

# American Legion team wins Zone opening game

The Goodland American Legion team defeated WaKeeney 8-6 to win the opening game of the Zone tournament in Norton on Sunday.

Coach John Dautel said the Goodland team will play Colby at 5 p.m. today in Norton in the second round.

He said Goodland is riding a six game winning streak and hopes the boys play well today to keep things going.

Goodland even improved their record to 7-7 with the win Sunday and Colby comes in with a 14-12 record.

Dautel said he did not know who won the other Sunday game between Norton (6-8) and Osborne (1-9).

Sunday he said the Outlaws were hitting the ball well, but made a few mistakes to let WaKeeney back in the game.

He said the Outlaws took an early lead and led through most of the game.

Starting pitcher for Goodland was Reed Bellamy, Dautel said. Gunner Helton came in with the score tied, and Ryan Hillmer came in for relief. Dautel said Helton gets the win and Hillmer gets a save.

The other game at 7 p.m. today will be Smith Center (7-6) against the winner of the Norton and Osborne game.

The losers of the first games will play on Wednesday at 5 and 7 p.m. The tournament is double elimination, and the semi final games will be on Thursday with the losers playing at 5 p.m. and the winners playing at 7 p.m.

The final games will be on Friday with the winner in the losers bracket and the loser of the semi final game in the winners bracket playing at 5 p.m.

The championship game will be played at 7 p.m. on Friday, but if the teams are tied with one loss, a final game for the zone championship will be played at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

# Youth track meet held Saturday



Logan McCartney (left) set a new mark for throwing a tennis ball at the second annual Goodland Youth Track Meet Saturday morning with a throw of 75 feet 7 inches. His brother (above) tied in the long jump with a distance of 9 feet 7 1/2 inches. More results to come.

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# Girls 10 and under Super C Champions

The Goodland 10 and under girls fast pitch team were the Super C Champions in Dodge City on July 9-10, and went 4-1 for the tournament.

"We have had a tremendous season with a record of 16-4-1," said Coach Dixie Teeter. "It was awesome to see how much the girls learned over the past few months. It was a great way to finish up our season, with a championship win in a very good pool of teams."

Teeter said the Goodland team won the Dodge City tournament with a 4-1 record.

She said the girls played Liberal Laces the first day and won 7-5, but lost to Lamar Little Savages 4-0.

The second day Goodland played Dodge City Fury and won 5-0. in the second game Goodland played

Junior Belles, and scored in the last inning to take the win 3-2.

In the championship game Goodland had a rematch with Lamar Little Savages again and this time won 5-2.

Hannah Ferguson was our pitcher all five games with Demi Mitchek providing relief in the championship game.

Goodland team members include: Brooke Drennan, Jessi Duell, Hannah Ferguson, Nicole Gerber, Mary Kate Gerber, Elka Kernal, Demi Mitchek, Chelsea Phillips, Teryn Teeter, Shaley Justice, Shayanna Smith and Crystal Sharon.

Coaches: Dixie Teeter, Andy Scheopner, Greg Ferguson and Stephanie DeLaRosa.

Team Manager: Jacquie Livengood.

# State court system study reaches halfway point

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While the Blue Ribbon Commission study of the Kansas court system won't be completed until January, Chief Justice Lawton Nuss released what he called a "half time update," on Thursday.

Nuss said the 25-member commission has reached its half way point with its meeting Wednesday in Topeka. The commission is conducting a study - which Nuss named "Pegasus" after the winged horse from Greek Mythology - on ways to make the court system more cost-effective. It will submit recommendations to the Kansas Supreme Court in January.

To accomplish this, the commission has been reviewing the court system and gathering ideas and concerns from the public.

"Over the course of a two-month period, the Commission conducted 19 meetings at 18 locations from Norton to Pittsburg and from Atchison to Garden City," Nuss said. "They drew over 600 invited attendees and members of the general public."

The April 26 meeting in Colby drew commission members Cal Williams, a Colby lawyer; John Wheeler, a Finney County lawyer; and Judge Patrick McAnany, the commission chair. Attending the meeting were area lawyers, judges, court personnel and business owners. They expressed concerns about losing jobs and access to court services if judge positions were consolidated among the northwest counties. Thomas County Attorney Kevin Berens in particular emphasized the rural poor would have a tough time having access to a judge if they had to travel to another county.

The meeting, like the other 18 around the state, produced some ideas. Nuss listed several ideas that

caught his eye in his release. Using technology to bring urban court work to rural areas was brought up at the Colby meeting. Berens suggested eliminating judge positions in high-population areas where there are more judges already, and having western Kansas judges handle first appearances remotely.

Other ideas included an electronic court cases filing program so litigants wouldn't have to go to a courthouse; expanding the use of video conferencing for first appearances from prisons and in mental competency hearings from the state hospitals at Larned and Osawatomic; increasing technological compatibility among the courts, county government, agencies and law enforcement; and using video conferencing for Court of Appeals and Supreme Court hearings.

Nuss said some of the information gathered at the meetings was contradictory.

