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Accidents attributed to icy roads

Two women were injured in auto wrecks along Interstate 70, caused by freezing conditions on Friday, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported.

First, a Scott City woman lost control of a sport utility vehicle six miles west of Goodland at 10:45 a.m. Friday. Then at 3 p.m. a young woman from Salina went off the road at the north Oakley exit, hitting a sign and a tree.

Linda M. Barton, 59, Scott City, was injured when she lost control on Interstate 70 around mile marker 11, the patrol reported. Barton had been driving west, and her 2003 Chevrolet crossed both the median and the eastbound lanes before it went into the ditch south of the highway. She had not

been wearing a seat belt, and was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where information on her condition was not available by press time.

That afternoon Courtney Eileen Ziegler, 18, was headed west on the highway and turned onto the Oakley exit at U.S. 83, where her 2004 Dodge went off the side of the road. The vehicle rolled and hit a sign, then a tree, sending Ziegler to the Logan County Hospital, where she was treated and released.

This was the second accident at that exit in just over a week, after a Colorado man — who was also headed west and got off at the exit — failed to yield at a stop sign and was hit by a truck.

States question guardrail safety

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri and Kansas transportation officials have suspended installations of a guardrail system after concerns that parts of the guardrails break off on impact and run through vehicles, causing injuries to drivers and passengers.

The two states are among 40 that suspended use of the ET-Plus guardrail system over safety concerns and in response to lawsuits filed after collisions with the guardrails, *The Kansas City Star* reported (bit.ly/1vCIRcS).

A fatal accident in January in Clay County bolstered critics' arguments. Bradley J. Abeln of Polo died Jan. 17 when his vehicle was forced into a Trinity guardrail near Liberty. A heavy device known as the "end terminal," which fits over the end of the guardrail, was thrust into the driver's seat, ejecting Abeln and his passenger, according to court records.

The end terminal is intended to absorb energy and push the guard-

rail away from the vehicle. A lawsuit filed on behalf of Abeln's four children alleges undisclosed design changes in the system made in 2005 caused the end terminal to instead lock up and bend.

"When the beam locked up, it contacted the driver's door and drove the driver's door into the driver's seat," said attorney Kent Emison, who represents Abeln's children.

The lawsuit was filed in June and the state of Missouri stopped installation of the system in September.

The manufacturer of the system, Trinity Industries in Dallas, suspended sales of the ET-Plus system in October after a jury in that state imposed a \$175 million judgment against the company over allegations that it changed design specifications in 2005 without notifying the Federal Highway Administration, which

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New housing celebrated

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After over two years of planning and work, a new housing development in Rexford is set to open its doors to farm workers

next month.

About 40 people came Dec. 11 to a ribbon cutting for the Pine Village housing development, a series of 10 duplexes built along the west side of Rexford. These included local officials such as Christy Preston, director of the Thomas County Economic Development

Alliance, and Brett Hankin, director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. State Rep. Don Hineman also came, along with officials from the government agencies that helped to build development.

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State Rep. Don Hineman (top) spoke earlier this month at the ribbon cutting for a new development in Rexford, one of several speakers to attend the ribbon-cutting for the 10 duplexes. Paul Steele (center, above), chair of the county commissioners, and Randy Hrabe (left) looked through the inside of Pine Village, a development about two-and-a-half years in the making. One of the duplexes was ready to received visitors on the day of the ribbon-cutting.

... Chomping up the old



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This old building by Arby's on the south side of town, which used to house Taco John's, was torn down last Monday. It was not immediately clear why the structure was torn down, or what will be built in its place.

Being uninsured in U.S. will cost more each year

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being uninsured in America will cost you more in 2015.

It's the first year all taxpayers have to report to the Internal Revenue Service whether they had health insurance for the previous year, as required under President Barack Obama's law. Those who were uninsured face fines, unless they qualify for one of about 30 exemptions, most of which involve financial hardships.

Dayna Dayson of Phoenix estimates that she'll have to pay the taxman \$290 when she files her federal return. Dayson, who's in her early 30s, works in marketing and doesn't have a lot left over each month after housing, transportation and other fixed costs. She'd like health insurance but she couldn't afford it in 2014, as required by the law.

"It's touted as this amazing thing, but right now, for me, it doesn't fit into my budget," she said.

Ryan Moon of Des Moines, Iowa, graduated from college in 2013 with a bachelor's in political science, and is still hunting for a permanent job with benefits. He expects to pay a fine of \$95. A supporter of the health care law, he feels conflicted about its

insurance mandate and fines.

"I hate the idea that you have to pay a penalty, but at the same time, it helps other people," said Moon, who's in his early 20s. "It really helps society, but society has to be forced to help society."

Going without health insurance has always involved financial risks. You could have an accident and end up with thousands of dollars in medical bills. Now, you may also get fined. In a decision that allowed Obama's law to advance, the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the coverage requirement and its accompanying fines were a constitutionally valid exercise of Congress' authority to tax.

In 2015, all taxpayers have to report to the IRS on their health insurance status the previous year. Most will check a box. It's also when the IRS starts collecting fines from some uninsured people, and deciding if others qualify for exemptions.

What many people don't realize is that the penalties go up significantly in 2015. Only 3 percent

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Snow likely, mainly before 3 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around -5. Wind chill values as low as -20. North wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly before 1 p.m. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 6. Wind chill values as low as -24. North wind 10 to 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around -8. Wind chill values as low as -22. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 16. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 6.

New Year's Day: Sunny, with a high near 28.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 7.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 27.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 10.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30.

Saturday: High, 26; Low 3
Sunday: High, 33; Low 6
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 8:04 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 71 percent

Wednesday 8:04 a.m. 5:31 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 80 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

New housing celebrated

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Pine Village includes 10 units, each with three bedrooms, one restroom and two garages. The non-profit group Northwest Kansas Housing Inc. was the developer and owner of the duplexes. Under state and federal guidelines, the tenants must be farm laborers, but do not need to fall into any income bracket.

Randy Hrabe, executive director of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, told the crowd about the 2 1/2-year process of building the duplexes.

"It takes a lot of great partnerships," Hrabe said.

Hrabe is also the director of Pioneer Country Development, a branch of the development commission, and is on the governing board for Northwest Kansas Housing.

The agencies involved in building the duplexes first talked with McCarty Family Farms about the need for more housing for workers in the summer of 2012, Hrabe said. By October of that year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program was in negotiations to provide a \$1,142,282 grant and a loan of \$126,921 to pay for the development, along with \$400,000 from the Kansas Housing Resources Corp.

Rural Development eventually invested \$1.47 million, he said, but it still took another two years after the initial negotiations for construction to start. Hrabe said that the agencies involved had numerous procedures to go through before they started building, including an environmental assessment. The developer had to find a new home for people living in a mobile home on the property.

Work on the duplexes started in March or April, Hrabe said, and by Dec. 11, one of the units was ready for the ribbon cutting. The officials got to tour the new unit, stopping in one of the two garages for refreshments, but the other nine units still need some finishing touches. The final walk-through before the duplexes are considered livable was to be Dec. 19, and they should be ready to rent in a month.

Rexford Mayor Dave Williams spoke briefly to mention the challenges a new development like this poses. Before the duplexes, he said, there were only 100 houses in Rexford, so the development puts a considerable strain on the town's water supply.

Hrabe mentioned that water is a considerable problem for expansion here. McCarty was trying to expand in Kansas recently, but built its fourth farm in Beaver City, Neb., and not Kansas, partially because of water concerns.

Hrabe recognized the McCarty family for their help with the project, which is expected to house workers at the dairy farm. Not only did the farm start the discussion, but it donated the land where the duplexes were built. He pointed out this involves some risk, since any farm laborer can live there, not just workers at the dairy.

Pioneer Country helped the McCarty's move their dairy operation to Rexford from rural Pennsylvania in 2000, Hrabe said. The group provided financial help, finding loans and grants for the move and when the family added a milk condensing plant a couple of years ago.

This is the 10th project Northwest Kansas Housing has helped to build since it was formed in 1998, said Executive Director Loyce Schamberger. In that time, it has built 106 housing units across western Kansas, he said, spread among many small developments like Pine Village in several towns.

Hineman took the time to say a few words at the ribbon cutting. He pointed out that even in the worst years of the recession, people in this part of the state have kept working.

"Out here we have jobs looking for workers," he said. "In western Kansas, everyone who wants a job has a job."

Being uninsured will cost

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of uninsured people know what the fine for 2015 will be, according to a recent poll by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Figuring out your potential exposure if you're uninsured isn't simple.

For 2014, the fine is the greater of \$95 per person or 1 percent of household income above the threshold for filing taxes. It will jump in 2015 to the greater of 2 percent of income or \$325. By 2016, the average fine will be about \$1,100, based on government figures.

People can get a sense of the potential hit by going online and using the Tax Policy Center's Affordable Care Act penalty calculator.

Many taxpayers may be able to get a pass. Based

on congressional analysis, tax preparation giant H&R Block says roughly 4 million uninsured people will pay penalties and 26 million will qualify for exemptions from the list of more than 30 waivers.

But it's unclear whether taxpayers are aware of the exemptions.

Deciding what kind of waiver to seek could be crucial. Some can be claimed directly on a tax return, but others involve mailing paperwork to the Department of Health and Human Services. Tax preparation companies say the IRS has told them it's taking steps to make sure taxpayers' returns don't languish in bureaucratic limbo while HHS rules on their waivers.

TurboTax has created a free online tool called "Exemption Check" for people to see if they may qualify for a waiver. Charges apply later if the taxpayer files through TurboTax.

Timing will be critical for uninsured people who want to avoid the rising penalties for 2015.

That's because Feb. 15 is the last day of open enrollment under the health law. After that, only people with special circumstances can sign up. But just 5 percent of uninsured people know the correct deadline, according to the Kaiser poll.

"We could be looking at a real train wreck after Feb. 15," said Stan Dorn, a health policy expert at the nonpartisan Urban Institute. "People will file their tax returns and learn they are subject to a much larger penalty for 2015, and they can do absolutely nothing to avoid that."

The insurance requirement and penalties remain the most unpopular part of the health care law. They were intended to nudge healthy people into the insurance pool, helping to keep premiums more affordable.

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 break

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.

College offers classes for adult degree

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free General Educational Development (GED) prep classes beginning next Monday. For information or to register, contact Director Nancy Munderloh at 460-4663.

