospitalize several

Emergency responders in Sherman County were spread thin during back-to-back accidents Wednesday morning amid slick roads and icy conditions on Interstate 70.

First, a van with six people inside slid into the median of the interstate and rolled, sending all of them to the hospital. The injured occupants — including adults, youths and one infant — apparently belonged to several families riding together. Less than half an hour later, a truck hit an icy patch west of the road just east of the Colorado state line. Everyone involved

in the accidents was wearing a seatbelt.

A 2000 Chevrolet G 1500 van with six people inside rolled off the road at 7:40 a.m. (Central Time) 9.5 miles west of Goodland. William J. McBride III, 55, Rose Hill, was driving the van west Interstate 70 and entered the median at milepost 7.4. The vehicle rolled and came to rest on its roof. Three ambulances went to the scene to pick up the van's occupants and took them all to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

They included William McBride, all three other Rose Hill

residents: Dorothea M. McBride, 44 and 16-year-olds Giffin J. and Kylie R. McBride. Also in the van were Allyson E. Rodriguez, 26 and at 14-year-old infant, Cooper Rodriguez, both of Wichita.

At 8:12 a.m. (Central) a 2002 Dodge Ram lost control on an icy patch of the interstate, also in the westbound lane. Flavio Avila, 39, Cour d'Alene, Idaho, was headed west when he lost control of the Dodge just 1.4 miles from the state line. The truck hit a semi tractor, and Avila overcorrected, causing the vehicle to go off the road, overturn and come to rest on its wheels.

Colorado emergency medical technicians took Avila and his passenger, a 50-year-old Cour d'Alene resident listed only as Tamara, to Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington. James Chavez, 50, Northglenn, Colo., the driver of the 2012 Cascadia Freightliner struck by Avila, was not hurt.

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re-mount and re-wire the box for \$70,000 to \$80,000 in all.

The ambulance will also need the heating replaced, new LED lighting and flooring and perhaps the upholstery. The commissioners agreed, Hickert said, although no vote was taken. Commission Chairman Paul Steele said the commissioners agreed to use three bids the county got for a similar project on another ambulance. That ambulance was replaced with a loaned vehicle, Steele said, and the county learned the three companies that

bid to fix it are willing to work on No. 3.

• Approved bills of \$152,994.
 • Discussed county wages for the next year, but did not take a vote.

• Reviewed a permit renewal for the Thomas County Landfill. The application must be sent to the state Bureau of Waste Management 30 days before Jan. 13, but the commissioners did not take action on it at the meeting.

• Reviewed an update from the firm Secure Energy, which the county hired in September to buy natural gas for the county, on what gas is trading for on the

market.

• Looked at a proposal from George K. Baum and Co. to offer bond issue services to help the county finance a new justice center.

• Heard from Jerry Michaud, president of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, about the money the county provides the group each year. Last year, the county had more money available for the group than it needed, Chairman Paul Steele said. The county has \$89,798 set aside for helping with mental retardation problems in next year's budget, he added.

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.

Landfill closed for holiday today

The Thomas County Landfill is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be open regular weekend hours Saturday and Sunday. For information, call Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Swimming pool hours reflect holiday

The Colby Community College swimming pool have open swimming from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool will be closed today. For information, call Kip Nelson at 460-5476.

Faculty-made items for sale at fundraiser

Enjoy some Christmas shopping of items made and sold by Colby Community College employees from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Student Union Multi-Purpose Room. Ten percent of all sales will go to support Faculty Alliance campus projects. For information, contact Shanda Mattix at 460-5464.

Drive needs coats, hats gloves for needy

Do you have new or gently used coats, gloves, hats or need of any of those? Citizens Medical Center, the Colby Rotary Club and the Colby Wesleyan Church are sponsoring a community coat drive. Drop items off at the hospital admissions desk through the end of January. Pick out what you need at the church's Kids Closet from 3 to 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays every month. For information or if you need help, call Megan Carmichael at 460-1214.

Trash crew off Thanksgiving and today

Colby officials say residential trash pickup for Thanksgiving Day will be Monday. Tipper cans need to be at the curb by 8 a.m. The commercial truck did not run Thursday or Friday, but will run Saturday. For questions, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460 4420.

Booked for Lunch to honor volunteers

Booked for Lunch at noon Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library will be a special Christmas program honoring volunteers. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Christmas coffee set at Meadow Lake

This year, the Colby PEO is sponsoring the annual Christmas coffee formerly held by the Colby Women's League. Coffee and brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Meadow Lake Country Club. Donations accepted for area charities. For information, call Becky White at 462-6500.

Red Cross plans blood drive at college Dec. 4

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community College Student Union. For an appointment, call (800) RED-CROSS, or just stop by. For questions, call Marie Kersenbrock at 460-4797 or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

Orchestra plans evening holiday concert

Beverly Rucker will conduct the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in a holiday concert, "Christmas on the Prairie," at the Frahm Theatre on the Colby Community College Campus. Admittance is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students, or by patron season ticket. For questions, Mary Shoaff, (785) 462-2159 or Janet Hopson, (785) 462-5102.

Lions plan big feed downtown Dec. 6

The High Plains Lions will have a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Colby Community Building. Donations of \$5 each will go to club projects. For information, call Roger Hale at 462-1172.

Kids can shop at Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is coming from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the board room of the Thomas County Office Complex. With the help of friendly elves, children from preschool through fourth grade may buy Christmas gifts (up to four) for parents, grandparents or guardians, for a suggested donation of \$4 per gift. For information, call the Thomas County Community Foundation at 460-9152.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 1, 2014

