

Brewster schools graduate four

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Hoyt, the valedictorian, chose to make a joint speech. Luckert said he and Hoyt had indeed been together a long time, since kindergarten, in fact. Hoyt began by describing people's reaction when she tells them her class size. Many are surprised, she said, but that small size doesn't mean there aren't a lot of memories. She and Luckert reminisced about the pranks they played on each other and the fall play where they forgot their lines. They acknowledged their ex-

change student friends, saying they had picked up many Americanism as well as making their own impact on the school. "They became a part of this family, whether they like it or not," Hoyt said. The pair thanked the town for its support and thanked their parents. "We hope that someday we can give this community as much as it's given us," Hoyt said. The Brewster School District held an eighth grade graduation and baccalaureate earlier in the day.

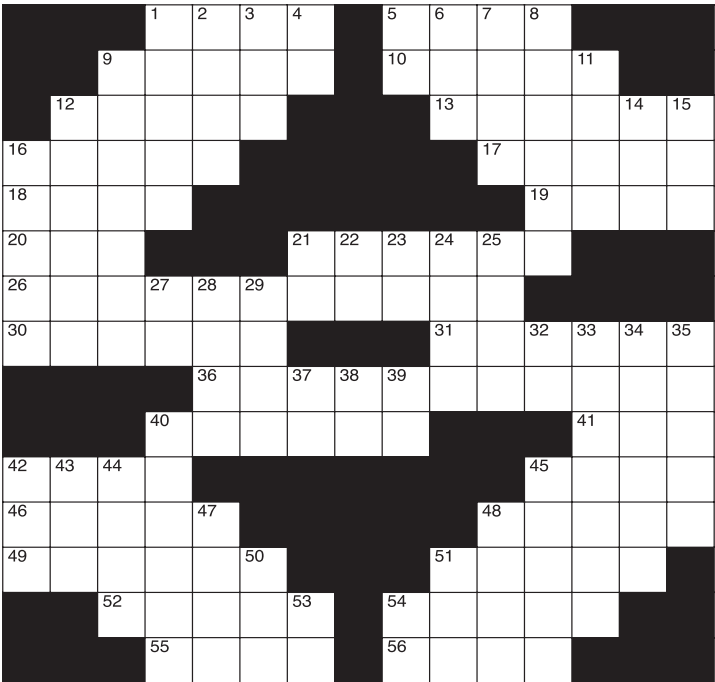
Police and sheriff encrypt radio traffic

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taken away. Couch said police found a scanner when they searched the house. That case is still under investigation. What Couch describes as the main reason for the encryption is to protect the privacy of victims. On an open channel, he said, there are ways for officers and dispatchers to avoid saying names, but in a small town, people can often figure it out from other information given. Couch said he doesn't want everyone in town knowing sensitive information about crime victims, particularly when it is a sexual assault crime. Couch said the department could use cell phones, but the radios work better for quick communication. Dispatch also keeps records of radio transmissions that may be

needed later. The department was using old UHF radios when Couch arrived in Goodland last year. Those sets, he said, were falling apart, but they did well enough for what the department needed. However, because of new Federal Communications Commission regulations, the department was in the process of upgrading to the 800 Mhz system. These new radios work on a set of towers around the state, and can be programmed with "talk groups," so that with a flick of a switch, Couch could talk to, for example, all emergency management personnel in the area. Agencies still using the old UHF radios, such as the Goodland Fire Department or Sherman County Emergency Medical Services, can be "patched in," so that all departments can talk to each other.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Traditional baby carriage
- 5. A fencing sword
- 9. Titan mother of Helios
- 10. S.E. Asian peninsula
- 12. A stretch of shallow waer
- 13. Pea, bean or lentil
- 16. African antelope
- 17. Recording of different songs
- 18. ___ contendere, plead no contest
- 19. Diving bell inventor
- 20. Egg cells
- 21. Cumulus rain cloud
- 26. Cry of sorrow
- 30. 23 _____: go away
- 31. Supreme Allied Com-mander Europe
- 36. Enroll as a student
- 40. Furnished sleeping quarters
- 41. ___ Sandhurst
- 42. Swedish rock group
- 45. Bouquet of flowers
- 46. Suspect to be false
- 48. In the middle of
- 49. Give shelter to
- 51. Lace edging of small loops
- 52. Cadet
- 54. Device for data over phone lines
- 55. Being considered individu-ally
- 56. Raised speaking platform

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of plug
- 2. Comprehend written words
- 3. Feel ill
- 4. 1/1000 of an ampere

carry are enough. Couch said he doesn't expect the encryption to be a popular decision. "I don't expect people to like it," he said, "but I hope they understand it."