No trash pickup on New Year's

Colby's sanitation department trucks will not be running on New Year's Day, Thursday, 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 Sunday

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 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.

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 city-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.

New Year's gala event will help HOPE

New Year's Eve benefit dinner, auction and dance will feature the Jimmy Dee Band at the City Limits Convention Center on Wednesday will raise money for the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE, which helps cancer patients in nine northwest Kansas counties. For ticket information, contact Pat Sloan at 443-3261.

Scouts still looking for a few good girls

It's not too late to join the fun. Girls in kindergarten through high school can join Girl Scouting anytime throughout the year. For information, contact Penny Cline at 443-8321.

Colby Head Start taking applications

Thomas County Head Start, a free preschool for kids who qualify, is accepting applications throughout the year for 3- and 4-year-olds. Children must have been 3 by Sept. 1, 2014. Those with disabilities welcome. For information, call the Head Start office at 460-6067.

Senior center needs delivery help

The Senior Progress Center is looking for two volunteers to deliver meals to people's homes from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday. Mileage may be reimbursed. Talk to Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information or to volunteer.

States look at guardrail safety

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reimburses states for guardrails on federal highway projects. That judgment triples to \$525 million under federal law.

After the verdict, the company set up a new round of testing for the system, which is expected to conclude in January. A Trinity spokesman predicted the new tests will show the ET-Plus system is safe.

"We have full confidence in the ET-Plus guardrail system," spokesman Jeff Eller said. "We have confidence it will pass."

The state of Missouri also partially funded a study which found the ET-Plus

is four times more likely to be involved in fatal accidents than an earlier system. It is inventing its guardrails to determine what equipment is in the field, said Sally Oxenhandler, a transportation department spokeswoman.

"The Missouri Department of Transportation was one of the first state (transportation departments) to recognize this problem, track the problem and take steps to make the roadways safer," Emison said.

Kansas transportation officials said 396 such systems are in use in the state and installation of any new ET-Plus systems has been suspended.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

TUESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 30, 2014

WEDNESDAY EVENING

DECEMBER 31, 2014

BROADCAST	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	Forever: "Fountain of"	Forever	Forever	Forever	Forever	Forever	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	Nightline
CBS	NCIS: "Crescent II" HD	The 37th Annual Kennedy	The 37th Annual Kennedy	Center Honors (N) HD	Center Honors (N) HD	Center Honors (N) HD	Local	(.35) Late Show	Late Late	Late Late
NBC	Chicago Fire: "Always"	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Local	(.35) Tonight Show	Late Night	Late Night
FOX	New Girl	Mindy	New Girl	Mindy	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs
ION	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	The Listener	The Listener	The Listener	The Listener
A&E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead
ANIMAL	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014	Best Fest 2014
BET	(6:30) Movie	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Apollo Live	Apollo Live	Apollo Live	Apollo Live	Wendy Williams	Wendy Williams	Wendy Williams
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives (N)	Real Housewives (N)	Guide to Divorce (N)	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Real Housewives	Guide to Divorce	Guide to Divorce	Guide to Divorce
CARTOON	King Hill	King Hill	King Hill	Cleveland	Dad	Dad	Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Superjail!
CMT	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	CMT All Time	Top 40: "Hour 4"	CMT	CMT
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Scary Movie 2 (01, R)	1/2 Shawn Wayans	1/2 Shawn Wayans	1/2 Shawn Wayans
DISCOVERY	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)
DISNEY	High School Musical 3: Senior Year (08, G)	1/2 Austin	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	I Didn't	Jessie	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	Kardashians	E! News (N)	Sex & City	Sex & City	Sex & City
ESPN	(5:30) College Football: Georgia vs Louisville	College Football: Oklahoma State vs Missouri	College Football: Oklahoma State vs Missouri	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)	College Football: "2014 Foster Farms Bowl": Maryland vs Stanford (Live)
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
FAMILY	Games	The Proposal (09, PG-13)	1/2 Sandra Bullock	The 700 Club (TV G)	The 700 Club (TV G)	The 700 Club (TV G)	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped	"Hoofin' It!"	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	"Hoofin' It!"	"Hoofin' It!"	"Hoofin' It!"
FX	Step Brothers (08, R)	1/2 Will Ferrell	1/2 Will Ferrell	Step Brothers (08, R)	1/2 Will Ferrell	1/2 Will Ferrell	Salt (10, PG-13)	1/2 Will Ferrell	1/2 Will Ferrell	1/2 Will Ferrell
HGTV	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper
HISTORY	(6:00) Revelation: Ho	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	(.03) Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)	Revelation: The End of Days (N)
LIFETIME	G.I. Jane (97, R)	1/2 Demi Moore	1/2 Nicolas Cage	Biography	Biography	Biography	G.I. Jane (97, R)	1/2 Demi Moore	1/2 Demi Moore	1/2 Demi Moore
MTV	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Challenge	The Real World	The Real World	Challenge	The Real World	Challenge	Challenge
NICK	Full Hse	Full Hse	Full Hse	Prince	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met	How I Met
SPIKE	Ink Master	Ink Master	Ink Master	Nightmares	Nightmares	Nightmares	Nightmares	Nightmares	Nightmares	Nightmares
SYFY	(6:00) Disaster L.A. (14)	Volcano (97, PG-13)	1/2 Tommy Lee Jones	Tommy Lee Jones	Tommy Lee Jones	Tommy Lee Jones	Volcano (97, PG-13)	1/2 Tommy Lee Jones	1/2 Tommy Lee Jones	1/2 Tommy Lee Jones
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Conan	Conan	Conan
TCM	Topkapi (64, NR)	1/2 Melina Mercouri	(.15) Imitation of Life (59, NR)	1/2 Lana Turner	1/2 John Gavin	1/2 John Gavin	Kiss Her	Kiss Her	Kiss Her	Kiss Her
TLC	Little Couple (N)	The Little Couple (N)	The Little Couple (N)	Little and	Little and	Little and	The Little Couple	Little and	Little and	Little and
TNT	Castle: "Pandora"	Castle: "Linchpin"	Castle	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	"Mrs. Azrael"	"Mrs. Azrael"	"Mrs. Azrael"
TRAVEL	Hotel Impossible	Hotel Impossible	Hotel Impossible	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods
TV LAND	(.18) Family Feud	Fam. Feud	Raymond	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends
USA	Modern	Modern	Modern	Banched	Banched	Banched	Banched	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
VH1	(6:00) Beauty Shop (05)	Bye, Felicia! (N)	Bye, Felicia! (N)	Suave Says	Bye, Felicia! (N)	"Carissa"	Beauty Shop (05, PG-13)	1/2 Sandra Bullock	1/2 Sandra Bullock	1/2 Sandra Bullock
WGN	The Family Man (00, PG-13)	1/2 Nicolas Cage	1/2 Nicolas Cage	How I Met	Rules	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks
PREM	The Grand Budapest Hotel (14)	(.45) Mama (13, PG-13)	1/2 Jessica Chastain	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best	Boxing's Best
MAX	(.15) X-Men: The Last Stand (06, PG-13)	1/2 Sandra Bullock	1/2 Sandra Bullock	The Heat (13, R)	1/2 Sandra Bullock	1/2 Sandra Bullock	In Bed	In Bed	In Bed	In Bed
SHOW	Perks of Being (12)	Inside the NFL (N)	Manisyalco	(.05) Inside the NFL	(.05) Inside the NFL	(.05) Inside the NFL	Time Is Illmatic (14)	Time Is Illmatic (14)	Time Is Illmatic (14)	Time Is Illmatic (14)

BROADCAST	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	New Year's Rockin' Eve P1	Eve P1	Eve P1	Eve P1	Eve P1	Eve P1	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve
CBS	Blue Bloods	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Stalker: "Pilot"	Stalker: "Pilot"	Local	(.35) Late Show	Late Late	Late Late
NBC	A Toast to 2014! (N)	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve	(.58) Local	(.58) Local	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve	Tonight	Tonight
FOX	Pitbull's New Year's Revolution: "Part One"	Local Programs	Local Programs	Pitbull's New Year's Revolution	Local	Local	Pitbull's New Year's Revolution	Local	Local	Local
ION	Cold Case: "Slipping"	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case: "Bombers"	Cold Case: "Bombers"
A&E	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck	Duck	Duck	Duck	Duck	(.01) Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead
ANIMAL	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America	North America
BET	Apollo Live	Movie	Movie	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Wendy Williams	Wendy Williams	Wendy Williams	Wendy Williams

Some days are just like that

SAM DIETER
Colby Free Press

The front of this 2007 Pontiac G6 was badly damaged after the driver hit another car just before 11 a.m. last Monday at Range Ave. and Davis Ave. Marissa Ginther, 21, told police she did not see Ashley Carman stopping in front of her at Davis, Colby police said, and hit Carman's 2002 Mercury Sable from behind. Both women, who had been going south on Range, were unhurt, but their cars had to be towed.



Look forward to new month, year: Orange and Black's on the calendar

The holidays are behind us, we've made our resolutions for the new year and with a little luck haven't broken all of them yet. Every new year is like a clean slate; we look forward to new opportunities and challenges.

January is already shaping up to be a busy one.

The premiere Colby High School sporting event is the Orange and Black Classic Basketball Tournament Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 22 to 24. Games will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at noon on Saturday. Games are at the high school and Community Building.

A terrific event for spectators will be the Harlem Ambassadors who will be entertaining the audience at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Colby Community Building. The Colby Challengers will be putting forward their very best effort, but don't expect a win for our local community men and women. The Harlem Ambassadors will also be presenting assemblies for students. This event is sponsored by the Colby Chamber of Commerce. Come watch the fun.



Leilani Thomas

- On the Road Again!

A special event for the women of the community is the Annual Ladies Luncheon at noon Wednesday Jan. 21. It will be held at the American Legion. The theme this year will be "Saturday Night Live in Colby Kansas." As many of you know, the Colby Diplomats try to make this event special each year. We promise you a show you will not want to miss. Other Chamber events include Business After Five at Country Trader Gun Shop Wednesday, Jan. 7. The Annual Business Luncheon will be at noon Wednesday, Jan 27 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Plan on joining us.

Other community events include *Food for Thought* at noon next Monday at Prairie Museum of Art and History. Speaker will be Mike

Kochasic from the Goodland Weather Service.

Pioneer Memorial Library activities include the Book Club at 7 p.m. next Monday and *Booked for Lunch* book review at noon Jan. 7.

