



Activities keep school kids busy

By Sam Dieter
Colby Free Press
sdieter@nwkanasas.com

The middle school basketball season got off to a slow start in Hays, the Colby School Board learned, although the girls made a good showing in one of their games.

Athletic Director Larry Gabel reported at the meeting Dec. 15 that the eighth-grade boys team lost to Hays last week in the Hays Shootout. They played Ulysses on Tuesday and will play Holcomb on Friday.

The eighth-grade girls also lost to Hays, but played fairly competitively and came within four points of winning.

The high school's young scholars bowl team is doing well, Gabel said, having gained valuable experience when they put on a tournament here Dec. 8, even though they did not place in the top three. The high school and middle school winter concert Dec. 9 was well attended, and the district is waiting

for the results of the Kansas Music Educator's Association District Concert on Dec. 13 in Hays.

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

• Middle School Principal Robb Ross reported that the school has had very few calls after completing progress reports, mostly from parents asking for more information. The middle school is setting up a gmail address for each of its students, Ross reported, which will make it much easier for them to turn in assignments and communicate via computer.

The girls basketball and wrestling seasons finished up last week, Ross said, with the wrestling team placing third in the league overall, and individual wrestlers doing well on their own. The middle schoolers only have five basketball teams in their league right now, so they will not get to play a league tournament. Hugoton Middle School wants to

See "ACTIVITIES," Page 2

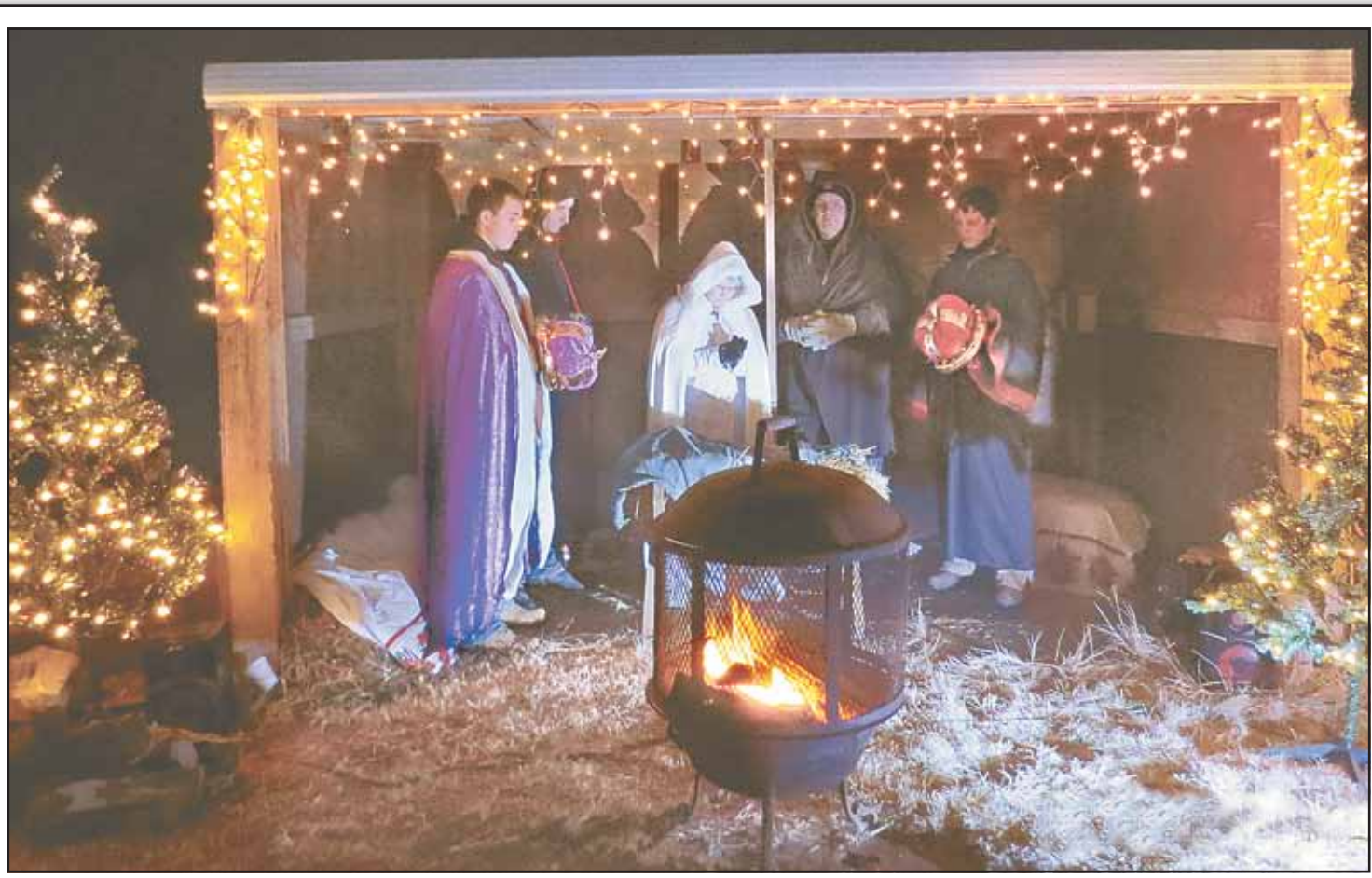
Weather snarls Tuesday traffic

Road conditions may have ruined some people's holiday travel plans Tuesday, as snowy weather spread east out of Colorado.

Blowing snow was already starting to pile up Tuesday morning on Interstate 70 as accidents were reported along the highway. The westbound lanes of the highway were closed down at 8:35 a.m. between Limon and Goodland. By around 9:30, accidents were being reported along the highway in eastern Colorado. A semi-truck crashed near the Edson

exit around 10:58, blocking the highway and forcing emergency responders to re-route westbound traffic at Brewster. About an hour later the Kansas Department of Transportation closed the highway at Colby, because of the accidents and snowy conditions.

A slideoff was reported north of town on K-25, around noon and other was reported three miles west along U.S. Around 1:30 p.m. The forecast was better for the rest of the week.



Nativity brings story to life



With some help from her friends, Jane Johnson held a living nativity at her home north of town again this year. Guests stopped at her ranch on Saturday, Sunday and Monday to see several of Johnson's friends and co-workers playing Mary, Joseph and the three wise men (above) and Maureen Darby (left) playing the part of angel. Some animals in a small enclosure completed the scene (below).

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press



This sweater is NOT ugly!



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Scott, left, Kaiden, Emry and Cutter Hardin made their way towards the Community Building as they completed the last leg of a mile run at the Ugly Sweater Run Saturday. The event, put on by the County Attorney's Office, the Thomas County Sheriff's Department and the Colby Police Department, raised over \$3,200 for the Colby Grade School's after school program.

Christmas tree veterans mark 55 years in business

By Becky Tanner
The Wichita Eagle

ST. JOHN (AP) – Walk into the Delp Christmas Tree Farm and Christmas fills the senses.

Carols play nonstop on the sound system.

The scent of fresh-cut trees, swags and wreaths hangs in the air.

Inside the main office is a fireplace and a help-yourself area with peanuts, candy canes and hot apple cider.

Outside are rows and rows of trees where four generations of families have come to select Christmas trees.

The Delp Christmas Tree Farm is the oldest continuously operating commercial Christmas tree farm in Kansas, said Tony Delp. His father, Cecil, and mother, Ruby, started the farm in 1959 and were founding members of the Kansas State Christmas Tree Growers Association. The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/1zVbQy1>) reported.

"The Delps were the innovators," said Bob Scott, owner of Prairie Pines Christmas Tree Farm near Maize. "The Delps are still

the model we all follow."

The idea to plant trees came to Cecil Delp after he noticed how well Ponderosa pine did in Stafford County shelterbelts. Cecil Delp also believed the county's sandy soil would provide good drainage, Tony Delp said.

"Dad loved trees," Tony Delp said. "Even before this started, at the house, he had fruit trees. He loved doing things different from everybody else."

The idea of a Christmas tree farm began with his father's cousins, who would talk of harvesting 40,000 to 60,000 trees grown in natural habit for sale at Christmas in Detroit and Chicago. Also, Cecil Delp's two brothers both operated fruit orchards in Yakima Valley, Wash.

Cecil Delp was well past 50 when he planted 17,500 evergreen trees using his Fordson tractor, sons Phil and Tony and a planter he borrowed from the local Soil Conservation Service. Ten acres were set aside for a 4-H project for Phil and Tony.

For decades, Ruby Delp taught first graders to students at St. John Elementary School. Then, in the early 1970s, Ruby and Cecil built

a combination tree office and preschool on the farm. The center of the office included the huge fireplace where customers could go to get warm after tromping through rows and rows of trees to select a Christmas tree.

Cecil and Ruby both died in 1997 after 65 years of marriage.

Today, the farm has 20 acres and 13,000 trees in seven varieties.

It takes patience to grow Christmas trees - enduring seven to 10 years of Kansas wind, drought, floods and blizzards.

In 1959, it also took some ingenuity and a vision.

"The county had a planter they used to plant windbreaks," Tony Delp said. "We used that for the first 40,000 trees, and then Dad built a single-seat planter so one guy could do the work of two."

From the 1960s through the 1990s, area teenagers worked at the farm during the summer for extra spending money or savings

See "TREE," Page 2



Weather



National Weather Service Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 38. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Christmas Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30. Blustery.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 32.

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

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 30.

Monday: High, 49; Low 25 Precip: Monday 0.02 inches Month: 0.84 inches Year: 17.68 inches Normal: 20.65 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 8:02 a.m. 5:26 p.m. Moon: waxing, 18 percent Friday 8:03 a.m. 5:27 p.m. Moon: waxing, 28 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Christmas tree veterans mark 55 years in business

From "TREE," Page 1

for college. The Christmas tree farm heyday for the Delps and other tree operators was during the 1970s and 1980s, when there were 150 tree farms across the state. Now there are 32.