- 5. Dorothy's auntie
- 6. Chum
- 7. Greek colony founded by Xenophanes
- 8. Philly football team
- 9. Sensory brain parts
- 11. Marysville, CA college
- 12. Language spoken in Bratis-lava
- 14. Wet, sticky earth
- 15. Emergency Medical Service
- 16. a.k.a. Alkenols
- 21. Sodium
- 22. Addams Family cousin
- 23. 3rd tone of the scale
- 24. Pear variety
- 25. Two-toed sloth
- 27. ___, denotes past
- 28. Alaskan town
- 29. The family bufonidae
- 32. Centilitre
- 33. Earl's jurisdiction
- 34. Extreme
- 35. Show a response
- 37. Touchdown
- 38. Rhenium
- 39. Potato state
- 40. Utter incoherent words
- 42. Pitressin
- 43. A tropical constrictor
- 44. A baby's belch
- 45. Nervous little mongrel dogs
- 47. Papuan monetary unit
- 48. Musical Instrument Digital Interface
- 50. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 51. Bluegrass genus
- 53. Common Canadian phrase
- 54. Physicians designation

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Area cases go before appeals court in Larned this week

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short grass prairie. The owners, Gordon Barnhardt, Larry Haverfield and Elizabeth Haverfield entered into an agreement with Fish and Wildlife to allow the reintroduction of black-footed ferrets, an endangered species, on their land. Prairie dogs also thrive on the land, providing much of the ferrets' food as well as shelter. On March 3, 2008, a district court judge ordered that the prairie dogs, in lieu of being exterminated, be contained with a 90-foot vegetative barrier around the complex. Another district court judge, this time in Logan County, upheld the decision. A restraining order was issued against the use of aluminum phosphide to exterminate the prairie dogs. Nearby landowners have claimed damages due to the prairie dogs, but the judges ruled that the county had not been able to show "reasonable probability of irreparable future harm." According to the brief, one of the main issues of the case is whether or not the statute requiring prairie dog eradication is trumped by the Endangered Species Act. The Kansas statute, K.S.A. 80-1201, says "The township board of any township in this state, at any

regular or special meeting, is hereby authorized to purchase material and to employ one or more suitable persons to destroy prairie dogs, moles and gophers within the limits of such township, any material so purchased and compensation for such services to be paid out of the general fund of such township." Many townships have abdicated authority to county commissions. Agreements between the Haverfields, Barnhardt and Fish and Wildlife make any elimination of prairie dogs the sole responsibility of the landowners. They could also authorize prairie dog control efforts if the population didn't fall below a certain level. Logan County was not a party to these agreements. The appellee is alleging that there is an irreconcilable conflict between those two laws, that the district court did not have jurisdiction over a federal program and that the defendant, the Logan County Commissioners, did not demonstrate that irreparable harm could be caused by the prairie dogs spilling over into nearby lands. The defendants are arguing that the district court's injunction should be overturned and they be allowed to continue extermination of the prairie dogs.

Hildyard v Citizens Medical Center

The second local case involves a nine-year-old dispute between Dr. Victor Hildyard and Citizens Medical Center. Hildyard was alleging the hospital violated its bylaws, constituting a breach of contract, and that it violated anti-trust laws, depriving him of economic opportunity at his clinic, Colby Medical and Surgical Center. Hildyard was seeking damages in excess of \$75,000. The hospital had moved for dismissal, but the judge went ahead with the case. It claimed to be immune from the antitrust claims because they come from a decision by peer review boards, which are protected from legal claims. The hospital also took the position that bylaws to constitute a contract, something that is expressly stated in the bylaws themselves. Senior District Court Judge Jack Burr found in favor of the hospital on Nov. 5, 2010. On Nov. 24, Hildyard appealed the decision. At the time, Kevan Trenkle, chief operating officer at Citizens Medical Center, said the judge's opinion "accurately reflects the entire proceedings, and his opinion simply affirms that Citizens Medical Center took the necessary and appropriate

action to ensure that high-quality health care was provided to our patients" Hildyard's attorney, Michael O'Neal of Hutchinson, said after the decision that the case had always been destined for the appeals court, because both parties intended to appeal if the decision didn't go their way. O'Neal had speculated that the case could even end up in the Kansas Supreme Court. At the time of the district court decision, O'Neal said it could take up to a year to get a decision on appeals. The process to get it to a hearing has taken nearly 18 months. The case stems from an incident in 2002, where the hospital summarily suspended Hildyard's privileges after the hospital got a written complaint about his behavior. The complaint alleged that Hildyard had acted in a disruptive manner and used "offensive, profane, inappropriate or derogatory language" in front of patients. A peer group found Hildyard did engage in the disruptive conduct. Hildyard filed a lawsuit in the district court, which ordered that Hildyard be allowed a peer review hearing. Hildyard disputed the peer review group's findings and filed the current lawsuit.



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