The fifth grade musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Leadership Thomas County begins in January with a class of 12 Thomas County sophomore students and six adults. Cindy Black and I look forward to working with this group. Three sessions will be held in January and one in February, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Thomas County Office Complex.

I will also be working the Denver Travel and Sports Show Friday through Sunday, Jan 16 to 18, at the Convention Center downtown - home of the "big blue bear." If you are attending the show, stop by and say hello.

Yes, it looks like January is very busy - a sign that 2015 will be a very active year.

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

Teach kids money's value at holiday time

For most children in America, the holiday season is a wonderful time, with tasty treats, vacation from school, and plenty of toys and gifts that seem to magically appear.

Of course, parents know it's not magic; those gifts cost money. Young children do need to learn to appreciate the value of a dollar, says C. Ernie Nivens, the 2005 Father of the Year for Charlotte, N.C., designated by the American Diabetes Association.

"As a parent, grandparent and veteran financial advisor, I can talk all day about what I can do for an individual's specific needs, but so much of it comes down to the basics of how we're raised," says Nivens, a financial specialist since 1990. "When children are spoiled and never taught the value of

money, parents have neglected to empower them with the ability to budget and prioritize resources."

Nivens, author of "Baker's Dozen: 13 Insights from Highly Successful Financial Advisors," says that a percentage of money children earn or receive as gifts this holiday season should be put aside for at least one of four pockets.

- Pocket 1: College savings. College graduates in 2014 are the most indebted class ever. The average graduate has student loan debt of \$33,000, according to an analysis of government data published in Edvisors, a group of websites about planning and paying for college.

- Pocket 2: Fun and games, dream pocket. Children need to know that entertainment - including TV, movies, Internet and video games - isn't free. Having them help pay for a video game or a summer trip is a direct and concrete way for a child to experience giving up something in order to gain something they'd like to have. It also helps them become more discerning about requests for toys, games and outings.

- Pocket 3: God pocket. While the ability to save money is a virtue to a child's future well-being, giving part of savings to a higher

purpose is a way of acting on values. Donating to a church, charity or to buy a friend a treat teaches children that money isn't the ultimate goal in life.

- Pocket 4: Saving for the future. Can a child always predict money needs to the last dollar? Can adults? Of course not, and that's why a pocket for general expenses is useful. It could be a charitable effort in the community, which could require travel. Or, she may accidentally break a window while playing catch with her friend. However the money may be needed for future use, it's great to be able to supplement the other pockets with savings.

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Corrections

A photo caption titled, "Grade school gives to Genesis," on Page 3 of the Friday, Dec. 26, *Colby Free Press*, contained inaccurate information. The Parent-Teacher Organization's food drive raised 703 pounds of food total, not just from Shirley Arnberger's third grade class, which tied for collecting the most food items, 102 pieces each, with Julie Ross' first grade class. This was a reporting error.

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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.

- Hazel Duffey

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Dec. 10 at the Post, with President Anita Thiel officiating.

A thank you from the Winfield Veteran Home for snowman sacks was read.

The legislative report was an excerpt from the *VFW Action Corps Weekly* about caregiver expansion for veterans.

The chaplain reported the death of Betty Brenn and Erma Heim. The charter was draped in their memory and \$5 for each sent to cancer aid and research for a memorial.

The veteran and family support chairman reported 25 snowman bags were sent to Winfield. Joan Ziegler donated card stock.

Two boxes of coupons were

sent to Turkey.

The Americanism report was a test on American symbols.

Publicity reported the meeting item in the *Free Press*.

Thiel reported the Patriotic Art information has been sent to the schools.

The Post Christmas party for kids was to be Dec. 22 at the Post.

Thiel read an item explaining the meaning of the items on the missing man table used at auxiliary meetings.

The theme for the Voice of Democracy contest for youths will be, "Why are veterans important to our nation's history and future."

The Patriotic Art theme will be, "Why do we appreciate American veterans."

Donations were allowed for:

\$25 for Winfield Christmas treats; \$50 to Genesis for Christmas baskets; and \$100 to Santa City. After discussion, \$20 was allowed for the Operation Changing Lives program.

Floriene Whisnant from the Goodland Auxiliary was present and gave President Thiel a basket of toys for small children at the kids' Christmas party.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the post.

Deaths

Irvin Edward Schwarz

Irvin Edward Schwarz, 76, Colby, a retired recycling center supervisor, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 18, 1938, to Alexander and Theresa (Wessel) Schwarz on a farm northeast of Angelus in Sheridan County.

On Aug. 4, 1964, he married Carol Kleinsorge at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden.

They lived and farmed on the Wessel homestead until 1967, when they moved to Colby. He worked for 35 years for the city's Public Works Department. Following his retirement from the city in 2002, he was supervisor at the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center in Colby until 2010, and traveled to outlying communities to collect recycling.

A member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, he was active in the Knights of Columbus, especially their annual Tootsie Roll drive. He volunteered for the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Alex-

ander and Herman Schwarz; and three sisters, Loretta Bollig, Janis Schieferecke and Dorothy Sierra.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Loretta (Frank) Bremer, Russell; a son, Jerome (Wendy) Schwarz, Oakley; four sisters, Mary Ann Juenemann, Selden; Sister Rita Schwarz, Wichita; Arvilla (Jerry) Juenemann, Selden; and Phyllis Norton, Manhattan; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at the church in Colby, with inurnment in the church cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Baalman Mortuary in Colby, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to help pay for a motorized wheelchair for someone with intellectual disabilities or to the church, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby Kan., 67701.

Condolences may be left at www.baalmanmortuary.com.

Maurice L. Sloan

Maurice L. Sloan, 85, a Colby farmer, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 9, 1929, in Thomas County, the son of Harold and Annetta (Day) Sloan. He graduated from Colby High School in 1947. That year, he placed sixth in the state in the quarter-mile, and held the school record in the event for 14 years.

In 1950, he married Vera Klaurens.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Harlan Sloan; and two sisters, Juanita Friesen and Martha Hearson.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Randy L. (Sherry) Sloan, Dorrance, and Bruce A. (Connie) Sloan, Azle, Texas; two daughters, Nanci (Dennis) Dye, Hebron, Neb., and Lynda (Don) Schneider, Bennington; a sister-in-law, Marie Kriss, Denver; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was awarded the Soil Conservation Bankers Award for good farming practices in 1973. He always found something to keep him busy, and loved to build things from wood working to welding. He designed and built a piece of farm equipment which he used until he left the farm in 1987.

Known for his beautiful voice, he sang for over 128 funerals, along with many church specials.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at the College Drive Assembly of God church, with Pastor Steve Todd officiating and inurnment in Beulah Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the church or the Genesis-Thomas County food bank, in care of the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

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

Edward C. Stephens

Edward C. Stephens, 73, retired Colby barber, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born July 15, 1941, in Kansas City, Kan.

Survivors include a half sister, Pat Chaffee, of Independence, Mo., and special friends Stan and Verda Wancura of Colby.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at

the Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation was Sunday at the funeral chapel.

Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church of Colby, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences may be left at www.kersbrockfuneralchapel.com.

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Thanks for the many prayers, calls, visits, flowers, also to Brian Unruh and all the nurse's good care that helped me during my long stay.

God Bless you all,
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Other Viewpoints

Handguns, kids don't go together

We don't know just what prompted a first-grader at Indian Hills Elementary to stick a handgun into his or her backpack before going to school Dec. 15.

Perhaps the child thought the gun was safer in the backpack than with parents who were careless enough to leave a loaded weapon lying around where a first-grader could pick it up.

Fortunately, there was no tragic ending to this story about a gun in a school building, although school officials have indicated the child will face punishment for the incident. A teacher noticed the gun and reported it immediately. Police were called and the parents notified.

We hope the child's parents now realize the seriousness of their own role in what transpired.

Loaded handguns and children are a dangerous mix, anywhere, and responsible gun owners know enough to keep the two separate and safe.

If there are guns in a home, it's best that young children don't know where they are to be found. Trigger locks and gun safes provide a measure of safety and security. Granted, gun owners who keep a weapon for home security don't want to fool with a trigger lock or run to a safe if danger presents itself, but there's no excuse for keeping a loaded gun where it can be picked up by a young child.

Topekans have read stories over the years about children who have unintentionally shot themselves or someone else while playing with a gun. Those stories should have served as a warning to us all. Last week's story, despite its uneventful ending, no doubt caused many people to think about what might have happened.

Police said that although the gun was loaded, there was no round in the chamber. But had other children found it, rather than a teacher, and started playing with it, the incident could have ended much differently.

The *Topeka Capital-Journal* has always supported the Second Amendment and citizens' right to bear arms. But that right comes with responsibilities, and the ultimate responsibility for the incident at Indian Hills Elementary rests with the person who left a gun where a first-grader could latch onto it.

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

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Bowing to pressure limits free speech

The decision of movie theaters and Sony to release the satirical comedy "The Interview" on Christmas Day deserves plaudits for those who initially criticized the distributor for canceling release of the show.

While I understand why Sony initially refused to show the movie on its planned release date after a cyberattack by the North Korean-linked group Guardians of Peace on the corporation — which threatened terrorist attacks on the U.S. if the movie was shown — I still believe they, and the theater chains that at first refused to show the movie, made a mistake.

A malevolent regime led by an insecure, hyper-masculine man-child like Kim Jong-un, who has managed to bumble through life without the stirrings of a conscience, should not dictate what movies Americans are allowed to watch or when they are allowed to watch them. This nation should never surrender its right of freedom of expression because it upsets some immature dictator who is too adolescent-minded and hedonistic to care about anything but protecting his opulent lifestyle and throwing money into military spending while his citizens are starving.

For once, I find myself in complete agreement with conservative Jonas Goldberg when, in an article for the *National Review*, where he aptly described the North Korean president as the Pillsbury Doughboy from Hell.

President Obama, however, was only half



Andy Heintz

• Wildcat Ramblings

right when he initially said Sony's decision sets a bad precedent, because this isn't the first time the United States or other Western countries have capitulated to the hypersensitivity of extremists and belligerent dictators.

