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County votes to fill hole in road

28 where the township has refused to replace sand removed for work on other roads, the commissioners decided at their Wednesday meet-

Linda Sowers, wife of Commissioner Byron Sowers, raised the issue again at the meeting after visiting privately with Road Department Supervisor Clair

She said Schrock told her he "didn't think it would cost that much" for the county to fill the hole, which had been dug by the township board's president, Lonnie Wilson. Wilson ran against Byron Sowers in primary elections held earlier this year.

had washed out in a heavy rain, revealing sand that was good for See "ROAD," Page 2

County road crews will fill a use on other township roads. So, controversial hole in County Road he removed more of the road and right-of-way to harvest more of the sand. Wilson previously said he planned to fill the area, but Linda Sowers said the open pit has been there for three years without any efforts to refill it.

Commissioner Paul Steele said it is unlikely that the township will repay any of the cost to fill the hole. But he said he supported the idea of having the road department fix the problem.

Byron Sowers jokingly suggested the road department could get the fill dirt from the pasture next door to the hole, which is Wilson's pasture.

"Are we willing to eat the cost, or are we willing to sue the town-Wilson previously said the area ship to pay us back?" asked Com-

School honors founders' work

By Sam Dieter

Heartland Christian School recognized its founders during the school's annual banquet, talking about the school's history and how the three men helped it to grow.

To start the festivities Mark Myers, Lynn Goossen and Randy Regier rose to be recognized while a crowd of around 220 guests at the school's annual "Partners for the Future" banquet Nov. 21 applauded them. The men founded the school in 1995 as a place for their children to get a good Christian education.

Students at the school sang and recited Bible verses to start the banquet, then organizers played video interviews of the founders. conversation they had at a feedlot 20 years ago. The men made See "SCHOOL," Page 2

up their minds they could not let Colby Free Press their children go through public sdieter@nwkansas.com school, considering the sorts of things they were likely to learn there. It soon became apparent to them that to get their kids a Christian education, they would have to build a school themselves; no other one would provide what they were looking for.

When the school first started at Mingo Bible Church, it had 28 students. The next year, there were over 50 of them, and today there are 71.

Since Heartland was founded at about the same time Colby High By John Hanna School was built, its founders were able to get modular classrooms from the public schools which they hauled to Mingo on flatbed trailers pulled by tractors.

The founders saw the hand



Santa season starts up here

Christmas cheer was in the air Sunday as a local resident playing Mr. Claus (above) greeted Annica Prochazka, 3, at Santa City in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, the second day Santa City was open. On Saturday, Joyce Faidley (right), a Colby native who lives in Sacramento, Calif., stopped to speak with Ray Imhoff at the holiday craft fair in the Community Building while she was home to visit family and friends over the holidavs.

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Speaker wins second term

AP Political Writer

Ray Merrick easily won a second term today as the chamber's top leader, despite a recent controversy over his comment in an interview Goossen and Regier recalled the of God at work in them finding that government employees "produce noth-

Merrick's fellow Republicans appeared to Paul Davis of Lawrence gave up his House See "SPEAKER," Page 2

ignore complaints from state workers and a seat to run unsuccessfully for governor. Burpublic campaign against him from the Kansas roughs prevailed in a 17-11 vote over Rep. Jim Democratic Party. GOP House members and TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas House Speaker members-elect voted 80-16 to retain Merrick

as their leader for the next two years. Meanwhile, House Democrats picked veteran Rep. Tom Burroughs of Kansas City to serve as the chamber's minority leader. The job was open because former Minority Leader

Ward of Wichita.

Lawmakers met at the Statehouse to pick leaders for 2015 and 2016. The entire House must ratify Merrick's selection as speaker when members open their 2015 session in January, but that's considered a formality because



Angels hope to make kids' Christmas great

Big Brothers Big Sisters of gift. Thomas County is supporting the children in its program this holiday season by collecting money and gifts for the organization's Christmas party.

A handful of kids – "littles" and one "big" who are part of the or-Farm and Home on Tuesday afternoon to decorate an "angel tree" in front of the store. Angels with the names of littles who need gifts written on them were hung on the

The organization asks people to deliver presents to the United Methodist Church by Wednesday, Dec. 17. Director Orvella Romine said gifts will be given out at the party on Dec. 20.

Children in the program, known ganization - gathered at Orscheln as "littles," are matched with mentors, or "bigs," who might notes asking them to make a taxbe adults or teens who are still in school themselves. Aricka Bryant and Caelen Arendt, both 10, and Lendon Clapper, 9, showed up at tree, with the hope that someone the store to help decorate the tree, will take one and buy the child a along with Bridget Bickner, 18, a

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Caelen Arendt (left), and Aricka Bryant, both 10-year-old "littles" with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County, hung decorations on the organization's Angel Tree, Tuesday at Orscheln Farm and Home, in the hope that customers will buy a gift for one of the "angels" on the tree. Bridget Bickner (right) a Colby High senior and a big with Big Brothers Big Sisters, helped them.

senior at Colby High School who is a big in the in School Program. Littles in that program interact with their bigs during school

The organization will also have its second annual stocking drive to support the program. Stockings will be mailed out to people with deductible contribution to the program. You can also buy a stocking at Dillons for \$1; the cashier will hang up the stocking with your or a family member's name at the front of the store.

The organization has 41 matches this year, and is looking for 50 in the coming year.



Area/State

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 15. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny; high near 57. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. Light and variable wind becoming north 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Wednesday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around 21. Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Thursday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 26.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Friday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 28. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 55.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of rain. Cloudy; high near 51.

Wednesday: High, 48; Low 19 Thursday: High, 61; Low 25 Friday: High, 77; Low 27 Saturday: High, 71; Low 18 Sunday: High, 21; Low 7 November: 0.05 inches

Year: 16.84 inches Normal: 20.65 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset

7:46 a.m. 5:21 p.m. Moon: waxing, 84 percent Wednesday 7:47 a.m. 5:21 p.m. Moon: waxing, 91 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

School honors founders

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when they moved the school to its current location in the old Colby Plaza, an empty shopping center on the northwest side of town. The state had historically bad weather that year, they working on the school instead.

first school, and again in 2002 Regier said anyone who could not see the hand of God in that deal is blind.

said, which meant people who challenging the crowd to find not longer working to keep the couldn't farm spent their time out where God wants them. It school going for his children, could be giving money to the but rather his grandchildren. Furthermore, the owner of the school, sending their kids there

building, which had last sold or taking up a leadership posifor \$800,000, eventually agreed tion. Mostly, they said, people land in Mingo to locate their to sell it to them for \$125,000. should be praying for the school.

Other interviews were shown with students and teachers talking about what their education The founders took the stage has done to help them. Many near the end of the presentation, of the teachers attended the giving the credit to God for put-school when they were young, ting them in the right place, and and Regier pointed out the he is

County votes to repair road

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missioner Mike Baughn.

Steele said he felt a lawsuit would just cause more expense in legal fees, so he suggested cap-

ping the expense at \$1,500 and forgetting about a lawsuit. During their discussion on this issue, the com-

missioners received a call from the county attorney on another matter but did not ask him any questions about the county's liability if someone gets hurt on that road or whether the county was permitted to fix the problem at all.

