

## **Rewards and demand** top court reporter's list

By Sloane Enninga

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Talking about National Court Reporting and Captioning Week, Marilyn Bailey, official court reporter for the 15th Judicial District, says she has enjoyed her career and because of an incredible need for certified reporters, encourages anyone interested to look into the career.

"I started in August 1978 (at the 15th Judicial District)," Bailey said, "... so I graduated in October of '74, then I passed my test. And then I lived in Manhattan and worked, just doing freelance."

She said she continued to do freelance and deposition work until her husband Paul graduated from Kansas State University and got a job in Colby. When she came here with him, she said, the reporter who worked for the district had just retired, so she applied and got the job.

When she first started, she said the judicial district ran from Stockton to Goodland. In 1982, the state redrew its districts, and the 15th now covers Thomas, Rawlins, Sherman, Cheyenne, Wallace Sheridan and Logan counties.

"I travel to all of the counties that (Chief) Judge (Kevin) Berens goes to," Bailey said, "so basically Rawlins, Thomas, Logan and Sheridan are our main counties."

She said she has worked in other districts, but mainly she travels with the chief judge. Beyond being the official reporter for a court, she said, certified reporters can do freelance work, captioning for things seen on television and what is known word or phrase in one stroke. as communication access realtime translation, which provides ing, Bailey said, takes two or realtime captions for those with hearing disabilities. Bailey said a post by stenographer Kellie Smith on Facebook explains the profession well. The stenograph machine used, Smith said, looks almost like a cash register and takes down the words verbatim. spoken words you say at 225plus words per minute," she said, "The words go in through my ears into my brain, where they get translated, very quickly, into another language of sorts, and then that other language comes out through my fingers into the keys of my "cash register," (or) steno machine."



Marilyn Bailey (above), official court reporter for the 15th Judicial District can be seen along side her stenograph machines at court hearings, precisely taking down every word spoken in the court room.

As in the illustration below, on every stenograph machine, there is the left side of the keyboard ,"initial bank", and the right side, "final bank", but it does not include every letter in the alphabet. To make letters like "m" you would depress "PH" on the initial side and "PL" on the final side. Learning this skill takes many hours of practice daily to increase accuracy to 95 percent. SLOANE ENNINGA/Colby Fr

## Rodeo coach building team

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Leroy Hays, new rodeo coach at Colby Community College, says he is using his expansive background in rodeo to build up the team and has high hopes to field a full team next fall.

Hays, from Phillipsburg, said he was an electric lineman for 35 years before he retired. He said he saw the posting for the job here in Colby and was interested because he has been involved in rodeo all his life.

'Went to college in Lamar, Rodeo Coach Leroy Hays Colo., before lineman work, and I rodeoed there," Hays said. "(I have a) background in the horse training and management field. I just thought it'd be something I'd be interested in coaching, so I applied and interviewed and decided there and the kids can keep their to come out here."

His wife stays at their home in in the fall. His daughter and son leroy.hays@colbycc.edu. in law live in eastern Kansas, he added.

Back in Phillipsburg, he said, their rodeo events as well as the like to see it good again.' Kansas Junior High School Rodeo Association in 2005.

part of all aspects of the sport. For a home competition in Colby, and Colby's team, he said, he is now then in the spring semester, six recruiting and has hopes that next more events. fall they will have 10 to 12 stu-



dents on the team.

"They will be practicing in the fall," he said. "Colby Community College leases the fairground, so we will practice and use the arena horses over there."

He asked that anyone interested Phillipsburg, he said, but he has a in the rodeo program contact him son who is transferring to Colby at the college at (785) 460-5523 or

"If you're interested in rodeo and good education," he said, "Colby has a good academic prohe had been on the committee gram here and (we're) hoping to for Kansas Biggest Rodeo since get some rodeo kids involved 2001. When his children were again and build that team again. It growing up, he was involved in was very good in the past, and I'd

He said the team will be a part of the Central Plains Region, with Hays said he enjoys being a four rodeos in the fall starting with

Smith said to picture a piano cord. player playing chords. This visu-

Schooling for court reportthree years or can be self paced depending on the program you choose. After graduating, most states require you to pass an exam at 95 percent accuracy at speeds of 225 words per minute, including punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

"We are the oldest profession "(It) allows me to write the there is really, (if you think of) scribes," she said, "That's what scribes did clear back in the very, very beginning.... We are preserving history.'