During that time, the Delps had 200 acres in trees. Semi-trailer trucks ran nonstop for a few weeks each season taking thousands of trees across the state as part of its wholesale business.

Cecil Delp built a high-clear-

ance tractor that could drive over most of the trees and spray green colorant, plus help to trim the tallest of the trees.

"We'd have cars lined up and out of the drive and lined up in back of the overpass and back the other way waiting to come in," Tony Delp said.

Scott, of Prairie Pines, said he got his start and interest in having his own farm from the Delps.

In the fall of 1969, Scott was selling pecans from his wife's family farm near Mem-

phis to cattle sale auctions in western Kansas. One evening, he stopped at the Delp farm to bring back a Christmas tree for his own family.

"I became fascinated with their farm and told Cecil Delp I was thinking about having one," Scott said. "He told me it was a wonderful idea.

"Back then, the Delps were the only game in Kansas, but their generosity in helping someone else was what gave us our start. Through the years, we've stolen some of their business."

Activities keep kids busy

From "ACTIVITIES," Page 1

rejoin the Great West Activity Conference, Ross said, but Colby and Goodland would only play against them in tournaments.

Middle schoolers from the leadership team and Counselor Kyle Shively were working with the K-State women and others to gather and distribute food to needy families at Christmas, which will be added to food gathered during a drive at Thanksgiving.

High School Principal Troy Keiswetter asked the board members to "like the school's Facebook page, since the page had been viewed 20 times but had no "likes" so far. The board reviews most of its documents in computer form, and at least one member had "liked" the page by the end of the meeting.

Students did well during a lockdown drill Dec. 8, similar to a fire drill, but to prepare for an intruder trying to get into the school. He said as with a real lockdown, the school had no warning.

Keiswetter said he spent several hours at a meeting of principals in the Great West Activity Conference Dec. 10, discussing high school policies and procedures. Keiswetter shared his notes with the staff during the meeting using the program Google Drive. He said he had been at a site council meeting less than an hour before the board met.

Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter reported that the fourth-grade concert, ended just as the board meeting began. The fifth-grade band concert was set for Thursday afternoon and evening.

The grade school staff had chosen the assessments - based on student growth - which they

want to use to evaluate their students' progress. The state and federal government require that they chose and implement an assessment. Also, he said, the school is trying to find affordable transportation for families whose children do not speak English.

Krannawitter also reported on a recent site council meeting and his school's lockdown drill, which was at the same time as the high school drill, and said the staff has submitted information for a request to buy new, secure doors at the school.

The after-school program will have a "Math Magic" night for kindergartners and their parents.

Curriculum Director Diana Wieland reported that she has visited some of the students taking Colby High career and technical education courses, taking home some of the flour several of the students made.

She and other school officials met at a think tank with other districts providing technical education, including schools in Stafford, Erie and Hillsboro, talking about possible improvements to the program. The coordinating council met Dec. 10, Wieland reported, discussing standards for career and technical education and other classes.

Wieland said she attended a training class held by the Northwest Kansas Title III Consortium and Migrant Education Academic Services. At the training at the service center in Oakley, she learned more about how to educate students whose first language is not English.

Later, some of the board members talked about going to the Kansas Association of School Boards conference the first weekend of December in Kansas City, where some schools have students who speak dozens of different languages.

Hoxie singer releases new album from Nashville

By Sam Dieter

Colby Free Press sdieter@nwkansas.com

A western Kansas singer is selling her first album made in Nashville after almost a decade as a recording artist.

"It's always been a desire of my heart and my dream to go to Nashville," said Twila Bainter of Hoxie. "That was wonderful; it was truly a dream come true."

Bainter said she is selling her new album at her home and at Hoxie Office Supply. She recorded the album - which includes eight solos - about two

months ago, and hopes to hear it on radios across the county next year.

At some point next year, she believes, TMC Recording Studio will invite her back to record another album. She feels she got a good reception when she went there in October.

"I was supposed to go to Nashville in the '80s," Bainter said, "but I sacrificed my music career to be a wife and a mother."

All of her songs are gospel, Bainter said, including many she wrote long before getting back into the music business. When she first became a recording

artist in 2005, Bainter said, she had written 90 songs since 1980. She has recorded all of them in her seven albums, including her latest effort in Nashville.

Bainter says her songs all come from God, adding that she learned what talent she had when she was just 8. That was when she took piano lessons and found herself preferring to play by ear. She gave piano lessons before she started writing songs.

"I never know when the Lord will give them to me," she said.

They might come to her at any time, she added. Sometimes it happens in the middle of the

night. And she might get either the lyrics or the melody first. She said she always has to stop and write the song down so she will not forget it.

Her first album was produced by the late Wayne Billinger of Hays. Anthony Pfeifer of Tone Group Recording Studio in Hays produced another five and is working on the sixth. After Bainter started creating albums, she said, TMC in got a hold of one of them, and asked her to come to Nashville to record. Pfeifer went along as one of her backup singers, she said, since her voice range is limited.

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.

Pool closed during holidays

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed from Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 2, for Christmas break. Hours Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 3 and 4, will be 1 to 3 p.m., then the pool will be closed from Monday, Jan. 5 to Sunday, Jan. 11. Regular hours will begin with the spring semester on Monday, Jan. 12.

Landfill to close for holiday

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holiday. It will be open regular weekend hours. For information call 462-8139.

College offers classes for adult degree

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free General Educational Development (GED) prep classes beginning Monday, Jan. 5, with instruction in reading, math, study and critical thinking. For information or to register, contact Nance Munderloh at 460-4663.

No trash pickup on Christmas, New Year's

Colby's sanitation department will pick up the Thursday residential trash route this week on Friday. Sanitation trucks will not be running on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1; residential trash will be picked up on Friday's route, Jan. 2. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Kids Closet Open House to be in January

Kids Closet, a children's clothing and baby gear "store," will open its doors for a special open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4, at Colby Wesleyan Church at 320 W. Pine St. The Closet welcomes parents and caregivers of any income level, and all clothing and supplies are free. Thanks to the generosity of Citizens Medical Center's coat drive, the Closet now has children's and adult coats to give away, too. Kids Closet is also open from 3 to 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For information, contact Heather Alwin at 269-7603.

Churches offer Christmas Eve communion

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, will hold Christmas Eve services at 6 p.m. tonight, featuring candle lighting, carols and communion as families. The public is invited. For information, call 443-1448 or 462-8391.

The Mingo Bible Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight communion service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Everyone is invited. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at (785) 462-2992.

Everyone invited to Christmas potluck

Everyone is welcome for a potluck meal and fellowship at noon Christmas Day at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S Franklin. Bring a Christmas dish to share. For information call Kim Barnett at 460-2761.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Women's group selling variety of nuts

The Episcopal Church Women have fresh nuts available for the holidays: pecans, English and black walnuts, cashews and mixed nuts. Pick them up at Colby Canvas; cost is \$10 or \$11 depending on variety. For information, call Martha Hullet at 462-2505.

Drive seeks coats, hats, gloves for kids

A coat drive sponsored by Citizens Medical Center, the Colby Rotary Club and the Colby Wesleyan Church has all the adult coats it can handle, but hardly any for kids. To donate a new or slightly used child's coat, drop it off at the hospital admissions desk through the end of January. If you need coats, go to the church's Kids Closet from 3 to 6 p.m. the first and third Wednesday every month. For information or if you need help, call Megan Carmichael at 460-1214.

County seeks help on planning panel

The Thomas County commissioners need volunteers to serve on the county planning commission, which makes zoning and land-use decisions. While the commissioners prefer someone who does not live in Colby, the position is open to all interested residents. Call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

THURSDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 25, 2014

FRIDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 26, 2014

Table of TV listings for Thursday, December 25, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

Table of TV listings for Friday, December 26, 2014. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

'Fun Day' includes food donations

Golden Plains High School's annual fun day Thursday started with a potluck breakfast.

Students then brought in items to donate to the Thomas County Food Bank. Each class created "Santa Sculptures" with the items they brought before boxing them up for donation.

The freshman class brought the most items and won the most creative sculpture with their castle with drawbridge sculpture. Class members participating included: Devin Carter, Clayton Bange, Jeron Schutte, Taylor Lobato, Francisco Villa, Colten Sauvage, Kaylie Schaben, Maggi Nieman, Sierra Finlay, Jennifer Esparza, and Charlotte McCurdy. Over 300 items were donated to the food bank. Following Chromebook training from Dr. Robert Moody of Fort Hays State University, the students enjoyed an afternoon of Glow-in-the-Dark volleyball.



AMBER ERWIN/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains freshmen posed with a winning castle-with-drawbridge sculpture created with their donations to the Genesis-Thomas County food bank Thursday.

Holiday taste treats can add up calories

Merry Christmas! I hope you all are enjoying the holidays. We still have another week to New Year's Day, the official end of the holiday season. During the holidays, extra calories can tiptoe in through tiny tastes throughout the day. Let's look at how the calories in tiny tastes can add up in one day.