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC CMA Country Christmas (N) HD	Mike Molly Mike Molly	Mike Molly Mike Molly	Scorpion: "A Cyclone"	State of Affairs (N) HD	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live HD	Late Late	Nightline
	NBC The Voice: "Live Top 8 Performances" (N) HD	Gotham: "Pilot" HD	Sleepy Hollow (N) HD	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	(:35) Late Show HD	(:35) Tonight Show HD	Late Night
	FOX Criminal Minds HD	Criminal Minds HD	Blue Bloods HD	Blue Bloods: "Reagan"	Blue Bloods HD					
CABLE	A&E The First 48 HD	The First 48 HD	Godfather of (N) HD	(:02) The First 48 HD	(:01) The First 48 HD					
	AMC The Santa Clause 2 (102, G) ★★½ Tim Allen, Bob Bergen, HD	Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (92, PG) Macaulay Culkin, HD	Finding Bigfoot HD	Finding Bigfoot HD	To Be Announced	Finding Bigfoot HD	Finding Bigfoot HD			
	ANIMAL Finding Bigfoot HD	Finding Bigfoot HD	To Be Announced	Finding Bigfoot HD	Finding Bigfoot HD					
	BET (6:00) 2014 Soul Train Awards	Barbershop (102, PG-13) ★★½ Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, HD	Wendy Williams HD							
	BRAVO Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Euros of Hollywood (N)	Watch What	Vanderpump Rules					
	CARTOON King Hill King Hill	Cleveland Cleveland	Dad HD	Tyson	Family Guy	Family Guy	Robot	Squid HD		
	CMT Young Guns (88, R) ★★½ Emilio Estvez, Kiefer Sutherland, HD	Larry the Cable Guy								
	CNN Anderson Cooper 360*	Anderson Cooper 360*	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Simulcast (N)					
	COMEDY Futurama Futurama	South Park South Park	South Park South Park	Daily (N)	Colbert (N)	midnight	South Park			
	DISCOVERY Misfit Garage (N)	Misfit Garage (N) HD	Fast N' Loud (N) HD	Fast N' Loud (N) HD	Fast N' Loud (N) HD	(:01) Misfit Garage HD	(:02) Fast N' Loud HD			
	DISNEY Movie	Austin HD	Good Luck	Dog Blog	Girl Meets	Good Luck	Good Luck			
	E! Live (N) HD	The Soup	Kourtney	Kourtney	E! News (N) HD	Sex & City	Sex & City			
	ESPN (:15) Monday Night Football: Miami Dolphins at New York Jets (Live) HD	(:20) SportsCenter Sports news, HD								
	ESPN2 (6:00) College Bball HD	NBA Coast to Coast Whip-around the NBA, HD	(:15) College Ftbl HD	NBA HD	Sports HD					
	FAMILY Elf (103, PG) ★★½ Will Ferrell, James Caan, HD	The Santa Clause (94, PG) ★★½ Tim Allen, HD	Santa Claus (TV G) HD							
	FOOD Mystery Mystery	Mystery Mystery	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Mystery	Mystery				
	FX (6:30) The Other Guys (10, PG-13) Will Ferrell, HD	Anger (N)	Anger (N)	The Other Guys (10, PG-13) ★★½ Will Ferrell, HD						
	HGTV Love It or List It HD	Love It or List It (N) HD	Hunters	Hunters	Love It or List It HD	Love It or List It HD				
	HISTORY Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Down East Dickering	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars			
	LIFETIME An En Vogue Christmas (14) Rhona Bennett, HD	Seasons of Love (14) Taraji P. Henson, HD	An En Vogue (14) HD							
	MTV Ridiculous Ridiculous	Ridiculous Ridiculous	Are You the One? (N)	Snooki and JWoww HD	Are You the One? HD					
	NICK Full Hse Full Hse	Full Hse Full Hse	Prince Prince	Friends Friends	How I Met How I Met					
	SPIKE Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (08, PG-13) ★★½½ HD	John Carter (12, PG-13) ★★½ Taylor Kitsch, HD								
	SYFY The Unimitted (09) ★★½ Blindness (99, R) ★ Vivian Wu, Chin Han, HD	The Apparition (12, PG-13) ★½								
	TBS Family Guy Family Guy	Dad (N) HD	Dad (N) HD	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) HD	Hospital	Conan HD		
	TCM This is the Night (32, NR)	Done Him Wrong (33)	(:45) I'm No	Angel (33, NR) ★★½ Mae West, HD	The Hawk					
	TLC Little HD	Little HD	The Little Couple HD	The Little Couple HD	The Little Couple HD	The Little Couple HD				
	TNT Major Crimes HD	Major Crimes (N)	Transporter HD	Transporter HD	Law & Order: "Zero"					
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods (N)	Booze Traveler (N)	Bizarre Foods America	Bizarre Foods					
	TV LAND Hogan Fam. Feud	Raymond Raymond	Queens Queens	Queens Queens	Friends Friends	Friends Friends				
	USA WWE Monday Night Raw HD	Michelle Weave Trip	Love & Hip Hop	Michelle Weave Trip	Love & Hip Hop					
	VH1 Love & Hip Hop (N)	Michelle Weave Trip	Love & Hip Hop	Michelle Weave Trip	Love & Hip Hop					
	WGN Home Videos HD	Home Videos HD	How I Met How I Met	Rules HD	Rules HD	Parks HD	Parks HD			
PREM	HBO The Normal Heart (14, NR) Taylor Kitsch, HD	Foo Fighters: Sonic HD	Getting On	Comeback	(:15) HBO Boxing HD					
	MAX The Rock (96, R) ★★½ Sean Connery, HD	(:20) Riddick (13, R) Vin Diesel, Jordi Mollà, HD	Femme Fatales HD							
	SHOW Words HD	The Last One (14, NR) HD	The Affair	Homeland HD	Therapy	Sinister				

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Deaths

Terald 'Butch' Collins

Terald "Butch" Collins, 64, Oakley, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center. He was born May 16, 1950, in Colby to Lee and Luetta (Herdt) Collins. On June 6, 1971, he married Janet Gibson in Oakley. He was a parts man for Oakley Ag Center. He was preceded in death by his father Lee Collins, step-father Glenn Scott, and sister Judy Dible. Survivors include his mother Luetta Scott, Oakley; his wife, Oakley; three daughters, Jodi Moellering, Hoxie, Jacque (Brad) Willems, Oakley, and Traci (Ron) Hazelton, McPherson; a son, Tate (Leslie) Collins, Oakley; a brother, George (Judy) Collins, Page

City; a sister, Deanna (Darrell) Pabst, Colby; and nine grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center, Oakley, with burial in the Monument Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. The family suggests memorials to the Logan County Emergency Medical Services in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748. Condolences for the family may be left at www.kennedykosterfh.com.

Jose Valdez-Castell Sr.

Jose Valdez-Castell Sr., 61, Colby, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1953, in Michoacán, Mexico, the son of Maria Castell and Juan Valdez, and attended school in Tijuana, Mexico. On Sept. 25, 2009, he married Becky Frerichs in Colby. Moving to Colby from Burlington, Colo., he lived here for 24-years, working for Woofter Construction and Stephens Construction until he became ill. Preceding him in death were his father and a grandchild, Carlos

Valdez-Castell. Survivors include his wife Becky-Frerichs-Valdez, of the home; two sons, John Valdez-Castell, Colby, and Jose "J.J." Valdez-Castell, Dodge City; a daughter, Arianna Valdez-Castell, Colby; a step-daughter, Andrea DeLeon, Casper Wyo.; 10 siblings; and seven grandchildren. Services will be held later in Tijuana. The family suggests memorials in his name in care of The Bank, 1195 S. Range, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Nov. 18 at Colby Community College with 28 members and guest Derek Reilly. The Polio Plus collection was taken; Vernon Hurd was the successful bidder for the auction item. Karla Haggard was inducted into membership, sponsored by Marla Crumrine. Reiley, the Sustainable Renewable Energy Program director at the college, was the guest program. He discussed the solar and wind coursework that began in fall 2010. Specialized equipment was paid for by grants. There are 13 students in the program. They can receive a certificate or an Associate of Applied Science degree. Jerry Arensdorf won Roto-Lotto. The club met Tuesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library with 45 members and guests Marcella Steele, Tim Morris and members of the Heartland Christian School football team: Tavean Baulshe, Nick Delzeit, Michael Mearath, Caleb Morris, Lander Niblock, Gabriel Schriener, Shawn Sullivan, Blaine Wertz, Cory Wertz, Matt Wertz, Brennan Ziegelmeier, and Brook Ziegelmeier. Steve Ziegelmeier had the program. He reviewed the Heartland football program which began in 2010 with nine members, five of whom were freshmen. The team plays eight-man football. Steve Ziegelmeier is in his third year as coach and is assisted by Tim Morris and Brad Wertz.

