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Golf team second at state tourney

The Goodland High School varsity girls golf team placed second at the Class 4A State Tournament in Pittsburg on Monday.

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weather report

43°
10 a.m.
Thursday



Today
Sunset, 5:53 p.m.
Saturday
Sunrise, 7:09 a.m.
Sunset, 5:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 48 degrees
• Humidity 76 percent
• Sky partly cloudy
• Winds southeast 12 mph
• Barometer 30.37 inches and rising
• Record High today 88° (1959)
• Record Low today 18° (1997)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 69°
Low Wednesday 36°
Precipitation none
This month 1.21
Year to date 16.49
Below normal 1.71 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 65, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 40.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 61, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 40.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Sunny with a high near 72 and a low around 39. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow at night, a high near 59 and a low around 33. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow, a high near 44 and a low around 27. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow.
(National Weather Service)

local markets

10 a.m.
Wheat — \$7.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.28
Corn — \$4.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.36
Milo — \$3.87 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.13 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.42
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$19.15 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



City talks parks system at meeting

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Goodland City Commission discussed options to improve the city park system at their meeting Monday.

Parks Department Director Karen Anderson had been looking into the history of the parks and provided a presentation. She said the city has nine parks, covering 60 acres or about two percent of the city.

While the department is one of the more visible within the city, she said, it has a small budget and only two full time employees. Some part-time help is also hired seasonally.

Anderson covered some environmental factors that affect parks. The soil in Goodland is mostly silt loam, she said, which is good for growing plants. The native vegetation is short grass prairie, with buffalo grass being the best variety to plant.

There are more than a few challenges to maintaining parks, she said, such as the historic drought and depleting aquifer. The city also decided to use about 20 percent less water on the parks this year.

Gerber said one of the big picture questions he wants the commission to think about is what is their comfort level with how the parks look. Linin said he thought the department did a good job balancing this year.

“I don’t think they look bad comparatively,” he said.

However, Fairbanks and Garcia said they both received complaints about the dryness at the parks during the summer.

Fairbanks asked Anderson if she had adequate staff to make improvements to the parks. Anderson said no, she had enough staff only for barest maintenance, and there has been no money for things like sprinkler improvements.

Fairbanks asked whether, in light of the drought and aquifer depletion, it would be better to reduce the

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Clinic staff carves pumpkins

Goodland Regional Medical Center has been having fun with activities for Infection Control Week. During noontime on Tuesday the center had a provider pumpkin carving contest. Other activities included department pumpkin decorating contest, hands and face mask matching photo contest and ending with a pumpkin party. Dr. Travis Daise (above) listened for a heart-beat from his pumpkin while his and Dr. Moe Shafei’s nurses work on Dr. Shafei’s pumpkin. Nurse Practitioner Kathy Wiley (right) prepared to attack her pumpkin to get it ready for the contest. Certificates were given for the scariest, cutest and so on. Other providers participating were Dr. Lisa Unruh and Dr. David Younger.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



Community orchestra to begin winter season

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will continue more than 30 years of music with its 2013-14 season.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the orchestra’s “Many Merry Melodies” concert will open the season. Andrew Salvador will conduct the performance, which will feature a Christmas singalong and gift drawings.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, Bev Rucker will conduct “Dial ‘M’ for Music,” featuring Ed Rucker as French horn soloist.

On Sunday, May 4, Salvador will conduct “Movies, Mystery and Magic,” featuring magician Josiah

Akers.

The orchestra welcomes new musicians, with rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby Community College band room.

All performances are at 3:30 p.m. at the college’s Frahm Theater.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. Sponsorships that include patron tickets are available at levels ranging from \$15 to \$550, the orchestra says.

More information is available at www.prairieorchestra.com.

Organizations hold cancer event

Women from around Sherman County gathered at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union on Tuesday for the Putting on the Pink breast cancer awareness event. The event included vendors (above) with everything from coffee, jewelry, and homemade wood items to pink strips for hair, Mary Kay products and massages by Healthful Solutions. Health professionals were on hand to schedule mammogram appointments and provide breast health education. Nina Mersch (right) was the winner in the “most decorative” category in the “Bras for a Cure” decoration contest. Other categories included comic, inspirational and creative. Westport Grill provided refreshments, and guest speakers included Tina Roe and Judy Harper.

Photos by Angela Bonham
The Goodland Star-News



Program cutoff is Nov. 15

The cutoff date for application evaluation for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program is Friday, Nov. 15.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has provided over \$26 million in financial assistance this year to help Kansas producers implement conservation practices through the program, which is the agency’s largest Farm Bill conservation program.

“The Environmental Quality Incentives Program offers farmers and forestland managers a variety of options to conserve natural resources while boosting production on their lands,” said State Conservationist Eric Banks. “This conservation investment helps improve environmental health and the economy of Kansas’ rural communities.”

The voluntary program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts

provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land, such as cropland and rangeland, and non-industrial private forestland.

The program helps address the unique circumstances of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. Qualifying Kansas producers compete separately and receive higher payment rates.

For more information visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center. To find a service center near you, check your telephone book under “United States Government” or visit offices. usda.gov.

genesis and salvation army

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Call (785) 890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday**. Closed on Tuesday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday**. Closed Tuesdays.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday** and from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday**. For information call (785) 899-5461 or stop by the library.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

The Good Sam Family Support Council meets at **7 p.m.** the second Thursday of every month at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Meetings are open to all interested people. For information call 890-3117 or 890-5936.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets at **5:30 p.m. the second Monday** of the month. Any woman with cancer is welcome. Call Norma at 890-6629 for more information.

A PTSD Support Group for Iraq, Afganistan, Beruit and others is forming. Call Ron Thomspen, prior Air Force and Army veteran, for information at (785) 462-0296.

The Goodland Activities Center has the daily activities. For information call 890-7242. Memberships options for everyone including day passes for \$5. Visit goodlandgac.com or stop by 808 Main. The hours are 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. **Aerobics** are at 5:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. **Insanity class** meets at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **Taekwondo** with Wayne Luckert call for times and dates.

Weight Watchers meets at **5:30 p.m. for weigh in** and 6 p.m. for the meeting every **Tuesday** at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church, 521 E. Hwy. 24. For information call (785) 890-6423.

Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous, 1013 Center. If you drink alcohol, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call 821-3826 or 728-7491.

Goodland Al-Anon Family Group meets at **6 p.m. on Fridays** at First Christian Church, 711 Arcade. For information call Alice or Marilyn at 890-5914 or 821-2862.

The "Freedom Today" group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Trail association honors Brewster man

Mike Baughn of Brewster, a Thomas County commissioner, was honored by the Smoky Hill Trail Association for his service to the organization dedicated to the preservation of the trail's history. Baughn, who recently resigned, was the first president of the association and served as president for six of its seven years. Baughn was given a 12-inch

the calendar

calendar

The First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 711 Arcade is having a **ham and beans lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday**. There will also be a bake sale and a silent auction. The cost for adults is \$6 and for children five and under \$3.

The Carnegie Arts Center will have its **Saturday art class for elementary students from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday**. The class on Saturday will make learn-print collages and on the 26th will be a Halloween surprise. The cost is \$3 per student.

The Goodland Soup Bol serves dinner at **5 p.m. on Monday nights** at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to come. Free will donations welcome. For information call 899-3631.

Prairie Land Food distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287, 821-1827 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairie-landfood.com.

The Kids Cooking Class is held on the **second Wednesday of each month** from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at

the 4-H Building. This class is open for second to fifth graders. For information call 890-4880.

The Goodland Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Chambers Park. Selling are baked goods and fresh garden vegetables.

senior menu

Today: Chef salad with meat on the side, strawberries and bananas, crackers and bar cookie. **Monday:** Barbecue chicken sandwich, potato salad, cottage cheese, bun and apricots. **Tuesday:** Chili, tropical fruit, crackers and cinnamon roll. **Wednesday:** Pasta salad with ham, rosy pears, breadstick and pudding. **Thursday:** Waikiki meatball, broccoli, pineapple, rice and cook's choice complement. **Friday:** Turkey ala king, peas and carrots, Mandarin oranges, biscuit and no bake cookie.

school menu

Today: No school. **Monday:** Breakfast - Whole grain waffles, fresh grapes, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - Taco soup, tortilla chips, fresh broccoli, sliced pears, snickerdoodle and milk. **Tuesday:** Breakfast - Star spangled pancakes, sausage links, sliced peaches, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - Corn dog, spinach salad,

peas, apple and milk. **Wednesday:** Breakfast - whole wheat bagel with toppings, orange, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, fresh carrots, blueberry oat muffin, pineapple tidbits and milk. **Thursday:** Breakfast - Breakfast pita with salsa, apple, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - Chicken quesadilla, tortilla chips with salsa, refried beans, orange and milk. **Friday:** Breakfast - Whole grain cinnamon roll, fruit cocktail, fruit juice and milk. Lunch - Cowboy cavatini, salad, green beans, banana and milk.

school calendar

Today: No school. 8 a.m. to noon parent-teacher conferences. 6 p.m. varsity football against Concordia at Cowboy Stadium. Senior night. **Saturday:** ACT test. Regional cross country. Girls sub-state volleyball. **Monday:** 7 p.m. board of education meeting. High Plains Marching Band Festival at Fort Hays State University. **Tuesday:** 6 p.m. third grade vocal concert in the Goodland High School auditorium. **Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. professional learning community. **Thursday:** 6 p.m. varsity football at Colby. **Halloween. Friday:** Girls state volleyball.

formation call 890-2552.

mops

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first Monday of every month October thru May. Meeting time: 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church; 521 E Highway 24; Goodland. For more information email goodlandmops@gmail.com or call (785) 890-6423.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services provides help day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. In the Colby area, call (785) 443-1130.

animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call 890-4575 or go to www.petfinder.com and be sure to enter the Goodland zip code 67735. You can also call the Goodland Police Department at 890-4570 or Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-4398. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the animal shelter or go to the website www.nwkasgoodland.webs.com.

sunflower 4-h

The Sunflower 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, at Edwards Hall. President Christopher Berls called the meeting to order and acting Vice President Ryan Berls led the club in the flag salute and 4-H Pledge. Roll call of "What are you going to be for Halloween?" was answered by 13 members, nine parents and one leader. Jared Quain led the club in singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

Following a short business meeting, Makayla Fitzgibbons shared a

Health/Safety tip about flu season. Nathaniel Salmans read a poem, Christopher Berls presented a song on the piano entitled "In The Mood" and Makayla Fitzgibbons shared a 4-H fact. A short recess was called for recreation and Mason Berls led the club in playing "Ghost Balloon Relay."

The Berls family served refreshments after the meeting. The next club meeting will be November 18, 2013.

Ryan Berls, Reporter

obituary

Wilder Lynn Abbott

Wilder Lynn Abbott, Des Moines, Iowa, infant son of Danielle and Eddie Abbott and grandson of Lynn and Barb Abbott of Goodland, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.

Survivors include his parents of Des Moines; siblings, Emerald Abbott, Cloud Abbott, Arden Abbott and Griffin Abbott of the home; other grandparents, Phil and Dorothy Rust; great-grandmother, Dixie

Rooney of Goodland; aunts and uncles, Gretchen and Jay Devers and Jenny and Mike Beckner.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, at Hamilton's, 3601 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Visitation will be at noon (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, at the funeral home.

Company offers new website, plans

Kansans shopping for their own health insurance in the coming months will be able to choose from a variety of BlueCare plans – all of which meet the new federal guidelines for essential health benefits and no-cost preventive services – through two online sources. Consumers may purchase directly from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas via a new sales website or by selecting one of the 28 BlueCare plans being offered by the company through the federally-facilitated Health Insurance Marketplace.