Taste No. 1. Eating a cookie that broke while removing it from the baking sheet – I deserve it for getting up early to bake these cookies before heading to work. Approximately 30 calories

Taste No. 2. Someone brought holiday candy to work today. I'll just have one small piece of the peanut brittle. Approximately 40 calories

Taste No. 3. Gotta stop at the grocery store over the noon hour. Great – they're offering cheese and cracker samples. That'll tide me over until I can swing through a fast food place. Approximately 40 calories

Taste No. 4. The fast food place is giving out 1/4 cup samples of its special flavored holiday coffee. Approximately 60 calories

Taste No. 5. Chocolate-covered cherries in the break room. It's still a few hours before the dinner party tonight. Chocolate's good for you – right? And, I'm just eating one! Approximately 60 calories

Taste No. 6. The party is great – but maybe I shouldn't stand near the snack table. I'm dipping my third chip. Approximately 75 calories

Taste No. 7. Who can pass up old-fashioned style eggnog. I'll have just a half cup. Approximately 200 calories

Taste No. 8. There are just a couple of tablespoons of candied sweet potatoes left. Someone should enjoy them so they don't go to waste – it might as well be me. Approximately 60 calories

Taste No. 9. Helping dish up dessert lets me take a little "preview" taste. One heaping tablespoon of candy cane ice cream coming right up. Approximately 70 calories

Guess the total tasting calories for the day – 635!

If such "tiny tastes" are continued through the holidays, you might gain – a pound a week! Which could add up to about five pounds – or more – between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Remember, consuming an additional



Diann Gerstner

• Knowledge for Life

3,500 calories above your body's needs and expenditures can lead to gaining one pound. Maybe those "tiny tastes" aren't so tiny after all. What "tiny tastes" are totaling big calories for you?

Here are some ideas on how to control those "tiny tastes":

- Chew gum when cooking or baking.
- Put utensils into soapy water instead of "licking the spoon."
- Eat only from a plate while sitting down.
- Bake less; spend less time in the kitchen.
- Take healthy food to gatherings.
- Add activity to your day to help work off some "tastes" that slip by! (Don't overestimate how many calories you are working off! I walked around the block so I can have a large piece of cheese cake? Maybe not!)

What's the big deal? It's just 3 to 5 pounds. The worst part is that most people tend not to lose those pounds and over the years can add up to a substantial weight gain. Enjoy the holidays, just watch the tastes and even over indulgences and add physical activity any time you can. Remember the recommended minimum activity is 30 minutes 5 days a week. Have a healthy and happy New Year!

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.

Prepare for winter travel to ease stress, boost safety

With winter holidays upon us, it's time to prepare for winter travel.

Kansas State University climatologist Mary Knapp said it's imperative that travelers plan ahead and pack accordingly for those long trips to Grandma's house this winter.

First, travelers should understand terminology, such as the difference between a winter weather watch and a winter weather warning, Knapp said.

A winter weather watch alerts travelers to developing adverse weather conditions, she said. If a winter weather watch is announced, travelers should be aware that conditions are likely to become unfavorable. A winter weather warning means adverse conditions have arrived, and the challenges those conditions bring are already occurring.

Knapp pointed out that winter storms and blizzards are not identical, and winter travelers should pay attention to the announcement of these two.

A winter storm generally means cold temperatures and snowfall, with snow accumulation more than three inches, Knapp said. When warnings are announced, an indication of expected snowfall is given. Blizzards are less about the amount of snowfall and more about the conditions surrounding that. Blizzard conditions involve winds of more than 30 miles per hour and visibility less than a quarter of a mile for at least three hours.

"After the storm is over, there may not be much snow accumulation with it," Knapp said. "The real problem with a blizzard is strong winds and very low visibility, which makes driving extremely hazardous."

Winter weather advisories, however, are not expected to be dangerous.

"If you use normal precautions, you're likely to be able to continue your activities without many challenges," she said. "It's enough to inconvenience travelers, but not likely enough to create a hazardous situation."

The greatest challenge that can arise with a winter storm advisory is the transition rate from rain to snow, Knapp added.

Hazardous road conditions

With falling temperatures, roadways begin freezing over. Changing road conditions can be hazardous to motorists as temperatures fall, and rain turns to ice. Knapp said travelers should be aware of "black ice," a condition where road surfaces appear wet but are actually a frozen sheet of ice.

"Roadways tend to ice over most quickly on elevated surfaces, such as bridges and overpasses," she said. "That's where you're going to have the greatest danger of rapidly changing surface conditions."

To avoid being stranded, Knapp said it benefits travelers to know road conditions not only where they are, but also where they're going. In Kansas, gates located at access points along I-70 can be lowered when the road is closed.

Prepare for emergencies

When you're on the road during the winter, it's important to be prepared with emergency items for your travels, Knapp said. Items to include in a winter travel kit are jumper cables, a flashlight with extra batteries, gloves, a hat, blankets, water and extra food, a shovel, salt or sand, and a tow-rop. Most of the kit can be left in your vehicle, she said, but be sure to bring fresh water for each trip to avoid frozen water.

"Another thing to keep in mind is quite often we don't carry the outdoor gear that we might normally, because we're in the car where it's warm and comfortable," Knapp said. "You want to have, at least in the trunk, an extra layer. You may include boots or shoes that are more substantial than what you're wearing for the drive, just so that if you get stranded, you've got that extra layer of protection."

In today's world, we rely heavily on our cell phones. Even in ideal conditions, Knapp said, you run the risk of hitting dead zones where your cell phone's signal is compromised. Let others know where you're headed in case technology doesn't pull through.

If you're traveling with children or pets, have extra supplies on hand to increase their comfort, and avoid leaving the vehicle if you become stranded. If you have small children, make sure to pack

diapers and a changes of clothing.

Due to poor road conditions and low visibility, Knapp said it's important that travelers realize their fellow motorists' ability to respond in an emergency has decreased.

"If you're stranded, stay in your vehicle," she said. "Try to get the vehicle off the roadway if you can, even off the shoulder where you're out of the traffic lane. It will increase your safety."

Knapp said to travel during daylight hours for greater visibility, if possible.

More information on winter weather safety is available through the K-State Research and Extension Weather Data Library (www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/). Detailed information on road conditions can be found at the Kansas Department of Transportation website (511.ksdot.org/).

You should use Northwest Kansas Hearing Services in Colby, Ks as your Hearing Health Care Provider because we are....

1. Private practice audiologists since 1976.
2. Diagnostic audiology provided 5 days a week.
3. Quality hearing aids and accessories featuring Siemens.

Sandra Squibb, M.S., Rachel McArthur, Au.D., Rick Deines, M.A.CCCA

Call 785-460-2957 or 800-500-0206 for an appointment Located at 785 W. Webster in Colby, Ks

Advanced Partner
Siemens Hearing Instruments

SIEMENS

Deaths

Betty Jo Carney

Betty Jo Carney, 83, Colby, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at Citizen's Medical Center in Colby.

She was born to Columbus and Pearl (Nichols) Ramsey on May 24, 1931, in Edson.

On Sept. 21, 1946, she married James Carney; they were married 64 years.

She was a member of the Morning Star Rebekah Lodge, Ladies Encampment Auxiliary and Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant branch of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows; the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the 4-H Extension Council; the Mid-Century Garden Club; and the First Christian Church of Colby. She was a 4-H leader for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Carney enjoyed quilting with the church ladies, doing water aerobics, cooking at Colby Junior High and spending time with family.

Preceding her in death were her

parents; her husband; two sons, John Carney and Robert Carney; a brother, Yancy Ramsey; a granddaughter, Mary Jo Gensil; and a great-grandson, Seth Carney.

Survivors include six children, Linda (Gerald) Thiele, Champaign, Ill.; Howard (LeAnne) Carney, Brewster; Patty Jo Gensil and Ross (Cathy) Carney, all of Colby; Ruth (Johnny) Hennly, Kingsland, Ark.; and Tom (Lisa) Carney, Sylvan Grove; a step-sister, Phyllis (Bryant) Whittaker, Carbondale; 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at the church in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the church or the Thomas County 4-H Council in care of Baalman Mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

Jewelry gifts contagious

By William J. Kole

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) – What started with a widow quietly dropping her wedding rings into a Salvation Army donation kettle has spawned spontaneous acts of jewelry generosity this holiday season.

Boston's feel-good Christmas story took a new twist this week when an anonymous donor originally from Australia placed a diamond-encrusted cross pendant valued at \$1,500 in one of the charity's trademark red kettles.

The donor said she was inspired by a widow who gave her wedding and diamond engagement rings earlier this month and asked that the proceeds be used to buy toys for poor children. That was followed by another widow who donated \$21,000 – 10 times what the rings were worth – so she could return the donated jewelry to the original owner.

"There's something special happening here in Boston," said Salvation Army Capt. Myron Smith, who found the latest gift of expensive jewelry while emptying a kettle outside a supermarket in suburban Brookline.

"We're blessed and overwhelmed with this latest donation," he said. "It's great to see Bostonians inspired by acts of generosity during this holiday season."

The Salvation Army said Tuesday the Australian woman donated her pendant to thank Bostonians for their warm welcome when she and her son recently relocated to the city.

It was accompanied by a note

that read: "I needed to find somewhere for us, particularly my son, to be happy again. We had visited Boston several times and always loved it here. Since relocating, people have been so warm, friendly, kind and accommodating to us, and I have been trying to think of a way to give back to the people of Boston."

The donor said she was trying to figure out how best to help the poor when she saw news accounts of the widow who gave her rings in memory of her late husband.

"This inspired me, and I have enclosed this diamond cross, which is symbolic of Christmas, and ask that you sell it and use the money to help those less fortunate this Christmas," the unidentified Australian wrote.

The Salvation Army said the two widows met Monday and the rings were returned. It said the woman who donated the \$21,000 told the rings' owner: "See what you started?"

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners Dec. 16 were: first, Sarah Jane Barrett; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Elaine Ptacek; and fourth, Barb Ulmer.

Corrections

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

Welcome **Dr. Richard Markiewicz**

Platte Valley Complete Vein Center:

- Radio frequency ablation for varicose veins.
- Thrombolytic therapy and other treatments for deep vein thrombosis (DVT).
- Venous ulcers.
- IVC filter placement and retrieval.