This school year the team has a 10-0 record and are state champions after beating the Lions from Cair Paravel High School in Topeka. Their theme for the season was Purpose: Bring Out The Champion and was based on Ephesians 2:8-10. The team was made up of five Heartland students and eight home-schooled students. They follow Kansas State High School Activities Association rules and can play anywhere in the state. Steve Ziegelmeier said they played similar teams including St. Mary's, St. John's Military Academy and Sunrise Christian Academy. The team also does their own fundraising. He said this year's team built fence for a local farmer as a fundraiser and that this activity was also a great exercise in team building. This year was also the first that the school had a home field. The team practiced three days a week. Each team member introduced himself and answered questions. The program concluded with a preview of the season highlights DVD.

- Relda Galli

Corrections

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Guests, and God, bless the celebration



Tom Peyton

From the Pulpit

There were only 50 Pilgrims left to celebrate the first Thanksgiving in the New World. Half of those who came over on the Mayflower had died either on the way over the Atlantic, or during their first bitter winter after they arrived. Provisionally, the great native chiefs Squanto, Samoset and Massasoit showed them how to raise a crop that could get them through the next winter. Sure enough - that harvest was so bountiful they decided to celebrate with a feast of thanksgiving to God. They invited some of their native friends, but were dismayed to see 90 of them come out of the woods into their camp. Their hearts sank as they thought of dipping into their winter reserves to feed such a crowd. But they needn't have worried. Their guests had not come empty-handed. They had brought five deer, freshly killed and dressed, and a dozen wild turkeys. There were only four married Pilgrim women to prepare this huge meal. But that was no problem either. The Indians pitched in, and taught them how to make hock-cakes and a tasty pudding out of corn meal and maple syrup. The Pilgrim women made blueberry, apple and cherry pies out of dried fruit. The feast went on for three days, and included shooting competitions, foot races and wrestling matches. Eventually, much later, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November to be an annual day of Thanksgiving. The Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments exhorts us repeatedly to give thanks to God.

For example, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Expressing our gratitude to God pleases him and lifts our spirits. I don't think anyone can be grateful and unhappy at the same time; nor do I think it is possible to be ungrateful and happy simultaneously. There is so much we Christians can be thankful to God about: Christ's sacrificial death on the cross for our sins, his glorious resurrection from the dead, his ascension into heaven where he makes intercession for us at the right hand of the Father, his daily provision for our need, his continued patience with us, and so much more. So give him the thanks he deserves. Even in the tragedies of life, give thanks to him. You have a choice to make: you can look at what you've lost, and be hateful; or you can look at what you have left, and be grateful. Gratitude is a virtue. Ingratitude is a sin. Gratitude will put joy in your heart. Ingratitude will destroy you. So joyfully offer up to God the sacrifices of thanksgiving. You will find it to be good medicine to your soul!

Tom Peyton is pastor of the Mingo Bible Church. He may be reached at 462-2992 or at preacherpeyton@gmail.com. Listen to sermons online at mingoblechurch.org

Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The Solomon Valley 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting Nov. 10 at the 4-H Building. Song leader Kenize Cater presented "Over the River and Through the Woods." She informed the club that the song was written for Thanksgiving. Under new business, the club voted to tag live Christmas trees at Dillons with safety tips again this year. They voted to purchase two angels off the Angel Tree this year, one girl and one boy. The club will also be Christmas caroling in December. Council member Cole Ziegelmeier reminded the club that 4-H pizza sales will begin in December. The program was the club's annual awards night. Leaders Lisa

Stramel and Marie Skoulout presented the members with a Starburst candy and mentioned all the accomplishments both members and club received for the year. The Solomon Valley club received the purple seal! Kurt Sexton, Thomas County Extension agent, stopped by and informed the club of all the new 4-H rules and regulations. Kamrie Miller, recreation leader, led the club in a balloon relay. The Calliham and Kersenbrock families were hosts for the evening. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 8; it will be our annual pizza party and bingo night. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item for the food pantry.

- Trey Stramel, reporter



NICOLE SCHILTZ

Julian Mar enjoyed one of the new activities on the Selden Elementary playground purchased with proceeds from previous soup suppers. The school's annual soup supper Monday, Dec. 8, at the Selden Community Building.

Selden soup supper to build playground

By Judy Rogers Golden Plains Schools

Golden Plains Elementary will hold its annual soup supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, at the Selden Community Building. They will be serving homemade chicken noodle soup, chili soup, potato soup and numerous desserts. Donations will be accepted with proceeds going towards the school playground equipment. Past proceeds have been used to enhance the OWLS project, add to

the walking trailing and to update playground equipment and surfacing. "We really appreciate the support we have received in the past," said Julie Ziegelmeier, fifth grade teacher. "We were able to add some new equipment to the playground over the summer and are looking to add additional equipment with this year's donations." Following the supper, at 7 p.m. the elementary students will be presenting their Christmas concert at the grade school.

Pickin' on the Plains bluegrass committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Veteran's Tribute/Hometown Gospel Show, and especially our Veterans. We'd also like to thank the following, whose contributions made the afternoon even more special!

- Sacha Sanguinetti, our emcee
- Rocking M Radio and crew
- The Colby Free Press
- Reverend W. G. Romine
- All performers - Leon Woofter, Pat Ziegelmeier, Gary Wiggins, Madison Zimmerman, Melissa and Cassandra Zimmerman, Cindy Cersovsky, Jay Stewart, Damon Andrews, Chance Andrews, Camden Andrews, Holly Young, Monica Bugbee-Miller, Karla Haggard, Brock and Jeff Wagoner, The McLemores
- Pat Erickson and CCC physical therapy student volunteers for the wheelchair "curb service"
- The Colby American Legion Honor Guard, Monte Lewis and Jim Vap
- Bob and Brandon McLemore and Matthew Hankin, sound & stage crew
- J. D. and Donna Bennett, Kathy Leitner
- Leilani Thomas, Lottie McLemore & Brette Hankin of the CVB and Colby/Thomas Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Carla McCoy & Colby Sew and Vac for the handmade quilt and quilting
- Michelle Meyer/CCC Music Department



Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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Other Viewpoints

Silly Democrats waste theatric move

Kansas House Speaker Ray Merrick opened his mouth wide and inserted both feet during a recent interview with a newspaper reporter. Merrick was chided on this page for his poor choice of words and his attitude toward state employees, who he said were, among other things, net consumers who didn't produce anything.