"For more than 70 years, Kansans have trusted Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas to offer benefit plans that cover the services they need while opening the door to the largest provider network in Kansas," said Andrew C. Corbin, president. "As the state's largest mutual insurance company, we are committed to offering benefit plans in all 103 counties in our service area, to helping individuals and business owners find the plan that best suits their specific situation, and to providing local customer service and timely claims processing. In this new era, we remain Kansans serving Kansans."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield unveiled a redesigned website to coincide with the Oct. 1 start of the Affordable Care Act open enrollment period. The new section allows individuals who are ineligible for a tax credit and those who prefer to purchase directly from the company to use a simple, online process to buy health and dental insurance. By providing some basic information such as date of birth and zip code, the shopper will receive a complete list of available plans with premiums noted for each plan. The new site also offers a range of sort and filter options to provide easy ways to compare plans.

The enrollment process is easy and does not require the shopper to answer any health questions. Premiums are based solely on one's age, location, family size and tobacco use. Convenient payment options are available, including bank draft and credit card, or a "bill me later" option.

The company will offer plans in each of the four metallic levels on the Health Insurance Marketplace, including two plans at the platinum level, six gold plans, 10 silver, six

bronze and four catastrophic plans. While all plans include the same essential health benefits, plans within the same metallic level differ in the combination of out-of-pocket costs (deductibles, coinsurance and copays), allowing consumers to choose a plan that best fits their financial needs.

All plans will include access to the largest provider network in Kansas; for 2013, the network consists of 96 percent of all health care providers in its service area, including 99 percent of medical doctors and 100 percent of hospitals. Many plans also include access to a worldwide network of contracting providers through the BlueCard® program.

In addition to the new online sales website, the company also provides educational information regarding health care reform at www.bcbsks.com/hcr.

The company is getting out in the community to educate Kansas consumers. The company is hosting a series of town hall meetings in 11 communities between Oct. 1 and Nov. 7, with stops in Hays (Oct. 29); Independence (Nov. 4); Pittsburg (Nov. 5); Salina (Oct. 28); and Topeka (Nov. 7).

Topics will include qualifying for an Advance Premium Tax Credit; who is required to carry insurance or pay a fine; the new rating system for determining premiums; essential health benefits and types of plans available; and shopping on the new Health Insurance Marketplace. Visit www.bcbsks.com/hcr and select "Community Events" to view a listing of all town hall dates and locations.

In addition, the company has created a speaker's bureau in order to provide trained experts to discuss the main points of health care reform and the new Marketplace throughout its service area. Upon request, speakers can be available for educational seminars, luncheons, health fairs, community organization meetings and other general speaking opportunities.

For more information on how to request a speaker for your community event, visit www.bcbsks.com/hcr, select "Community Events" and then use the "Complete the Speaker's Bureau request form" link to complete and e-mail a short form to Blue Cross.

matters of record

Bankruptcies

Cases filed in the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court, 167 United States Courthouse, 401 N. Market Street, Wichita. Definitions: Chapter 7, liquidation, business or personal; Chapter 11, business

reorganization; Chapter 12, farmer reorganization; Chapter 13, personal reorganization. Db: doing business as; aka: also known as.

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Children's author at library

Retired hospice nurse Deb Jackson (right) was at the Goodland Public Library on Wednesday evening talking about her children's books to children's librarian Marcy Melia. Jackson was selling her latest book "Creamy Goes to Heaven." The book is from Sheila the cow dog's point of view about the death of her friend Creamy the cat. Jackson said the book talks about death as a part of the cycle of life. It talks about how being sad is normal. Jackson's next book, "Maggie Mae's Hare-Brained Day" is about one of her dogs' day trying to keep a rabbit out of things he shouldn't be in. Her books are illustrated by her granddaughters.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



College president comes to town

Dr. Matthew R. Thompson, the new president of Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, was visiting with alumni on Tuesday night. The Director of Athletics Mike Hermann and the vice president of institutional advancement also came. They talked about the plans for construction of a new football stadium and sports complex. The stadium will sit in the same spot as the current one. Current students from Goodland going to the school are Robert Cowan, Tanner Jones, Tyler Jones, Joel Weiss, Alexis Bateman and Courtney Cowan. Wesleyan is a private four-year liberal arts college with a student population of around 700.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Swedish dancers to be in Quinter

The Lindsborg Swedish Dancers, established in 1963, will perform traditional Swedish music and folk dance at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) (Time change this weekend) on Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Quinter High School Auditorium. Through performances at local festivals and celebrations, and on tour throughout the United States and Scandinavia, they seek to preserve their community's Swedish heritage and encourage the continued recognition and observation of Swedish customs and folklore. This is one of the concerts put on by the Western

Plains Arts Association.

This year marks the organization's 50th year as a one-of-a-kind cultural icon. One might wonder if those who began this tradition with a few dances at a 1963 Saint Lucia celebration could have imagined it would persist so far into the future. In fact, with nearly 40 dancers and fiddlers and an engaged, dedicated group of parents, the organization is as strong and vibrant as it's ever been. Admission is with Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door; adults: \$10; students: \$5.

Juggling act is set to be at Oberlin

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will present a juggling program at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Nov. 3, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Reneé Crosby says she is a mild-mannered secretary by day, and a juggler on nights and weekends. An Omaha native, she learned to juggle at the Omaha Community Playhouse while in college. She was working backstage, met a juggler, asked him to teach her the art, and the rest is history.

She has performed for all ages and all types of events, including birthday parties, parades, picnics, Cub Scout banquets and wedding receptions. She said she loves to entertain and likes to involve the audience in her comedy juggling

performance. She has taught juggling at the Playhouse, Metro Tech Community College, Iowa Western College and through various private organizations, and also gives private lessons.

She is an approved artist with the Nebraska Arts Council's Artist in the Schools/Communities Program, through which she's taught juggling in schools throughout Nebraska. She's also an artist with the council's touring program. She is currently president of the Omaha Juggling Club and a member of the International Jugglers Association.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, at the door. For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Hensel (785) 470-0218.

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corrections

The photo caption "Mavericks delight crowd at dunk contest, scrimmage" on Page 11 of the Tuesday, Oct. 11, edition of the *Goodland Star-News* incorrectly identified one of the dunk contest judges as Brian Linin. The judge was Trevor Linton. This was a reporting error.

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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CONCERT CANCELLED

Due to circumstances beyond our control at Cat Country 89.1 KXCT, the Fun on the Farm Jamboree concert event with T.G. Sheppard and Georgette Jones has been cancelled for October 26th at the Sherman Theater in Goodland, KS. Full refunds will be made available to all those who purchased tickets, starting on Monday, October 21st at the Goodland Star News office.

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Chris Lash, President

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from other viewpoints...

Real shutdown could be coming

The likelihood exists that before this column is read the Republicans in both the House and Senate will have compromised themselves out of any real resistance to Obamacare. The House of Representatives first voted to fund the entire government minus Obamacare on Sept. 20.

It moved next to delaying it one year for everyone – not just Congress, the unions and big business – to make it fair. The House then moved to delay the individual mandate for a year plus make Congress live under the same law, rescinding the exemptions promised them earlier by President Barack Obama to entice them to go along.

The House then abandoned its original cause, defunding Obamacare. To counter the blame given them for the shutdown by the openly hostile press they next funded 11 critical functions of the government. Harry Reid and Senate democrats rejected everything.

That Republicans caved in so easily and that the Democrats would not buy into the fairness argument (historically their strongest tenet – fairness) is disturbing, but three other areas are even more so. First of these is the blatant media bias in favor of one party and the Senate and the universal villainization of the other party and the House in their non-neutral coverage. All pretense of neutrality is gone.

Second, the damage to the U.S. Constitution, which gives clear direction on this issue, that was ignored by the Senate and now also by the House, who should be most protective of this power.

“All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House.” By refusing to honor this clear constitutional prerogative of the House as the only body that can initiate taxes, which includes defunding originally funded items, such clarity is lost and the Constitution is damaged.

Almost all evidence shows that Obamacare is going to be far more costly than promised with no real evidence that it will be any better for the vast majority. Our national debt rises between three and four billion dollars a day. Even as I write this column the President is proposing a debt-ceiling raise of a million dollars per minute. He, and the Republican House of Representatives are responsible for seven trillion of our now-17 trillion dollar debt. Before he leaves office he will have increased our national debt equal to the debt remaining unpaid by all previous presidents combined, and yet half of our folks remain mesmerized by his promises.

The debt ceiling has been raised 74 times since March 1962 – 18 times under Ronald Reagan, eight times under Bill Clinton, seven times under George W Bush, and five times under Barack Obama. This is our 12th debt raise in 12 years. We raise it every year to accommodate our need for a “fix.” Congress sadly never says no. Does anyone really believe that our debt-addicted government will ever stop the addiction on its own?

Yes, we have a two-class society – the takers and the contributors. Takers will always vote for those who promise them more. When that number exceeds 51 percent we will never escape the takers and will have effectively made the contributing class the new slaves.



When the real government shutdown comes, and it surely will unless we quickly change direction and get back to the Constitution, we may not have a President, Congress or Supreme Court. For a time we may have real anarchy, hunger and bloodshed. And most likely the Constitution, now shredded by both parties, won’t be able to save us from ourselves. Would to God we wake up in time to “sober up” and make serious spending cuts.

–Dr. Harold Pease history and political science at Taft College.
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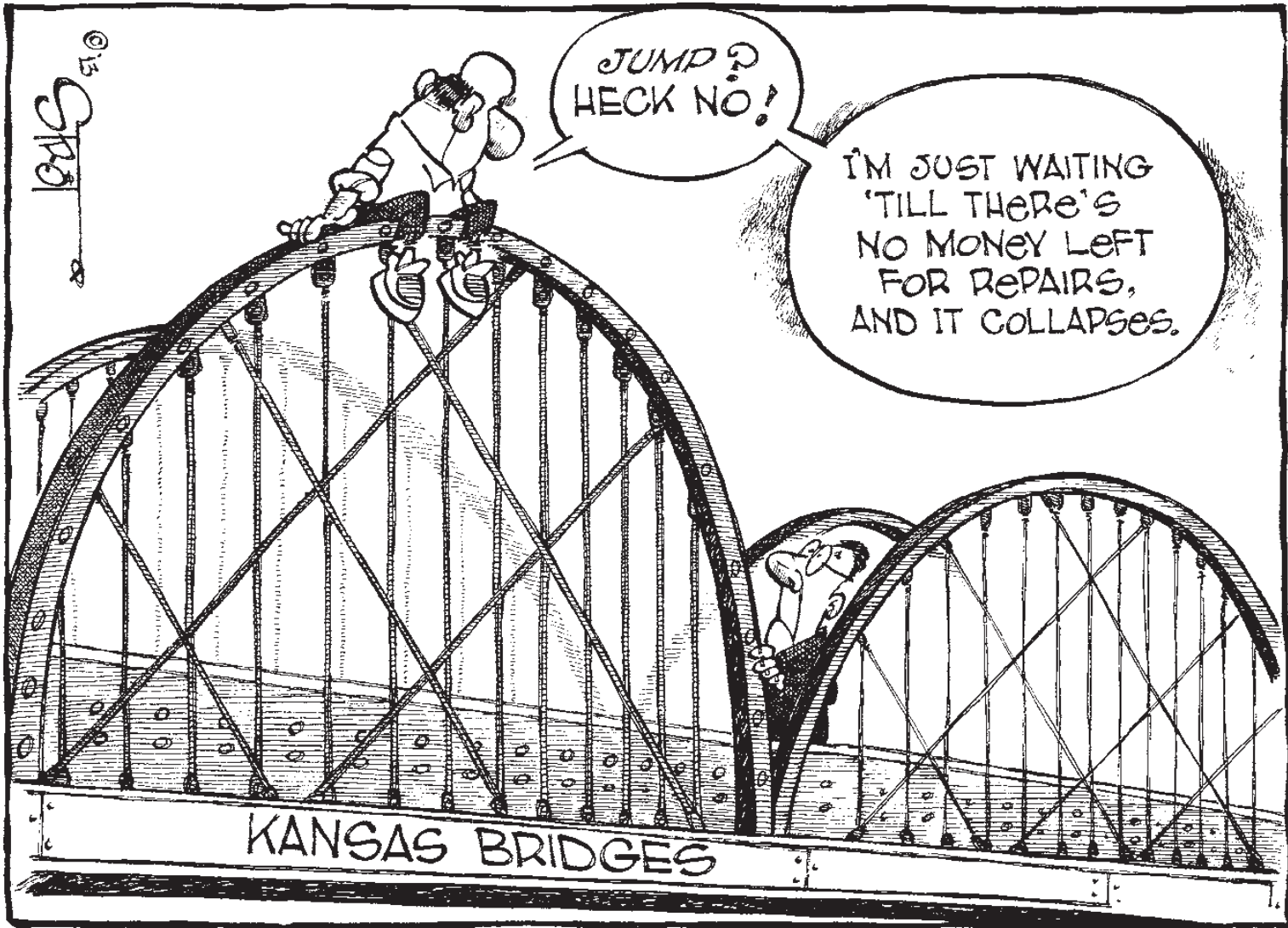
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Agriculture is up to the task

The end of agriculture in America is near. American agriculture will soon lose its competitive edge.