Platte Valley Complete Endovascular Center:

- Carotid artery stents at Kearney's only Medicare approved Carotid Stent Center, Kearney Regional Medical Center.
- PAD (peripheral artery disease) – including acute limb ischemia, drug therapy, orbital and directional atherectomy, balloon angioplasty, and arterial stenting.
- Blockages to arms.
- Mesenteric ischemia.
- Iliac Disease.
- Below the knee disease, including pedal access.
- Arterial ulcers.
- Renal artery stenting.

816 22nd Ave • Ste100
Kearney, NE • (308) 865-2263
www.kearneyregional.com

Richard Markiewicz, MD.
Board Certified Endovascular Specialist
- American Board of Vascular Medicine.
Board Certified Interventional Cardiologist
- American Board of Internal Medicine.

SPECIALIZING IN CUSTOMIZED STEEL AND POST FRAME BUILDINGS

WE WILL BEAT ANY NORTHWEST KANSAS COMPETITOR'S PRICE ON A COMPARABLE PROJECT!!

AFFORDABLE • SUSTAINABLE • LOW-MAINTENANCE • MULTI-PURPOSE

Vap Construction, Inc. offers numerous design styles, sizes, exterior finishes, accessories and colors for your Commercial, Agricultural or Residential Building.

CONTACT US FOR A QUOTE TODAY! CALL: 866-492-1978

Serving Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming • Fully insured with over 25 years of experience

For more information visit: vapconstruction.com • 605 North 10th Street | Atwood, KS 67730



Other Viewpoints

Story of Christmas remains ever fresh

The Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter 2 1-23:
And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the City of David which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, who was great with child.

And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

And all those who heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

— Holy Bible, 21st Century King James Version

Write us

The Colby Free Press encourages Letters to the Editor on any topic of general interest. Letters should be brief, clear and to the point. They must be signed and carry the address and phone number of the author.

We do not publish anonymous letters. We sign our opinions and expect readers to do likewise. Nor do we run form letters or letters about topics which do not pertain to our area. Thank-yous from this area should be submitted to the Want Ad desk.

Letters will not be censored, but will be read and edited for form and style, clarity, length and legality. We will not publish attacks on private individuals or businesses not pertaining to a public issue.

COLBY FREE PRESS

155 W. Fifth St. (USPS 120-920) (785) 462-3963
Colby, Kan. 67701 fax (785) 462-7749

Send news to: colby.editor@nwkansas.com

State award-winning newspaper, General Excellence, Design & Layout, Columns, Editorial Writing, Sports Columns, News, Photography. Official newspaper of Thomas County, Colby, Brewster and Rexford.

Sharon Friedlander - Publisher
sfriedlander@nwkansas.com

NEWS

R.B. Headley - Sports Editor
colby.sports@nwkansas.com

Marian Ballard - Copy Editor
mballard@nwkansas.com

Sam Dieter - News Reporter
colby.editor@nwkansas.com

Heather Alwin - Society Editor
colby.society@nwkansas.com

ADVERTISING

Kathryn Ballard - Advertising Representative
kballard@nwkansas.com

Sharon Funk - Advertising Representative
sfunk@nwkansas.com

Kylee Hunter - Graphic Design
khunter@nwkansas.com

BUSINESS OFFICE

Office Manager

Melissa Edmondson - Office Manager
medmondson@nwkansas.com

Evan Barnum - Systems Administrator
support@nwkansas.com

NOR'WEST PRESS

Richard Westfahl - General Manager

Gary Stewart, Foreman

Jim Jackson, Jim Bowker, Pressmen

Kris McCool, Judy McKnight, Tracy Traxel, Mailing

THE COLBY FREE PRESS (USPS 120-920) is published every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, except the days observed for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, by Nor'West Newspaper, 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

PERIODICALS POSTAGE paid at Colby, Kan., 67701, and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE at 155 W. Fifth is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday. MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, which is exclusively entitled to the use for publication of all news herein. Member Kansas Press Association and National Newspaper Association.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: In Colby, Thomas County and Oakley: three months \$35, one year \$85. By mail to ZIP Codes beginning with 676 and 677: three months \$39, one year \$95. Elsewhere in the U.S., mailed once per week: three months \$39, one year \$95. Student rate, nine months, in Colby, Thomas County and Oakley, \$64; mailed once per week elsewhere in the U.S. \$72.



Christmas letters celebrate lives

OK. I admit it. We're Christmas letter freaks.

We send them. We get them. We like them.

Christmas letters and fruitcakes are the secret (almost sinful) pleasures of the holidays. Lots of people enjoy them but think they shouldn't.

As of Saturday, we have gotten about 40 cards and 10 letters, including one that came as an e-mail from a friend who says his son is dragging him kicking and screaming into the digital age. Looks to me like he's digitizing just fine.

Most of the letters are from couples, but you can almost always tell which partner wrote the letter by the tone. Women tell you more about the children and men more about the trips and home construction projects.

Steve wrote ours. I edited it and daughter Lindsay (the librarian) proofed it. (We still couldn't decide if grand dogs and grandcats were two words or one, so we did one each way.)

Most of the letters tell us the same thing: Our friends are retiring or enjoying retirement. The kids and grandkids are doing well but parents, favorite aunts and uncles and beloved pets are slipping away.

There are marriages and new babies to cel-



Cynthia Haynes

• Open Season

brate, as well as victories over illness and adversity.

Many have pictures. Steve put in a photo of us in Maine and one of our grandchildren.

At least two friends have told about the purchase of retreats and one even put in pictures.

A political friend crowed that the Republicans won the Senate and her daughter got married. However, she said that she really misses her daughter's cat.

A cousin said that he and his wife are planning to attend the ordination of her brother into the Catholic priesthood in June.

I did a little estimating. The cousin is about three years older than I am, and his wife is somewhat younger. Still, either this brother is a whole lot younger than she is or he found his vocation late in life.

I was surprised at the number of long-time

pets that have died this last year. We lost Tigger at *The Oberlin Herald* office and cats Jezebel and Larry and dog Annie at home. Larry was only with us for a few months, but the others had been part of our lives for 14 to 16 years.

Evan lost his 11-year-old Boots cat, Lea her female labrador Emma and Mary Frances her cat.

Some of these people I see fairly often, like my sister and Evan, our tech guy in Colby. When they talk about their children, I can picture them.

Some letters are from friends and relatives I haven't seen in years. My cousin in South Carolina exchanges a letter with us every year and I haven't seen him in maybe 30, but it's nice to know that he and his family are doing well and maybe we'll get together sometime in the near future (next 10 years or so) and he can tell me about his brother-in-law, the priest.

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

Heaven's royalty sheltered in a stable

The ancient scriptures tell us the story of a census, a time for everyone to register with the government and enroll with the powers that ruled over them. A young carpenter took his wife to Bethlehem because that was the City of David, and the story tells us, that is where the Roman ruler required them to go so they could be taxed.

Bethlehem was known as the City of David because it was from there that Israel's greatest king had come. Joseph the carpenter was of the lineage of David. And so, says scripture, was Mary his betrothed wife. She was with child.

When the time came for Mary to be delivered of her child, there was no room at the inn and the couple was consigned to a stable. The 19th century carol by Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander tells us how it all came about in the fullness of time:

*Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed ...*

That scene came to mind when my wife and I toured the Palace of Versailles. It was just a month before the end of the millennium, and we were visiting France for the first time together. Amid the 17th century splendor of Louis XIV, the Sun King's great royal residence, we were amazed by the gold, marble, and crystal everywhere in lavish display. As we moved from ornate chamber to ornate chamber, we saw the portraits of France's greatest kings and queens.

Those royal figures were draped in fur. Er-

Other Opinions

• Robert Morrison
Family Research Council

mine, mink, fox and beaver. They wore fur robes. Their beds were covered in precious furs. These furs we soon realized were not just magnificent raiment. They were necessary.

Those chambers were cold. Frigid in late November, this palace was the greatest thing that age had produced. The Sun King was the most powerful, the richest, as well as the most corrupt and corrupting of all the kings of the earth.

We shivered in our heavy coats, warm mufflers and gloves, our hats pulled down over our ears. Our expert French guides showed us every aspect of this regal chateau. We soon realized, however, that opulent as Versailles is, it was also a death trap. It was not at all unusual for royal newborns and infants to die there.

No wonder cannons boomed and peasants rejoiced at the news of a royal birth. And even greater was the joy when a royal child survived long enough to be baptized, confirmed, married and crowned. The French may not have loved their monarchs, but they surely knew the

hazards of internal disorder when no claimant came forward to provide relief from anarchy and bloody civil war.

I was reminded as well of my Uncle Bill in Connecticut. Uncle Bill was a dairy farmer. He never visited us. We always had to visit him. And I will always remember Uncle Bill taking me with him as he milked his dozens of cows. His was not a lowly cattle shed, but a full-sized barn. Uncle Bill would strip off his coat and his shirt-even in mid-winter. That was because it was so warm in that barn. The cattle were lowing - and giving off heat.

The infant Jesus might have been born anywhere. His Father has cattle on a thousand hills. But his Father knew where to place this child who had to be born, in accordance with the scriptures, in Royal David's City.

This child would survive and His birth would be the hinge of history. We now celebrate the coming of the One who would save us all from sin and error. And contrasting Versailles and my uncle's dairy barn, I thank God that His ways are not our ways.