It must be the silly season, as the Kansas Democratic Party followed the news of Merrick's comments with an online petition that calls for Merrick to be ousted from his leadership post. It may be great theater, but it also is a waste of time that serves no purpose, other than to fire up party members.

It is known as playing to the base, and it generally does little, if any, good.

That is the case here, as members of the large Republican majority in the Kansas House will decide who leads them. It probably will be Merrick, who at this time has only one announced competitor for the position, who has a list of embarrassing comments of his own on the record.

Jason Perkey, director of the Kansas Democratic Party, knows the online petition will play no role in selection of the House speaker and said it was intended, in part, to make Republicans aware of how Kansans feel about Merrick's comments.

But Merrick and other Republicans got that message soon after the speaker's comments were published in *The Wichita Eagle*, as is evidenced by Merrick's subsequent statement designed to calm the waters.

As we said, the petition was good theater, and if the Kansas Democratic Party leadership thought it was something it had to do, so be it. But it is of no real consequence.

Democrats in the Legislature have their own decision to make. With former House Minority Leader Paul Davis leaving his seat for a failed gubernatorial bid, his former colleagues have to find their own new leader. Then, they must decide how they are going to spend their efforts during the upcoming legislative session.

Given they are a small minority in the House, as well as in the Senate, their impact on legislation isn't going to be great, and there aren't enough "moderate" Republicans in either chamber to aid their cause. (Another reason their petition is a futile exercise.)

There will be some legislation on which Republican and Democrat lawmakers can agree. Where they can't, Democrats must represent the opposing view and, if possible, strive for incremental changes they believe will serve all Kansans.

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

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Marriage sanctity has been gone awhile

I keep getting inquiries from folks about when they are going to read something in the paper from that lonesome old Democrat from Gem.

Well I'm not as lonesome as you might think. Just because I live in Thomas County, the 'reddest' county in Kansas, one of the 'reddest' states in the nation, doesn't mean I'm lonesome. When less than 50 percent of the eligible voters failed to give the winners 50 percent on the ballot, surely isn't a very strong mandate or landslide. That actually means that less than 25 percent of the eligible voters voted for the three big winners in Kansas. That isn't much to brag about.

Now, let's get off of partisan politics and address another issue that neither of our major parties can control.

Apparently, we have lost the evidence of the copyright for the word "marriage." It is being limited to one man and one woman and the unchallengeable proof of that in the Bible.

Does the word marriage carry any divine absolute in our society today? Statistics indicate there is very little difference in percentages of failed marriages of couples who profess church loyalties and involvement and those who don't. In all truth, for a great number of couples, marriage is merely a convenient arrangement and authorization to enjoy certain social, economic, and political benefits.



Ken Poland

• Ken's World

You can be opposed to same sex "marriage," but don't argue it on the basis of biblical authority — unless you are going to enforce all biblical laws concerning marriage and what is or isn't acceptable behavior within marriage. The sanctity of marriage, as a religious absolute, went out the window a long time ago.

If the organized churches can't persuade their followers or members to honor "biblical" marriage, how do we think civil laws will do any better? Actually, what we have is the organized church demanding civil laws to enforce their interpretation of social, economic and political benefits and who will be entitled to them. Maybe we should stop and think about that.

History reveals that religious control of government has not given us the best humane treatment of all mankind. Go all the way back to biblical times, and government has not been able to enforce religious tenets.

You ask me to provide direct quotes or links

to back up what I've just stated. I'll challenge you to provide quotes or links to Jesus declaring that Pharisaic law was binding on his followers. I'll ask you to provide statistics and "links" to prove that homosexual activities are the major contributor to failed heterosexual marriages. Provide some statistics to prove theocracy in government, run by man, has been fair and equitable to all of God's creation.

Lighten up. Just because you think someone doesn't know what they are talking about or just plain doesn't understand all the implications of an issue, don't call them ignorant, fools, neo-whatevers, Nazi, commies, fascists or whatever denigrating or demeaning adjective you can think of. Just accept the fact that we are all entitled to our opinions. And sometimes we are right and sometimes we are wrong.

Let's all celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Let your neighbor celebrate and thank whoever they want to. It's a celebration of thanks, not a time for judgment and condemnation.

Ken Poland describes himself as a semi-retired farmer living north of Gem, a Christian, affiliated with American Baptist Churches, and a radical believer in separation of church and state. Contact him at rcwinc@cheerful.com.

Meatless Mondays? Forget about it

Eliminate meat from my diet? No way. Just the thought of it leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

Be honest, have you ever thrown a couple of pounds of linguine on the grill and watched it cook while you sipped a fine burgundy or single-malt scotch?

Don't get me wrong, I love vegetables. I eat them with every meal, however I consider them a side dish — essential but for me the main course is meat, whether it is beef, pork, lamb or chicken. I love fresh fish too.

When it comes to eating, the truth is, nothing compares to the smell, sound and taste of a steak sizzling over an open fire.

Kansas City strip. T-bone. Porterhouse. Rib eye.

Thick. Juicy. Delicious. Fist-sized pork chops aren't bad either. And don't forget a grilled leg of lamb. Superb dining.

Unfortunately, a widespread general consensus on red meat can be summed up in two words, "Eat less." This has triggered a decline in the consumption of red meat and a drop in income for livestock producers.

Meatless Monday is an international campaign that encourages people to not eat meat



John Schlageck

• Insights

Kansas Farm Bureau

on Mondays to improve their health and that of our planet. It was founded in 2003 by marketing professional Sid Lerner.

When it comes to making decisions about the food I eat, I prefer to consider the findings of someone who has conducted scientific research on what makes a healthy diet. The question here becomes whether the concerns about red meat are scientifically sound.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture suggests eating two to three servings of meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts each day. The key is to choose lean cuts of meat and trim the fat from the meat before or after cooking.

No matter how you cut it, all lean meats are high in nutritional quality. Beef, pork and lamb have been recognized as healthy sources of top quality protein, as well as thiamin, pantothenic

acid, niacin and vitamins B-6 and B-12.

Red meats are also excellent sources of iron, copper, zinc and manganese — minerals not easily obtained in sufficient amounts in diets without meats, according to food guidelines by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Lean meats eaten in moderation as part of a varied diet, including lots of fruits and vegetables, are not only healthy but also essential. Just as important, beef-steak, pork roast and lamb chops taste good.

Fire up the grill. Writing this column has made me hungry.