So say some agricultural opponents. They also think that:

The high costs of producing food in America, compared with the costs in other countries, are pushing American producers out of business as foreign competitors develop enough to serve the same markets. Overseas producers with lower input costs will increasingly be able to undersell American producers.

Other major factors that will change the face of American agriculture include energy shortages, exhausted land and limited water resources.

Opponents of today’s agriculture suggest stripping away the romance and nostalgia surrounding agriculture and seeing it for what it is – a business. They argue it’s a business with limited potential for long-term profits because of its competitive nature.

Look at the big picture, they say. The whole world can produce crops in 2013.

Are these startling new revelations or are they predictions of those totally out of touch with the business of farming and ranching?

Critics of American agriculture contend that crop yields will not keep up with population growth. Some predict by the year 2050, arable American farmland will decrease nearly 200 million acres.

They also say water will become scarcer,



Insight this week

• john schlageck

forcing a shift of farming to regions where rainfall is plentiful. Marginal rainfall regions like the western half of Kansas, eastern Colorado and the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas may be destined to revert to grassland or the Great American Desert.

Should this happen, the United States will cease to be a food exporter. Our new diet will contain less meat and dairy products, more grains and beans and a sparser variety of vegetables.

It is hard for farmers and ranchers to stomach such predictions when American agriculture remains the envy of the world.

There is no doubt agriculture, like the rest of the U.S. economy, will continue to face challenges. True, this country is already impacted by higher input costs, dwindling avenues of trade and the constant wrath of Mother Nature.

In spite of these challenges, farmers and ranchers remain dedicated to staying on the land and continuing in their chosen vocation. They, better than anyone, understand the land they depend on for their livelihood is finite.

Care for this critical resource continues to improve. Today’s farmers are increasing their

organic matter in the soil. With the continuing practice of no-till and reduced tillage farming, farmers continue to build organic matter and improve the soil tilth. There is no reason to consider this practice will be discontinued.

New and improved crop varieties are continually coming down the pike. Production practices continue to evolve and improve.

As for the question of water, this is always a major concern in farm and ranch country. Producers constantly chart rainfall amounts and monitor weather conditions. In Kansas, farmers are aware of changes in the Ogallala Aquifer.

They are tuned into water and the conservation of this vital resource. Some, especially in the western half of the state are concerned about the potential of long-term climate change. If such a phenomenon should occur, there is the possibility Kansas could become more arid – more like New Mexico, for example.

Barring a major shift in our climate, crops will continue to be planted in western Kansas. Production could be less than now, but this land will be farmed and farmed wisely.

Without question, today’s crop of agricultural detractors raises some interesting possibilities. But American agriculture is up to the task. This country has the minds, machinery and dedication to continue producing for people around the globe.

Showdown on core competency

Probably over 400 faculty from regents universities, community colleges and tech schools met at K-State – the auditorium was full.

While some discussions for basic lecture classes went smoothly, there was plenty of action in the biology sessions. The representatives had previously voted to approve requirements that microbiology labwork had to be genuine supervised labwork – twice. And twice the Board of Regent’s TAAC (Transfer and Articulation Committee) rejected it. It was returned to Kansas biology faculty for a third time.

While there was a faculty moderator who did a good job managing the discussion and voting, the real debate was with the TAAC representative. TAAC is charged with implementing the KBOR “vision” of having all 100 and 200-level courses in Kansas seamlessly articulate across all Kansas institutions.

The TAAC representative asserted that they did not approve it before (and would not likely approve it again) because we had gone beyond just listing competencies. In specifying genuine supervised labwork, we had dictated the “mode of teaching” and thus violated “academic freedom.”

The real “bottom line” behind this is that there are six community colleges and tech schools in Kansas that offer their microbiology lab online. While the taxpayers of KS have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in genuine microbiology labs equipped CSI-type equipment that students use to learn hands-on microbiology, these online programs offer nothing but canned computer simulations or cheap and simple Mr. Wizard kits to use at the kitchen sink each Friday

Kansas biologists overwhelmingly rejected this “mode of teaching” argument. UC-Berkeley, San Diego, University of Minnesota, and many other high-reputation schools refuse to accept transfer science labs for exactly the same reason. It defies commonsense to approve courses in swimming without a pool, training in welding using only a computer screen, or to graduate nurses who have never set foot in a hospital. But this is precisely the nonsense we were being coerced to accept.



education frontlines

• John Schrock

K.U.’s Pharmacy program is a Kansas example that does not accept virtual lab course transfers. Because there is no distinction on a transcript whether a course is online or face-to-face (there should be) for an applicant student, K.U. Pharmacy phones Kansas feeder universities each year to determine if any of their chemistry labs have gone online. As a graduate program, they can restrict transfer. At the 100/200 level, we were being told that we cannot.

Kansas biologists said we had the right to specify hands-on because online cannot accomplish the competencies. You cannot learn to make sterile slides or handle bacterial media – and do it safely – without direct supervision and modern advanced equipment.

When the TAAC representative pointed out that a room of computers with a faculty member present could possibly be considered “supervised,” the response was swift. Kansas faculty (one school, one vote) voted over-

whelmingly to keep “supervised laboratory” in the microbiology criteria and even strengthen it to “supervised wet lab” to prevent any other interpretation.

Other real problems: 1) faculty requirements to teach at Community Colleges and Tech Schools lower than for high school teachers, 2) 3 credit hour courses offered in 2 weekends, and 3) why Tech Schools are allowed to offer any non-Tech academic courses at all – we were not allowed to address.

Unfortunately the KBOR “vision” to make all 100 and 200-level courses across Kansas “fully articulate” ignores the fact that a “baby” micro lab with a high school level text for training certified nursing assistants is not the same course as a major’s microbiology lab preparing pre-Meds and nurses. The KBOR “vision” and their TAAC system is designed to address student’s gripes when a course does not transfer. It is not designed to maintain quality.

If they bring the microbiology labs back to us next year – for the 4th time – it will be clear that the beatings will continue until we approve fraudulent labs. Just what part of “no” (to virtual labs) they do not understand?

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City talks parks system challenges at meeting

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number of parks in the city and focus efforts on five or six. Anderson said she would like to see the city spend more money on fewer parks. Gerber said that getting rid of some of the smaller parks such as Austin would not be a huge financial savings.

The other challenge to giving up parks would be public backlash.

"People won't want to give up their parks," Linin said. "They are emotionally tied to these parks."

Sanderson asked about getting the surrounding neighborhoods involved in their parks.

"We could turn over the parks to the citizens in the area," Fairbanks said. "Thinking outside the box."

Gerber said that city staff wanted to start the conversation in order to discuss suggestions like that.

"We feel like we have too many parks," Gerber said.

Garcia reminded the commission that this isn't the first time the discussion has come up.

"It's come up many times," Anderson said. "It can be an uncomfortable topic."

Anderson said there were some other options to reduce water usage, such as removing grass in

areas that aren't used for activities, or replacing it with drought-resistant grass types or low-maintenance plants. She said she had been looking into how communities on the Colorado Front Range are handling parks, since the climate is similar, and those communities are doing a lot more nature viewing areas and creating large sports complexes in an effort to bring big tournaments to town.

The city could also look into different ways to raise money for the parks other than taxes. Anderson said she has been working with service organizations that are looking for donations. In exchange for a donation, the organizations volunteer to do some maintenance work at the parks.

The commissioners did not make any decisions at the meeting. Linin said they should keep discussing and evaluating the parks system. In the meantime, Anderson said, the department would be trying to find small ways to be more efficient.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Recognized Christopher Douglas as employee of the quarter. Gerber said Douglas, who works at the power plant, went above and beyond in coming to the aid of a fellow employee, and has stepped up in his work at the power plant.

- Voted 3-1-1 to allow "federal, state, local and related authorities" to use worksite utility vehicles – sometimes known as gators – within the city limits. Garcia made the motion with Sanderson

seconding. Farris voted no and Linin was absent for that part of the meeting. No other vehicles were specifically allowed under the ordinance.

- Discussed an agreement with the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce. The agreement – which mainly covers Michael Solomon's services as director as well as some other services the city is providing – will expire in December and needs to be renewed.

Solomon said the Chamber board is discussing a one-year contract that will include a contribution of \$300 a month to the city to cover the time Solomon spends working as Chamber director during business hours. When the original agreement was approved in 2012, the commissioners did not ask for compensation for Solomon's services.

Fairbanks asked whether \$300 was adequate for the time Solomon spends working for the Chamber – about 10 to 15 hours each week – to which Gerber said it probably wasn't, but the city could give a little for the greater good.

"We have to put forth a harmonious effort," Garcia said. "We're all in this game together."

Gerber said they could do an addendum to the current contract for December, then begin a new one in January to coincide more with the city's budget year.

GED test expires at the end of 2013

As the official administrator of the GED test for the state of Kansas, the Kansas Board of Regents is announcing the current version of the test will expire at the end of 2013. This version, known as the 2002 Series GED test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED test on January 2, 2014.

GED Testing Service, which is the creator of the exam, reports the 2014 test to be released on January 2 will continue to measure high school equivalency and provide detailed information about a test-taker's readiness for college and career training programs.

Over the past five years, approximately 16,600 Kansas adults have taken the test, with over 95 percent passing the exam. Kansans who have taken

the 2002 Series GED test within the last two years, but did not pass all five sub-tests, have until the end of 2013 to complete the current exam. If a test-taker does not complete all five sub-tests by the end of 2013, they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new test in order to receive a Kansas state high school diploma.

Interested test-takers can find more information at www.kansasged.org, including a complete list of testing centers and listings of where preparation assistance is available at Adult Education Centers across the state. It is also important to note, all test-takers must pass the official practice test prior to registering for the Official GED exam.

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Northwest Tech students share personal stories

Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College. This is a continuing series of short articles split up by program at the college. These memos are from automotive tech, electrical, carpentry and collision repair students.



Alan Kenny



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Luis Montes



Luis Madrid

From: Deven Taff

There are a few reasons for continuing my education after high school. I chose to go to college for collision repair.

The first reason is that nobody on my mother's side went to school past the 8th grade, and I really wanted to apply myself and better myself. Also, my father dropped out of high school and has had to do back-breaking construction work ever since; I don't want to end up like that.

The second reason for continuing my education is there is no future in being a farm hand. Farmers are exempt from paying any over time, and I was putting in 72 hours a week; it just felt as if I deserved so much more for the hours I was putting in. Also, there are no health benefits or in most cases no health insurance on a farm.

I am passionate about cars, and I love painting. Pretty much, I furthered my education to have a career that will allow me to do what I love doing and be compensated well for it.