*He came down to earth from heaven
...and his shelter was a stable,
...with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.*

Robert Morrison is Senior Fellow for Policy Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

Where to write, call

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, 109 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (202) 224-4774
roberts.senate.gov/public/

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, 361-A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6527. Fax (202) 225-5124 moran.senate.gov/public/

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, 126 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. (202) 225-2715 or Fax (202) 225-5124. Web site: huelskamp.house.gov

State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, State Capitol Building, 300 SW 10th St., Room 136-E., Topeka, Kan. 66612, (785) 296-7399 Ralph.Ostmeyer@senate.ks.gov

Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



Tinsley 12-24

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Cavenee Audiology LLC:
Hearing Services

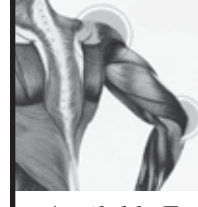


Call Today to Schedule:
-A Hearing Exam
-A Hearing Aid Consult & Free Hearing Aid Demo (devices limited)
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 am-4:00pm MDT

Rachael Cavenee Au. D.
107 West Greeley Ave. Tribune, KS
(620) 376-2080

"...dedicated to providing and maintaining excellent standards of care, hearing education, and professional ethical hearing services."

TO HAVE YOUR AD PLACED IN THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY CALL KATHRYN OR SHARON TODAY AT (785)462-3963



Laura Barger Massage Therapist

Prenatal Massage
Sports Massage
Swedish Massage
Hot Stone Massage

Available For Appointments in Colby, Atwood and McCook
220 N. Mission Ridge, Colby
www.LauraBargerLMT.com
Laura Barger
Licensed Massage Therapist
la_barger@hotmail.com
(308) 882-0029



COLBY ANIMAL CLINIC

PAWZ AND REFLECT

"Animal Tidbits for You and Your Pets!"

Dr. Russell Bowers and his staff invite you every week to look for our NEW pet information tidbits to help keep your pets happy and healthy!

Colby Animal Clinic serves all of your small and large animal needs.

**And remember - Colby has a city ordinance for city tags! ** Please tag your pets for 2015!!

Colby Animal Clinic • 810 E. 4th St
Ph. 785-460-8621

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. / Sat 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mobile Home Lots for Rent

\$190 Month
(includes water, sewer & storage shed)
FREE Month with approved application
Friendly Acres Mobile Home Park
1150 S. Franklin, Colby
Call 785-462-6445

Dr. Tom Barlow DENTIST

785-460-7538
Appointments Readily Available
505 H N. Franklin, Colby



PLUM CREEK LTD
Downtown Colby • 785-460-1978

Men's Suits & Casual Wear
Missy & Women's Dress & Casual Clothing
Tuxedos by Jim's Formal Wear - Bridal Registry
Let us make your wedding tuxedos & bridal registry picture perfect!

LASERS BY TALIA
LOOK BETTER, FEEL BETTER

1 year anniversary January 13, 2015

ALL TREATMENTS WILL BE 1/2 OFF THAT DAY!

Mon. & Wed.: 12-6 p.m.
Tuesday, Thurs., Fri.: 8AM-5PM
Appointments also available after hours.
1580 Rose Avenue
Burlington, CO 80807
Phone: (719) 346-4640



ROOFMASTERS

Serving Colby for over 30 YEARS!

425 East Hill, Colby, KS
785-462-6642
RESIDENTIAL: Heritage Shingles, Wood Shingles, IR Shingles, Stone Coated Steel, Metal Panels
COMMERCIAL: EPDM Rubber, White TPO Single Ply, Modified Systems, Built up Systems, Elastomeric Coating
Licensed, Bonded, Insured
FREE ESTIMATES
WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Nancy LePell Bookkeeping

165 East 3rd - Colby, KS 67701
785-462-7428
Income Tax Preparation - Individual, Business and Estates
Accounting and Bookkeeping
Business and Financial consultation
Christy Griffith, RTRP Nancy LePell, EA, ChFC, CB
Working to bring you the best possible solutions

SPECIALIZING IN CUSTOMIZED STEEL AND POST FRAME BUILDINGS



We will beat ANY Northwest Kansas competitor's price on a comparable project!!

605 North 10th Street | Atwood, KS 67730 | vapconstruction.com | 866-492-1978
VAP CONSTRUCTION Steel & Post Frame Buildings

Colby Salvage Metal Co., Inc.

1150 PLAINS AVENUE, COLBY, KANSAS



1-800-631-2711 785-462-2711

GLENN GRIFFIN LUCAS MOORE TRACY GRIFFIN

Buying Non-ferrous Metals and Recycling in the Tri-State Area Since 1967

NEW SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING

(785) 462-6995
(800) 611-6735



www.MyWindowCleaner.net
Serving Colby since 1992!

Commercial • Residential • Free Estimates

What's precious to you is precious to us.SM



Auto. Home. Life. Retirement. They all matter, so wrap them all in a blanket of Nationwide[®] protection. We put members first, because we don't have shareholders.SM

Join the Nation that knows what's important.

Combine your policies and save up to 25%

Shirley D Skolout
Mountain Plains Agency
Phone: (785)460-6284
skolout1@nationwide.com

Not all Nationwide affiliated companies are mutual companies and not all Nationwide members are insured by a mutual company. Nationwide, Nationwide Insurance and Financial, the Nationwide Framework, What's precious to you is precious to us and We put members first because we don't have shareholders are service marks of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company ©2014 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company 509-0104-0134



Coverage & Service You Can Count On

Farming is your livelihood and no one understands that better than Farm Bureau. Our companies were originally founded 74 years ago to serve the needs of farmers. Today you can continue to rely on us to be your one-stop resource for protecting what matters most – your operation, family and future.



Call today to see how I make insurance simple.



Vernon Hurd
550 N. Franklin Ave.
Colby, KS
785-269-9511
www.VernonHurd.com

Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Farm/Ranch | Commercial Ag | Crop | Business
Securities & services offered through FBL Marketing Services, LLC, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877-886-2904, Member SIPC, Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. *Affiliates *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services PC055-ML-1 (4-13)

KANSAS Insurance INC

Formerly THOMAS County INSURANCE AGENCY



Dennis Tubbs
dtubbs@kansasins.com

490 N. Franklin
785-462-3939

- Home & Auto
- Farm & Crop
- Business Insurance
- Boat, Motorcycle, RV

Nationwide Agribusiness
On Your Side[®]

www.kansasins.com

One combined policy + One deductible for it all
One big sigh of relief



When things go wrong, you need your insurance to go right. Contact me to see how our **one deductible advantage** can help provide you peace of mind when you need it most.



David Browne III
550 N Franklin Ave
Colby, KS 67701
785-462-3388



Langer Industrial Service

2022 County Road 11 • Levant, KS 67743 • 785-586-2208
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We pay cash up to for all scrap metal*

- Brass • Copper • Aluminum • Batteries • Electric motors • Cars
- Combines • Farm Equipment • Prepared/Unprepared Iron and Tin
- Container Service • Off site baling and car crushing
- Limited pickup service available

Schedule deliveries after normal business hours by appointment when necessary.
* Some Conditions Apply

C.W. Beamgard Co. Inc.



SALES & SERVICES SINCE 1919

- New Vehicle Sales
- Service
- Used Vehicle Sales
- Windshield Pit Repair
- Parts
- Tires
- Accessories
- Towing Service

Monday - Friday 8-6, Saturday 8-Noon

785.626.3286

Fax 785.626.3717

210 State St. • Atwood, KS 67730

Meadow Lake Restaurant & Lounge

• Open to the Public •

Monday Nights \$1 Draws
Saturday Nights Prime Rib

Our kitchen is open Mon - Sat, 5 - 9 p.m.



785-460-6443
1085 E Golf Club Rd. • Colby, KS



MURRAY ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

Residential:
• Roofing
• Construction
• Remodels
• Blown in Insulation



Commercial:
-TPO, EPDM, Duro-Last, Modified, Fibered and Non-Fibered roof coatings.



Fully Insured, Bonded, Licensed and Covered by workman's Comp.

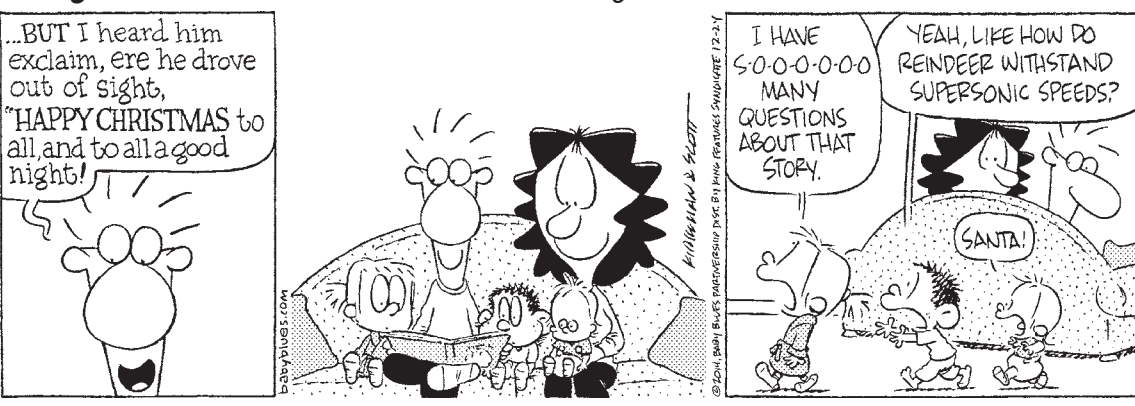
Office: 785-462-6908

Owner: 785-443-1339

Elite Duro-Last Contractor

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.MurrayEnterprises.org

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



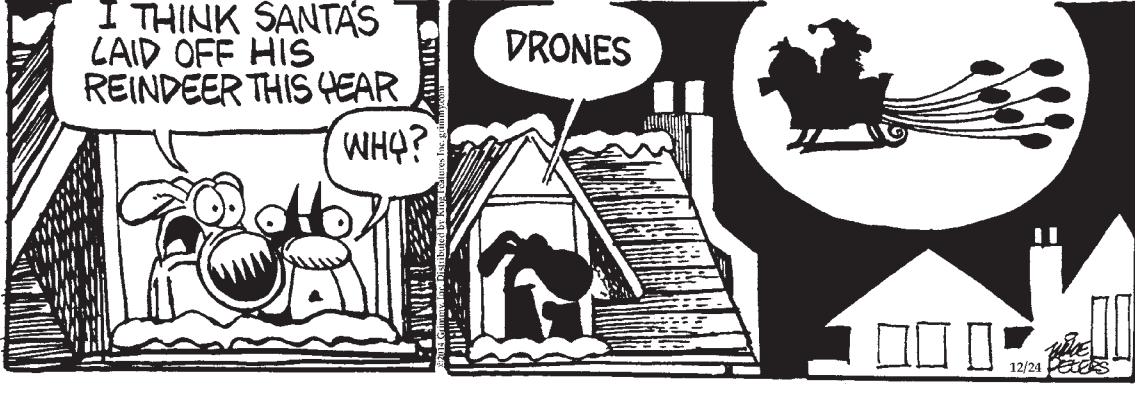
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Last-minute test to shopping skill