County Clerk Shelly Harms wondered aloud what the county would do if this kind of situation

Steele said the board would deal with that when

"I want it done," he said.

Sowers moved to direct the road department to fix the problem. He and Steele voted in favor of the motion, but Baughn opposed it.

After the motion passed, Schrock said he would add the project to his winter work schedule and moved to leave. Linda Sowers followed him into the hall afterward for a private discussion.

Byron Sowers recently received a threatening, anonymous letter but it is unclear whether the letter is directly connected to this situation.

NASA launching new spacecraft the decade ahead. Advertised going to be sturdy enough and

By Marcia Dunn

AP Aerospace Writer CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) – NASA's quest to send astronauts out into the solar system begins this week with a twolaps-around-Earth test flight.

The new Orion spacecraft is not going to Mars just yet; Thursday's debut will be unmanned and last just 4 1/2 hours. But it will be the farthest a builtfor-humans capsule has flown since the Apollo moon missions, shooting 3,600 miles out into space in order to gain enough momentum to re-enter the atmosphere at a scorching 20,000 mph.

The dry run, if all goes well, will end with a Pacific splashdown off Mexico's Baja coast. Navy ships will recover the capsule, a la Apollo, for future use.

with 1,200 sensors to gauge its durability for the day when as- for potential Mars trips. tronauts do climb aboard during

pioneers," said William Hill of NASA's exploration systems development office. "We're going out to stay eventually.... It's many, many decades away, but that's our intent."

Lockheed Martin Corp. built the capsule and is staging the \$370 million test flight for NASA.

Orion is NASA's first new spacecraft for humans in more than a generation, succeeding the now-retired space shuttles. Unlike the capsules under development by two U.S. companies for space station crew transport, Orion is meant for the long haul, This initial Orion is rigged both in time and space; it would be supplemented with habitats

"We need a spacecraft that's tem.

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Late Night

Local Programs

destinations include an asteroid robust enough" to carry astroto be corralled in lunar orbit for nauts well beyond low-Earth human exploration in the 2020s, orbit for weeks and months at followed by Mars in the 2030s. a time, said Lockheed Martin's "We're approaching this as Bryan Austin, a former NASA shuttle flight director who will oversee Orion's maiden voyage.

"That's how Orion really separates itself from the commercial field. They're there to get you to station and back. Of course, we're there to be hardened enough to sustain it for that long duration."

For this orbital tryout, a Delta IV rocket will hoist Orion from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Liftoff is scheduled for 7:05 a.m. EST, just after sunrise. The rocket, with Orion and its launch escape tower at the tiptop, stretches 242 feet high.

Future Orion launches will use the mega rocket still under development by NASA, known as SLS or Space Launch Sys-

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.

Army needs help ringing its bell

Thomas County Salvation Army volunteers need people to man the red kettle at Walmart through the Christmas season. To join up, call Sue Drap-

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 blood drive at college Thursday

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.

Dance planned Saturday at Legion Hall There will be a public dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby

Duffey, (785) 269-7057. Orchestra plans evening holiday concert

American Legion Hall. Ray Gerver will play. For information, call Lue

Beverly Rucker will conduct the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra at 7 p.m. Saturday 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 Saturday

The High Plains Lions will have a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday 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 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.

Light parade Sunday; registration Friday

The 17 annual Christmas Light Parade will be at 5:45 pm. Sunday beginning at Second and Franklin. Entries are due Friday at the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 460-3401.

Nativity sets on display at church 'Nativi-Tea'

Come and view over 300 nativity sets on display and enjoy a cup of hot cider and a cookie at the First Presbyterian Church's Nativi-Tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 462-6342 for questions.

Methodist women plan homes tour Sunday The Colby United Methodist Women plan their annual Hoiday Homes

Tour from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 to 12, may be purchased at the church, from any member or at the door of the homes; all proceeds go to mission projects. Homes this year are Stan and Maradith Molstad, 1045 Villa Vista; Melany and Sandy Wilks, 285 N. Garfield Ave.; Drew and Julie Barns, 1809 Harvey Court; and Terri Cloe, 230 S. Grant. For information, call the church office at 460-2761 or Kathy Calliham at 462-2081.

Construction shifts emergency room entry

Due to construction, access to the Citizens Medical Center emergency room will be through the southwest "birthing room" entrance off Franklin Ave. through Monday. Concrete work between the hospital and clinic has closed off the College Drive entrance. For information, contact Megan Carmichael at 460-1214.

Kansas House Speaker wins his second term ter an interview with The Wichita Eagle tions.

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the GOP will have a 97-28 majority.

income tax cuts enacted in 2012 and 2013 budgets totaling more than \$700 million, and view. Merrick has said the state has a spending

problem, not a revenue problem. The speaker made headlines recently af- many state workers make valuable contribu- illegal immigration. He later apologized.

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Hotel (N)

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orgot (N) Christmas

NCIS: "Kill Chain" HD

MasterChef Junior (N)

The Voice (N) HD

in which he said government employment Democrats launched a symbolic online doesn't stimulate the economy. petition calling for Merrick's ouster. The

and a strong backer of aggressive personal ing. They're a net consumer. And you got Rep. Virgil Peck, of Tyro, whose backers that cost forever and ever and ever because touted his experience on the House Approat GOP Gov. Sam Brownback's urging to they're on the KPERS (pension) plan, priations Committee. boost the state's economy. The state now they're on all the government insurance and

A spokeswoman issued a statement call-

Merrick, from Stilwell, is a conservative "Government employees produce noth- speaker's challenge Monday came from

Peck had a serious gaffe in his past, too. faces shortfalls in the current and next state everything," Merrick said during the inter- In 2011, as lawmakers studied a plan to control feral hogs by allowing them to be shot from helicopters, Peck joked that if the idea ing the comments "poorly phrased" and said worked, the state might have a solution for

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TUESDAY EVENING

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Hotel Impossible

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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MAX

Serenity ('05, PG-13) ★★★½ Nathan Fillion. HD

We're the Millers ('13, R) ★★★ HD Zane's Sex Chronicles

Friends

Parks HD

Law & Order: SVU HD Weave Trip Michelle

60 Minutes Sports HD

Deaths

Monument, to Gilbert and Bernice (Huddelston) Close. In 1944 he graduated from Monument High School and joined the Air Force. August 1946.

On Nov. 8, 1953, he married Ruth "Marie" Gidley in Page City.

He farmed for his brother-inlaw. Charlie Hockersmith, in Gove, and then with his brother Stuart Close. Together they bought the John Deere/GMC dealership in Oakley; later he was the sole owner.

He was a former chairman of the Logan County Hospital board of trustees, chairman of the Logan County Healthcare Foundation and on the board of directors of the Farmers State Bank. He was a member of the Gove Masonic Lodge and the Gove United Meth- be left at www.baalmannmortuodist Church. He enjoyed collect- ary.com ing old tractors and cars and had a

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club met 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Preceding him in death were his wife; a son, Greg Glen Close; three sisters, Lural Barrand, Lora He was born March 23, 1926, in Dell Hockersmith and Mary Lou Shipley; and two brothers, Boyd Close and Stuart Close.