From: Jake Margheim

I chose to expand my education to learn more about the career path I am entering and to have a degree.

I plan to use this education to own many shops across the U.S. and to restore all of my project cars. I chose Northwest Tech because I liked the program and what it had to offer along with the fact that it was close to my hometown, and I have family in Goodland. I am working with great instructors.

In conclusion, I am glad I chose Northwest Tech because I am getting an excellent education and prepared for the real world.

From: Logan Crawford

In this world anymore, you pretty well have to have an education to get a job and keep that job. You have to have an education to "succeed" is what everyone says. I chose to further my education so I could learn something new and use it to my advantage when I get out into "the real world" so to speak.

Coming from Colorado, I chose Northwest Tech because it felt and looked like the right school for me. I toured the campus one time and decided that I wanted to try out the collision repair world, something I had no experience in. Easily, that was my best decision, and I hope to find a good job out of this education.

Making me a better employee is something that I think Northwest Tech can help with. By the instructors teaching me how to fix vehicles, I will add another dimension to myself, and I can put all of that knowledge to good use.

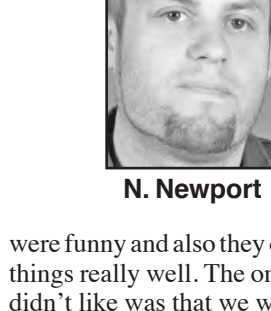
From: Luis Madrid

I've done a lot of moving around from a city to a small town named Weskan. When I was in Weskan, I visited a lot of colleges my junior and senior year. When I came to Goodland, Kansas to look at the college, I liked it.

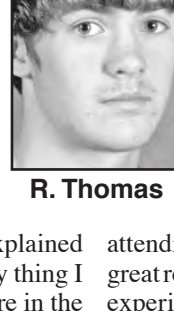
When I was 8 years old we moved to Yuma, Colo., where we lived for about two years. When my dad got a better job in a small town named Cope, Colorado, he worked there for about 4 months, and he did not like it so he talked to one of my uncles and guess what? It was moving time. We ended up in the smallest town that I have ever seen Horse, two miles away from Tribune. We lived there for about three years. Then my dad got a better job, but he liked this job because they gave him a house to stay in and guess what? We moved again, and we are still living in Sharon Springs in a farm out in the middle of nowhere.

When I was attending Weskan High School, I got to go see a lot of colleges. I first saw Garden City Community College. I actually liked that college, but the bad thing was that they did not have Collision Repair. So the search was still on. I also did some research online and I kept on looking and looking until I found Northwest Tech. I went through it and saw that some people from Sharon Springs went to this college. I talked to some of the people who went to this college, and since they seemed like they liked it, I got a college visit. I liked it.

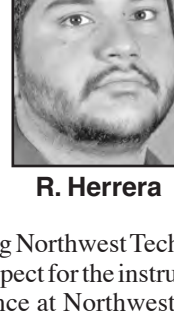
When I came to Northwest Tech for the first day, I liked it. The instructors were pretty cool. They



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were funny and also they explained things really well. The only thing I didn't like was that we were in the classroom for almost 2 weeks, but hey, it was better than being there half of the day like some places that I went to go see. Also, so far I like it here, and I would recommend people coming to this college.

From: Nate Newport

I'm writing to you about my education and the reason for doing so at Northwest Tech. I am continuing my education because I recently became an instructor at Northwest Tech. I am teaching Collision Repair, and this is my first year as a teacher. It's been an awesome experience, and I love it! I graduated from Northwest Tech in Collision Repair in '06, so it's pretty awesome to be able to come back and to teach these guys everything that I know to help them succeed out in the workforce.

I will be getting my bachelor's degree when I'm finished with my education. I plan on keeping up to date, moving forward with my education to be able to learn and know the best ways about collision repair and my industry to keep my students fully educated on our industry. This first year has been awesome. We have an enthusiastic first year class that is willing to work and to learn this industry. Northwest Tech is a great place to go to college. I learned a lot when I was going to college here and have begun to start back up in furthering my education here. The education you get through this college opens a lot of doors. I am glad that I chose this school for collision repair and even more glad that I have gotten the opportunity to come to work for Northwest Tech and to further my education.

Northwest Tech is a perfect place with welcoming people to help, whether it's to further your education or to learn a new career.

From: Randall Thomas

There are two main reasons why I am continuing my education after high school. The first reason is that I would be the first person in my family to graduate from a college. The second reason is that I want a better chance of being hired in the field of my study which happens to be Collision Repair.

I chose Northwest Tech because I had heard that they were nationally recognized for their automotive industries, along with there being a wrestling team. Those two items right there grabbed my interest.

There are only a couple of special people I've met and worked with here. My work partner and I can get carried away and off track of what our goal is but that is what happens when we have fun doing what we love. Another special person happens to be our first year instructor. He can be pretty calm but then there are times when he can be keep us in line when we get off track.

My education will make me a better employee because I have a better understanding of what I am doing, along with being certified. It could help me be a better boss because I know what everyone is going through and also I would have better human relations.

From: Alan Kenny

Northwest Tech offers an excellent Electrical Technology program. After completing my first year in the program, I have learned the basics of both commercial and residential wiring applications. This year is all about motor controls and mathematical equations needed to size circuits and service installations.

After completing the two year program, I expect to pass the electrical journeyman's exam needed to obtain a license in this field. I am receiving the training needed to become a professional electrician and will achieve an AA degree in Electrical Technology at the same time.

I have made many friends while

attending Northwest Tech and have great respect for the instructors. My experience at Northwest Tech has been both challenging and rewarding. We were able to take a tour in the Phillips Co. in Salina and were able to learn the process of how florescent light bulbs are produced, an amazing experience and very enjoyable.

At my age, I had some concerns about returning to school. It has been many years since I have had to take a Math or English course or interact with the other students. It has been a great experience, and I know that my decision was the right choice. I have received the training needed for an excellent career and have met some good friends. I'm proud to be a Maverick.

From: Luis Montes

I was raised in Syracuse, Kansas, and believed in becoming involved in the community. I try to get involved with the community activities that would benefit the town. The college seemed to be a community involved college and some of our community members graduated from this college.

The reason I chose to attend college in Goodland, Kansas was I needed a more hands on education to properly obtain my journeyman in electrical technology. I enrolled in in electrical technology and was happy with the decision I made. I knew I would receive an excellent education, thanks to the teachers.

The first year instructor was Mr. Loftin and my second year instructor was Mr. Dobbs. Mr. Loftin had years and years of experience, and he taught us how to do residential work; and Mr. Dobbs taught us how to work with motors and commercial wiring, and he is helping us study for our journeyman's. The program instructors and college staff are always willing to help whenever needed.

I would recommend this college as a great investment to anyone that who to further their education or get a career. I will gladly give anyone an insight about the college and all the great programs that they have here in Goodland, Kansas.

From: Ricardo Herrera

In April of 2014, I will be ready to take the Kansas Electrical journeyman's exam to obtain an electrical license for the state of Kansas, and will continue my electrical career in Colorado with knowledge of how to work with electricity.

During my training at Northwest Tech, I have had the chance to work in the community installing residential lighting, circuitry, and other home and garage installations. I also have had the opportunity to tour the electrical generation plant of Goodland, KS, to see the enormous generators.

Our instructors Mr. Loftin and Mr. Dobbs at Northwest Tech are very knowledgeable and very experienced in the electrical field. Having someone as experienced as them to help prepare for the Electrical journeyman's exam is a great opportunity. Also, learning how to safely work with electrical circuitry and electrical motor installations has been great.

Taking the Electrical Technology classes at Northwest Tech I feel confident that I will pass the electrical exam in April of 2014 with the help of great instructors. Along with those classes, I have taken other classes to help me prepare for the workforce such as Technical Writing, which helps us with resumes and how to professionally type emails, memos, and letters.

From: Sean Caricato

I chose to further my education at Northwest Kansas Technical College because of my mother. After high school, I wanted to jump right into the workforce and begin my apprenticeship as an electrician, but my mother suggested I go to a two-year college and get my associate's

degree. Soon after, my high school counselor told me about Northwest Tech, and a few days later I was accepted.

Northwest Tech suited me best because it is a short drive to Springfield, Colo., and because it's in a small town community. I'm one who doesn't care much for the city life, coming from a small town like I do; Goodland has been a perfect home away from home.

After I graduate from Northwest Tech, I hope to get hired on with a company through the college. If not, then I will most likely go back to Fort Collins, Colo., where I worked in the summer of 2013. Either way, it does not matter to me as long as I get a job.

While attending Northwest Tech, I have worked with several unique people while on the job. I have made quite a few friends, and I really enjoy the people I work with everyday.

From: Tyler Sharp

I was raised in Sharon Springs, Kansas, which is approximately thirty miles from Goodland, so joining a community driven college was a wise choice for me. The college has always been a part of the community and over the years some of my family and friends have graduated from this college.

The reason I chose to attend Northwest Tech is that I realized I needed additional education and hands on training for me to work my way up in the "skilled trade's world". I enrolled in Electrical Technology, and I haven't had a second thought about it yet. I knew I would receive an excellent education, thanks to this college and its instructors.

My instructor for this program is Logan Dobbs. He's a very knowledgeable and creative electrician as well as a great role model and friend to us all in electrical. This program and college in my mind is the best for somebody who is creative and wants to help people go about living there daily lives with functional electricity. The instructors and staff of Northwest Tech are always there with a helping smile and are willing to help anyone.

I would recommend Northwest Tech to anybody wanting to further their work skills or just simply learn something new. It's a great investment, and you won't be wasting your time. I will personally talk in depth with you about this school and help you anyway I can with choosing it.

From: Thern Bagley

I was born and raised in Goodland, and I am happy to be enrolled at Northwest Kansas Technical College. I am enrolled in the Auto Technology program, and I am having the time of my life in there.

The reason I chose Northwest Tech is it's close to home and they have one of the best Auto Tech programs in the state. I am also looking forward to furthering my education. I took a tour of the college last year when I was in high school. I was really impressed with the college and with the Auto Tech program. I made my mind up when I was still taking the tour that this was the college for me.

All of the instructors and staff at Northwest tech are very friendly and helpful. My instructor is Mr. Jim Kennedy, and he is a fantastic instructor, a wonderful mentor, and a great friend. He is always helping someone or always cracking a joke. The second year instructor is Mr. Curt Goodwin who is also a brilliant guy. I have talked with him a few times, and I am really looking forward to working with him next year.

I would recommend Northwest Tech to anyone who is looking to further their education and wanting to have fun doing it. I would like to personally invite you to the college and take a tour and see how excellent a college Northwest Tech is. I am proud to be a Northwest Tech Maverick.

From: Christian Coulter

I chose to further my education right after high school at Northwest Kansas Technical College so that I can get a good degree. I want to get an excellent education and degree so that I can get a decent head start at a good paying job right after college.

I wanted to go to Northwest Kansas Technical College because it is close to home and it was affordable to go to. I had heard a lot from friends and teachers that this college had an excellent Automotive program that was just itching to find new students. I finally decided that this is where I wanted to go to further my education in automotive tech.

I picked Automotive as my career path because it's what I've always wanted to do. I'm good in this career pathway because I can look at a car from a scientific view to help me diagnose any problem on a vehicle. However, furthering my education will help me because I know that I still have to learn a lot and I can learn everything I need to know at Northwest Tech.

So far in this class at the college I have learned a lot such as getting the timing cover on correctly on a 302 engine, rewiring a stereo system to where it works just right on a 2002 Pontiac Grand Am, and doing a parasitic drain test on a car battery. This is all stuff that will help me succeed not only in college but in a good job environment as well.

So in all I wanted to pick an exceptional college that would help me get through life and into an outstanding job pathway, and I think that Northwest Technical College is the perfect place to do that.