John Schlageck of the Kansas Farm Bureau is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. He grew up on a diversified farm near Seguin, and his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Monday: 4:45 p.m. middle school scholars bowl, Goodland. **Tuesday:** 4 p.m. seventh girls basketball, Scott City; 4 p.m. eighth girls basketball vs. Scott City. **Wednesday:** noon - grade school parent-teacher organization meeting; 7 p.m. high school all-sports booster meeting. **Thursday:** 3 p.m. varsity basketball, Hays City Shootout; 3:30 p.m. middle school wrestling, Holcomb Tournament; 4 p.m. eighth girls basketball, Holcomb; 7 p.m. high school wrestling, Dodge City. **Friday:** 3 p.m. varsity basketball, Hays City Shootout. **Saturday:** 8 p.m. high school debate, Clay Center; 9:30 a.m. varsity wrestling, Gabel/Jenkins Tournament at St. Francis; 9:30 a.m. varsity basketball, Hays City Shootout; 10 a.m. junior varsity wrestling, Goodland; 10 a.m. middle school wrestling, Holcomb, Great West Activities Conference.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: breakfast pizza, cinnamon apple-sauce; lunch: chicken strips, oven fries, mixed vegetables, whole grain roll, tropical fruit salad. **Tuesday:** breakfast: whole-grain bagel, topping, apricot halves; lunch: taco pie, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, avocado slices, peas, pear halves. **Wednesday:** breakfast: muffin, fruit cocktail; lunch: ham and cheese on a bun, sun chips, fresh broccoli, baby carrots, banana. **Thursday:** breakfast: egg taco, salsa, mandarin oranges; lunch: chicken drumstick, savory rice, tossed salad with romaine, cauliflower with cheese, sliced peaches. **Friday:** breakfast: cinnamon toaster pastry, pineapple rings; lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, whole grain roll, green beans, apple wedges with cinnamon.
Sacred Heart
Menus: Monday: hamburger, bun, dark green leaf lettuce, tomato slice, sweet potato fries, strawberries and bananas. **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, roll, honey, mandarin oranges. **Wednesday:** chili, crackers, cel-

ery, cucumbers, orange smiles, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** baked ham, apple-glazed sweet potatoes, green beans, angel biscuit, jelly, grapes. **Friday:** macaroni and cheese, peas, baby carrots, apple salad.
Heartland
Activities: Monday: School Resumes. **Tuesday:** 4 p.m. high school scholars bowl. **Tribune. Friday:** noon - dismissal.
Golden Plains
Activities: Tuesday: 5 p.m. Booster Club meeting, Rexford. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. middle school basketball vs. Damar, Rexford. **Friday:** 6:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. Western Plains, Rexford.
Menus: Rexford: Monday: breakfast: burrito; lunch: ham and cheese pocket. **Tuesday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: sloppy joe. **Wednesday:** breakfast: long johns; lunch: chili. **Thursday:** breakfast: cinnamon rolls; lunch: beef and noodles. **Friday:** breakfast: combo; lunch: chicken tenders.
Selden: Monday: breakfast: burrito; lunch: wiener wrap. **Tuesday:** breakfast: muffin; lunch: spaghetti. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and gravy; lunch: chicken. **Thursday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: taco salad. **Friday:** breakfast: eggs and toast; lunch: pizza pocket.
Brewster
Activities: Monday: 6 p.m. (Central Time) junior high scholars bowl, Goodland. **Tuesday:** 4 p.m. high school scholars bowl, Tribune. **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. to noon - Western Kansas Liberty League high school testing, library. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. junior basketball, McDonald. **Friday:** no school; 4, 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Logan.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: waffles; lunch: smothered burrito, corn, lettuce, baby carrots. **Tuesday:** breakfast: cinnamon roll; lunch: taco salad, refried beans, baby carrots. **Wednesday:** breakfast: bagel; lunch country-style beef patty, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots, roll. **Thurs-**

day: breakfast: breakfast burrito, pineapple; lunch: beef and noodles in gravy, green beans, baby carrots.
Colby Community College
Activities: Tuesday: 6 p.m. women's basketball vs. North Platte, Colby Community Building. **Wednesday:** 7 p.m. men's basketball, K-State Salina. **Friday:** May graduation applications due; 7 p.m. wrestling vs. Neosho; 7:30 p.m. movie night. **Saturday:** 3 p.m. women's basketball, Central Christian junior varsity; 8 p.m. (Central) men's basketball, Otero, La Junta, Colo.
Triplains
Activities: Tuesday: school re-

sumes; 4 p.m. high school scholars bowl, Greeley Colo. **Wednesday:** 8 a.m. high school scholarship test. **Thursday:** Dibels testing, grade school; 4 p.m. junior high basketball, McDonald, Cheylin. **Friday:** sophomore class meeting; 6:30 p.m. high school girls basketball, Logan; 8 p.m. high school boys basketball, Logan.
Menus: Tuesday: hot ham and cheese. **Wednesday:** goulash. **Thursday:** chicken quesadillas. **Friday:** chicken nuggets.
Send your calendar and menus to colby.society @ nwkansas.com or the Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Senior Progress Center

Tuesday there will be blood pressure checks at the Senior Progress Center by the Thomas County health Department.
 Activities for the week:
Monday: 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. blood pressure checks; board meeting after lunch. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.
 Menus for the week: **Monday:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple. **Tuesday:** oven-baked barbecue chicken, potato salad, peaches, pudding. **Wednesday:** harvest turkey soup, carrot-raisin salad, crackers, fruit cobbler. **Thursday:** spaghetti, corn, broccoli salad, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apple slices. **Friday:** chicken patty, tater tots or

triangles, mixed vegetables, bun, gelatin with fruit.
 The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. A contribution of \$3.25 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$6 for others.
 Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.
Red Barn
 Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study; 1:45 p.m. Red Barn Gang to Atwood. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down chicken-foot dominoes. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 10:45 p.m. Red Barn Gang to Colby; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

Annual safety day highlights hazards

The 10th annual observance of Drive Safer Sunday is on November 30, 2014, and Road Safe America reminds Americans taking holiday road trips "to focus on being rested and attentive to dangers inside and outside their cars." The observance is sponsored by Road Safe America, a non-profit dedicated to reducing collisions between tractor-trailers and passenger vehicles.
 "Drive Safer Sunday" falls on what is traditionally the busiest highway travel day of the year - the Sunday following Thanksgiving. It has been recognized this year by more than twenty state governors and, again this year, prompted an official Resolution from the U.S. Senate.
 Steve Owings and his wife, Susan, founded Road Safe America in 2003 after their son, Cullum, was killed when his car - stopped in an interstate traffic jam - was crushed from behind by a tractor trailer going eight miles per hour above the posted speed limit on cruise control. He died on the Sunday after Thanksgiving as Cullum returned to college after spending the week at home in Atlanta.
 "The Sunday after Thanksgiving will always be a painful one for our family," Steve Owings said. "But we hope that by rais-

ing awareness of the dangers of holiday travel, other lives will be spared and other families will not have to deal with needless, tragic loss."
 U.S. Department of Transportation statistics show that, among the 40,000 average highway deaths each year during the past decade, over 500 are truckers and about 4,000 are auto drivers and passengers involved in collisions with big trucks.
 RSA reminds everyone traveling during Thanksgiving - and the Christmas and New Year's holidays to come - to:
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December busy in Colby

'Tis the Ho-Ho-Ho season – a festive time for all of us regardless of our age. This month is jam-packed with activities.

The first week of December is especially busy. Monday, Colby Community College is presenting its winter concert at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center.