Survivors include a daughter, Melinda (Mike) Moeder, Oakley; He was discharged as a sergeant in three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center in Oakley, with burial in the Monument Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Baalmann Mortuary in Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to the Oakley Emergency Medical Services, the Oakley Fire Department or the United Christian Church building Fund, in care of the mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Condolences for the family may

Fourth graders learn about business Lori Truetken's fourth grade well, calculated how much mon- where they went through the Each day, students kept a ledger

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store front, etc. After preparing a treats to the third and fifth grade students made their bank pay-

of their income and expenses.

Many changes mark her tenure in office

As I near the end of my stewardship as Kansas Insurance Commissioner, I found some interesting statistics about the insurance industry in Kansas while cleaning out some old files. The comparisons below show how insur-

ance in Kansas has changed over the past dozen years. Because most of the information is based on fiscal years (from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next), I thought I would share with you how the numbers looked in Fiscal Year 2003 compared to the most current fiscal year numbers we have available.

• Money sent to the state general fund: In 2003 the Kansas Insurance Department passed \$94.9 million to the state general fund budget in collected fees and insurance taxes from companies and agents. In 2014, that number was \$173.438 million.

 Consumer complaints: I believe that every year I have been commissioner we have had fewer consumer complaints about insurance issues. In 2003 we had 5,757 actual filed complaints. In 2013 the number was 2.696. I think our emphasis on consumer education, and our advocacy for policyholders when they had issues with companies, have contributed mightily toward that decline. Being a savvy insur-



Sandy Praeger

 Kansas Ins. Commissioner

before they become issues.

• Recovery of money for consumers: With the number of consumer complaints going downward year after year, that means that the amount of money we can recover from companies goes down too. In 2003 we recovered \$7.58 million in money for policyholders over and above what the company offered in initial settlements; that number in 2013 was \$3.83 million. Again, savvy consumers and Insurance Department advocacy stopped concerns from becoming complaints.

• Number of licensed agents: With products and markets increasing, the number of licensed agents in Kansas has boomed during the past 12 years, mostly in the number of nonresident agents doing business in the state. In 2003 there were 23,292 resident agents and ance consumer means taking care of concerns 33,768 nonresident agents. As of late Novem-regulation, education and advocacy.

ber 2014 we had 22,535 resident and 92,284 nonresident agents for a total of 114,819. With that number, I think you could say the insurance potential for agents looks pretty good.

• Number of department employees: When I began my tenure in 2003 the department had 157 full-time employees. Presently we have 123. We have been able to reduce the number of employees because of enhancements to our computerized processes, natural job attrition and the hard work of the long-time employees who absorbed the workload.

 Growth of the industry in the state: In 2003 the insurance industry in Kansas was an \$11 billion economic force. Today that number stands at \$17 billion. Through careful use of free market principles and judicious regulation, the department continues to oversee a vibrant industry that serves both consumers and companies fairly.

• One other growth item: More than 240 additional companies have been licensed to do business in the state since 2003.

I'm proud of the accomplishments of the department and our staff members during my tenure. I believe, on the whole, we have done a good job of balancing the three-legged stool of

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odist Church with 12 members

Marian Boyd was scheduled to have the program, but due to her recent hospitalization was not present. President Marlene Carpenter gave a presentation about

Nov. 11 at the Colby United Meth-

Dr John Cody and his love for painting silk moths. She passed around the book "Wings of Paradise" for everyone to see. Carpenter called the meeting to

order and reports were given.

Barb Highland visited with the secretary at Heartland Christian School about what to do for the students who helped set up for the art show. She suggested the club purchase ice cream treats for them to have after football practices. She also said the students enjoyed helping and will help every year.

Ideas for changes for the next art show were discussed. Suggestions included:

• Changing the reception to Sunday so people from out of town would only have to make the trip to bring their artwork on Friday, then the reception could be at Montana Mike's. the same day as pick-up.

• More people helping hang pic-

• Change pick-up time to be 4 to

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- Only one person be in contact with the judge, the art show coor-
- Make changes to entry forms: if possible list the prize money to be paid and make the entry deadline date closer to the art show date. Include biography of judge.
- Put numbers on plaques beside the picture for use in voting for "peoples choice."
- · Provide emcee with a list of winners to announce.
- Put up more flyers and use local billboards. The nominating committee

presented a slate of officers: Bev Kern and Ruthie Hughes as copresident and vice president; Alice Wolf, treasurer; Kathie Payton, secretary; Marj Brown, historian; Alice Wolf, art show coordinator. With no nominations from the floor, these were unanimously elected as 2015 officers.

Brown's workshop on watercolor techniques was presented after the lunch break.

Next meeting will be the annual Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 9,

Alice Wolf, secretary

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Nominations sought for water leadership teams Name of recommended indi-

Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas, available at www.kwo.org, outlines a process for establishing goals by region as a means for measuring success and implementation of the Vision.

One step in the goal setting process is to identify up to a fiveperson Regional Goal Leadership Team for each of the 14 planning

The second draft of the Long- areas, shown in a map in the docu- well as present the draft goals to ment. These individuals should the Kansas Water Authority. represent various water resource categories - industry, stockwater, is seeking recommendations for municipal, irrigation, conservation, etc. The role of each team is to participate in a public scoping on public input and available resource condition information as metzger@kwo.ks.gov.

The Kansas Water Authority team members, to serve from January to August 2015.

If you are interested or have a process in their region, develop recommendation, please provide draft goals for their region based the following by Wednesday, Dec. 10, to Susan Metzger at susan.

colby.editor @ nwkansas.com

Authorities have decided not to he got the wrong building and charge him. But he plans to apologize to the florist.

Break-in actually a stunt gone awry PORTLAND, Maine (AP) - A ly/1qCaHDU) Nov. 10 he was try-floor window after realizing his Maine man who authorities origi- ing to surprise a friend by sneak- mistake and tripping the alarm. nally said fell to the sidewalk ing up the fire escape and climb-He suffered minor injuries. He says he'd been drinking beer

while rappelling down a fire esflower shop was actually part of a stunt that had gone awry.

Ronald Podlaski told the ended up in the florist. Portland Press Herald (bit.

ing in her apartment window. The cape after breaking into a Portland 29-year-old Podlaski, an artist and what he did was "foolish." who uses the name RookSye, says

He says he fell from a third-

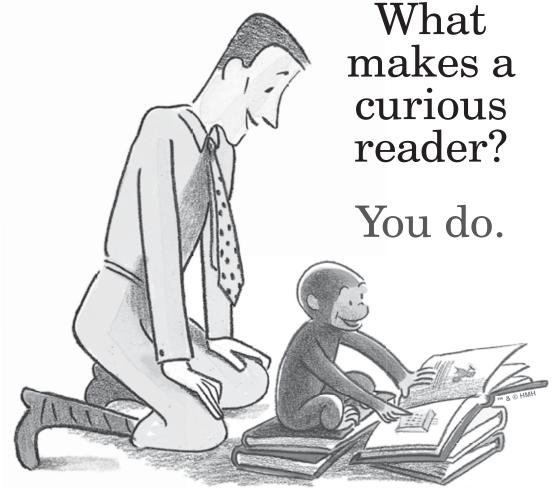
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Other **Viewpoints**

Pipeline approval should fall to states

When Congress – not if – sends the president a bill authorizing the Keystone XL oil pipeline, he ought to sign it contingent on approval by the legislatures in the states affected. The fixation on this pipeline has become irrational, and it shouldn't be decided by irrational politicians.