From: Clint Searle

There were several factors in my choosing to attend Northwest Tech. I felt the automotive field was a secure field to pursue, and a formal education in that field would be a wise choice.

I chose Northwest Tech based upon several factors. I took into consideration the cost of tuition, job placement after course completion, location, courses offered, and word of mouth. The cost of tuition was a fair amount lower than other schools that offered the same degree. Northwest Tech's job placement after graduation is in the top ten for schools in the region. The relocation wasn't that far from where I lived and grew up, and I also have family close in Kansas. Northwest Tech offers a broad spectrum of courses to choose from if I were to change courses or add on to my education in a different field. I talked to a lot of people and found out that I have several friends who attended Northwest Tech, and they all had nothing but good to say.

I expect to be able to excel in the automotive field after graduation. Cars are my passion. With a degree in automotive technology, I will be able to make more money than somebody who doesn't have a degree. I knew a fair amount coming in, but there were aspects I needed to learn. I want to open my own shop eventually, and that will be far easier with an education. Overall I am thrilled with my experience at Northwest Tech.

From: Cole Stute

I grew up in Benkelman, Neb., all of my life. I was the epitome of a small town boy. I didn't know any other towns until junior high when I started to play sports in other towns, and the older I got the further I would travel to play ball. Then my senior year rolled around, and I realized that I needed to decide which college I was going to go to. Several of my friends and family who enjoyed the things that I enjoyed said that I should check out Goodland, Kansas, because I was looking for a college with some technical programs.

I have several reasons why I decided to attend college at Northwest Tech. One is that I needed more

experience in the automotive field. Another is that I wanted to meet new people and make new friends. A third was that the college was close to home; all I have to travel is 73 miles from my house, only an hour and a half drive. And finally, it was fairly cheap.

My instructor is Mr. Jim Kennedy. I like him as an instructor a lot because he is bluntly honest with you. This guy knows his stuff; if you ask him a question, he usually has a good answer for you. You will work on all sorts of vintage vehicles like a 1971 Mach 1 Mustang or a 1968 Ford F150 with a Lincoln 428 with dual overhead cams.

If you are a person who likes to get dirty and work with your hands on cars, Northwest Tech is the place for you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

From: Elias Flores

I am from Goodland, born and raised. I chose to go to Northwest Tech because it was close to home and it had an automotive course, which made it an easy choice.

The reason I decided to come to college is because I wanted to further my knowledge of cars and how to properly fix and repair cars. The hands-on training is wonderful; we get to work on cars, and I got to lift the engine on one of the cars I worked on because a bolt broke on the motor. The main thing I liked about the school is that it's hands-on. The instructor is very smart; he graduated from the school, and he is also funny. His name is Jim Kennedy.

I would tell everyone and anyone to come to Northwest Tech because it's a great school, cheap, fun, and they have so many programs you can choose from. The staff is friendly and care, and they make you feel like you're at home.

From: Scott Burris

I came to Northwest Kansas Technical College because I wanted to better myself in my career of automotive mechanic. I also wanted to come back to school so I can support my family through life.

I like Northwest Tech because the teachers and staff are very nice, and I've learned quite a bit so far about how to fix things on an automobile like bearings, ball joint, tires, and electronics. My teacher, Jim Kennedy, is a really good instructor, and he will help his students with anything even if it's not school related.

I also came to Northwest Tech because it was close to home. I came back to school for my wife and kids so that I can give my family a good future and so that I don't have to work two jobs any more. With an automotive career, I will be able to spend more time with I chose this career because I like to work with my hands and work on automobiles.

I hope other people will join the college so they can also study a good career.

From: Tilahun Asfaw

The reason I came to Goodland, Kansas, is I play soccer for Northwest Tech and I am in Auto Tech program. I come from Denver where I play for the Ethiopian soccer team.

In Auto Tech class, we are working on cars, finding the problem of the car, and explaining how you find it and what you can do to fix the car. The good thing about Mr. Kennedy is that he doesn't only teach; he wants to make sure you are challenged with the work and therefore, that you master the work he assigned you to work on. He lets us work with a partner so we build a relationship that will be good for long and so we learn how to work in a team because two heads are better for my life.

In conclusion, I am enjoying the Auto Tech class and soccer team. Also, in college I study computer fundamentals and technical writing.

From: Travis Hoots

I chose to go to Northwest Kansas Technical College to study in the field of Automotive Technology. The reasons I chose to come here were that it was cheap and a few family friends of mine had gone here.

Goodland has an awesome program. I learn a lot every day, and I get to do stuff I love to do every day. In class right now, a few other kids and I are getting ready to replace a

gas tank on a 1974 Bronco. The other day I replaced a fuel filter on a 1994 Dodge Ram 2500 diesel. Other things my group has done include shocks, radius arm bushings along with oil pan, and timing cover replacement.

Goodland has many things I don't see at many other technical colleges. Northwest Tech has small classes, great staff, and good equipment to work with. I also really respect my instructors, so I am glad I chose this college.

From: Mikey Leibbrandt

In high school, I took a trip to Northwest Tech on one of my week-

ends. I didn't really know what I wanted to do yet, and I was not sure I wanted to go to Northwest Tech. Later on that school year, the track coach from Northwest Tech came and talked to us, but I still wasn't sure I wanted to go there.

I am in the carpentry program now at Northwest Tech. So I did decide to come here, and I am on the track team. In my carpentry class, we jumped right in and learn using our hands, which was awesome because I like going outside of the classroom.

In the first two weeks, we build and learn about all the major parts of building and framing a house. We

are now in Edson building a house, and I am really enjoying working with my classmates and laughing and having a good time.

I want to use my education I get from here as a springboard to start my own business.

From: Tony Meyer

I chose my education at Northwest Kansas Technical College since it's a great school to go to because it will give me the education I need. After high school, I decided to go to college immediately into the carpentry program. I have known I would go to college for years. I originally planned to go to Sa-

lina Technical College, but then I decided that I would rather go here to Northwest Kansas Technical College because it is closer, and I'd rather live in a small town like Goodland opposed to Salina.

I plan to finish my two year program and get a job as a carpenter. I will make quite a bit more money as a carpenter with a degree.

This school had been great. While attending Northwest Tech, I have met several new people. I have met a couple in my program. I really enjoy meeting new people. Also, I have learned a lot from my instructor, so going to college has been a really good choice.

From Zach Bray

Northwest Tech is giving me a solid training in the carpentry field across a broad aspect of different types of work such as building a house, remodeling one of the housing departments on campus, and building the new CSI lab for the school.

The house that we are building is over in Edson, and we are building a two story house that just has a basement and main level. We are making it out of Styrofoam blocks, and it's just as if we were building a Lego house but more complicated and way bigger.

We are also remodeling one of

the housing departments, and we added a room to the dorm, repainted everything, reframed all the doors and windows, retiled the bathroom, and also took out the old carpet. Now we are finishing up the CSI lab department building from when the last year's carpentry department started to build it, and now we are going to finish it off with sheet rock and paint and tile and finish work for the new department on campus.

I'm from the Limon area in Colorado, and I'm really glad that I came to this college and really enjoy my class and my instructor who is teaching it.

Kansans say with less confidence state great place

Kansas remains a great place to live, and Kansans are optimistic about the future, but they also revealed a significant amount of uncertainty in the fifth annual Kansas Speaks survey of public opinion in the state.

Overall, according to Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs, Kansans who responded to the 2013 Kansas Speaks survey are feeling caught between different forces and unsure about what the future will hold.

First of all, Kansans believe the state is a great place to live. But that does not mean they look at events in the state with rose-colored glasses. Although 87.4 percent of respondents rate Kansas as a good, very good or excellent place to live, only 53.4 percent rate the Kansas economy that highly. Most people rate the economy as fair or good, but clearly the enthusiasm among Kansans for the state does not extend to the state of the economy.

In fact, 61 percent of respondents are concerned the Kansas economy will threaten their family's welfare in the near future. There is an apparent concern for the economy, but one of the biggest uncertainties is what the people want to do about it. Sweeping into office in 2010, Gov. Sam Brownback promised to improve the Kansas economy through a low-tax, pro-business policy agenda showcased by a gradual reduction of corporate and individual income taxes.

After two years of Brownback's governorship, respondents are divided on the effects of the plan. Survey participants are evenly divided on Brownback's economic plan, with 38 percent satisfied with his handling of the economy and 40 percent dissatisfied with his performance.

Respondents to Kansas Speaks are also evenly divided on Democratic plans for the state's economy, but more neutral. Results suggest that people might not be enthusiastic about Brownback's economic agenda but aren't even sure what the Democratic plan is. The actual percentage of supporters, 30 percent, and opponents, 36 percent, for Democrats is close to the numbers for Brownback, so no clear mandate on a direction for the economy emerges.

Most notable are the results on state spending. Many respondents (44.5 percent) think government spending should be decreased, but other data suggest that Kansans don't know where the cuts should come from. More Kansans think funding for education, both K-12 (66.5 percent) and higher education (45.1 percent), and social services (50.1 percent) should be increased.

In those same categories, 6 per-

cent thought K-12 funding should be decreased, 12.7 percent thought funding for higher education should be reduced, and 6.2 percent thought funding for social services should be reduced; 27.5 percent, 42.2 percent and 43.7 percent, respectively, thought funding should remain the same.

In no specific areas did a mandate emerge for reduction in government spending. So while people who participated in Kansas Speaks generally think that government spending should decrease, they have no preference for specific and substantive cuts in the state budget.

In fact, they would like to see spending increases on the two policy areas that make up three-quarters of the state budget: education and social services.

Support for spending increases is so strong that three in five participants support school districts being allowed to sue the state Legislature to increase their funding. Respondents are also decisive on how they would pay for extra spending, strongly favoring tax increases for large corporations and wealthier Kansans, with majorities supporting higher taxes for both groups.

Kansans are unsure of the future, skeptical of all political leaders' ideas for improving the state's economic health, and want the government to decrease spending, while at the same time they want increased funds going to schools and social services. The one thing that is clear from the responses to this year's Kansas Speaks is that uncertainty reigns.

Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs has conducted the survey since 2009. For this year, 1,459 Kansas residents were contacted from May 23 to Sept. 18, and 944 completed the survey. Dr. Jian Sun (pronounced jan soo-un), senior research scientist at the Docking Institute, said the 64.7-percent response rate computes to a 3.2-percent margin of error.

The full survey report is available through the Kansas Speaks link on the Docking Institute homepage at www.fhsu.edu/docking.

Other interesting findings:

- Wind is the clear favorite for where resources devoted to energy development should go, at least in the number of people who think it is extremely important: 45 percent; 27.7 percent favored oil, 14.4 percent coal, and 9.8 percent nuclear. For wind and oil, the numbers are closer when all the "good" categories are factored in together. For those two, a total of 92.2 percent think wind is somewhat (18.1 percent) to extremely important, while 90.1 percent think oil development is somewhat (27.6 percent) to ex-

tremely important.

- A 46.7-percent plurality of Kansans strongly oppose allowing concealed weapons to be carried in schools, hospitals and government buildings. An additional 8.9 percent are somewhat opposed and 12.4 percent are neutral; strong support was expressed by 19.2 percent, and 12.8 percent somewhat support concealed weapons in those venues.
- Six in ten (61 percent) respon-

dents felt that Kansas school districts should be allowed to sue the state for failing to meet the constitutional mandate to provide adequate funding for elementary and secondary public education. In general, the younger, upper-educated, Hispanic and Democratic respondents were more likely to support school districts suing the state.

- Less than half (44.2 percent) of respondents said that, "if the elec-

tion was held today," they would vote to retain Sam Brownback for governor. Support for Gov. Brownback was higher among those respondents who were 18 to 24 years old, those whose highest education level was less than high school, those whose family incomes were below \$35,000, those who did not vote in 2012, and males.