Tuesday brings us a Holly, Jolly Jelly Christmas presented by Thomas County Extension from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Learn to make jellies and jams – a great gift idea.

Thursday PEO is holding a holiday brunch for ladies in the community from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Meadow Lake Golf Club.

Next Saturday, High Plains Lions Club is holding a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Building.

Santa's workshop will be held from 9 to 11:30 the same day at the Thomas County Office Complex. This is an opportunity for kids from pre-school through fourth grade to purchase Christmas gifts while they last. Suggested donation is \$4 per gift. This is sponsored by Thomas County Community Foundation.

The third annual Colby American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday at the post. They promise over 30 vendors with crafts, baked goods and holiday gifts.

Finally, Pride of the Prairie Orchestra presents "Christmas on the Prairie" under the direction of Beverly Rucker at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cultural Arts Center on campus.

Sunday Dec. 7, the United Methodist Women are holding the annual Holiday Home Tour from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets are available at the church office.

Western Plains Arts Association is presenting "Two on Tap –



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The Christmas Light parade is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Dec. 7 in downtown Colby. It will run from Second and Franklin to Santa City. The parade is sponsored by Chamber of Commerce. A soup supper follows the parade at the American Legion.

Santa City hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Dec. 15 and 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24. Enjoy the winter wonderland featuring "A Beary Merry Christmas", a visit with Santa Claus and a sugar cookie from Mrs. Claus.

Be sure to drive through the neighborhoods to see all of the

festive lights and take part if so inclined in a Christmas eve or Christmas day service.

Food for Thought will be at noon Thursday, Dec. 18, at Prairie Museum of Art and History.

School activities include the Colby Eagle Invitational Wrestling Tournament at 2 p.m. Friday Dec. 12 and 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. Matches will be held at both the Community Building and Colby High School. The middle and high school band and vocal concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9. The fifth through eighth grade concert will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

Enjoy December, the holidays and the festivities of the season. Merry Christmas!

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Drawing for peace



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
Sheryl Brenn congratulated Samantha Hoeme on her first place poster Monday night during a meeting of the Colby High Plains Lions Club at the United Methodist Church here. Hoeme was one of two kids recognized at the meeting for the posters they drew for the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. Brenn, district chairperson for the Lions Club, said she won \$20 and a certificate, and her poster will be taken to the district contest.

Chinese, American companies partner to build dairy plant

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) – A Chinese company and the Dairy Farmers of America say they are planning a \$100 million plant in Kansas but the location and other details are not being publicly released.

The Dairy Farmers of America, a cooperative owned by 13,000 dairy farmers based in Kansas City, is working with the Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group on the project, *The Kansas City Star* reported (bit.ly/1qSFeCv).

The plant's location has not been disclosed but that it will likely be

in western Kansas, where most of the state's milk production occurs. It is expected to produce up to 88,000 tons of milk powder a year.

According to a filing with the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Dairy Farmers of America will contribute \$70 million and the Chinese company \$30 million to build the plant, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The deal would be important to the United States' efforts to attract a larger share of China's increasing demand for dairy products, an industry analyst said.

"It's kind of our growing up," said Alan Levitt, vice president of communications for the U.S. Dairy Export Council. "To put up a plant geared to exports is very significant."

The Kansas City cooperative formed a partnership with Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group, a leading Chinese dairy processor, two years ago.

"Today, we have committed to an historic initiative to bring DFA and Yili even closer together," Rick Smith, president of Dairy Farmers of America, said in a statement.

The project comes as China is scrambling to supply enough milk to its citizens and Levitt said the country will have a long-term need for imports. It also wants to diversify its milk sources after relying on New Zealand for 60 percent of its imports before a drought last year damaged its supply.

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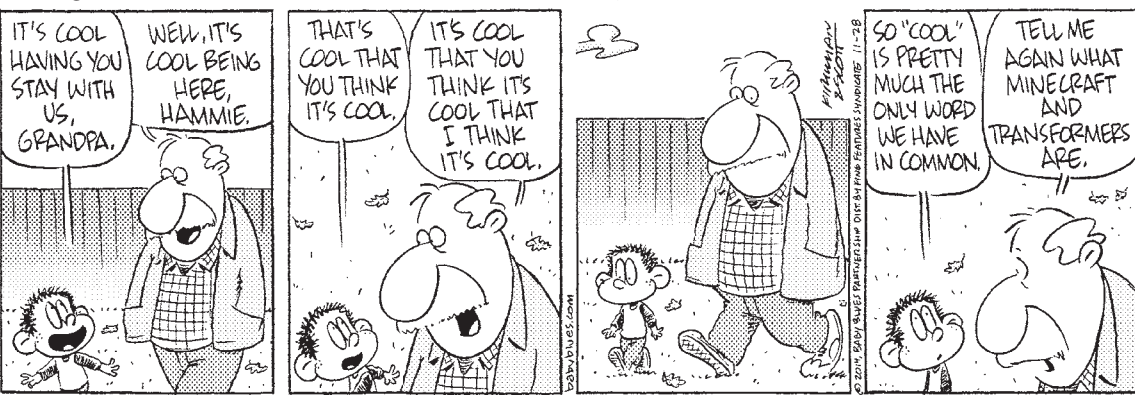
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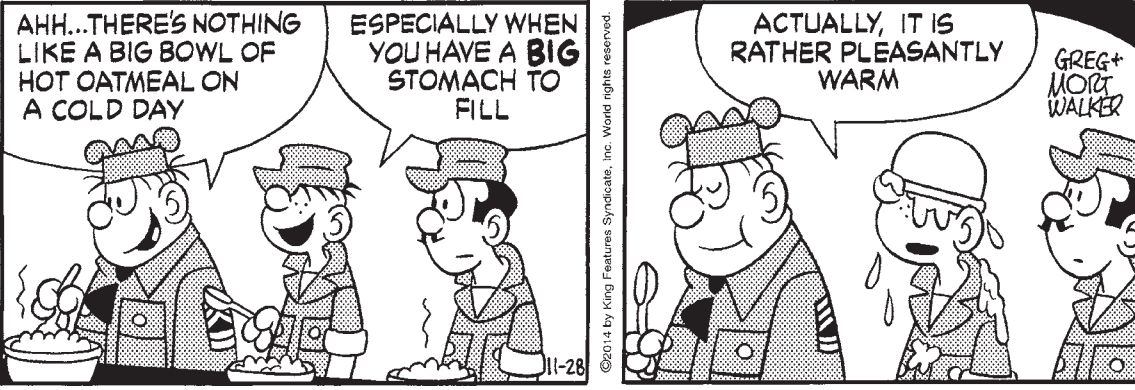
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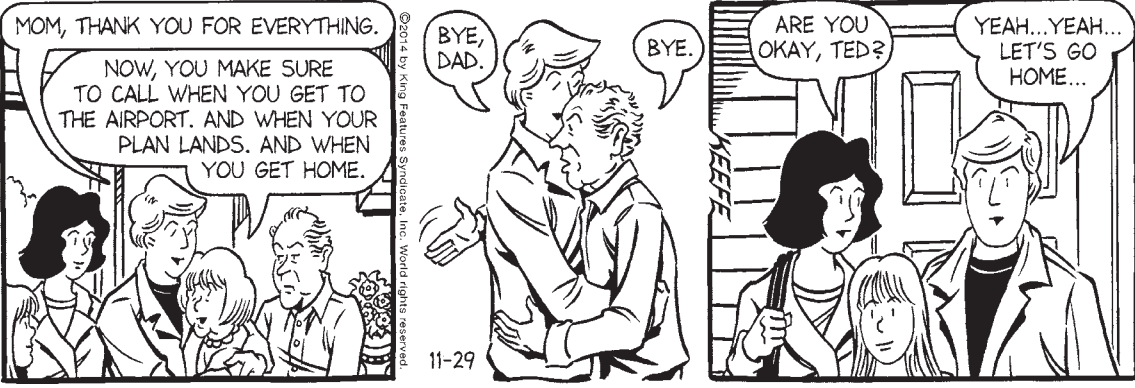
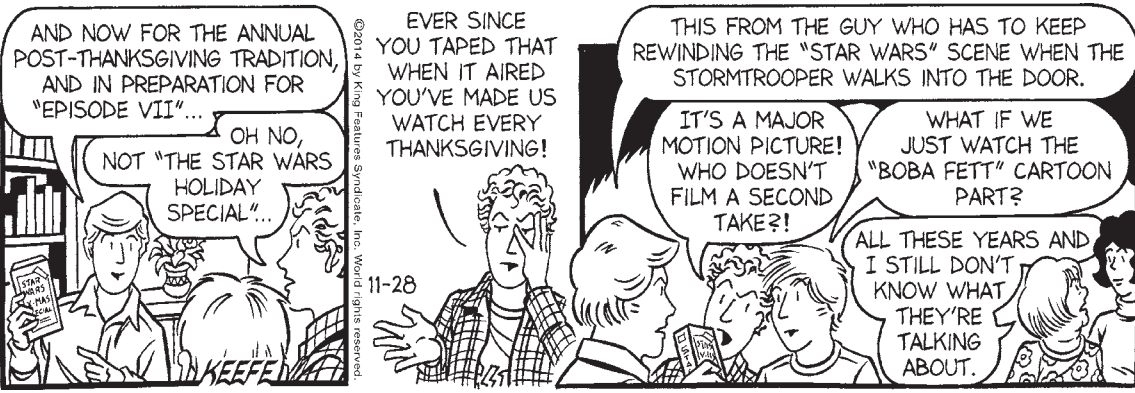
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Dear Heloise: Please remind our readers to not report travel plans or whereabouts on social-media sites when traveling. This is a green light to burglarize the traveler's house while the homeowner is away. — Ronald N., Alexandria, Va.