The Keystone is what is called a red herring. It's a distraction from more important issues. But it's one Republicans use to generate emotional capital they can use against the president.

The reality is both the concerns against and the benefits touted about the pipeline are exaggerated. The jobs would be temporary, so the economic benefit is grossly over promoted. It isn't about gas prices, which already are low and falling. At the same time, the environmental concerns seem hollow. Canada already is mining the oil, and the U.S. State Department has concluded the risk of an oil spill is slight.

First, know that two-thirds of the pipeline already is completed. It already carries crude from oil sand fields in Canada to Oklahoma, where it can get to the Gulf of Mexico. The proposed XL portion provides a couple of additions.

Consequently, it seems like the proverbial horse is already out of the barn, so why such a fight is being waged at the federal level is puzzling. But that's politics. And why this is another red herring – much like all the fuss over drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

The Keystone XL project fell a single vote short of proceeding in the Senate Nov. 17. Doesn't matter. It will be approved once Republicans take control of the Senate in January.

In the meantime, it's more fodder for politicians. Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran of Kansas go on ad nauseam about it. It's a favorite talking point.

and Roberts and Moran haven't done their constituents any favors by their role in the political crusade for this pipeline.

The debate shouldn't be in Washington but at the state level,

The fight should be in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where the state supreme court is still reviewing the route.

The debate is done for Kansas, where the pipeline already has been built. Here, state lawmakers gave TransCanada full latitude to use eminent domain to build wherever they wanted, nearly \$50 million in income tax credits and a 100 percent, 10year tax exemption.

Landowners and county governments got ignored when TransCanada built the 210-mile pipeline through six counties. Those counties – Washington, Clay, Dickinson, Marion, Butler and Cowley – lost about \$8.5 million a year on the deal. That while being tasked with providing fire and emergency service in the event of a pipeline explosion or other accident.

Given the limited economic benefit – the pipeline only sustains 50 jobs after construction – we shouldn't be giving tax incentives to a Canadian company to build an oil pipeline.

It isn't fair for politicians to cast away the interests of the local citizens who will live with the pipeline for their own po-

As for Kansas, if Roberts and Moran – and our House delegation – acted in our best interest, they would oppose more pipeline construction. From a provincial self-interest, we should prefer that oil be transported by rail. That would be to the benefit of a new industry we just attracted to our state – a rail tanker car refurbishing plant to be built in Hutchinson that will employ three times the number the Keystone XL will.

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ON THURSDAY...



BE THANKFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE.

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Where will spanking furor lead?

All this furor over spanking.

Where will it lead? What does it all mean? When I was growing up, spanking was just an accepted part of child rearing. If I knew anyone whose parents did not spank them, I can't remember.

At school, teachers were allowed to spank or paddle children. It never happened to me, and in grade school, it was rare. But in junior high, when the boys started to get cocky - and mouthy – it happened all the time.

The principal could have you paddled, of course, but the individual teachers had paddles in their classrooms. Some of the men had them on display. Mr. Collier, who taught social studies, had a fearsome reputation, and I knew boys who felt his board. Not me. I was an "A" student in geography.

At home, my dad was the disciplinarian, and when we were way out of line, he used his belt. We boys had to bend over a chair to give him a good shot, and looking back, I think the anticipation was almost worse than the blow.

My mom seldom spanked us, but if we really crossed her, she'd march us out to the forsythia bush in the back yard and cut a long, slender switch. If we'd been really bad, she might switch us all the way back to the house.

That switch stung, and I think we dreaded it more than dad's belt.

Steve Haynes

 Along the Sappa

Sure, it hurt, and sometimes it took your dignity away. Sometimes it just made me mad. It never injured us, even if it left a red spot or a little welt. I don't think I bring any shame to my family to talk about it, either. It was the way things were.

The four of us grew up to be decent, lawabiding, hard-working, successful people. Our child-rearing practices differed widely. Cynthia and I did spank our children, though not as often. I don't ever remember using a switch, certainly not a belt. Spanking was not a regular thing.

But that was the 1970s and '80s, and times have changed. If you leave a mark on a child today, you're liable to wind up facing felony charges. The old standards are gone, but no clear consensus has emerged on just what's allowed. Spanking in school, while still legal in some places, is next to unheard of.

And people from professional athletes to reading a good book or casting a fly.

your next-door neighbor wind up in the news for punishing their kids. It's hard to tell fact from fiction sometimes. The Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, for instance, was indicted for felony child abuse for using a "switch" to punish his 4-year-old son.

Opinion

ON FRIDAY...

One court document referred to it as a "tree branch," however, and the prosecution alleged the punishment left the boy with raised welts and bleeding. Mr. Peterson said he was just doing things the way they were done when he was a boy in East Texas. But breaking the skin would not be right, especially for a 4-year-old.

I'm still up in the air about all this. One comment by a self-appointed expert did make sense to me, though. A parent should never strike a child, she said, adding: "We shouldn't be teaching them that hitting someone is ever

That hit home, especially when you think about the consequences of young adult men running around, planning to "teach somebody a lesson" with their fists. Or about the case after case of public figures accused of slugging their wives or girlfriends.

Maybe hitting isn't the answer, huh?

Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers. When he has the time, he'd rather be

Short-term government no long-term fix

The current immigration hissy fit reminds me of two seventh-grade boys arguing, redfaced, nose-to-nose over some dispute on a

I taught seventh-graders once. Their level of maturity was actually greater than what we are seeing in the Halls of Congress. Similar to kids on a ball field, politicians on both sides are taking a short view, arguing about the immediate moment and failing to look way down the road. This petty gridlock of the past decade threatens to become perpetual gridlock unless we make a major change in our system or our representatives.

No one is looking at any possible long-term actions that could be taken. One might be to set a long-term target: perhaps in 50 years, all individuals could cross borders with virtually no restrictions, similar to the European Union. If a country started from allowing none, entry level would increase two percent a year until at the end of the 50 years there was total free flow. Visa policies and income-leveling would allow for reasoned and gradual adjustment in citizenship requirements. This looks far down the road, far beyond the time our politicians are in office.

Another advancement the U.S. will never have is high-speed electric trains. France, China and Japan long ago took the long view and made the commitment to build a successful system that is paying back over 30 years. We are unwilling to look beyond a few year's investment return, just as our politicians cannot look beyond the next election cycle.

The distinguished conservative diplomat George Kennan – who kept the Cold War from becoming a hot war – described the problem bluntly. Under our two-party system and short election cycles, politicians were forced into "vulgarity." By this he meant that more and more, elected officials had to do what appealed to the masses in order to be re-elected.



John Richard Schrock

 Education Frontlines

was a republic, not a pure democracy. Many great acts, such as Eisenhower's interstate system, were funded and built by votes of intelligent representatives who could take that long view when their constituencies could not. Some southern senators voted for the Civil Rights Act even though they knew the majority of their citizens opposed it. With fewer media networks and news cycles, they could survive. Now politicians focus on garnering votes with various constituencies rather than providing long-term legislation.