We and others have canceled artistic or intellectual presentations that might provoke violence from religious fanatics, specifically Islamic extremists. In the United States, according to an excellent and erudite article by Paul Berman in *The New Republic*, examples of times when entertainment, academic or artistic elements in our society elected to self-censor themselves include the removal of some cartoons in 2009 from a scholarly Yale University Press book about Danish cartoons, the removal of art work by the Metropolitan Museum in New York in 2010, the decision by 800 newspapers in the U.S. not to run a syndicated cartoon by Wiley Miller and Comedy Central forcing South Park to bleep and censor an episode poking fun at the Prophet Muhammad after the creators of the show, Trey Parker

and Matt Stone, were warned by an extremist Muslim group that if they continued to depict the prophet in an unflattering way, they "will probably end up like van Gogh."

The late Theo van Gogh was a Dutch filmmaker and critic of religions, including Islam, who was murdered by an Islamic militant in Amsterdam in 2004 after he made a film that discussed abuse of Muslim women in Islamic societies. Shamefully, the Dutch police sand-blasted a mural in Amsterdam protesting the murder of van Gogh because they worried it would inflame Islamic extremists.

You don't have to agree with all speech to understand how essential it is to protect it. Acquiescing to the dogmatic demands of Islamic extremists and childish dictators will not help our country in the long term.

Freedom of speech and freedom of expression face their biggest tests when external (or internal) elements try to stifle these sacred rights with violence and fear. It's our patriotic duty to not allow this to happen.

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Time to focus on growing the economy

No one who works full time in this country should be poor.

Recent economic news has been broadly reassuring. Retail sales are strong, November saw the best job gains in three years, the government deficit is shrinking, the stock market is robust and the Federal Reserve is expressing enough faith in the economy that an interest-rate bump next year is considered a certainty.

Yet the public remains unconvinced. This is partly because perceptions haven't caught up to reality. For many middle- and lower-class families, economic circumstances have not changed much. Average wages, adjusted for inflation, have not risen in keeping with the good economic news. The median net worth of households is actually a bit less than it was in 2010, just after the official end of the recession — and the gap between the wealthy and the rest of us is wider than ever.

Strong numbers do, however, offer one unambiguous piece of good news: The pressure on policy makers to focus on near-term or immediate problems has eased, which means they can now focus on the fundamental question of economic growth.

A strong economy that is growing for everyone, not just the people at the top, offers many benefits. The quality of people's lives improves. Political problems become more manageable. More people have greater economic opportunity. There's more social mobility and more tolerance of diversity.

Because the economy is always at or near the top of voters' concerns, the temptation for the policy maker is to support another tax cut or the next move to stimulate the economy in the short term. But this is the time for policy makers to resist this and try to understand the large forces — technology, automation, globalization — that drive our economy. As Princeton economist Alan Blinder, political strategist Al

Other Opinions

• Lee Hamilton Center on Congress

From and others have pointed out, the key is to concentrate on creating the environment in the country for sustained, noninflationary economic growth.

We have a chance to get our fiscal house in order and pursue long-term deficit reduction. This is a crucial early step for government to take in creating a sound environment for economic growth.

This means modernizing entitlement spending and shaping a tax-reform package that focuses on investments to boost productivity and help the economy to grow for everyone, through research and development, job training, upgrading skills as well as technology and reducing outsourcing.

At the same time, it means eliminating public subsidies to individual private enterprises. That money can be spent on boosting the economic skills of ordinary Americans through education and training. Policies aimed at strengthening our education system from pre-kindergarten to graduate school, and at promoting lifelong learning and a workforce capable of upgrading its skills to meet changing needs, will have a far more salutary effect on our economy than singling out politically connected enterprises for tax breaks and other benefits.

There are other steps government policy makers can take to improve broad economic growth. We need to expand trade through open

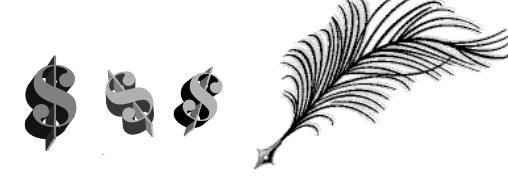
markets and simplify the regulatory structure so that it protects Americans without burdening companies beyond reason. And we must address our nation's deferred infrastructure needs, which hinder the smooth functioning of every business that relies on transporting its goods.

The same applies to reforming government itself. A government that does not work well — that wastes money, fails its regulatory responsibilities and cannot make timely decisions — undermines economic growth. You can see this, for instance, in our current inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform: We cannot increase economic growth without the people our labor force needs, from mathematicians and engineers to migrant farm workers.

Finally, policy makers need to remember that economic growth means providing a ladder out of poverty. Providing opportunity for low-income Americans through the Earned Income Tax Credit and programs to upgrade their skills is vital.

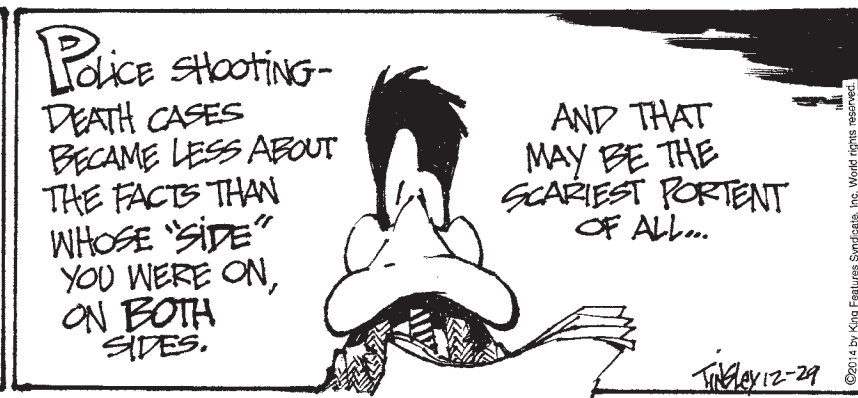
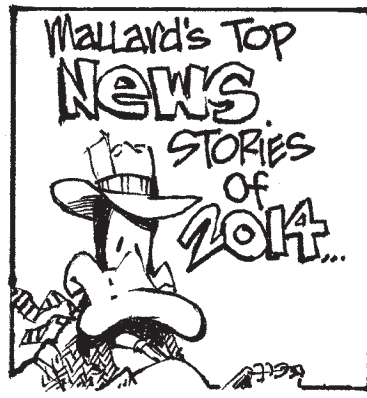
Free, competitive markets are the best way to deliver goods and services to Americans. Government must not get in the way of that system. Nor should it stand idle. The right response by government to our economic challenges is not to focus on the immediate economic problems of the day, but to invest in economic growth for all.

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Mallard Fillmore

• Bruce Tinsley



On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE
Dec. 11**

3:02 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 5:54 a.m. – Caller reported a semi blocking the roadway. Semi towed.
 10:40 a.m. – Accident at Range and Willow.
 5:22 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.
 7:33 p.m. – Caller reported theft.
 8:53 p.m. – Walk through at Colby Community Building.
 9:04 p.m. – Business check at Colby Airport.
 9:32 p.m. – Caller reported another subject was possibly struck.
 10:42 p.m. – Business check at Cornerstone Ag South.
Dec. 12
 9:45 a.m. – Caller reported man tried to break down door.
 11:20 a.m. – Caller reported subjects yelling and throwing items at each other.
 6:35 p.m. – Caller reported someone trying to break into home. Report filed.
Dec. 13
 12:46 a.m. – Caller reported domestic disturbance.
 9:02 a.m. – Caller reported theft of money from cash register.
 11:56 a.m. – Transient checked OK.
 1:27 p.m. – Theft of credit card, report filed.
 2:43 p.m. – Caller reported subject fell; needed help getting him up.
 4:46 p.m. – Caller reported subject fell; needed help getting him up. Helped ambulance crew.
 10:30 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call.
Dec. 14
 12:41 a.m. – Helped people at McDonalds.
 2:35 a.m. – Security check at the B-Hive.
 2:53 p.m. – Accident.
 9:58 p.m. – Caller reported drug smell. Report filed.
 10:30 p.m. – Report filed for K-9 deployment on above call.
Dec. 15
 8:33 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
 11:31 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Got dog back inside residence.
 11:34 a.m. – Caller wanted officer for walk through of building. All OK.
 12:07 p.m. – Caller reported pickup parked illegally. Vehicle to be moved.
 12:36 p.m. – Caller reported possible phone scam.
 1:51 p.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School.
 9:59 p.m. – Caller reported subject sleeping in a tent. Made contact; subject advised officer that she wanted to stay in her tent and that she had money, clothing and blankets.
Dec. 16
 12:45 a.m. – Security check at Meadow Lake.
 1:17 a.m. – Security check at the south Cornerstone Ag.
 5:49 a.m. – Security check to residences.
 11 a.m. – Assisted County Attorney's office.
 12:10 p.m. – Caller requested

check on subject; residence was empty.
 2:08 p.m. – Caller reported four-by-four in road. Not found.
 4:30 p.m. – National Crime Information Center hit on stolen grain trailer.
 11:49 p.m. – Security check to residences.
Dec. 17
 12:07 a.m. – Security check at the airport.
 12:30 a.m. – Security check at the south Cornerstone Ag.
 12:41 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 4:24 a.m. – 911 caller reported being followed.
 9:55 a.m. – Attempted burglary/theft report filed.
 9:55 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.
 11:10 p.m. – Caller reported harassment by text message.
Dec. 18
 4:12 a.m. – Helped ambulance crew.
 5:45 a.m. – National Crime Information Center hit for runaway.
 6:29 a.m. – Caller reported runaway.
 7:30 a.m. – Accident.
 7:56 a.m. – Accident.
 12:32 p.m. – Caller reported damage to Christmas lights.
 3:33 p.m. – Caller received call from man claiming to be with IRS wanting money. Provided information.
 4:46 p.m. – Caller caught dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 4:47 p.m. – Caller reported receiving harassing messages.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Dec. 11**

2:54 p.m. – Caller reported criminal damage to irrigation sprinkler.
 5:16 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Chad Derek Somers.
 5:16 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Adam Lee Ford.
 5:18 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call at Law Enforcement Center.
Dec. 12
 9:59 a.m. – Helped Colby Police on call at E. Fourth.
 11:10 a.m. – Funeral block.
 3:33 p.m. – Released Uriel Agustin Carrillo.
Dec. 13
 4:22 p.m. – Maurice Bratton arrested on warrant
 10:42 p.m. – Caller reported loud music in the 500 block of Main St. in Brewster.
 10:30 p.m. – Booked John R. Strauss.
Dec. 14
 11:07 a.m. – Caller reported someone attempted to break into residence on County Rd. 14.
 1:05 p.m. – Caller reported subject stuck in mud in the 2700 block of County Rd. 28. Found subject; she had help.
 4:03 p.m. – Alarm at Golden Plains Schools; everything OK.
 4:30 p.m. – Criminal trespassing report filed.
 11:17 p.m. – Booked Loren M. Evans.
 11:49 p.m. – Released Evans.
Dec. 15
 10:36 a.m. – Booked Rogelio