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Dear Heloise: We've maintained a two-sided approach to composting. When first starting out, it'll all be new, but before long, the broken-down material can be shifted to one side. The other "half" can be devoted to the newer stuff that gets flipped around periodically until it's ready. — A Reader in the D.C. Area

NO-SLIP
Dear Heloise: My husband and I were in a hotel that had recently been redone. He takes his bath before I shower. When I got in, there was no handhold and a really slick tub.

The washcloth my husband had used was there, so I threw it into the tub and stood on it. It gave me just the right traction to keep from falling. I still use a washcloth in my tub because it works so well! — E.B. in Alabama

COIN COLLECTING
Dear Heloise: Use coins that come home with you from a different country by giving them to the "tooth fairy." — Pat in New Hampshire

How clever! An international tooth fairy, too! — Heloise
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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q 5 4 3

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

EAST
♠ 9 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ 7 3
♣ A 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ J 10 8 7

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South West North East
Pass 1 ♠ Dbic Pass
1 NT 2 ♦ 3 ♦
3 NT
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Hot Potato
Here is a remarkable hand from a match between France and Italy in 1967. It features brilliant defense by Italian star Giorgio Belladonna, who sat West.

Belladonna, from time immemorial an aggressive bidder, opened with one spade, after which the French North-South pair reached three notrump on the bidding shown.

Belladonna made his first good move when he led a diamond instead of a spade. Declarer won with dummy's queen and returned the three of clubs. East could have settled declarer's hash then and there had he grabbed the ace and returned a diamond. But East played low, and declarer won with the jack as Belladonna discarded the queen of spades!

South realized he would surely go down if he persisted with clubs, so he shifted his attention to hearts, cashing the A-K-Q-J. Belladonna had to make two discards and threw a diamond and the deuce of spades.

Declarer's only chance for a ninth trick was to endplay West. So he cashed the A-K of spades, planning to put Belladonna on lead with a third spade and force him to concede a diamond to the king.

But on the A-K of spades Belladonna dropped the J-10, retaining the seven. When declarer then exited with a spade, East won with the nine and returned a diamond to put the contract down one.

At the other table, the Italian North-South pair also got to three notrump, but when West chose the queen of spades as his opening lead, declarer had no difficulty making 10 tricks after forcing out the ace of clubs.

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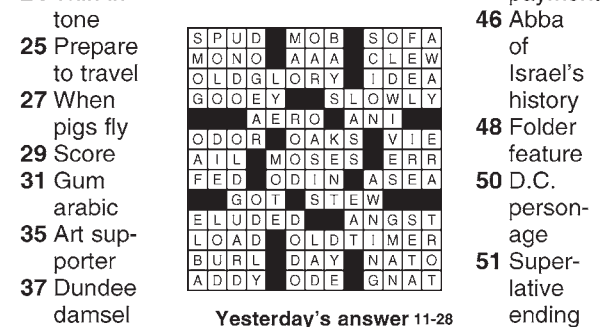
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| 21 Clay, since 1964 | 54 Paddock parents | 10 Flower shop | 36 Reveal |
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| 24 Thin in tone | 56 Spelling contest | 17 Helix | 39 Once more |
| 25 Prepare to travel | 57 Concerning | 19 Prizes for "The Producers" | 40 Station lizard |
| 27 When pigs fly | | | 42 Tropical passenger's payment |
| 29 Score | | | 46 Abba of Israel's history |
| 31 Gum arabic | | | 48 Folder feature |
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Colby wrestlers are No. 1 to start season

Eagles debut against 6A Dodge City

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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Colby High wrestlers have earned two No. 1 state rankings and are No. 5 as a team entering Thursday's season-opening dual at 6A No. 7-rated Dodge City.

Returning state finalist Tate Carney joins consolation champion Austin Hart as Eagles starting atop all of Class 4A, according to Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association ratings released this week.

As a freshman, Carney posted a 36-5 record which included Great West Activities Conference and 4A Regional championships. He scored three more victories at state by a total score of 26-5 before losing his 106-pound state final to Corbin Nirschl of Basehor-Linwood.