Every winning party declares that "the people have spoken" after every election. But the majority of people did not speak at all - they stayed away from the polls. America has an abysmal election turnout. No party can ever claim to speak for the majority. At best, they are a majority of the minority.

But anyone who thinks that everyone who voted Republican is of one mind ignores the major split between tea party and moderate Republicans. And the same can be said between the liberal wing and moderates of the Democrat Party.

With another 2.5 billion people on earth by 2050, we cannot live and consume resources at our current rate. Our policies on food supply, banking, travel, housing and immigration will have to be altered dramatically and intel-

George Kennan advocated for professionalism in politics. We need statesmen of proven ability and judgement who can avoid the Kennan clearly saw that the United States whims and pressures of public opinion and the

"vulgar" requirements of seeking and maintaining elected office. Kennan felt that liberty "possessed a value only in a well-ordered society. Otherwise, it degenerated into license."

Yes, our election cycle is too short to solve long-term problems. And our two-party system reduces every complex problem into simple-minded polarized alternatives. Kennan realized that if he publicly discussed

these shortcomings of our democratic system during the Cold War, he would be charged with supporting tyranny. With gridlock now the order of the day, and no Cold War afoot, it is perhaps time to question the two-party system and begin sending representatives into government who take the long view, and worry less about being re-elected.

John Richard Schrock, a professor of biology and department chair at a leading teacher's college, lives in Emporia. He emphasizes that his opinions are strictly his own.

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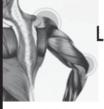
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Antiques and Collecting

Store figures worth big bucks

barber pole or carved cigar Indian worth as much as an oil painting of the same age? Some collectors today think so. One bidder

paid \$42,550 for a well-doc-

umented Indian

maiden cigar

store figure at a 2014 antiques auction. The hand-carved figure was pictured in the 1970s book, "Treasury American Design," which discusses 1935 WPA project. Jobs were scarce during the Depression and the project gave jobs to artists who created watercolors of important American folk art. These origi-

nal pictures can be viewed at the National Gallery of Art. You can see them online at www.nga. gov (search for "Index of American Design"). The wooden Indian was the accepted sign in

2014.

Antique cigar store Indi-

ans continue to be popu-

lar with collectors. This

19th-century figure of an

Indian maiden, 68 inches

high, sold for \$42,550 at

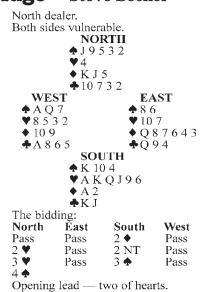
Cottone Auctions in March

front of a tobacco shop by the 1840s, but it was almost gone by 1900, replaced by flat signs with store names. The term "cigar store Indian" today includes all the wooden or metal figures used as store signs in the past. Most of them did represent American Indians and were dressed in traditional feathers and robes. Many held tobacco leaves.

The record price for a Santa Claus figure, set at Sotheby's in January 2014, is \$875,000. The Santa Claus figure was made in 1926 by Samuel A. Robb, who also carved American Indians. Even if a figure is a clown, dandy, Turk, soldier, young girl, Chinese man, Scotsman, Santa Claus AB WUD IUAED, X QAW AG or anyone else, all are referred to as "cigar store

Thanksgiving dining-room table. The hardest stains to remove from a tablecloth - or a blouse are gravy and Merlot wine. (c) 2014 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker



Famous Hand

The 1991 world team championship produced a major surprise when Iceland, not one of the pretournament favorites, won the title in a field of 16 star-studded teams. On the way to victory, the Icelanders ousted the United States and Sweden before defeating Poland handily in the 160-deal This deal from the final produced a big gain

for the winners. When an Icelandic pair held the North-South cards, they reached four spades as shown. South's two-diamond opening showed a powerful hand, and North's heart responses were attempts to get South to bid spades. After the second attempt, South accepted the transfer and became declarer at four spades. West led a heart to South's jack, and declarer,

Thorlakur Jonsson, immediately played the king of trumps. West won and returned a low trump to South's ten, after which Jonsson had an easy path to 10 tricks. He ran his hearts until West trumped in, and his only other loser was the ace of clubs. At the other table, the Polish South wound

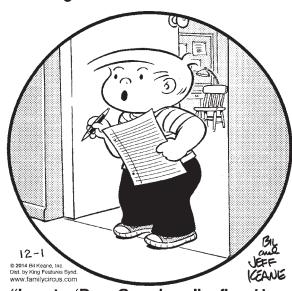
up in four hearts, and West led a diamond. Declarer won with the ace and played four rounds of trumps, on which he unaccountably discarded two of dummy's spades. The spade ten was then led to West's queen,

and his diamond return was taken by dummy's king. Declarer ruffed a diamond and led the spade king, but because of South's spade discards from dummy, West, Orn Arnthorsson, was able to present declarer with a problem. After taking the spade king with the ace, Arnthorsson exited with a spade to dummy's jack.

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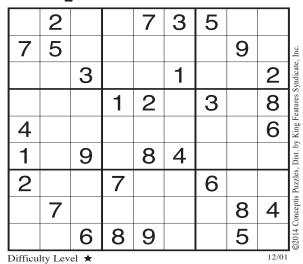
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I wrote, 'Dear Grandma. I'm fine. How are you?' ... Do I need anything else before I write my wish list?'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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5	8	4	3	2	9	7	1	6
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Cryptoquip

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To place your classified ad, mail (155 W. Fifth), fax (785-462-7749), phone (785-462-3963), or stop by our office at 155 W. Fifth

Notices

Divorce Recovery for Women (for women in all stages of divorce) Mondays, January 12, 2015 through March 16, 2015. 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Sunflower Bank of Colby (basement). 10 weeks of support and healing. Sad, angry, confused? We CAN help! ---12/1---12/5---

Farmer's Christmas Market Craft Show, BP Miller Building, 895 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, KS. Saturday, December 6, 2014, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Linda's Bakery, Way Back Yonder, Made of Iron, The Ruffled Apron, Odds 'n Ends, Rall's Furniture Restoration, Sassy Home Designs, Kreations by Kristy, L's Homemade Wheat Free Products & Homemade Applesauce, Geraldine's Sugar Cookies, Parker's Homemade All Beef Summer Sausage & Spicy Mustard. ---11/24---12/5---

Public Notice--Colby Public **Schools** is accepting food bids for next semester. Please call 460-5000 for specification sheets. Bids are scheduled to be opened at noon on Wednesday, December 3, 2015. ---11/24---12/1---

O' Christmas Tree - Fraser and Noble Trees, Wreaths, Garland and so much more! We invite you to our 5th Christmas Tree Open House with cookies, cider and hot chocolate too! Sunday, November 30, 2014, 1 - 6 p.m., 3380 W. 4th Street in Colby, KS. Inquiries or to pre-order, call: Cathy Carney 785-443-3448 or Joyce Maupin 785-443-1064. Open weekdays 5 - 8 p.m. & weekends 1 - 6 p.m.

---11/20---12/10---

Carpet Cleaning: 3 Room Special - \$149.95! Dry-Foam safe & Green Seal approved. Serving NWKS mileage free since 1987. Call today: A+ Cleaners 785-538-2526 or 785-443-5400, Johnene

---9/3---01/15---

Dan is back! Dan Geschwentner. Small remodeling and repair jobs. Call 785-443-3673.