Cerda-Munoz.
 10:58 a.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on traffic stop eastbound I-70 mile 43.
 12:16 p.m. – Booked Matthew Dylan Rider.
 12:34 p.m. – Released Rider.
 1:15 p.m. – Walk through at Brewster School.
 1:56 p.m. – Provided ride for transient from Oasis Travel Center to Free Breakfast Inn.
 3:25 p.m. – Logan County arrest warrant served on Cerda-Munoz.
 3:17 p.m. – Released Travis White.
 4:20 p.m. – Released Dustin Munk.
 7:10 p.m. – Released Cerda.
Dec. 16
 12:15 a.m. – Released John R. Strauss.
 8:14 a.m. – Caller reported cattle out on K-25 at County Rd. K. Owner was contacted, cattle back in pasture.
 9:09 a.m. – Funeral lead Baalman Mortuary to Catholic Church.
 9:44 a.m. – Released Chad Somers.
 10:24 a.m. – Funeral lead Catholic Church to U.S. 24 and U.S. 83 junction.
 11 a.m. – Assisted county attorney's office on W. Second.
 11:25 a.m. – Criminal littering report filed.
 1:05 p.m. – Brought prisoner from Barton County to Colby.
 3:20 p.m. – Booked Maurice Bratton.
Dec. 17
 9:46 a.m. – Booked Jason Scott Force.
 2:20 p.m. – Released Force, Jason
 3:34 p.m. – Booked Sean Schuff.
 4:35 p.m. – Criminal threat report filed.
 10:45 p.m. – Caller reported accident at U.S. 83 mile 152.
 10:49 p.m. – Accident.
Dec. 18
 12:48 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed.
 9:36 a.m. – Released Sean Steven Schuff.
 10 a.m. – Stolen gun report filed.
 2 p.m. – Provided traffic control for Highway Patrol on southbound U.S. 83 at Nine-Mile Corner.
 3:17 p.m. – Booked Angela Lindea Delano.
 3:40 p.m. – Released Delano.
 7:12 p.m. – Assisted other agency on call at County Rd. 11 and I-70.
Dec. 19
 9:52 a.m. – Provided road block for cattle being moved.
 11:27 a.m. – Checked on stalled vehicle at County Rd. 16 and U.S. 24.
 12:14 p.m. – Caller reported issue with child/dad.
 3:48 p.m. – Caller reported theft of fuel from boom truck parked in field.
 5:31 p.m. – Booked Chad Alan Kincaid.
 11:45 p.m. – Probation violation report filed on Chad Somers.
 11:45 p.m. – Probation violation report filed on Kristin Lawrence.
Dec. 20
 12:15 a.m. – Booked Dominick

Esteban.
 12:52 a.m. – Booked Samuel Parker.
 2:23 a.m. – Booked Chad Somers.
 6:34 a.m. – Booked Kristin Ruth Lawrence.
 10:30 a.m. – Took three prisoners to Rawlins County.
 11:54 p.m. – Booked Charles L. Austin.

Monday
 8:15 a.m. – Helped Juvenile Services at Julia Apartments.
 9:30 a.m. – Released Chad Derek Somers.
 9:54 a.m. – Took prisoner to Thomas-Sherman County line.
 9:48 a.m. – Released Dominick Joseph Esteban to Gove County.
 9:59 a.m. – Released Samuel Arthur Parker to Gove County.

10:35 a.m. – Booked Zakiry Cade Cable.
 2:59 p.m. – Took juvenile to Southwest Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility, Garden City.
 7:49 p.m. – Caller reported two large square hay bales in roadway in the 2400 block of U.S. 24.
 9:46 p.m. – Someone shining a laser pointer in windows in Brewster.

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K-State operates own truck with biodiesel made on campus

The sound of a diesel engine is distinct. Sure, some are louder than others, and diesel enthusiasts can usually recognize the differences in sound between Cummins and Powerstroke engines, for example, when driving down the road.

One Cummins engine in particular, in a maroon Dodge Ram 2500 Heavy Duty truck on the Kansas State University campus, operates using a renewable fuel called biodiesel. Students, faculty, staff and visitors might meet the truck occasionally as it makes the rounds to pick up used cooking oil from residence hall dining facilities and the K-State Student Union.

The unique truck, which down the sides reads, "Powered by Biodiesel," is the flagship for a major sustainability project at K-State, the Biodiesel Initiative. The waste oil goes to a conversion lab at the K-State Recycling Center, where students turn it into biodiesel for use in other K-State diesel trucks and landscaping equipment.

"We have a number of diesel trucks on campus that consume our biodiesel, and other smaller engines can use it as well," said Ron Madl, K-State emeritus research professor of grain science and a leader of the Biodiesel Initiative.

According to the National Bio-

diesel Board, biodiesel can be made from a diverse mix of feedstocks that include recycled cooking oil, soybean oil and animal fats.

Experiential learning

Madl wanted to get students more involved in research centered on sustainability when he served as co-director for K-State's Center for Sustainable Energy.

"All universities need to teach our young people how we can have a smaller footprint going forward," Madl said. "Getting them involved in recycling — how we do it chemically and how we do it economically — is important."

About two years ago, Madl established a biodiesel conversion lab from scratch with funding help from the Kansas Soybean Commission, which also provided the truck for waste oil pick-up and salary support for student workers to run the lab.

The students represent many different majors. Together, they formed the Biodiesel Club, currently supervised by Dan Higgins, professor of chemistry. Club members get hands-on experience in the conversion lab and learn about the process of making biodiesel.

"These students get great experience in understanding how processes operate with responsibility and maintaining safety," Madl

said. "Students can leverage this experience in their future careers and are setting an example about sustainability across campus."

Rachel DeMyers, a junior chemical engineering major at K-State, is the current project manager for the lab but has been involved since the beginning.

"I like the hands-on experience and learning how to problem solve," DeMyers said. "I was able to get an internship going into my junior year, which isn't common, because I had confidence in my ability and leadership experience with this project."

Joshua Benton, also a junior chemical engineering major, is the process lead in the lab. He enjoys working with students with different backgrounds and skill sets.

"Everyone brings something different to the table," Benton said. "One of our members is an English major, so she's always on top of writing proposals and forming the charter for our group."

DeMyers and Benton said students must go through a semester of safety training before working in the lab, and at least two students must be present at all times when making biodiesel.

Processing and using biodiesel

Once the students collect the waste oil, they bring it to the conversion lab and test the quality, Madl said. Oil must have the right

chemistry for a good reaction. The students then filter out solid particles, such as leftover French fries.

When the oil meets those requirements, it goes into a reactor and is converted to 100 percent biodiesel, or B100. Then it's blended with petroleum diesel to get B20, or 20 percent biodiesel, which is used to fuel many of the campus vehicles.

"I estimate that we will produce between 1,500 and 2,500 gallons of B100 per year," Madl said. "We convert at least 50 gallons of waste oil per week in eight months of the year, as we shut down for the summer and during winter holidays."

The lab wasn't completely quiet the last two summers, however, as K-State professor of chemical engineering Keith Hohn provided National Science Foundation research experiences for undergraduates students to work on research projects in the lab.

Another K-State faculty member, Ed Brokesh, recently became involved in the biodiesel initiative. As an instructor in biological and agricultural engineering, he uses biodiesel produced on campus to show students how it operates in their tractors compared to petroleum diesel.

"The students often hear and read about biodiesel but never actually get to see it in use," Brokesh said. "Basically, there's not much

Biodiesel waste can be reused

One of the latest equipment purchases for the biodiesel conversion lab at Kansas State University could help the university become even more sustainable in the future, said Ron Madl, K-State emeritus research professor of grain science and a leader of the Biodiesel Initiative.

"An issue that you have with biodiesel is about 20 percent of the production volume generated from our reactor is a waste product that has to be disposed of," he said. "It is mostly glycerol, but there is methanol unused from the reaction itself. As a re-

sult, we've purchased a piece of equipment that will give us the ability to purify glycerol and separate it from the methanol. The methanol is then put back into the reactor for the next time we run a reaction, so we're recycling the methanol and getting more use of that chemical."

The purified glycerol, then, has another value, he said. K-State students are currently researching how to convert the glycerol into an industrial degreaser that K-State Facilities could possibly use internally.

of a difference in the fuels.... One just happens to be out of petroleum, and one is out of soybean or other organic materials to create biodiesel."

Brokesh said producing the fuel is one thing, but it is important to study the fuels and how they interact with different engines. Through research knowledge, he and his students can educate consumers — farmers in particular — about using biodiesel.

In addition to the Kansas Soybean Commission, other sources of financial support include the

K-State Provost's Academic Excellence Fund and a NSF grant awarded to K-State's Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering that relates to cooperative research on sustainability, Madl said. Because the university does not have to purchase as much diesel fuel, it credits the conversion lab for the amount saved in fuel costs to help support the lab's needs.

State officials urge caution for drivers in New Year's season

With New Year's holiday coming this week, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Transportation are urging motorists to practice safety on the roadways.

More people, including impaired drivers could be encountered and winter weather is always a threat this time of year. More instances of impaired driving could occur due to parties and other celebrations with family and friends.

Winter weather presents a challenge for motorists trying to travel through during the holidays in winter months. The Department of Transportation maintains Kan-

Drive, a great travel information portal, available at www.Kan-Drive.org. Drivers can also call 511 from any phone in the state for road conditions, closures, work zones and weather information.

Motorists can contribute to a safer traveling experience by:

- Prepare your vehicle for winter travel by replacing wiper blades, ensuring tires have good tread, and checking your vehicle's fluids, exhaust system, and other mechanical equipment.
- Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors and lights, and use your headlights for visibility.

- In adverse conditions, accelerate and brake gently, and increase the following distance between you and other vehicles.
- Steer in the direction you want to go if your vehicle loses traction and begins to slide.
- Allow for more time when traveling to and from work, home, school or other activities.
- Always wear your seat belt, and properly secure children in

the appropriate safety seats.

- Do not use cruise control when you are traveling in wet or snowy conditions.
- If you're involved in a non-injury crash that involves non-hazardous materials, move your vehicle out of the lane of traffic to protect yourself as well as other motorists.
- Always make sure you designate a sober driver for a safe ride

home.