Carney has moved up to the 113 class this season while Nirschl will be wrestling at 120, according to these pre-season rankings.

Andale sophomore Bryce Garcia — who lost a 2-0 semifinal vs. Carney last season — is rated No. 4 at 113.

Meanwhile, Hart took home 40 victories last season (40-9) en route to his second consecutive 4A state tourney. He needed only 11 seconds to pin his first state foe. Hart's 40th win was a 3-2 consolation finals triumph over Chandler Carter of DeSoto. Carter begins this season ranked No. 2 at 220 behind only Hart.

Sophomore Ethan Jay (31-13 record) is Colby's third state-rated wrestler entering that opener against Garden City. Jay's listed No. 3 among 4A heavyweights behind Chapman's Jason Zook and Baldwin's Jake Katzer.

Jay didn't face either of those top two during last year's state meet. He did pin El Dorado's Jacob Burnett — who starts this season at No. 4 — for one of his two state wins.

Senior Brett Schroeder and ju-

nior Bryce Amberger were two other Colby state qualifiers along with departed senior state finalist Andrew Taylor.

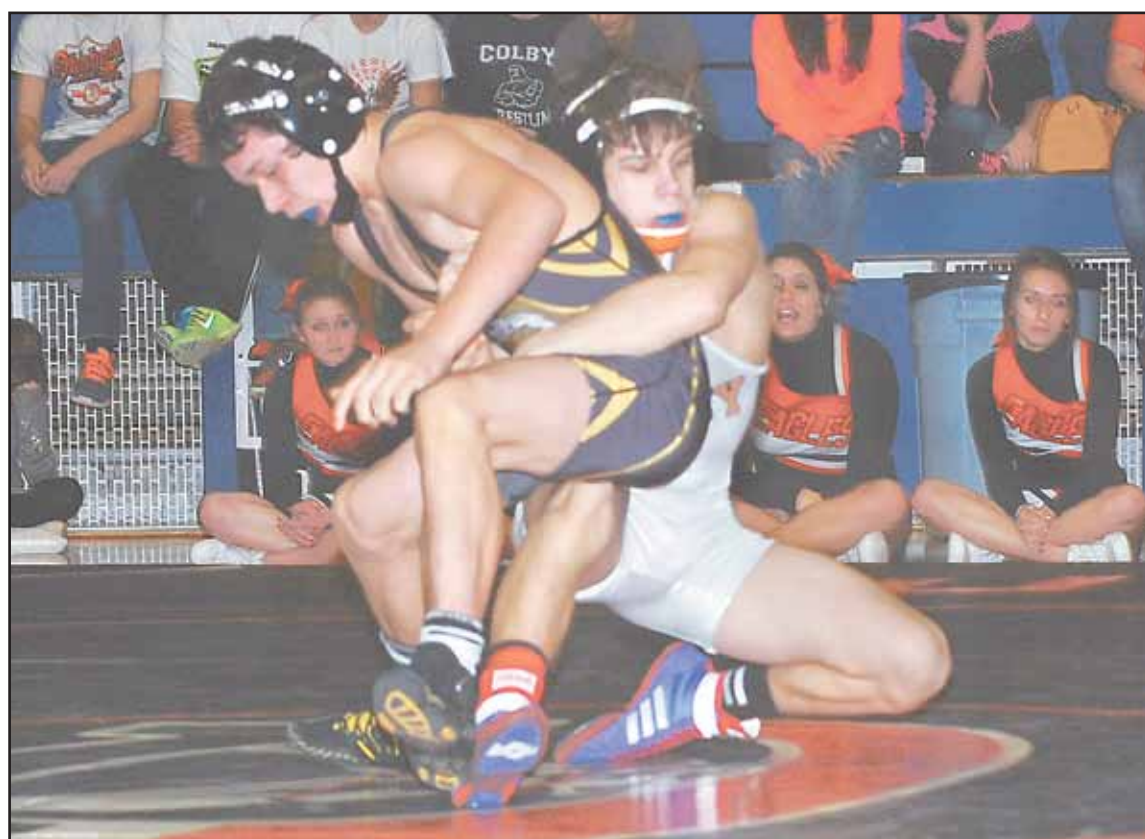
The Eagles finished fifth in 4A last season, just a 1/2 point behind Prairie View. Holton (114 points) took home the team title comfortably over Chanute (76) and Smoky Valley (72).

Chanute starts this winter as 4A's No. 1-rated team over Baldwin, Holton, Bonner Springs and Colby.

No other familiar Colby foes are state rated besides Norton being No. 1 again in 3A.

The Eagles defeated Dodge City, 43-23, to begin last year's dual schedule. However, the Demons feature seven 6A state-rated wrestlers starting this season led by Clay Weil's No. 2 spot at 126.

Colby's first home wrestling appearance will be a triangular with Oakley and Pine Creek on Thursday, Dec. 11 leading into the annual Eagle Invitational Dec. 12-13.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby High's Tate Carney (in white) dominated Goodland foe Tate Witherington throughout a 15-5 regional finals win last February in Colby. Carney eventually reached the 4A state wrestling finals.

Logan edges Bulldogs by one

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School boys played two very close games in Logan on Thursday, Nov. 20 with both the A and B teams losing by just one point.

The B-team played first and fell behind 12-2 in the first quarter.

They stayed the course and played stronger defense. With two baskets each from Colby Lathrop and Wade Rush, they closed the gap to 14-10 by halftime.

The Bulldogs, led by Rush, continued to work hard in the third adding another 10 points but they allowed the Trojans to put in 13.

Golden Plains was determined not to give up and held the Trojans to five fourth-quarter points while

adding 11 more, yet lost 32-31 to the Trojans.

Rush scored a team-high 25 points along with four from Lathrop and two by Austin Patmon.

The Golden Plains A team had a similar experience of falling behind in the first half as the Trojans led 10-5 at the end of the first quarter and 21-13 at halftime.

The Bulldog determination picked up in the third as they outscored the Trojans 8-4 with a couple of three pointers from Jacob Ritter and Dylan Spresser. They added another seven points in the fourth holding the Trojans to four, but fell short of the win 29-28.

Ritter scored 10 of the Bulldog points along with six from Spresser, Wade Rush six, Caleb Korte four, and Nolan Ritter two.

"These were very close games," eighth-grader Nolan Ritter said. "Our defense stole the ball and our free throws went fairly well. We always need to work on free throws and improve our out-of-bounds plays."

The Bulldogs played their first home game on Tuesday against Triplains-Brewster.

Watch for results in an upcoming *Free Press*.

LYN CHENEY/Golden Plains schools
Wade Rush ascended for two points while Golden Plains Middle School teammates Jacob Ritter (left) and Caleb Korte hustle to follow the play during basketball action in Logan on Thursday, Nov. 20. Bulldogs



Sports schedule

Today
Men's college basketball: Colby vs. Hill at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Men's college basketball: Colby vs. Northeastern at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's college basketball: North Platte at Colby, 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's college basketball: Colby at KSU-Salina, 7 p.m.

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