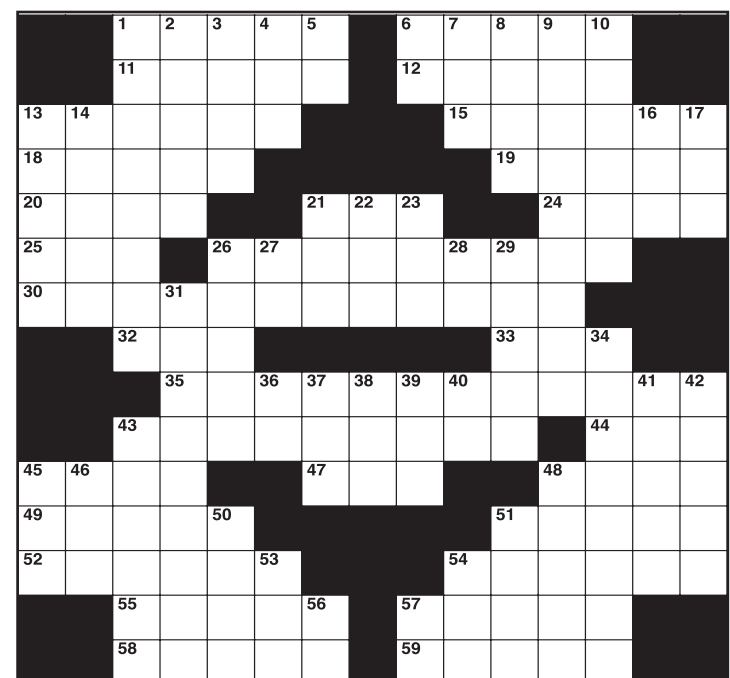
"For example, there were numerous people asking to increase the use of video technology for conducting some hearings and court appearances," he said. "But others are convinced face-to-face encounters with the judges are still needed, especially in juvenile offender cases."

"Still others commented receiving forensic testimony via video technology from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation or other crime labs could do much to speed up their work, while saving a lot of time and money by not requiring the witnesses to drive many hours for relatively short periods of trial testimony."

Nuss said the commission hasn't said yes or no to any of the proposals, but in some cases it has asked staff members do cost analysis studies of some of the ideas.

"The encouraging part to me is Kansans really do care about how their courts are operating," he said.

# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Ribonuclease
- "Law & Order" doctor
- Turkish leaders titles
- Diego or Francisco
- = to 1/2 em
- Jr.'s parent
- Kiloelectron volts
- Kimono sashes
- Denigrated
- Existing in reality
- Plunge into a liquid
- Wheel tracks
- Get free of
- Celt
- Actress Thurman
- Zig-zag movement on skis
- Tossed around
- Media mogul Turner
- Green or Earl Grey
- Shipping container
- The SW division of Oceania
- Macao monetary unit
- Hit with the open hand
- Publicities
- Frosts
- Treaties
- Plural of crus
- Dully painful
- Standing rib and crown
- Body that develops into a seed
- Related on the mother's side
- Sebaceous gland secretion
- Palm fruits

### CLUES DOWN

- One part of a chemical reaction
- National Measurement Ac-
- creditation Svc.
- Diego or Francisco
- = to 1/2 em
- Jr.'s parent
- Kiloelectron volts
- Kimono sashes
- Denigrated
- Existing in reality
- Growth of stunted vegetation
- LA 70360
- Put into service
- Snakelike fish
- Radioactivity unit
- Large WPA project
- Young female socialite
- About tide
- 2nd musical tone
- Ask at O'Donnell's Web page
- A rule in Sanskrit
- Misleading & dishonest
- Manual computing devices
- Ancient Egyptian sun god
- Double helix nucleic acid
- A place to sleep
- Former CIA
- 2001 Spielberg film
- Not hidden
- Xhosas (alt sp.)
- Chauvinists
- A health resort
- Resin used in shellac
- Highly incensed
- Deliberate affront
- A sleeved outer garment
- Glutamic acid
- Transmits info from DNA
- = to 2 ens
- \_, denotes past

# Public invited to comment on Medicaid reform plans

Kansas Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer, M.D. and members of the Medicaid Reform Working Group have created an online tool for the public to share their ideas for reform of the state Medicaid system.

"I want to thank all the Kansans who took time out of their lives to come give their input into a very important issue," said Lt. Gov. Colyer. "The state's Medicaid system needs a lot of help, and I'm happy we have been able to hear from so many Kansans at the public forums. Now, the web submission tool will give even more Kansans the ability to share their input with us. I encourage all Kansans to use this convenient tool to participate in the Medicaid reform process."

Members of the public can visit [http://kdheks.gov/hcf/medicaid\\_reform\\_forum/](http://kdheks.gov/hcf/medicaid_reform_forum/) to share ideas for Medicaid reform with the working group. The public input web tool is a part of the working group's efforts to solicit ideas, comments and

concerns about Medicaid from the general public.

In the past six weeks, the working group has held public forums in Topeka, Wichita and Dodge City to speak to Kansans in person about their ideas. More than 1,000 Kansans attended the three public meetings.

Kansas, like most other states, faces an enormous shortfall as the cost of the Medicaid program continues to climb.

In his State of the State address to the Kansas Legislature in January, Gov. Sam Brownback announced Lt. Gov. Colyer would lead a collaborative effort to remake the state's Medicaid program.

The public input process for Medicaid reform has been designed for government leaders and the general public to exchange ideas and brainstorm solutions for reforming Medicaid to improve outcomes for recipients while reducing the cost to taxpayers.

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