- If you see a suspected impaired driver, or if you need help on the highways call the Highway Patrol at *47 or the Kansas Turnpike at *582. Elsewhere you can call 911 for an officer to help you.

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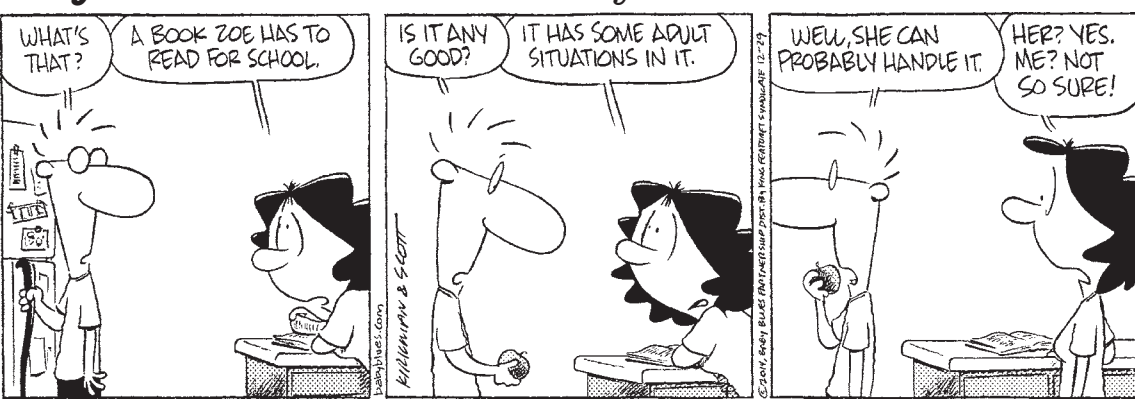
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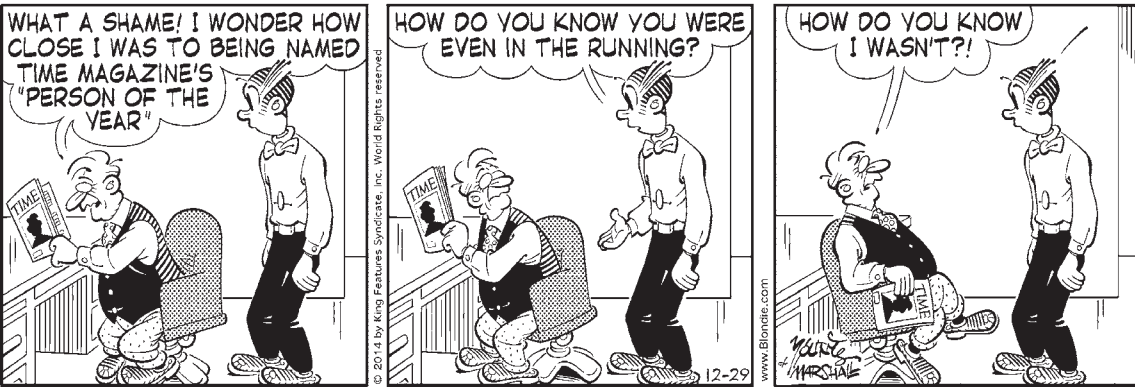
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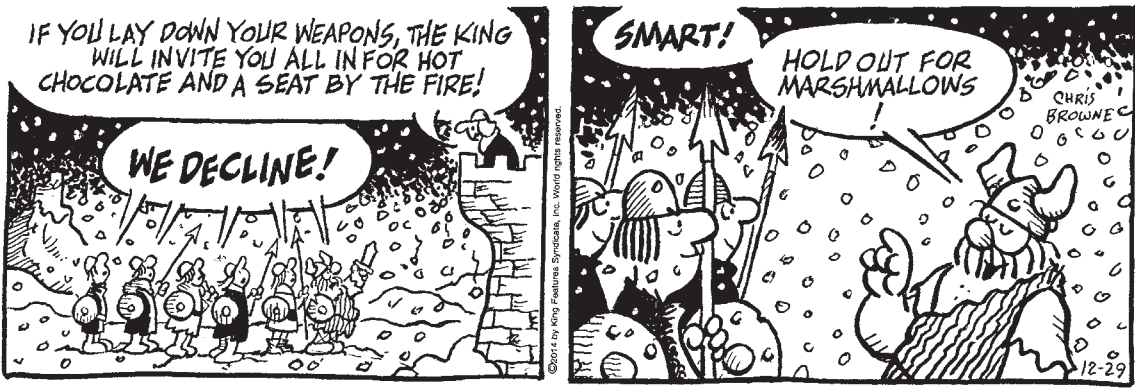
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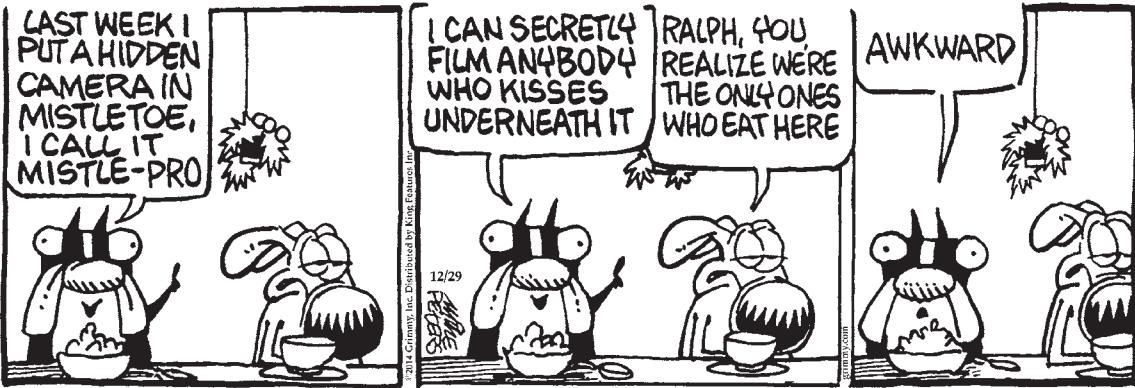
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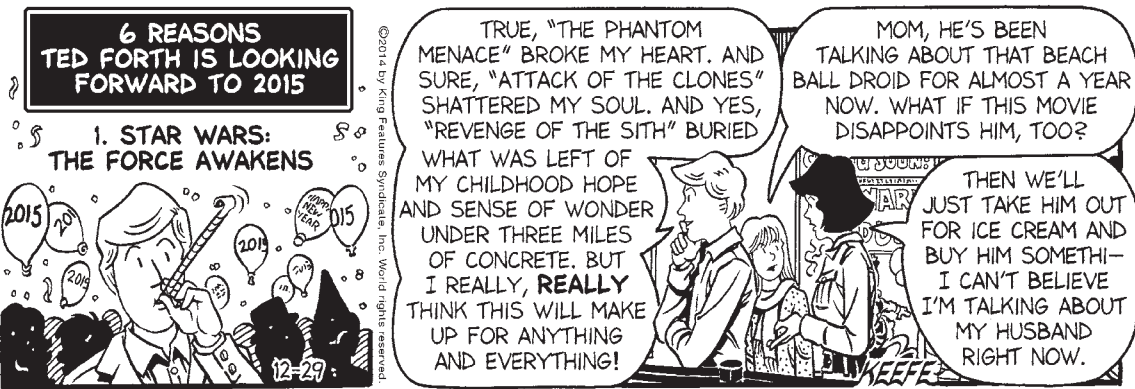
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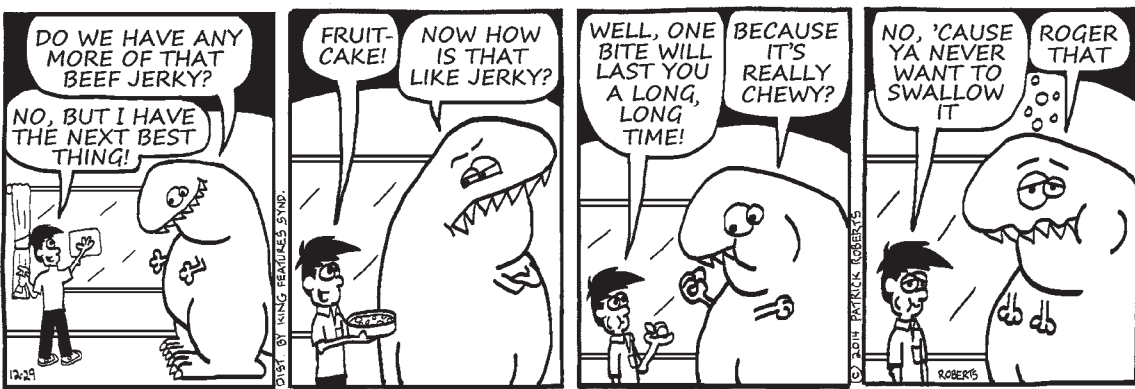
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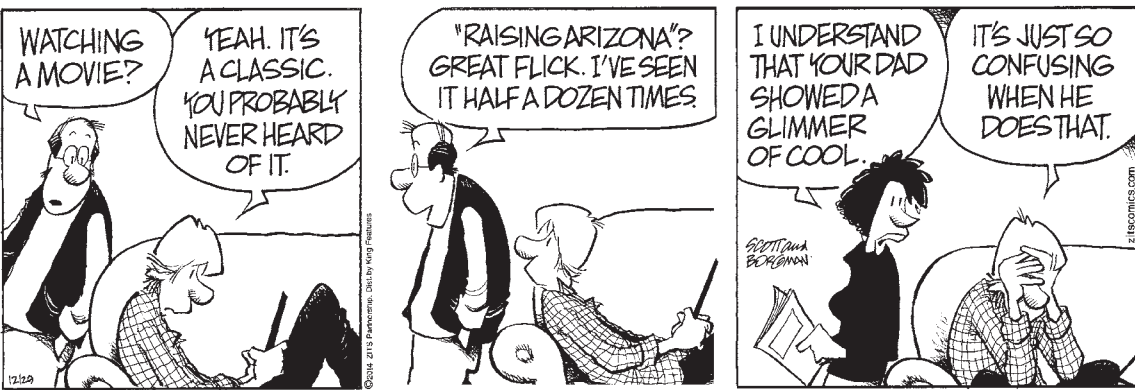
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Longcase clock greets New Year

The sound of chimes ringing 12 times at midnight blends with the "10, 9, 8 ..." chant that ushers in the new year on Jan. 1.