---12/15---TFN---

Classified ad deadlines (word ads only). Noon the day before publication (noon Friday for Monday paper). Ads going into the Country Advocate need to be in on Thursdays. Please check your ad the First time it runs. If you find an error, please call at (785) 462-3963 so it can be corrected, since we will not be responsible for errors after that first day. The Colby Free Press.

---3/1---TFN---

Help Wanted

Fitz Meats - Full or part time positions available. No prior experience needed. Competitive wad ing at \$10 per hour. For more information e-mail Ed at ed@fitzmeats. com, call 785-953-1382 or stop by for an application at 3547 Highway 40, Oakley, KS 67748.

---12/1---12/19--

Rawlins County USD 105 is accepting applications for Full Time Transportation Director. Benefits include full single health insurance, KPERS retirement, life insurance, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Job descriptions are available at the district office. To obtain an application, please come to the district office at 205 N. 4th Street, call 785-626-3236 or go to www. usd105.org. Rawlins County USD 105 is an equal opportunity em-

---11/26---12/10---

Help Wanted

Make a Career Call and "Taste The Success" Part Time Detailer, Frito-Lay, Inc. the world's snack food leader, has an immediate opening in Colby. Responsibilities include merchandising our complete line of products to existing accounts supporting lead RSR, building displays. You will be using your own vehicle to drive to store locations. Candidates must possess the following: Clean Driving Record, Weekend & Holiday Availability, HS Diploma or Equivalent Preferred. Frito-Lay offers a competitive pay of \$10/hr and flexible schedule, approximately 4-8 hrs per week. Interested candidate must apply at www.fritolayemployment.com EOE M/F/D/V

---12/1---12/12---

Customer Service Representative/Teller - Peoples State Bank, Colby. Full or Part-time positions available. Requires dependability, cash handling and excellent skills in customer service. Send resume to PO Box 869, Colby, KS 67701. ---11/28---12/11---

USD 275 Triplains is accepting applications for the position of Board Clerk/Secretary. Fund Accounting, payroll, computer skills, communication skills, and record keeping all requirements. Position open until

filled. Applications are available at the USD 275 District Office. Or contact Lamar Bergsten, PO BOX 97, Winona, KS 67764. 785-846-7869 --11/26---12/10--

F/T Class A CDL Drivers must have clean MVR, at least 2 yr. OTR experience. DOT with alcohol and drug testing, Hopper experience a plus, home weekly, EOE. Call 785-462-0087.

---10/29---4/24---

Brewster USD 314 is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Part-time Assistant Custodian, Full-time Route Bus Driver. Applications may be downloaded from the District's website: www.usd314.k12.ks.us or by calling the District at 785-694-2236. Resumes may be emailed to jmills@ usd314.k12.ks.us.

---11/20---12/3---

Certified Medication Aide needed at Fairview Estates for our growing Assisted Living Facility. Competitive wages, AFLAC, and good working environment. Apply in person. Ask for Gary at 1630 Sewell Ave., Colby 785-462-2154

---11/17---12/9---

Full-Time Housekeeper needed for Assisted Living and Independent Living. Hours are Mon - Fri, No weekends or Holidays. Competitive pay and good working environment. Stop by Fairview Estates Retirement Community at 1630 Sewell Ave or call Gary at 462-2154.

---11/17---12/9---

CNA shifts available at Fairview Estates for our growing Assisted Living Facility. Flexible schedules, Friendly Environment, competitive wages, AFLAC and Shift Differentials. Contact Gary at Fairview Estates, 1630 Sewell Ave, Colby, KS (785) 462-2154. EOE

---11/17---12/9---

friends don't let friends drive drunk.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Public Notice

Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 315, Thomas County,

State of Kansas, is authorized by K.S.A. 72-8801, to make an annual tax levy at a mill rate not exceeding the statutorily-prescribed mill rate for a period of time not exceeding five years upon the taxable tangible property in the district for the purpose specified in said

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to exercise the authority vested in it by said law;

NOW, THEREFORE

Be It Resolved that:

RESOLUTION

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed 5 years in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including (1) Acquisition of computer software; (2) acquisition of performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) acquisition of building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) acquisition of school buses; and (8) acquisition of other fixed assets, and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the Board of Education of the above school district.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 315, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 17th day of November, 2014

Help Wanted

Rawlins County EMS is now accepting full-time and part-time applications for EMT's, AEMT's and Paramedics. Applicants should be motivated, comfortable taking care of patients for long transport times and dedicated individuals to work in a rural setting. Applicants must possess a valid Kansas Driver's License and be a certified Kansas EMT, AEMT or Paramedic. AEMT and/or Paramedic must have ACLS, and all positions require a CPR certification. No residency is required. Rawlins County EMS is a Type IIA service and is the primary 911 service. Rawlins County is located in North West Kansas at the intersection of Highway 25 and Highway 36. Rawlins County offers competitive pay with a great benefits package. Applications are available to pick-up, email and/ or fax. Submit an application or a resume to Rawlins County EMS Office P.O. Box 183, Atwood, Kansas 67730, Fax: 785-626-9486, or email: racoems@gmail. com. For more information please call Phone: 785-626-8052 or Cell: 785-626-6001.

---9/12---TFN---

Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc., 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire service call and alignment technicians. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement.

in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100. ---5/29---TFN---

Full time position includes com-

petitive salary and benefits. Apply

The Team at Kansasland Tire of Norton has an immediate opening for a service truck operator/general service person. Must have a valid drivers license. Competitive wages, 401k, insurance, & uniforms. Experience preferred, but not necessary we will train. Please stop by at 11101 Rd E1, Norton and pick up an application or call 785-877-5181 EOE.

---2/12---TFN---

PSI Transport, LLC, is always looking for livestock hauler: owner/ operators to pull our trailers and/or company drivers. Newer equipment and excellent benefit package. We primarily stay within the Midwest. To visit about our opportunities give us a call M-F at (785) 675-3881 or (913) 533-2478.

---6/16---TFN---

Storage

Storage Units For Rent 10'x20' -785-443-8658.

---11/26---12/10---

Apartments for Rent

2 Bedroom Apartment with all the amenities: A/C, washer/dryer, dishwasher. No pets, non smoking 785-460-0916 or 785-462-0274. ---11/20---12/3---

Houses for Sale

Newly renovated 2 BR, 2 Bath home in Colby. All new kitchen, new FA/CA, attached garage, \$79,000 785-460-6237 or 785-249-8946. ---11/28---12/26--

Misc. for Sale

Percentage of Mineral Rights in a producing oil field. Over 600 wells, 20+ new wells a year. Get a royalty check every month. 6.3% ROI for the last year. Will sell from \$425,000 up to \$937,500. This investment is "1031 TAX EXHANGE ELIGABLE" Private Party. Send inquiries to 155 W. 5th, Box P, Colby, KS 67701. ---12/1---12/29---

New Panasonic Reconditioned Sharp and Compact, Repair Vacuum and Steam Cleaner - Erwin Thiele 785-462-5572

---11/19---12/8---

For Sale Used Appliances: Electric range, propane range, refrigerators, window air conditioner, dishwashers, new electric water heater, fresh eggs 785-694-8013. ---11/5---12/1---

Pebble Embossed Plastic Banquet rolls 40'x300' (white) \$30 + tax. Can be purchased at the Colby Free Press, 155 W. 5th St.