Dear Readers: It's Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2014, and many of you are settled in, maybe opening a present or two, enjoying family. Some are preparing to cook. But some are frantically doing last-minute shopping! I love the stories about people who have a tradition and always shop at the last minute - sometimes really last-minute, arriving at a store only an hour or so before closing time! Others shop all year long, finding just the right gift for the right person and keeping it until it's time to wrap and give. Hanukkah ends today, so to all of my friends who celebrate, a big old Heloise hug. My best to all of my dear readers and to everyone you care about. - Heloise

STALE MARSHMALLOWS

Dear Heloise: I enjoy marshmallows, but they get stale quickly. I don't remember reading this in your column, but here is my hint: Store them in a home-canning jar. I've kept them for months this way, and they are still fresh. - Linda D., via email

How do they last that long in your household? Keeping air out is the key, so putting them in any container that won't allow air in (or out) works just fine. - Heloise

HARD-COOKED EGGS

Dear Heloise: Don't know if you're aware, but there is a simple way to tell if eggs are hard-cooked without coloring them. (A previous hint: Add food coloring to the boiling water. - Heloise)

An uncooked egg cannot spin, but a hard-cooked one does. Put the egg on a hard surface, long axis parallel to the table, and give it a spin. If it is not cooked, the egg will stop immediately. If hard-cooked, it will spin on for quite a while. Never fails. - John Zelenak in New Jersey

Well, I guess it depends on your definition of "spin," John. A fresh or uncooked chicken egg (in shell) will spin - not fast, it just sort of wobbles. And, interestingly, the older the egg, the larger the "air pocket" inside and the more it seems to wobble, but it does spin a few times. Thanks for the reminder about this forever hint that was used by our grandmothers and theirs, too! - Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise
P.O. Box 795000
San Antonio, TX 78279-5000
Email: Heloise@Heloise.com

KEEP SHELVES CLEAN

Dear Heloise: I use old, clean cloth place mats on refrigerator shelves to keep them clean. When time to change them, I toss the soiled ones in the wash. Keep rotating, and you'll find that it's easier than washing the shelf itself. - D.G., Battle Ground, Wash.

(c)2014 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 5
♥ K J 10 8 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ A 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ K Q J 5
♣ 8 7 4 3

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

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead - king of diamonds.

Sylvia Strikes Again

It was next to impossible to predict how Sylvia's mind would work in a given situation. Her approach to the game was so different from what ordinary mortals would regard as rational that just about anything was possible.

Take this example from a game at the club. Sylvia held the East hand. Looking at all four hands, you would think that South would have no trouble making four spades after a diamond lead. And no doubt he would have, except that he was playing against Sylvia. He took the diamond king with the ace and led a spade to the jack and another spade back, losing to West's ace.

Declarer ruffed West's diamond return and led the nine of hearts. After West followed low, South played low from dummy, whereupon Sylvia took the trick with the ace! This extraordinary play - when she could have won the trick with the queen - was typical of Sylvia's thinking. Perhaps she figured the queen would win later, so what difference could it make in which order the tricks were taken?

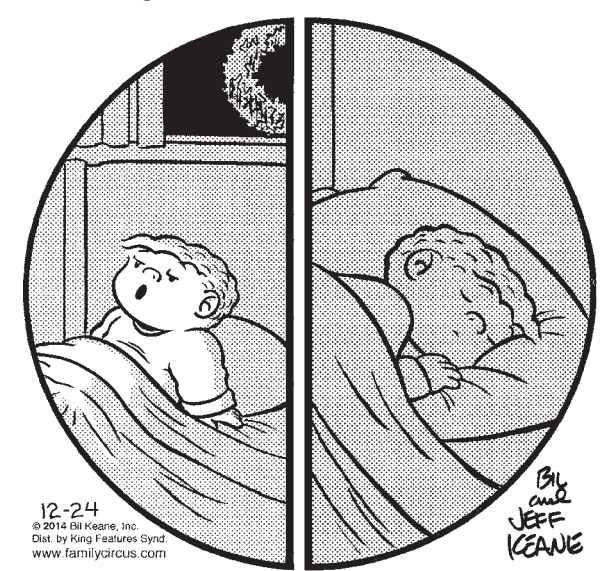
Sylvia now returned a club. South naturally assumed West had the queen of hearts, so he went up with the ace of clubs and repeated the heart finesse, intending next to discard his two remaining clubs on dummy's hearts.

But when he played the jack from dummy, Sylvia, to his amazement and consternation, won with the queen and cashed the king of clubs to put the contract down one.

Had Sylvia won the first heart with the queen, South would have had no choice but to take the club finesse after a club return and so would have made the contract. But Sylvia, in typical fashion, had managed to lull him into a false sense of security.

(c)2014 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



12-24 © 2014 Bil Keane, Inc. Dist. by King Features Synd. www.familycircus.com

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

Cryptoquip

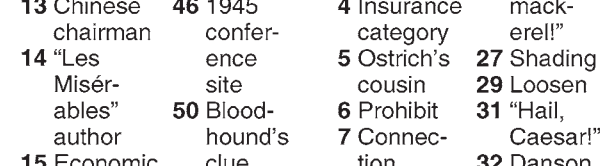
X E Z P C Y W D B H N Y M E B D Y
Z Y C V X E V Y R Y R B O N Q M Y F D E Q
P H U Y H W R F X E E Z O Z Y W R
"DXN ZPDDZN CQYUY MEW."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOR BREATH-FRESHENING FOLLOWING HOME RUNS, WOULD SOME BASEBALLERS USE AFTER-DINGER MINTS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Prop for Harry Potter
 - 5 "Chicago" lyricist
 - 8 Pack away
 - 12 Sheltered
 - 13 Chinese chairman
 - 14 "Les Misérables" author
 - 15 Economic decline
 - 17 Vicinity
 - 18 Fight
 - 19 Began to appear
 - 21 Tiny bit
 - 24 Popular card game
 - 25 MPs' quarry
 - 28 "The Caine Mutiny" author
 - 30 Cistern
 - 33 Head of st.
 - 34 Colonial family
 - 35 Prior night
 - 36 Farm parent
- DOWN**
- 1 Bankrolls
 - 2 Shaving cream
 - 3 Salamander
 - 4 Insurance category
 - 5 Ostrich's cousin
 - 6 Prohibit
 - 7 Connection
 - 8 Actor
 - 9 Triangular
 - 10 Curved molding
 - 11 Herb yielding a blue dye
 - 16 Youngster
 - 20 Diving flock
 - 22 Hasn't paid
 - 23 Lucre
 - 25 Census statistic
 - 26 "Holy mackerel!"
 - 27 Shading
 - 29 Loosen
 - 31 "Hail, Caesar!"
 - 32 Danson of "CSI"
 - 34 Shoe style
 - 38 Parish official
 - 40 Ear-related
 - 42 "Catcher in the ..."
 - 43 Opening course, often
 - 44 Between jobs
 - 45 Impale
 - 47 Booty
 - 48 Look-alike
 - 49 Farris of "Mom"
 - 52 - - Locka Fla.
 - 53 Profit



Yesterday's answer 12-24

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18						19	20			
		21		22	23		24			
25	26	27		28	29			30	31	32
33				34					35	
36				37				38		
		39	40		41		42			
43	44			45		46		47	48	49
50				51	52	53				
54				55				56		
57				58				59		

Classifieds

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

Seeking individuals for a group of investors to buy Don's Drive-In, Oakley, KS. 785-332-5126 for information.
---12/11---12/24---

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 Cheney.
---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

Part time help needed on week days at Someplace Special. If interested call 785-443-0042.
---12/24---12/31---

Timmerman Feeding is looking to hire a secretary. Looking to be part of a growing organization, don't pass up this opportunity. Very competitive salary based on experience and qualifications. Benefits include but not limited to: vacation, profit sharing. Contact Jason Timmerman at 785-462-3947, or send resume to 1762 US 83, Colby, KS 67701.
---12/19---1/2---

Full-time electrician for full range electrical contractor (contract work, service work, industrial, commercial, farm, residential). Local company, no overnight travel. Must have valid driver's license. Apply at: Bickner Electric, 1205 S. Country Club, Colby. 785-462-6692.
---12/19---1/2---

Full-Time - CMA (Certified Medication Aide) and CNA for Night shift. Competitive wages, Shift Differential for night shift, AFLAC insurance offered, Call Bonus pay also. Apply at Fairview Estates Retirement Community. 1630 Sewell Ave, Colby, or call Gary at 462-2154, EOE.
---12/18---1/1---

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---

PEPSICO
North America Beverages

Explore the career possibilities at PepsiCo, the world's second largest food and beverage company. Our location in Hays, KS has two opening for the following positions **based out of Colby, KS:**

- Merchandiser (Colby & Goodland Area) and
- Delivery Driver - Geo box

Apply online at: www.pepsico.com/careers

PepsiCo is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

Help Wanted

Employment Opportunity: Colby 24/7 Travel Store is currently accepting applications for cashier and assistant manager. Compensation includes \$9.00 starting wage plus incentives including BCBS health and life insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Apply online at www.24-7-stores.com or apply in person at Colby 24/7 Travel Store, 1980 S. Range.
---12-17---12/31---

Langer Industrial seeks a safe and professional driver, clean MVR, competitive wages, home daily. 785-586-2208.
---12/17---12/29---

Brewster USD 314 is currently accepting applications for the following full-time position: Morning and Afternoon Route Bus Driver/Custodian Combination. 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.
---12/11---12/23---

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 II A 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. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person, EOE. Questions please call 785.462.2100.
---5/29---TFN---

Q.S. Nurses Kansas
Healthcare Excellence. Everyday.