- Among respondents who indicated they did not vote in the

November 2012, 51.7 percent said they were registered and had a government-issued ID, while 38.6 percent were not registered but had the proof of citizenship needed for registration. The remaining 9.6 percent of respondents who did not vote said they either did not have a proof of citizenship or did not have a photo ID, making them ineligible to participate in the 2012 election.

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BE SAFE ON HALLOWEEN



In this season when ghosts, goblins and all sorts of other creatures will be out looking for treats to satisfy their sweet tooth, awareness of safety will keep them safe.

Walk safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

Put electronic devices down and keeps heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or treat with an adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Go to homes of people you know.

Keep costumes both creative and safe

Can drivers see my costume in the dark?

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. If wearing a mask make sure it fits properly and the eye holes allow you to see fully.

Have kids carry glow sticks or a flashlight to help them see and be seen by drivers. Remind kids that the liquid in glow sticks is hazardous and should not be consumed.

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls. Baggy sleeves or billowy capes and skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames. Big, floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) — that are hard to walk in may make you fall.

If your costume has props make sure they are flexible if you fall on them.

Drive extra safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

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Have parents check on treats before eating them. Pick only wrapped candy when you trick-or-treat.



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Giant pumpkins abound this time of year

By Kay Melia
The Gardener
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Linus is right! There IS a giant pumpkin! But Linus is also wrong. The giant pumpkin will not fly through the air on Halloween night, delivering gifts to little kids who hang out in their backyard pumpkin patch waiting for him. Bummer!

As a matter of fact, there are giant pumpkins just about everywhere in America right now, and it is also a fact that those who grow them work full-time all summer to grow the record setters.

Going in to this year's competi-



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tion, the world record for pumpkins is held by Ron Wallace of Topfield, Maine, who last year weighed an almost unbelievable 2009 pound specimen that was weighed at an official American Weigh-in station, of which there are many in this country.

I want to thank my cousin Drinda from Tucson, Ariz., for tipping me off about what is happening in the

world of giant pumpkins right now.

As a result, I have found that Gary Miller, who lives in the Napa Valley just outside San Francisco, has won the 40th Annual Safeway

World Championship Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, Calif., located about 40 miles south of San Francisco in the Silicon Valley region. But Gary Miller's pumpkin weighed "only" 1985 pounds, which is 47 pounds less than the 2009 pound gargantuan gourd grown last year in Maine. Try again next year, Gary.

But wait, on Saturday, Oct. 19,

the day after this is being written, we have learned that Tim Mathison, also from near Napa, will present the world with a 2032 pound behemoth at the Uesugi Farms 23rd Annual Great Pumpkin contest near San Martin, Calif. If this rumor becomes reality, we will have a new all-time world record!

Not so fast there Linus. We have to keep in mind that official weigh-off sites are open all over the country until November 1.

There is still plenty of time for another grower to come forward with something that will top that 2032 pound gourd that Tim Mathison is rumored to present to the world

tomorrow, Oct. 19.

In fact, the record shows that the world champion is nearly always grown in the New England area.

There's a lot of money at stake. If Mathison's record of 2032 pounds holds up, he will automatically be awarded \$30,000 for his trouble, which includes the \$7 per pound given by Uesugi Farms.

There will be other rewards, including as much as a dollar a seed from his big winner, paid by other pumpkin growers and gardeners who try each year to grow the big ones.

About 99 percent of all the big pumpkins grown in this country are

of the Atlantic Giant variety which was founded and developed by a Nova Scotian farmer named Harold Dill, who died several years ago as a wealthy man because of the sale of his prized seed. Dill's Atlantic Giant seed is available in nearly all seed catalogs that you will be receiving soon. For just \$2.95,

The J.W. Jung Seed Company will send you a packet of 10 fresh seeds, but they likely will not be seeds from this year's world record pumpkin.

Everything you have read here today might be badly outdated by November 1st. But don't blame it on Linus!

Tips to avoid Salmonella infection in chicken

More than 300 cases of food borne illness have been linked to chicken coming from Foster Farms, a California-based poultry processor, but a Kansas State University scientist said there are ways consumers can reduce the chances of becoming ill without giving up chicken.

It's fairly typical for raw poultry to have some Salmonella, as well as other organisms, said Londa Nwadike, who is a consumer food safety specialist with Kansas State Research and Extension. For that reason, it's important to properly handle and cook all raw poultry before consuming, and to prevent contamination from spreading to other foods and food contact surfaces.

She referred to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control investigation

into an outbreak of Salmonella Heidelberg, which has sickened people in 20 states, including five in Missouri. Most of the cases have been in California. No cases linked to this outbreak have been reported in Kansas so far.

"One of the concerning aspects of this outbreak is the higher hospitalization rate - 42 percent of ill persons - which is double the normal rate," said Nwadike, who is based in the Kansas City area. "This may be related to the fact that the outbreak strains of Salmonella are resistant to several commonly prescribed antibiotics."

No deaths have been reported to date in this outbreak, she said, but added that Salmonella infections can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune sys-

tems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

The outbreak is not related to the current government shutdown, said the food safety specialist, who in addition to serving Kansas residents, supports Missouri residents as a University of Missouri extension specialist. The investigation into this outbreak began months ago and despite the shutdown, U.S. Department of Agriculture (and state) meat inspectors are still working.

"It's important for consumers to know that all meat and poultry available in grocery stores, restaurants, and in food service has passed inspection," she said. "The Centers for Disease Control, which coordinates multi-state food borne disease investigations, did furlough

68 percent of its workers in the government shutdown. However, they called back 10 employees on Oct. 8 to help with foodborne illness investigations."

Nwadike provided tips that consumers should be aware of regarding this outbreak specifically and reducing risk in general.

Consumers can check to see if any chicken they have purchased is from one of the three facilities linked to the outbreak by looking on the pack-

age for the establishment numbers "P6137," "P6137A," and "P7632," typically found inside a USDA mark of inspection.

Cook poultry to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit, checked with a food thermometer. This will destroy Salmonella, even antibiotic-resistant strains.

Separate raw meat and poultry from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrig-

erator.

Use one cutting board for raw meat and poultry and a separate one for fresh produce and ready-to-eat foods.

Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat or poultry.

Wash with hot, soapy water any utensils, cutting boards, dishes and surfaces that might have touched raw meat or poultry to avoid cross contamination.

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INVITATION TO BID

To purchase the metal building previously known as the Nationwide Trailer Sales Building located on the property of Yost Farm Supply. (Note: No land included.)
Bid date:.....Monday, November 4, 2013
Bid time:.....1:00 PM Mountain Time (MST)
Bid place:.....Cure & Bain, PC
104 East Hwy 24
Goodland, KS 67735

Pre-Bid Materials (Mandatory)
Date:.....Monday, October 28, 2013
Time:.....4:00 PM MST
Place:.....Cure & Bain, PC

The Northwest Kansas Technical College ("Northwest Tech") Endowment Association will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the metal building previously known as the "Nationwide Trailer Sales Building". This building was appraised by Sunflower Appraisal Company on July 26, 2013 for \$30,000.00.

The winning bidder will be responsible for moving the building off Yost Farm Supply property, contacting all necessary utility companies before the removal and the cleanup of all trash and debris caused by the moving of the building. The winning bidder will remove the building at its own risk and must be fully insured for the purpose of moving a building. The winning bidder will also be responsible to complete all work by January 4, 2014. Please note that all bidders are required to pick up and sign off on all bid conditions prior to submitting their bid. The building and any contents transferred with the building will be purchased on an "as is" and "with all faults" basis, and without any representations or warranties of any kind.

For more information concerning the proposed purchase and related work, contact Shaudel Bain, Northwest Tech Endowment Association Director at 1209 Harrison St., Goodland, KS 67735, (785) 890-1509.

The Northwest Tech Endowment Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularity in bidding. The contract will be awarded to the highest responsive and responsible bid if reasonable, and if it is in the interest of the Northwest Tech Endowment to accept it, at its sole discretion.
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November Consultant Schedule

ALLERGIST**	Jeffrey Rumbyrt, M.D.	November 18
CARDIOLOGIST**	Barry Smith, M.D.	November 13 & 27
CARDIOLOGIST	Vijay Subbarao, M.D.	November 14
COUNSELING SERVICES		Thursdays by Appointment
DERMATOLOGIST	Theodore Alkousakis, M.D.	November 19
DIETITIAN	Sarah Linton, RD, LD, CDE	Tuesdays by Appointment
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	November 8 & 14
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	November 5, 18 & 19
GENERAL SURGEON	David D. Beck, M.D.	TBD
GENERAL SURGEON	Jeffrey Cross, M.D.	TBD
GYNECOLOGY	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	November 13
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	David Forschner, M.D.	November 20
ONCOLOGY	Prakash Neupane, M.D.	November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	November 20
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	Eric Fry, M.D.	November 11
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Robert Fante, M.D.	November 22
ORTHOPEDIST	Tim Birney, M.D.	November 11
ORTHOPEDIST	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	December 2
ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	November 21
ORTHOPEDIST	Edward Parks, M.D.	November 18
ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	December 9
ORTHOPEDIST	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	November 6
ORTHOPEDIST	Gareth Shemesh, M.D.	November 7 & 8
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PODIATRIST	Daniel Mallett, D.P.M.	November 27
PULMONOLOGIST	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	November 7, 21 & 22
RADIOLOGISTS	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
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UROLOGIST**	Kevin McDonald M.D.	November 12
UROLOGIST**	Wallace Curry, M.D.	November 26

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Dr. Douglas Van Marel (Out of office on Friday)
Dr. Travis Daise (Out of office on Wednesday)
Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP (Out of office on Friday)
Dr. David Younger (Out of office on Thursday)
Kathy Wiley, APRN (Out of office on Wednesday)
Dr. Lisa M. Unruh - Pediatrician (Out of office on Tuesday)



Couple has restored, reproduction wagons

By Ron Wilson
*Director
Huck Boyd National Institute
for Rural Development
at Kansas State University*

As the sun sets over the pastoral Flint Hills, a remarkable scene comes into view: Across the hillside comes a set of covered wagons drawn by horses. Is this a sight from a century and a half ago? No, it is happening in modern times, where the Symphony in the Flint Hills featured covered wagons driven by a man with roots in rural Kansas. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Derral and Sheila Sommerfeld are the owners of Classic Reproduction Wagon Works. Their wagons have been part of the Symphony in the Flint Hills program and they still provide wagon rides at this

annual event and elsewhere, plus building and restoring wagons of various kinds.

Derral Sommerfeld grew up near Newton. He has always worked with horses and wagons. His grandfather had a two-seated horse drawn surrey. For years, his grandparents' family farmed with horses where they lived west of the rural community of Cassoday, population 127 people. Now, that's rural.

While Derral was in high school, his father got a team of Belgian horses, and Derral has maintained a lifelong interest in horses and wagons. He met and married Sheila and eventually they moved to Tecumseh.

Derral got involved with the Flint Hills Overland Wagon Train. For 32 years, this wagon train offered au-

thentic covered wagon rides through the Flint Hills of Kansas. Thanks to his skills in driving teams of horses, Derral helped with the wagon train for three years before becoming president of the organization for 25 years. Sheila helped cook meals for the wagon train.

"We enjoyed sharing with people from all over," Derral said. "We had people out there who had never seen the stars."

In 1997, a Girl Scout group was wanting wagons in which to sleep so Derral built some wagons for them. As demand grew for such items, he and Sheila created their own business known as Classic Reproduction Wagon Works. The business provides wagon rides and also does wagon building and restoration. For example, they built

a covered wagon for the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve near Strong City, and restored a wagon and a sleigh for Old Prairie Town—Ward Meade Park in Topeka.

"Often what we get is in pieces," Sheila said. "Everything we can't get that's original, we make ourselves." That means lots of detailed handwork, such as creating something in a gas forge or painting and sanding on pieces of wood.