Today we may watch the year change on a television screen, but in years past the celebration was timed by a chiming grandfather clock. Even earlier, New Year's were timed by a clock in the church steeple or the city hall tower.

Before that, time was judged by daylight and darkness, and summer and winter climates. Today the cell phone is always handy to let you know exactly what time it is.

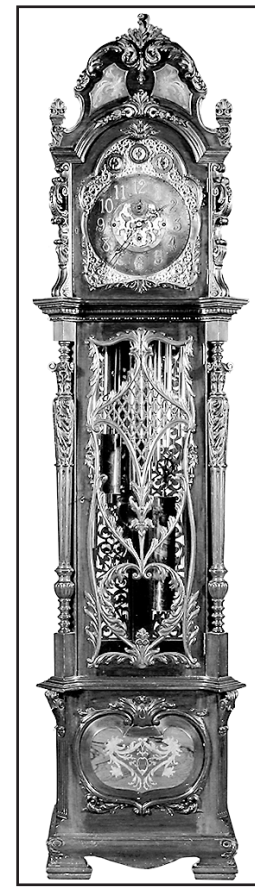
The grandfather clock was originally known as a tall case, longcase or floor clock. The 6- to 8-foot-tall clock has a weight-driven pendulum. It was invented in 1670 or so.

In the early 20th century, it was the most accurate time-piece available. There are two types: the expensive eight-day clock that has to be wound once a week, and the less-expensive 30-hour clock that has to be wound once a day.

An unusually large 1880 carved mahogany clock, 107 inches high and made by J.J. Elliott of London, sold in September at Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans. The clock has elaborate carving, fretwork, rosewood panels with inlay, chimes, and a brass-and-silvered dial. It brought \$13,743. To tell the accurate time for New Year's Eve, it must be placed in a room with a high ceiling (over 9 feet) and leveled.

Tip: Clocks should be cleaned and lubricated every five years.

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This elaborate mahogany tall case clock with nine tubes and two different chimes dates from about 1890. It auctioned recently for \$13,743 at Neal Auction in New Orleans.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This bread isn't strong enough to hold the peanut butter."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 12/29
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.

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

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THEMED AMUSEMENT PARK WHERE YOU'RE LIKELY TO FIND DOZENS OF FAST-SPINNING RIDES: DIZZY WORLD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Craze
4 Marry
7 Radiate
11 Thunder-struck
13 Mellow
14 Start over
15 Hideaway
16 Get dressed in
17 Helper
18 "I Love Lucy" co-star
20 Affix an auto-graph
22 Profit
24 Wild and crazy guy
28 Genie's master
32 Photog's directive
33 Titanic destroyer
34 "Wham!"
36 Initial stake
37 Intact
39 Combatant
- DOWN**
1 FDR's dog
2 Culture medium
3 Slay
4 Bank-roll
5 Holly-wood clashers
6 Jeans fabric
7 Parade VIP
8 Hawaiian garland
9 Eccentric
10 Trouble
12 Grue-some form of theater
19 London-er's last letter
21 Petrol
23 Gratuities
25 Short skirt
26 Choir member
27 —do-well
28 Touch feature
29 Camera
30 Part of the foot
31 Present
35 Existed
38 Attempt
40 Line
42 Chaplin character
45 Smell
47 Burden
48 Gumbo ingredient
49 "That's a relief!"
50 Shade source
51 By way of
52 Flightless bird
54 "Cock-a-doodle—!"

Saturday's answer 12-29

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 6 5
♥ A J 10 9
♦ Q 7 3
♣ Q 5 3
WEST
♠ 3
♥ K 7
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ J 10 8 7 6 4
EAST
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ K 6 5
♣ K 9
SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A 10 4
♣ A 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Famous Hand
This deal occurred in the semifinal of the 1993 world team championship in the match between the Netherlands and the United States. It features a thoughtful defensive play by Sam Lev of the U.S.

When the Dutch sat North-South, they reached three notrump as shown. West, Cliff Russell, led the club jack, which rode to South's ace. Declarer then played the spade eight and ducked it to East's ten.

Lev, East, now made the inspired return of the diamond five. He knew that if declarer played low, dummy's queen would almost surely win what would have turned out to be South's ninth trick. But he also knew two things declarer didn't know: that the spades were not breaking, and that the opposing clubs were blocked and couldn't be run.

As Lev hoped, South was unwilling to risk losing the lead to West, who could return a club through the queen. Instead, declarer rose with the diamond ace, took a successful heart finesse and cashed his heart winners. Expecting next to run the spades, he played the ace and got the bad news, at which point the position was:

North
♠ 6
♥ Q 7
♦ Q 5
West
♠ J 9
♥ 10 8 7
East
♠ Q J
♥ K 6
♦ K
♣ K
South
♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 4

South could have recovered by, for example, playing the king and another spade, discarding a club from dummy. East could score a spade, a club and a diamond, but would have to yield a trick to the diamond queen at the end. Instead, declarer led a spade to the king and a diamond to the queen — down one.

At the other table, the U.S. North wound up in three notrump and easily made nine tricks after a heart lead.

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In the Matter of the Estate of LOIS NADINE KAMMER, Deceased

Case No. 14-PR-52

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on December 11, 2014, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Kenneth Alan Kammer, executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Lois Nadine Kammer," deceased.

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/s/ KENNETH ALAN KAMMER
Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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Wildcats cough up 'sure win'

The Wichita Eagle

Here's how to lose a game in the last four seconds.

Step one: foul a three-point shooter, then give up the offensive rebound for a putback.

Step two: turn the ball over on the proceeding in-bounds.

Step three: allow the game-winning basket to be scored four feet away from the basket.

Kansas State turned a certain victory into an epic collapse in three seconds, with the final result a stunning 58-56 loss to Texas Southern on Sunday afternoon at Bramlage Coliseum.

The performance snapped K-State's 38-game winning streak at home in December, leaving all 12,528 in attendance on Sunday feeling the same as K-State senior forward Thomas Gipson afterward.

"I'm clueless," he said. "I'm speechless."

This was a game KSU led 56-52 with the clock running under 10 seconds. That's when the Wildcats (7-5) began to come apart.

Texas Southern appeared to squander its chance of extending the game by dribbling around the perimeter with the clock dwindling. But Jevon Thomas provided the bail-out, slapping the wrist of Tonnie Collier's desperation three-point attempt and was whistled for a foul with 3.8 seconds left.

Collier made the first two free throws, then purposely missed the third. On the box-out, Nino Williams crumbled to the ground, leaving Chris Thomas alone for the game-tying floater with 0.9 seconds left — a sequence that even left Texas Southern coach Mike Davis in disbelief.



kstatesports.com

Kansas State's Marcus Foster found a way to fire this pass past the Texas Southern defense on Sunday. The Wildcats did not escape a dismal finish.

Overtime was assured with a successful in-bounds pass. But Jevon Thomas took another daring gamble that came up empty, throwing an erratic pass to Marcus Foster that fell out of bounds near midcourt without anyone touching it. That meant Texas Southern, once down four points with 3.8 seconds left, would have a chance for the win.

Davis drew up the same play he has all season and revealed to reporters afterward that it has not worked a single time. It was a simple screen and lob pass, and this time, it worked. Jason Carter caught the pass four feet away from the basket and the 6-foot-9 reserve big man easily dropped it in as time expired.

After a 5-minute review, referees confirmed the shot was good. "We had the game won," K-State coach Bruce Weber said. "Obviously, some crazy things happened at the end. Sometimes everything goes against you and it was just one of those games. It's disappointing to take."

But this was not an unlucky loss, rather one that came about by a listless performance after taking leads of 9-0 and 15-4 in the opening minutes. K-State followed that with a forgettable, 23-minute stretch where it scored 19 points in 30 possessions and climbed into a 43-36 deficit.

"We just lost emotion," Williams said. "I think we got drunk on emotion and used all of our emotion up in the first couple of minutes."

What stole the show in 2014?

The three amigos ran amok across Thomas County's sports scene in 2014.

Big wins, crazy finishes and sad season-ending moments constantly seemed to arrive at every level of competition from college through middle school.

There were teams playing their first state championship game in 40 years (Golden Plains High basketball girls shown at right) and teams battling through their first state finals ever (Heartland Christian football shown below).

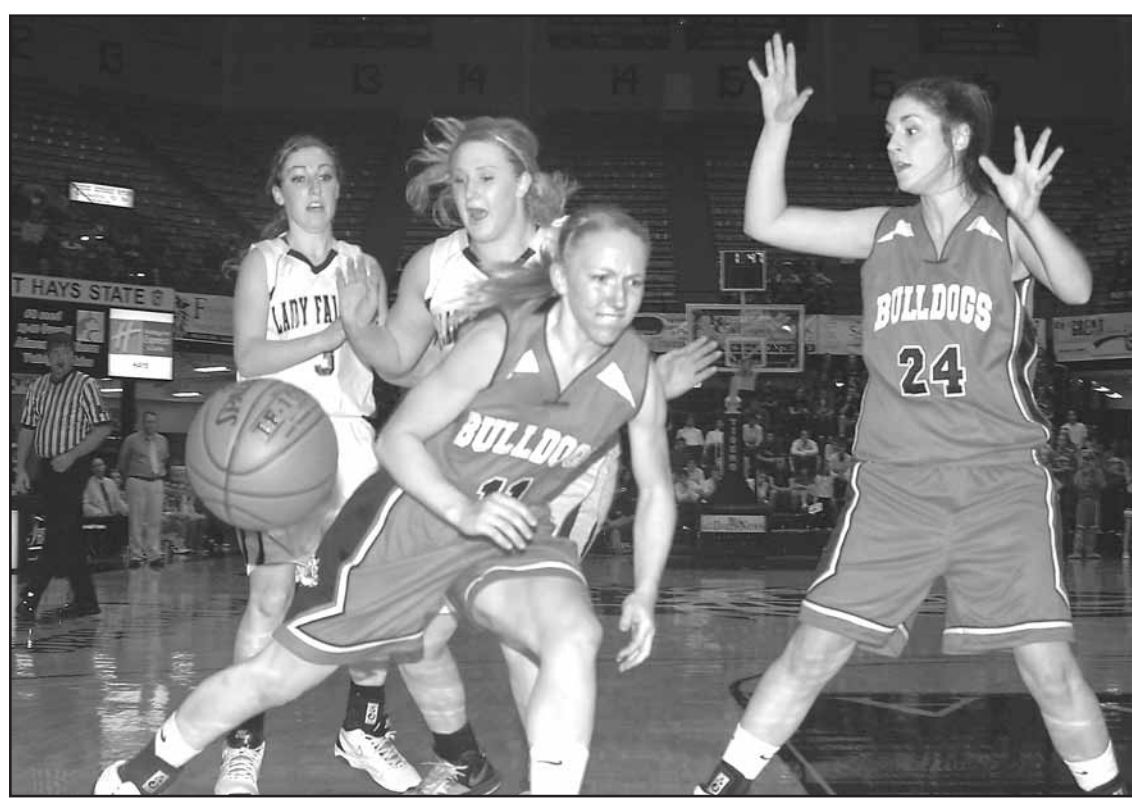
One won, one lost — but both made great memories for crowds of fans who followed them through the title chase.