RNs/LPNs/CNAs/CNAs Help Needed!

Had a bad experience with agency? Contact QS for the experience you desire!

- Flexibility to control your schedule
- Work when YOU want to work
- Work where YOU want to work
- Highest Compensation
- Raises
- Travel Reimbursement
- Benefits
- Other Incentives

Why drive hours to your shift? Work close to home & be home every night!

www.qsnurses.com
877-530-7262

Help Wanted

Driver Wanted for Water Truck. Need CDL A with X endorsement. Based in Colby. Start at \$18 plus medical. Call Garret 620-255-6813.
---12/10---1/2---

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---

Carriers needed to deliver the Colby Free Press! Great for someone needing extra income. A few hours a day, 4 days a week. Bonus after 3 months. To apply please stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby or for questions call 785-462-3963.
---3/21---TFN---

Misc for Rent

For rent: 5,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Colby 785-443-2754.
---12/22---1/15---

Misc. for Sale

For Sale: Firewood in Colby 785-460-1177.
---12/17---12/29---

For Sale: Quarters or halves - Hamburgers, steaks, roasts, any amount. Jonny Jones 785-675-8920.
---12/10---12/29---

Pheasants For Sale - Dan Lankas, Atwood, KS 785-626-6002.
---12/5---1/1---

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 EXCHANGE ELIGIBLE" Private Party. Send inquiries to 155 W. 5th, Box P, Colby, KS 67701.
---12/1---12/29---

Misc. for Sale

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---

Lost & Found

LOST: Money clip lost with \$600 in it. Merry Christmas to someone. Thanks, Lyle Worthy
---12/18---12/23---

Wanted

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---

Vehicles for Sale

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

Seed and Feed

Alfalfa large round bales & small square bales, dairy and good stock cow alfalfa, BMR Sedan. Jonny Jones, Hoxie 785-675-8920.
---12/10---12/29---

Livestock/Other

For sale - 2 adult blue peafowl \$40 each, 5 adult turkey, 5 toms, 5 hens \$20 each. Cash Only! Call 785-672-0150 or 785-672-0208.
---12/18---12/31---

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---

Services

Bixenman Construction concrete, decorative concrete, kitchens, bathrooms, additions, steel siding and roofs, and vinyl siding. 785-443-3181
---10/31---12/26---

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

Kansas Classified Network

Health/Medical

Attention: VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - \$99 FREE Shipping! 100 Percent Guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-800-906-4338

Health/Medical

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS. Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! WIN or Pay Nothing! Contact Bill Gordon & Associates at 1-800-737-4275 to start your application today?

Kansas Classified Network

Adoption
A childless married couple seek to adopt. Love, Happiness and Bright Future. Financial security. Expenses paid. Let's help each other. Lisa and Eric 1-855-983-3121

Help Wanted
CDL-A Truck Drivers - Dedicated HO-GAN IS HIRING! Up to \$75,000 annually, \$4,000 sign on bonus! Home weekly guaranteed, Roundtrip Miles, Great benefits. Call 866-284-3594

Help Wanted/Truck Driver
Butler Transport Your Partner In Excellence. CDL Class A Drivers Needed. Sign on Bonus. All miles paid. 1-800-528-7825 or www.butlertransport.com

Help Wanted/Truck Driver
Drivers - No experience? Some or LOTS of experience? Let's Talk! No matter what stage in your career, its time, call Central Refrigerated Home (888) 670-0392 www.CentralTruck-DrivingJobs.com

Misc. For Sale
LENDERS OFFERING SPECIAL GOVT PROGRAMS For Manufactured Homes. \$0 Down for Land Owners. FHA for first time Buyers. VA - \$0 Down for Veterans. Section 184 for Federal Tribe members. Lenders accepting less than perfect credit. 866-858-6862

Sporting Goods
GUN SHOW DEC. 26-28 FRI 1-6 SAT 9-5 SUN 9-3 WICHITA KANSAS COLISEUM (I-135 & E 85TH ST N) BUY-SELL-TRADE INFO: (563) 927-8176

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is advertising for school secretarial support. This is a 30 hour week position through the school year.

Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. This position requires but not limited to general office duties with computer skills. Applications are available at www.nkesc.org or call 785-672-3125. For position related questions, contact Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer extension 111. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. NKESC is an EOE.

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas

• A non-profit organization supporting and empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for 47 years throughout northwestern Kansas.

• DSNWK has established a charitable Development Fund to help us fund for the future.

• Visit our powerful and informative website with tax and estate planning tools for individuals and advisors:
[HTTP://DSNWK.GiftLegacy.com](http://DSNWK.GiftLegacy.com)

Please consider us in your year-end charitable giving!

If the IRA Rollover Bill gets signed, we can help execute that rollover before the year ends. For information contact Allen Schmidt at Allen_Schmidt@DSNWK.org, or phone (785) 621-5327.

CORN INDUSTRY ALERT!

Genetically-Modified Corn Seeds Could Cost Industry **Up To \$2.9 BILLION**

Loss in Aftermath of Trade Disruption with China Over Detection of Unapproved Syngenta Agrisure Viptera™ MIR 162 Corn

ATTENTION

CORN FARMERS, HARVESTERS, GRAIN ELEVATOR OPERATORS, BROKERS/SELLERS, DISTRIBUTORS/EXPORTERS.

YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION

CALLS ARE ANSWERED 24/7 CALL NOW FREE CONSULTATION

www.SaveOurCorn.com

1-800-336-2889

This is attorney advertising. The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertising. Grant Davis is responsible for the content of this advertising. Davis, Bethune, & Jones, LLC, is located at 1000 Main St #2930, Kansas City, MO 64105. The firm has attorneys licensed in Kansas & Missouri, but associates with attorneys throughout the country.

Public Notice

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. STEVEN P. SKILES and JARI J. SKILES, Defendants. Civil No. 14-4042-JTM-KMH **NOTICE OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE** Pursuant to the Order Of Sale Of Real Estate issued out of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in the above entitled case, I will, on **Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 2015, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.**, at the front door of the Thomas County Courthouse, Colby, Kansas, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title and interest of the Defendants Steven P. Skiles and Jari J. Skiles, in and to the following described real estate, commonly known as 685 West 7th, Colby, Kansas, and located in Thomas County, Kansas, to-wit: All of Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), and Twenty (20), Block One Hundred Sixteen (116), North Addition to the City of Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof. Payment must be in the form of Cash, Cashier's Check, Money Order or Certified Check made payable to the United States District Court and will be accepted as follows: Less than \$25,000 Entire amount due at conclusion of sale; \$25,000 - \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office by close of the business day; More than \$100,000 10% down with the remainder delivered to the United States Marshal's Service Office within five (5) working days. The contact person regarding inquiries about the above-property is Kent A. Colwell, Rural Housing Service, (785) 628-3081. This real property is levied on pursuant to the Order of Default Judgement and Judgement of Foreclosure and Final Judgement entered by the Court on November 4, 2014, Doc. 14, and the Order of Sale entered on December 5, 2014, Doc. 17, and will be sold without appraisal, subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments, and with a three (3) month right of redemption, to satisfy the Order of Sale. United States Marshal's Office, Topeka, Kansas, its 9th day of December, 2014. CRAIG BEAM Acting United States Marshal District of Kansas /s/ Craig Beam (Published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, December 17, 24, 31, 2014 and January 7, 2015)

FOLEY INDUSTRIES

Now Hiring Colby Parts Sales Rep!!

Foley Industries offers a pay and benefits package that is not only competitive but underscores our key principle; **people are our key to success in the marketplace.** We reward exceptional performance and providing a challenging, exciting environment and advancement opportunities.

Parts Sales Rep (Colby Location) – seeking candidate with previous parts experience and strong customer service.

- Project a professional company image
- Answer phones and respond to customer requests
- Excellent customer relations skills
- Exhibit a high degree of proficiency in inspecting and returning new parts and reman cores.
- Maintain adeptness in reading and interpreting parts materials – written and electronic.
- Disassemble and assemble hydraulic and air hoses.
- Load/unload freight from trucks when needed, and assist with processing of stock orders and back order freight.
- Audit parts stock inventory as needed or required to maintain inventory accuracy.
- Participate in rotation of after-hour call out and weekend work schedules.