The Sommerfelds do lots of wagon rides for parades, weddings or other special events. For example, the Penwell-Gable Funeral Home in Topeka frequently has the Sommerfelds pull a horse-drawn hearse on their behalf in neighborhood parades. For years, the Sommerfelds have provided wagon rides at the Symphony in the Flint Hills.

"One day we gave 1700 people wagon rides at the Symphony," Derral said.

Their horses are gentle giants. The Sommerfelds have a team of white Percheron mares, a team of Blonde sorrel Belgians and a black-and-white half shire gelding.

Recently the Sommerfelds acquired a white vis a vis, which is a pretty carriage that many brides like for their wedding rides.

One of their restoration projects was a 1920s John Deere wagon. A woman had inherited the wagon and her husband wanted to have it restored as a surprise gift for her.

They were moving from Texas to Maryland. The husband dropped it off to the Sommerfelds in Kansas.

When it came time to pick it up, the husband told his wife that they

needed to take the truck and trailer to pick up a sports car for him. But to his wife's surprise, it wasn't a sports car that they picked up. Instead, it was the family wagon, beautifully restored in John Deere green. "That was the most thoughtful thing he'd ever done," the wife said.

For more information, go to www.classicwagonworks.com.

As the sun sets across the Flint Hills, a covered wagon train comes into view, featuring wagons restored and driven by Derral Sommerfeld of Classic Reproduction Wagon Works. We commend Derral and Sheila Sommerfeld for making a difference by preserving and restoring this part of our heritage, so that more generations can see the good guys ride into the sunset.

Cowgirls gearing up for Sub-State!



Front row, from left: Alyssa Wear, Janessa Selbe, Taylor Thorson, Myrna Ruiz, Jamie Nemecheck, Norelia Ordenez-Castillo, T.C. Ruhs, Margaux Thompson, Tobie Steggall. Second row, from left: Kinsey Volk, Sianna Miller, Rebekah Salmons, Gabriella Galindo, Kaylee Christensen, Amanda Coon, Kelsey White, Alexi Vasquez, Brenae Bahe, Kaitlyn Daise. Third row, from left: Grace Cole, Skylar Thompson, Jovanna Nunez, Savannah Guzman, Telanie Reicks, Mary Schnabel, Saige Vandiver, Kaitlynn Raile, Faith Biermann, Amber Chaffman, Jamihya Amory. Back row, from left: Tove Vernberg, Ellie House, Taryn Bedore, Kate-Lynn King, Cheyenne Ortner, Kyndell King, Rheagan Hageman, Kegan Nothdurft, Lindsey Geeseka, Selena Acosta.

Volleyball Sub-State Saturday, Oct. 26 at Colby

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Parents encouraged to start saving early

The Kansas State Treasurer's Office and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are working together to encourage early college savings among new parents. Beginning this fall, parents now receive Learning Quest 529 Savings Program leaflets when they request newborn birth certificates from the Department of Health. This material introduces new parents to the Learning Quest website where they can explore 529 college saving options

for their newborn baby and enter in the New Parent Contest. "Stressing the importance of saving earlier rather than later is really what we want to achieve," said Ron Estes, Kansas state treasurer. Educating parents about the advantages of saving early, even in small amounts, can make a significant difference in total return, said Estes. "When looking for ways to reach new parents, it just made sense to

partner with Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who already maintains such a strong link with new parents through their distribution of birth certificates," said Scott Gates, the treasurer's office director of the savings program. "We understand that parents receive an overwhelming amount of information when their child is born," said Robert Moser, state health officer. "We like the idea of sending college savings material

along with birth certificates at a time when parents may already be taking other steps to improve their child's future." As with most types of investment, time is a valuable commodity. According to the College Savings Plans Network, half of a parent's time horizon for saving for college is over by the time their child reaches third grade. To further encourage parents to take that first step in preparing for

their child's educational future now while time is still on their side, the New Parent Contest offers Kansans (who have had a baby born to them in 2013 or 2014 and are at least 18 years old) the opportunity to enter a drawing for the chance to win a \$500 Babies "R" Us gift card. The Learning Quest 529 Education Savings Program was created to help families invest for their child's continued education after high school, whether at a traditional

four-year college, community college or technical-vocational school. Investors benefit from tax-deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals when used for qualified education expenses (tax benefits may be conditioned on meeting certain requirements). Kansas taxpayers can receive a Kansas tax deduction up to \$3,000 per child (\$6,000 if married, filing jointly) on contributions to Learning Quest or any other state-sponsored 529 plan.

Coaching strategies energize Kansas communities

A coach's support can make the difference in winning or losing, success or failure. Most coaches also know to encourage players and participants to develop their skills and abilities to grow as individuals and as a team. In today's world, coaches wear many hats and foster success in a variety of settings from the football field to a debate tournament -- and now community and economic development. With the help of a matching \$80,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Kansas State Research

and Extension is coordinating the introduction of Community Development Academies to bring together community stakeholders -- leaders as well as residents who don't consider themselves leaders. The team conducts a community assessment, identifies stakeholders and creates strategies to involve their broader community in efforts to benefit the area. The next step is the Community Coaching Academy. A coach, who was not a part of the original team, works with the community team members to help them reflect on strategies, fine-tune their process,

and stay on target. By training community development agents and other professionals through the Community Coaching Academy, the community teams leaving the academy have a coach to help sustain and support their work. The coach can help the team reflect on effective community engagement strategies and process, said Dan Kahl, coordinator for the educational effort. Community Development Academies have been offered in Independence, Hays, and Manhattan. A fourth, sponsored by state and collaborative partners, was held in

Garden City, said Kahl, who notes a growing interest by communities and enthusiasm from coaches. Lona DuVall, director of business retention, Finney County Economic Development Corporation, put it this way: "I love this!" DuVall, who attended the coaching academy in Hays and then led an effort to bring an academy to Garden City, praises the concept because it reaches out to citizens who may not consider themselves community leaders. "Community coaching gives people a voice, the confidence to speak up, and the courage to get involved,"

DuVall said. "Sessions encouraged us to consider new concepts and to think about our communities in new ways." She explained that discussing community capital -- social, economic, or natural such as the rolling prairie or a recreational lake -- prompted others to chime in "Hey, we've got that!" or "I never thought about it that way." "The community coaching sessions are the most lively and encouraging community development sessions I've attended," said DuVall. She shares her excitement with others and is already at work build-


ing teams and encouraging new participants. Kansas State partners in the project include the Center for Engagement and Community Development; the Kansas PRIDE Program, which is co-administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce; and the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development; as well as the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. "Our goal," said Kahl, "is to create a network of community coaching professionals who can help support ongoing community development

Cold encourages color

The cool, crisp air of fall brings thoughts of pumpkins, cider and landscapes colored in shades of red, orange and gold. Because much of Kansas received more rainfall this year, trees should develop bright colors in late October, according to Charles Barden, professor of forestry for Kansas State University and state extension for Kansas State Research and Extension. "Fall colors and dependent on the weather," Barden said. "Sunny days and cool nights make for more intense and lasting colors."

Although Kansas is not famous for its outstanding fall foliage displays, Barden said, all parts of the state display their own unique color palette in fall. Sugar and red maples are known to produce beautiful fall colors, and although they are not common in Kansas, several towns have planted enough of these trees to put on a fall show. In addition to the maple trees, several more common species native to Kansas also color up nicely. Native to the southeastern Kansas lowlands, the pin oak will turn a dark crimson in late October and into November, Barden said, and the

hickories abundant on the hillsides in this region turn a bright yellow. "Look for the bright yellow of our cottonwoods and hackberry, and the bright red of the sumac," he said. "Both of these species look more striking if they have a backdrop of dark green cedars or pines." Leaves aren't alone in turning colors during the fall. The prairie grasses have also changed color, Barden said. From a distance the hills appear a uniform rusty orange, but on closer inspection bright purples and other colors are evident, while some sunflowers, goldenrods and aster are still in bloom.



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Summary

On October 21, 2013, the City of Goodland, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 1651, regulating the usage of work site utility vehicles in the City of Goodland. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at www.cityofgoodland.org or at Goodland City Hall. This summary was certified by Jerry Fairbanks, City Attorney.

17,114 ET SEQ., IN ORDER TO REHABILITATE, CONSERVE, OR REDEVELOP IN THE CITY. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH K.S.A. 12-17,114 ET SEQ., THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

NOTICE

The City Commission will consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq., at a public

hearing at 5:00 p.m. on November 4th, 2013, the City Commission Chambers, 204 W 11th, 2nd Floor; Goodland, Kansas,

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and a description of the boundaries of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area are available for inspection during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the office of the City Clerk, 204 W 11th, 1st floor; Goodland, Kansas, City Hall, City of Goodland, Kansas.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Commission will consider findings necessary for the adoption of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and the establishment of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area, all as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to the other taxing entities within Sherman County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published

in the official city newspaper at least once each week for two consecutive weeks before the hearing.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Commission this 21st day of October, 2013.

Annette Fairbanks,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary P. Volk,
City Clerk

Published in The Goodland Star-News, Friday, October 25 and November 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 1392

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, MAY PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-17,114 ET SEQ., ADOPT A PLAN TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, OR REDEVELOPMENT OF ANY AREA OF THE CITY GOODLAND THAT MEETS THE CONDIONS OF SAID LAW; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF GOODLAND SEEKS TO EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED IN K.S.A. 12-

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Golfers place second at state tournament

The Goodland High School varsity girls golf team ended their season with a second-place finish at the Class 4A State Tournament on Monday in Pittsburg.

Coach Connie Livengood said the six golfers did a good job and could have closed the gap between them and first-place finishers Topeka Hayden.

"The course was a type of course in which you had to be able to place the ball and there were quite a few bunkers, but the course was also a forgiving course," she said. "I was pleased to see the girls go through a learning experience as well as a positive experience."

Paulina Wagner placed 11th with a score of 91. Livengood said Wagner played well all year long, and the team will miss her next year as she will be heading back to Germany.

"She has some experience playing golf and she was an exceptional player and her character is a plus for this team," she said.

Katie Hays placed 17th with 96. Livengood said Hays has been a leader for the team.

"She won two tournaments as an individual and placed at several others," she said. "She has had a good year."

Emily Purvis placed 24th with 99.

"Emily Purvis had a fantastic first nine holes," Livengood said. "She played the back first and shot a 44. That was in the top 10 at that point in the tournament, but she did not fair as well on the front nine."

Logan Perryman shot a 102. Livengood said Perryman had a couple holes that hurt her, but that she has been a consistent player throughout the year.

Braelyn Hoelting shot a 115; and Dani Mangus, 119. For both players it was their first time at state.

"Each got a glimpse now of how things are at state and hopefully next year, they will do better because of their experience today," Livengood said.

The Cowgirls ended up with a team score of 388, 14 strokes behind first-place Topeka Hayden. Buhler placed third with 391.

During the 2013 season, the Cowgirls won seven tournaments and placed third at the Garden City tournament behind two 5A teams.



Nicole Sederstrom put the breaks on after successfully roping her calf at the high school rodeo in Emporia last weekend. Photos by Mark Schondelmaier

Rodeo champ wraps up fall season

Goodland High School student Nicole Sederstrom has been representing her school well in Rodeo this year.