There were heartbreaking endings and wild celebrations that no one from Colby High ever wanted to see.

Coach Jeff Krzycki's Colby Eagles softball team was so close to a state tournament spot, but it was rival Goodland (right) who celebrated after catching one final bases-loaded blast.

However, the Eagles enjoyed plenty of sweet payback like a 55-18 varsity football win over Goodland on Halloween.

Junior Austin Hart turned his fumble recovery into a touchdown



(bottom left) and Colby never looked back.

The Eagles eventually earned their first post-season football berth since 2009.

There were great moments to witness in Colby Community College sports as well, like a beautiful October Saturday morning where the Trojan cross country men's team completed its historic Region VI championship "three-peat" (below right).

Coach James Ortiz also earned Region VI "Coach Of The Year" honors, and the Trojans ran on to a top five national ranking among junior college Division I teams.

It followed an impressive No. 2 national finish from the Trojan indoor men's track and field team in May.

There were so many other great achievements through 2014, too many to include in one story to-



day. So both the Wednesday and Friday sports sections will pay

tribute to each month's finest moments capped by a final Top 10 list in the Friday edition.

Fun takes back seat in K-State bowl trip

The Wichita Eagle

The mariachi band grew restless as it waited to greet Kansas State on Sunday.

The quartet of performers, dressed head-to-toe in matching Charro suits, were part of the Alamo Bowl's welcoming party. They were scheduled to serenade football coach Bill Snyder and K-State's entire football team at 3:45 p.m. as it arrived at the Marriott River Center, its home for the next week.

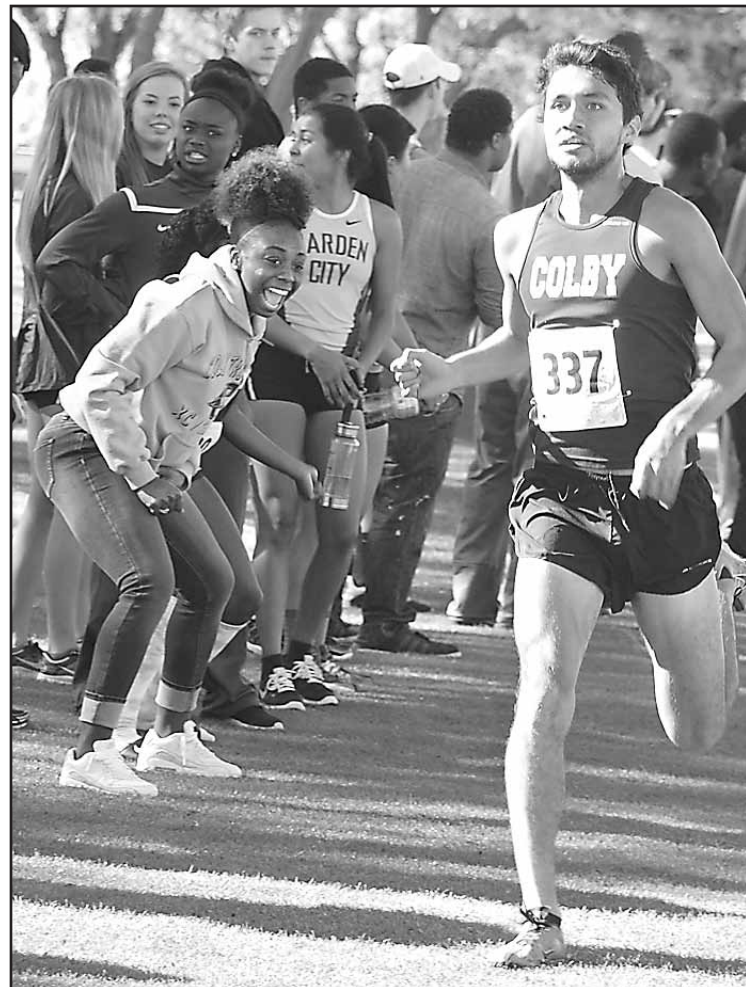
Instead, they tuned their instruments and mingled with fans until Snyder led a procession through the hotel's lobby, 30 minutes late. Punctuality is a virtue at K-State, so, as you might expect, the Wildcats had good reason for their tardiness. "Coach has our schedule down to a T," senior K-

State defensive end Ryan Mueller said. "There is a time for fun and then there is a time for business. We are here to win a bowl game. Every minute that is spent here in San Antonio needs to be geared around winning."

That means wearing coats and ties, thanking bowl employees for their hospitality and treating their time leading up to kickoff on Jan. 2 against UCLA as an extended business trip.

K-State players mastered this approach last season at the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl. Tired of ending their seasons with bowl losses, they ignored every distraction Arizona had to offer.

The result was a week of scrimmages that Snyder described as the best he could remember and a postseason victory over Michigan.



Ax falls on 'Black Monday' for NFL coaches

NEW YORK (AP) — The ax has fallen on three NFL head coaches and two general managers whose underachieving teams disappointed fans and the owners who pay their big salaries.

Getting their "Black Monday" pink slips were head coaches Rex Ryan of the New York Jets, Mike Smith of the Falcons and Marc Trestman of the Chicago Bears, and GM's John Idzik of the Jets and Phil Emery of the Bears.

Also falling victim to the revolving door of coaches was Jim Harbaugh, who agreed to part ways with the San Francisco 49ers in a departure that was long expected.

"Black Monday" comes the day after the regular season has ended

and is the day when coaches are traditionally relieved of their duties and their former teams promise a fresh start in the pursuit of Super Bowl glory.

The end for Ryan and Idzik came after one of the most disappointing Jets seasons in franchise history.

With the Jets (4-12) failing to make the postseason for the fourth straight season, Team owner Woody Johnson chose to start fresh with a new coach and GM. He met with Ryan and Idzik Monday morning after "extensive thought and reflection" and informed them they would not be returning.

Ryan was 50-52, including 4-2 in the postseason, in his six sea-

sons with the Jets. His first few years were filled with guarantees, strong statements and two consecutive trips to the AFC title game. But, in the end, there were not enough wins to back up all the big talk.

Idzik lasted just two seasons after replacing the fired Mike Tannenbaum in 2013. He was heavily criticized this year for questionable draft and free agency decisions.

The Falcons fired Smith after his second straight losing season and a 34-3 rout by the Carolina Panthers before booing fans at the Georgia Dome.

Atlanta had a 66-46 regular-season record with Smith and won two NFC South titles. However,

this season ended at 6-10.

"Smitty's contributions to our club, team and city over the last seven years are numerous," Falcons owner Arthur Blank said in a statement released by the team. "His accomplishments on the field made him the most successful coach in the 49-year history of the Falcons, and we are grateful for the foundation he has laid for us for the future."

The Chicago Tribune cited sources in reporting that the Bears fired Trestman and Emery after the team's disappointing 5-11 campaign.

Their final game ended with a listless 13-9 loss to the division foe Minnesota Vikings. The Tribune said the overhaul was

expected after the team sunk to their worst record in more than a decade. Seven defeats ended in double-digits.

The departure for Harbaugh came one year before his \$25 million, five-year contract with the 49ers was due to expire.

The announcement he was leaving came after Sunday's 20-17 win over the Arizona Cardinals and following an 8-8 season in which San Francisco had hoped to establish some momentum in new \$1.3 billion Levi's Stadium.

Harbaugh would neither confirm nor deny that he is indeed about to accept the job at alma mater, Michigan, except to acknowledge he wouldn't be around come Monday.

Rookie admits mistakes

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Johnny Manziel said reports of him throwing a party in Cleveland on Friday night are "100 percent false" but acknowledged he went out with a few friends and was not at the team's Saturday walkthrough and treatment sessions at the appropriate time.

Manziel said he was "extremely upset" Saturday morning that he let his teammates down and needs to be accountable. Manziel was on IR and did not need to participate in the walkthrough before the Ravens game, but he could have shown up for support and been on time for treatment on his hamstring.

He said he let his guard down since he wasn't part of Sunday's game plan but that he shouldn't have. Manziel said he was not with Josh Gordon -- who was suspended for missing the walkthrough as an active player.

Chiefs end two seasons with win over Chargers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a world of smartphones, text messages and Twitter, there's a good chance that just about everybody inside Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday knew about the Chiefs' precarious postseason position.

Well, except for the Chiefs.

Even as they were knocking the San Diego Chargers from contention with a 19-7 victory, they re-

fused to ask about what was transpiring elsewhere.

It was only later that they learned just how close they were to hitting on a three-team parlay — Baltimore getting beat by Cleveland and Houston losing to Jacksonville — that would have gotten them into the playoffs.

"Nobody knew. Nobody wanted to know," said the Chiefs' Chase

Daniel, who started in place of injured quarterback Alex Smith. By the time the Chiefs got to their locker room, though, they knew: The Ravens and Texans both rallied in the second half for victories, giving Baltimore the final AFC wild-card spot.

"We end up missing the playoffs," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, "so while it's fresh in the

players' minds, it's important that they feel how important every game is in this league."

Justin Houston had four sacks for the Chiefs (9-7) to break Derrick Thomas' franchise record with 22 in the season. Cairo Santos kicked four field goals, and Daniel played serviceably in just his second NFL start, throwing for 157 yards without an interception.

The Chiefs' only touchdown came when wide receiver Dwayne Bowe fumbled inches shy of the goal line early in the second quarter. Tight end Travis Kelce recovered in the end zone, not only giving Kansas City a 10-0 lead, but keeping a dubious streak intact: No Chiefs wide receiver caught a TD pass all season, the first time in at least 50 years that's happened.