We'd like to talk to you!
Apply online @ www.foleyeq.com EOE

Red River COMMODITIES

Night Shift Mill Operator
We are looking for a hardworking, dependable individual who must be mechanically inclined to work on the night shift in a sunflower processing facility. Drug testing is required.
PAY STARTING AT \$14.00 / Hour
Please apply in person at:
1320 E. College Dr. in Colby, KS

HomeLand REALTY AUCTION

Rory Bedore **Owner** (785) 462-8255
1055 S. Range PO Box 508 Colby, KS

Pat Sloan (785) 443-3261
Marilyn Meyer (785) 462-2703
Toni Lindberg (785) 443-4032
Rock L. Bedore (785) 443-1653
Tom Harrison (785) 443-0136
Jerry Wycoff (785) 672-0429
Mike Scott (785) 675-8556
Bob Hanzlick (785) 462-5014

NEW LISTING

935 E. 5th 3 BR/1 Bath Give Pat a call today!

Arrowhead Lot \$8,000
Residential Lots \$14,000 to \$19,000
408 W. 6th, Oakley \$22,000
210 Price, Oakley CONTRACT
217 E. 2nd, Grainfield **SOLD**
323 S. Kansas **SOLD**
419 Colby Ave., Oakley CONTRACT
605 W. 7th, Oakley \$62,000
207 S. Monroe, Grinnell \$85,000
660 W. 4th \$91,500
902 Court Terrace \$117,500
1018 Court Terrace CONTRACT
725 S. Garfield CONTRACT
290 N. Garfield **SOLD**
935 E. 5th \$135,000
320 Arrowhead CONTRACT
1005 Villa Vista \$155,000
540 Woofter CONTRACT

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CALL TODAY!

\$350,000

1240 S. Country Club Commercial Property Call Rock today!

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS
1240 S. Country Club 10,360 Sq.Ft. w/ 2.46 Acre lot. \$350,000 Call Rock today!
119 Edgerton, Oakley, KS \$80,000 Call Jerry!
601 S. Adams, Grinnell, KS \$36,000 Call Jerry!
Building site 1-10 acres \$30,000/Ac., North of I-70 on Willow Avenue East of Whistle Stop. Call Tom!
200 Center Oakley, KS \$26,000 Call Rock today!
135 N. Franklin office building for lease Call today!

AG LAND LISTINGS
320 Acres Thomas County Cropland & CRP located Southwest of Levant, KS \$2,200/Acre offering a 3.2% net return. Call Rock for a tour!
160 Acres Sherman County CONTRACT
36.5 Acres Cropland & Grass CONTRACT
www.homelandre.com

Let Our Agents Work for You!

Huskies scratch past Golden girls

Bulldogs still 5-1 going to break

By Maggi Nieman
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School girls' A basketball team experienced its first loss of the season to the Northern Valley Huskies, 30-26, on Thursday in Almena.

The first quarter was close with Golden Plains only trailing 6-4.

The Bulldogs struggled to score in the second quarter, coming out with a score of 14-9.

Beginning the second half, the Bulldogs scored four more baskets, while the Huskies kept scoring for a third-quarter lead of 20-17.

By the end of the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs had kept working hard but still came out with a close loss of 30-26.

KayCee Miller scored 16 points, Noel Ritter had eight and Mabel Lugo added two.

"The girls played a great game," coach Travis Smith said. "It's tough to win on their (Northern Plains') home floor, but we gave it our best shot."

Hopefully, we will see them again in the league tournament," Smith added.

The Bulldogs go into Christmas break with a 5-1 record. They return from the holidays with a Jan. 5 home game against Western Plains.

A glance at other Golden Plains sports action after the Christmas break:

Friday, Jan. 9

Girls/boys basketball: Triplains-Brewster at Golden Plains, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Girls/boys basketball: St. Francis at Golden Plains, TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Girls/boys basketball: Golden Plains at Logan, TBA



LYN CHENEY/Golden Plains schools
Noel Ritter (52) got a jump on the Northern Valley Huskies while winning Thursday's opening tip for Golden Plains Middle School.

'Dogs must shake defeat before break

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School boys' A basketball team suffered a devastating 66-20 loss to the Northern Valley Huskies on Thursday in Almena.

Golden Plains scored 5 points in the first quarter, but allowed the Huskies to pull ahead 18-5 by the end of the quarter.

Shooting improved in the second quarter as the Bulldogs put in seven points.

However, the Huskies added 23 for a 41-12 lead at the half.

The Huskies continued to roll the Bulldogs.

They ruled their home court with 20 points in the third and five in the fourth.

The Bulldogs put in eight points in the third, but couldn't find the bucket in the fourth.

"We really got it handed to us," coach Colby Lathrop said after the tough loss. "We have got to get better."

Scoring for Golden Plains were Caleb Korte with seven points, Wade Rush six, Austin Patmon four, Dylan Spreser two and Jaime Infante two.

The Bulldogs will return from Christmas break with a 2-4 record and be home for Triplains-Brewster on Jan. 5.



LYN CHENEY/Golden Plains schools
Golden Plains Middle School's Caleb Korte hit the floor to battle for this loose basketball during an A game with Northern Valley at Almena on Thursday.

Watch for Golden Plains coverage all season in the *Free Press*.

Huskies win again

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School boys B basketball team didn't score in the first quarter of their game against Northern Valley in Almena on Thursday.

The Huskies took advantage of this early struggle and put in 17 points en route to a 35-24 win.

Scoring for the Golden Plains B team were Wade Rush with 10 points, Austin Patmon eight, Rolis Loya two and Jaime Infante two.

The boys, who hold a 4-2 record, will play Triplains-Brewster when they return from Christmas break on Jan. 5.

Crash survivor scores first points

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan freshman Austin Hatch, a survivor of two plane crashes, scored his first regular-season collegiate point Monday night.

Hatch netted a free throw in the closing minutes of the Wolverines' 72-56 win against Coppin State and exited to a standing ovation.

"He's one of the hardest working kids I've ever met," sophomore Zak Irvin said of Hatch, who went to the line after being fouled on a 3-point attempt. "It's just nice to see that pay off in front of ev-

eryone."

Hatch, 20, survived a plane crash in 2003 that killed his mother and two siblings. He committed to Michigan in 2011, shortly before a second plane crash killed his father and stepmother and left Hatch in a coma for two months with life-threatening injuries.

"I told Austin earlier, 'Just shoot it — the Lord will take care of it,'" Michigan coach John Beilein said. "It almost went in, but I'm glad he was able to just get in there and get to the foul line and put one in."

Jayhawks shocked

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As he tried to recall some of the game's most pivotal plays, Fran Dunphy called one shot "impossible" and shook his head in disbelief when recalling two others that somehow banked in.

Temple's coach was as surprised as anyone by just how thoroughly his team dominated No. 10 Kansas, 77-52, Monday night that snapped the Jayhawks' eight-game winning streak.

"I think we played about as well as we possibly could have," Dunphy said. "It was our night."

Frank Mason III scored 20 points for Kansas (9-2), which shot 32.1 percent from the field and committed 17 turnovers.



University of Kansas men's basketball coach Bill Self showed some frustration surrounding a 77-52 loss to Temple University Monday night.

Trojan wrestlers win

Colby Community College's wrestlers scored the final 18 points to rally past Pratt, 28-18, in a final dual before their holiday break recently.

The visiting Trojans trailed 18-10 before delivering three consecutive pins.

Gavin Grater started the rally

with a pin of 157-pound foe Austin Hughey.

Colby's All-Americans Travis Ochs and Jared Johnson followed with two big wins. Ochs pinned Syed Rafay in their 165-pound match, and Johnson took down Travis Quarterman at 174 finished this dual.

Our gift to you...
The holiday savings JUST GOT BETTER!

Viaero gives

4X

MORE DATA

than Verizon®

on shared plans*

Get up to

\$200

in Visa® Gift Cards

with activation of select devices including Apple®, Samsung®, HTC® & more!

LIMITED TIME SPECIAL:

\$0 down on all new *Viaero Now!* purchases!†

NEW!

iPad® Air™ 2

4G model

\$200 Gift Card* + \$0 Down†

Samsung® Galaxy™ S5

HTC® M8

\$200 Gift Card* + \$0 Down!†

Break up with Nex-Tech® – get up to \$550!™

find us: [online VIAERO.COM](http://online.VIAERO.COM) | toll-free 877.484.2376

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/viaero | [@Viaero](https://twitter.com/Viaero)

All screen images simulated. Promotions valid while supplies last; visit viaero.com/legal/deals for details. †\$0 Down applies to lines of new activation only; taxes and fees additional (for terms and conditions applicable to *Viaero Now!*, visit www.viaero.com/legal/deals). *Requires activation and 24-month service or *Viaero Now!*. Customer must mail in gift card rebate form within 90 days of purchase; please allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Account must be in good standing when rebate form is processed. Gift card rebate cannot be combined with handset trade-in credit for same purchase. **To receive Early Termination Fee (ETF)/Handset credit you must: port a qualifying number from competing carrier (including Verizon, US Cellular, AT&T and Nextel) to *Viaero*; provide your unlocked eligible carrier handset at the point of activation; activate with a *Viaero Share More or More Individual* rate plan; purchase a smartphone on *Viaero Now!* or on contract (Handset Credit requires smartphone purchase on *Viaero Now!*); fill out and mail to *Viaero* the ETF/Handset Credit Form within 90 days of activation along with documentation from previous carrier clearly showing ETF charges; maintain your *Viaero* account in good standing for a minimum of 60 days and be active at the time we process your ETF/Handset Credit form. Five line/account maximum. With approved credit. Current termination policies apply. † "4x more data" claim applies to shared plans and is based on a 10/1/2014 comparison against Verizon's More Everything plans up to 40 GB. All brands, product names, company names, trademarks and service marks are the properties of their respective owners. *Viaero* assumes no obligations or liability and makes no representation, warranty, endorsement or guarantee in relation to any aspect of any third-party products or services. All rights reserved. © NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. d/b/a/Viaero Wireless. Not responsible for typographical or pricing errors; in the event of such, *Viaero* Wireless reserves the right to cancel or refuse purchases for the affected product. Other restrictions may apply; see store for details. For terms and conditions applicable to service plans, visit www.viaero.com/legal. v12.10.14.2