---3/21---TFN---

Vehicles for Sale

1995 Ford F250 SuperCab XLT, Powerstroke, 7.3 L Turbo Diesel. Call 785-443-2473 evenings. ---11/24---12/8---

Call us before you pay your next insurance premium. American Family Insurance - Rita Peters Agency - Colby 785-462-8246. ---1/18---TFN---

Do you have an empty farm stead that needs looking after? I can care for yards, live stock, up keep on out buildings and small repairs. Call Gary 719-691-1638 live in Kansas. ---11/24---12/8---

Want to buy John Deere diesel and Deutz diesel air cooled engines. Running or not 785-263-6275.

---11/17---12/12---

Wanted: Owner Operators to run all states except California and New England. Reefer, Flatbed and Tanker experience preferred. Please call Jim 785-675-1737. ---10/1---TFN---

Services

System Administration, Information Technology. Keep your business running in top gear with quality, professional IT expertise. Full gamut service. Over 25 years' experience in computer systems. I manage your 5 to 50 business computer network, on-site 1 day per week, with annual contract. Business references available. JB Tech, Jeff Brittenham 785-953-7221.

---12/1---1/5---

Tree Trimming & Removal. Cold weather - No Problem! Bucket truck, stump grinder, insured. Call Kerry 785-626-4261.

---11/7---3/30---

Bixenman Construction concrete, decorative concrete, kitchens, bathrooms, additions, steel siding and roofs, and vinyl siding. 785----10/31---12/26---

Beckman Fencing - For all your fencing needs specializing in barbwire, pipe corrals, continuous fence, chain link, privacy fences, and concrete flat work. Contact Jerad 785-672-7607.

---10/27---12/5---

Colby Community College Chartwells Dining Service is

now taking applications for an Assistant Manager & Line Cook. Salary is negotiable & based on experience. Hours are flexible. Please stop by the Student Union at Colby Community College & request an application. EOE, M/F/V/D, AA.

Wanted

Tree Service: Call Abel Tree Service LLC for tree removal, stump arinding and trimming. Equipped with a bucket truck. In the Colby area now! Call 785-871-7275 now for free estimates. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Services

---5/9---TFN---

Do Your Feet Hurt? We can help with I-Step Technology. We also provide medicare approved diabetic shoes up to size 15 with doctors prescription by appointment only. Currier Drug, Inc, Atwood. 1-800-696-3214.

---4/22---TFN---

Public Notice

FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE COLBY FREE PRESS NOVEMBER 24, 2014

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

CLINTON EARL GRIFFIN, Deceased

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 2014-PR-19

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Bruce Earl Griffin and Connie L. Towey, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Clinton Earl Griffin, deceased, requesting that Petitioners' approved; accounts be settled and allowed: the heirs be determined: the Will construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees 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 Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Clinton Earl Griffin, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further

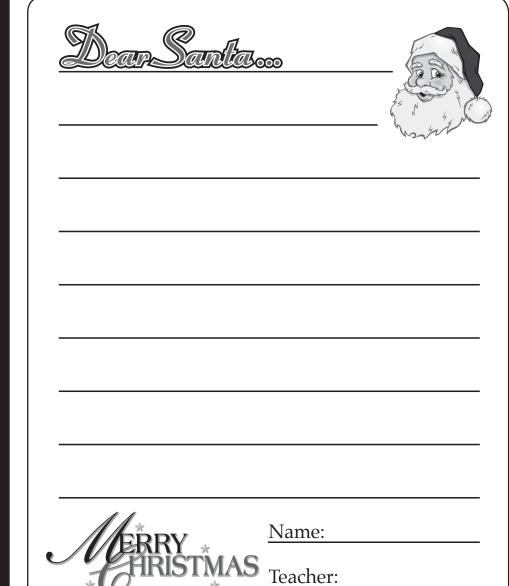
You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before December 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

> Bruce Earl Griffin, Petitioner Connie L. Towey, Petitioner

Bruce Flipse #10897 FLIPSE LAW OFFICE 325 North Chickamauga Avenue P. O. Box 606 Colby, Kansas 67701 (785) 460-3365 office (785) 443-2330 cell Attorney for Petitioners

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Monday, November 24, December 1, and December 8, 2014)

Calling all kids!!



Bring your Santa Letter by the office or mail to:

Colby Free Press 155 W. 5th St. Colby, KS 67701

Deadline for letters is Friday, Dec. 5th

Your letter will appear in the paper so Santa can read it!

FREE PRESS

Trojans split two

Freshman Brian Starr went supernova on Northeastern (Colo.) Junior College Saturday as his 18 points and 14 assists fueled a 74-67 Colby Community College basketball victory.

The Trojans (7-4 record overall) salvaged a split of their two Garden City Thanksgiving Classic contests. They shook off Friday's 100-80 setback against unbeaten Hill (Texas) College.

"They (Northeastern) are very comparable to what we'll play in the Jayhawk Conference," coach Rusty Grafel said as the Plainsmen (8-3 record) were returning from a 73-71 win over Garden City on Friday. "And after losing a game like we did yesterday, you have to find a way to turn right around and get a win. We did that. We can play at a high level if we put it all together."

Colby put together an attack featuring four double-figure scorers, including an excellent outside -inside combination of guard Khyree Wooten (15 points) and post player Ahmed Ismail (13 points, 10 rebounds).

Bruce Watkins, Jr., added 11 points, but it was Starr who really sparked the Trojan attack.

"Brian's capable of starting every game," Grafel explained about moving the Kansas City, Mo., native into Colby's lineup Saturday. "He's a true point guard for us."

Hill College played like a 7-0 team on Friday. The Texas team shot ahead 53-32 by intermission and never really cooled off behind guard Jermerrio Jones (28 points on 12-for-17 shooting).



Colby Community College's Brandon Trotter (3) was one of two Trojans to go for this block during a recent home basketball game. Trotter blocked three shots apiece against a pair of foes during last weekend's Garden City Thanksgiving Classic.

only other to reach double figures. 3, Starr 2. Steals: Watkins 3. Colby plays next at KSU-Salina Wednesday night.

Hill College 100, Trojans 80

Watkins' 23 points paced the ton 2, Meyer 1. Rebound leaders: Trojans but Starr (10) was their Leydig 7, Attia 7. Assists: Watkins

Trojans 73, Northeastern 67 **Colby** — Brian Starr 18 points, Khyree Wooten 15, Ahmed Ismail Colby — Bruce Watkins, Jr., 13, Bruce Watkins, Jr., 11; Lay-23 points; Brian Starr 10, Hassan ton Leydig 6, Brandon Trotter 4, Attia 8, Khyree Wooten 8, Joey Hassan Attia 4, Joey Meyer 2. Re-Meyer 7, Troy Mix, Jr., 7; James bound leaders: Trotter 10, Ismail Yarnton 6, Brandon Trotter 5, 10. Assists: Starr 14. Steals: Woo-Layton Leydig 4, Ahmed Ismail 2. ten 4, Starr 3, Trotter 2. Blocked Three-pointers: Watkins 3, Yarn- shots: Trotter 3, Attia 2, Ismail 1.