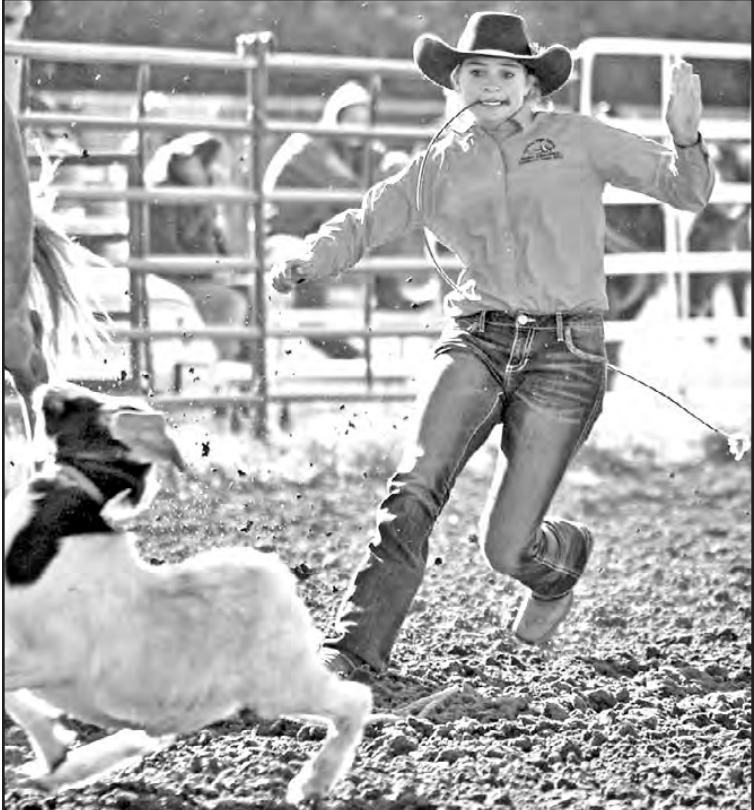
The fall season came to an end last weekend in Emporia. Sederstrom won Goat Average Champion in goat tying. She placed second both days, maintaining her ranking as second in the state – only 1 1/2 points out of first place.

In breakaway roping, Sederstrom placed eighth on Saturday. On Sunday, she roped her calf in 2.4, the fastest time, but got a speeding ticket – a 10-second penalty for going through the rope before it is released, which doesn't give the calf enough of a head start. With the penalty, her time was 12.4; not high enough to place. She is currently ranked third.

Sederstrom also participates in barrel racing, pole bending and team roping. She finished the fall season at sixth place in barrel racing.

Rodeo will pick up again in the spring with five weekend events. In June, the top four finalists in each event will be crowned, and will get the chance to represent Kansas at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Sederstrom also competes in the National Little Britches Rodeo Association. This summer won third place in Senior Girl Division goat tying at the finals in Pueblo, Colo.



Sederstrom went after her goat in the goat tying event. She placed second both days at the Emporia rodeo, earning the Goat Average Champion title.

Cross country teams fourth in league

Both Goodland High School varsity cross country teams came in fourth at the Great West Activities Conference meet Saturday at Scott City.

On the girls side, Hugoton was the top team with a score of 57. Holcomb placed second with 82; Colby, third with 82; Goodland, fourth with 83; Scott City, fifth with 86; and Ulysses, sixth with 22:16.

Erin Floyd was the top runner, placing sixth with 17:35. Lacie Siruta, 11th with 17:55; Brianna White, 14th with 18:25; Berkley White, 15th with 18:34; and Lindsey Geeseka, 27th with 22:16.

On the boys side, Ulysses claimed the league title with 33. Hugoton came in second with 34; Scott City, third with 81; Goodland, fourth with 81; Holcomb, fifth with 133; and Colby, sixth with 165.

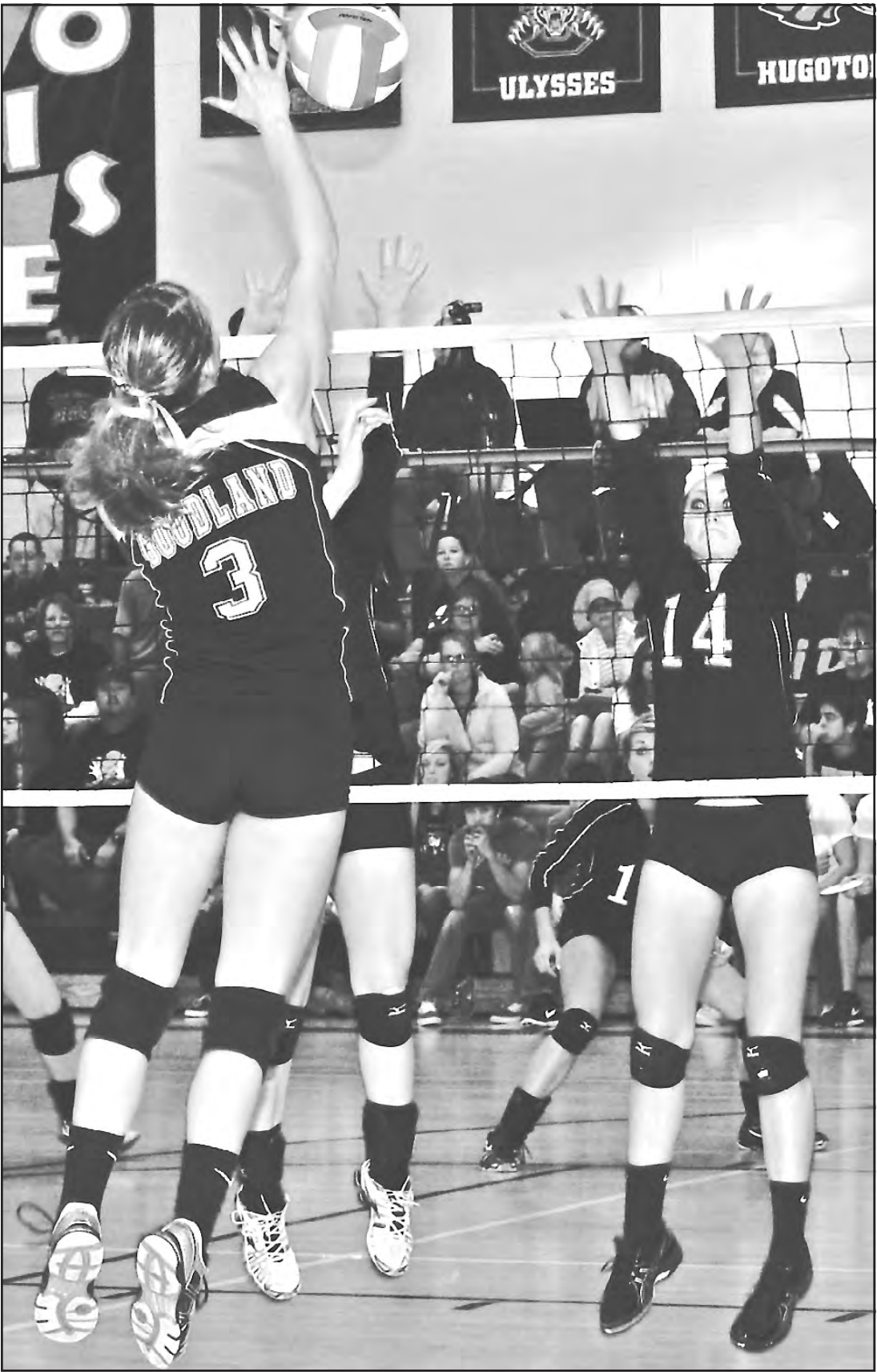
Arron Arteaga was the top runner on the boys team, finishing seventh with a time of 18:36. Jacob Gerber followed in eighth place with 18:39.

Ace Arteaga placed 17th with 19:12; Braxton Redlin, 21st with 19:20; Yidam Mendoza, 28th with 19:35; Tristan Cooper, 30th with 19:53; Kyler Amthor, 31st with 19:54.

The junior varsity boys team also competed, with Mario Lazo placing second with 19:28. Jessie Cooper placed sixth with 20:35; Kameron Snyder, eighth with 20:41; Kade Mayer, 10th with 20:59; Koal Artzer, 25th with 24:10 and Hunter Harkins, 31st with 25:51.

Next action for the cross country teams will be the Class 4A Regional Tournament at Rolling Acres Golf Course in McPherson. The girls will run at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) and the boys will run at 2:30 p.m.

Three teams will qualify for state at each of the four regional sites, with the top 10 runners also having the chance to qualify individually.



Ellie House jumped up to spike the ball against two Colby defenders at the Great West Activities Conference league meet on Saturday in Colby. Photo by Rich Headley/The Colby Free Press

Cowgirls end up 27-7 in regular season

The Goodland High School varsity volleyball squad ended their regular season with a record of 27-7. The Cowgirls went 4-1 at the league meet on Saturday.

Individual statistics from the league meet:

Taryn Bedore had 64 kills, 16 blocks, 72 assists, 65 digs and 14 aces.

Faith Biermann had 14 kills, six blocks, 66 assists, 49 digs and eight aces.

Grace Cole had 20 digs and two aces.

Kaitlynn Daise had nine kills, seven blocks and four digs.

Ellie House had 39 kills, six blocks, 66 digs and eight aces.

Kate-Lynn King had 56 kills, 16 blocks, 11 digs and three aces.

Kyndell King had three kills, seven blocks and one dig.

Cheyenne Ortner had 35 digs.

Kaitlyn Raile had 40 digs and two aces.

Marguax Thompson had seven digs.

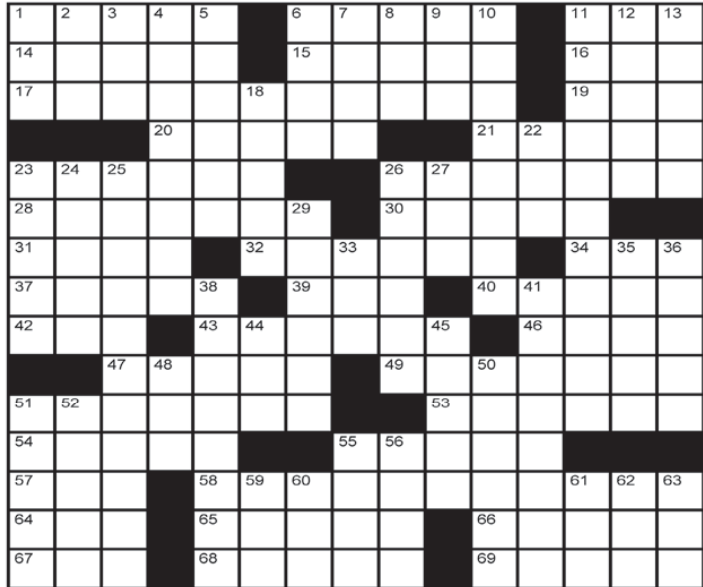
Saige Vandiver had nine blocks, six assists and five digs.

Crossword Puzzle

"Precious and Few"

Across

- Build up, as a fortune
- Humphrey's nickname
- Hoover, notably
- Erect
- Naples' country
- Prenuptial agreement?
- Ireland's nickname
- "I ___ Rock"
- Burger accompaniment
- Street urchin
- Goldsmith's units
- Election day items
- School
- Over
- Morning or night wear
- Downtown features
- Two, in Tegucigalpa
- Secret meeting
- Chart-topper
- Buffalo hockey player
- Match part
- Watch type
- Behind
- America, with "the"
- Pakistan's largest city
- European range
- Figure
- Party throwers
- Former South African President P.W.
- Finale
- 12/7/41 locale
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Like the walls of Harvard Yard



- "Born on the Fourth of July" director
- A little sun
- Jocks' counterparts
- Put a spell on

Down

- Goon
- The word, sometimes
- Had
- Comes up for air
- Powerful ancient city-state
- Pass, as time
- Blues singer Redding
- Service station stuff
- Suffering
- Monocle
- Turtle variety
- Let in

- Complains
- Shopping and laundry
- Boxing great
- Breath mint brand
- Love to pieces
- Rolling Stones hit
- Hungarian composer Béla
- "The ___ of Innocence"
- Patriot Allen and author Canin
- "Texas tea"
- Correct, in combinations
- Greet at the door
- Dramatic downturn
- Pick-and-choose
- Alphabet sequence

- Wayne's "Wayne's World" pal
- Rebellious Turner
- Beat a dead horse
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