Broncos kick Chiefs all over Arrowhead

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - When Denver signed Connor Barth to take over their kicking duties this week, the veteran asked to wear No. 1 in honor of longtime Broncos kicker Jason Elam.

Seems only fitting in retrospect. Barth returned from a lengthy absence from the NFL to connect on all five of his field-goal attempts Sunday night, matching Elam's franchise game record and lifting the Broncos to a 29-16 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's crazy," said Barth, who missed all of last year after tearing his Achilles tendon in a charity basketball game. Peyton Manning threw touchdown passes to Demaryius Thomas and C.J. Anderson, who also ran for 168 yards, as Denver (9-3) remained a game up on San Diego in the bunched-up

The Chiefs (7-5) dropped two games back with their sixth straight loss to the Broncos.

"This was one of those fundamentally sound games," said Denver pass rusher DeMarcus Ware, who had an interception and a sack. "This is the time of year where the whole team comes together."

Alex Smith had 153 yards passing and two touchdowns for the Chiefs, the second of them to Jamaal Charles to make it 26-16 early in the fourth quarter. But Smith's pass on the 2-point try fell incomplete, and the Broncos added another field goal to put the game away.

ing for season-ending defeats last

winter. The Titans took Golden Plains' boys out of their playoffs,

1A state after beating substate finals foe Triplains-Brewster.

the 1A state championship game.

to see the Heartland Christian bas-

Thursday, Jan. 22: Defending 3A state wrestling champ Norton

duals the Eagles. Norton scored a

Thursday, Jan. 22 through Sat-

Eagle girls reached last year's

Kansas Libery League hoops tour-

ney heats up in Colby with finals on Saturday, Feb. 7. Triplains-

Brewster tries to defend its girls'

title won over Golden Plains.

Thursday, Feb. 5: The Western

tournament title game.

big win at Colby last season.

Building.

against Healy.

Golden Plains didn't stop until

Thursday, Jan. 13: Cowboy-

Peyton Manning threw for less than 200 yards Sunday night, but more than enough to lead the Denver Broncos' big win over AFC West challenger Kansas City Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium.

Smith was sacked six times and miss the rest of the season after a Denver held Kansas City to 151 yards of total offense.

It certainly wasn't the kind of performance expected of the for the red-on-red look, which Chiefs, who emerged in a frenzy before the game wearing all-red Dallas and this year versus New uniforms for the third time in fran- England. chise history.

eran safety Eric Berry, who will themselves a chance Sunday.

mass suspected to be lymphoma was found in his chest.

Berry has professed his love the Chiefs wore last year against

While the Chiefs won both of The Chiefs were honoring vet- those games, they hardly gave

Rossville rallies past Scott City in final

HUTCHINSON, Kan - The Rossville Bulldogs have taken a braved the odds, going for it on bite out of the history books, after finally winning their first state line and converting, keeping the championship in program history after beating Scott City in a 21-14 3A title game on Saturday.

"Any time you set a goal and you work together to reach that goal and you achieve it, well that's the ultimate," said Rossville Head Coach Derick Hammes.

Many considered last week's Eagle fun reaches the basketball biggest win in program history, as floor when both Goodland teams Silver Lake had eliminated Ross-Colby's Community ville eight times in the previous 12 count by Horak while putting a Tuesday, Jan. 20: A great chance postseasons.

That opinion would be short ketball teams at home in Colby lived.

"I am so happy for our seniors and proud of them, but I'm really happy for our community," said Hammes.

Scott City (12-1 record) suffered its first defeat after dominating Great West Activities Conferurday, Jan. 24: The annual Orange ence play and advancing to anothand Black Classic always brings great basketball to Colby. Those er state title.

With their backs against the wall, Scott City quarterback Trey O'Neil led the Beavers offense 84 yards to their first touchdown of the day, a 30-yard pass to Chantz Yager, to tie the game 7-7 just before halftime.

Scott City, searching for their state title in program history.

from catchitkansas.com third state title in three seasons. knew this was its chance.

> Beavers coach Glenn O'Neil 4th and one on the Scott 38-yard drive alive.

> As the Scott City offense marched down the field, the crowd grew louder and louder, nearly exploding when O'Neil connected with Sloan Baker for a 34 yard touchdown pass to put the Beavers up 14-7.

After driving to the Scott City victory over Silver Lake to be the 13-yard line, the Bulldogs were faced with a fourth down decision.

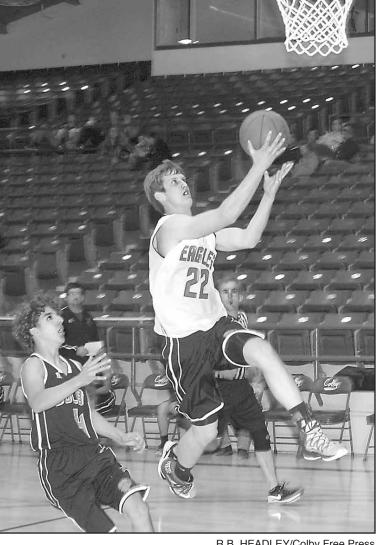
Hammes' call worked, as a hard man in motion drew the Beavers offside, giving Rossvile a first and goal on the eight yard line.

Horak would capitalize from the Scott City mistake with a five yard touchdown run to put the Bulldogs up 21-14 with less than one minute remaining in the game.

After a touchback on the kickoff, Scott City would run a double reverse, wide receiver pass from Brett Meyer to Yager for 21 yards to start the drive.

After an O'Neil spike to stop the clock, Lake Schultz-Pruner would intercept an O'Neil pass across the middle of the field, sealing the Beavers fate as state runnersup and clinching Rossville's first

They're back! Winter sports this week



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press Colby High senior Austin Russ soared to a layup even though sophomore Mark Faber hustled back during the Eagles' preseason scrimmage last week in the Colby Community Building.

The Eagles tip off varsity basketball action on Thursday in Hays.

With high school basketball and Rexford for a hoops doubleheadwinter both about to begin, here er. Remember, both were respondare a few dates that Colby-area sports fans should circle on their cold season calendars.

Monday, Dec. 8: Sagebrush while those Bulldog girls went to Shootout at Brewster tips off. These are the first home games for any Thomas County varsity hoops team with both Triplains-Brewster and Heartland Christian competing. Watch for a complete tournament schedule in an upcoming edition.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Both Colby High basketball teams play Hays start quite a weekend inside the Colby Community Building.

Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13: The annual Eagle Wrestling Invitational takes place at various sites around Colby, culminating with Saturday's championship

Saturday, Dec. 20: Goodland Dual Wrestling Tournament. The final pre-Christmas varsity action will match rivals Colby and Goodland again besides several top western Kansas teams.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Goodland wrestlers at Colby. How about this dual to start the new year? Colby's holding a 4A No. 5 state ranking entering the season, exactly where those Eagles finished last year.

Goodland's not rated which might make the Cowboys more dangerous.

Friday, Jan. 9: Another rivarly resumes when Golden Plains High welcomes Triplains-Brewster into



Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to.

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