> Before stenograph machines were invented, court hearings and the like were taken down by hand in a form of shorthand. Scribes were used before printing was invented to keep the re-

The need for court reporters alization is similar to a court re- everywhere is high, Bailey said. porter, who will presses several Many reporters are retiring and keys at once to write an entire there aren't enough people grad-



uating to fill those positions. Be- people who like variety and like field.

'What I like about this profession is it's challenging," she and reading the stenography lansaid. "Every day is different. guage. I'm never going to hear the same thing twice; the players are different, circumstances are different ... and so it never gets old."

cause of this, she said there are a to learn, who also have a paslot of opportunities available for sion for the English language. those who would like to enter the Music backgrounds have also proven to be helpful because of the similarities in reading music

> Promoting court reporting, Bailey said, is important to her. After having been in the career

This career, she said, is for See "REPORTER," Page 2

# Top spellers to square off

Bees are the rage right now for medal. Those schools, qualified to students all over Thomas County. send students on to state, are Sa-This is the first step for a student cred Heart, Heartland and Brewto compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee this summer.

ty Spelling Bee at 9:30 a.m. Tues-Colby, said Kathy Baird, county summer. Spelling Bee coordinator and a teacher at Brewster.

She said the top two students County Sunflower Spelling Bee of wearing masks is voluntary."

Classroom and school Spelling Champions and receive a second ster.

One qualified speller from the Students in third through eighth county will compete in the Sungrades at Brewster, Golden Plains, flower Spelling Bee Wednesday, Colby Elementary, Sacred Heart March 26, in Wichita. This is and Heartland Christian schools the State Spelling Bee which, as will compete at the Thomas Coun- planned, will be a live event. The champion will compete in the day, Feb. 22, at Sacred Heart in Scripps National Spelling Bee this

> The public is invited to come watch the county bee, Baird said.

"We will encourage everyone to who attend qualified Scripps use safe practices when it comes to schools will be named Thomas seating," she added. "The choice

## Small city wins first round in natural gas lawsuit

BP gouged them with hefty price increases for natural gas during freezing weather last year, a judge has ruled.

A Crawford County judge on Wednesday dismissed a motion by the British multinational oil and gas company to end

approved a settlement Tuesday that will

allow the utility company to pass on \$366

million in extra natural gas costs to its

640,000 gas customers, The Wichita Ea-

weather last year.

gle reported.

MULBERRY (AP) - Residents of a the lawsuit and said residents of the town 2021 profit of \$12.8 billion, did not resmall city in southeast Kansas may con- have the right to sue BP, formerly known tinue a lawsuit that claims energy utility as British Petroleum, *The Wichita Eagle* reported.

> Mulberry is contesting about \$51,000 of a natural gas bill it received last February, a hefty amount for the Crawford County town of less than 500 residents. BP, which on Wednesday announced a storm costs from the freeze.

spond to requests for comment, The Eagle reported.

sas Corporation Commission approved Kansas Gas Service's decision to increase prices for its customers for the next five to 10 years to pay \$366 million of winter

#### Mulberry residents buy their gas through their city utility and not Kansas Gas Service, so Wednesday's ruling could provide a way for customers of any utility to sue for relief under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, said James Zakoura, an attorney for Mulberry and its municipal gas consumers.

The city government and four named residents allege in the lawsuit that BP violated the anti-profiteering section of the act that limits price increases on consumer goods to 25 percent during emergencies.

was \$2.98 per million British Thermal Units. The price rose to \$329.60 per million BTU from Feb. 13 to Feb. 16, when man. the city stopped buying gas. On Feb. 17, the price hit \$622.79.

BP officials argued that the four individuals should be dismissed from the lawsuit because it sold gas to the city, not residents. The residents countered that the gas went through the city but they are the actual consumers.

Judge Lori Bolton Fleming, the chief judge for Crawford, Cherokee and Labette counties, agreed saying dismissing the individual residents' claims would create a situation in which any supplier who uses a distributor rather than having contracts with individual consumers would be able to avoid liability under the state's Consumer Protection Act.

"Such an interpretation is simply not consistent with the stated policy of the KCPA," Fleming said.

The city government was dismissed as a plaintiff in the lawsuit but could be add-Mulberry's gas cost on Feb. 9, 2021, ed back under the Uniform Commercial Code, which bans "unconscionable" business practices, said attorney Lee Smithy-

> He said allowing the lawsuit to proceed gives the plaintiffs access to documents that could explain why natural gas prices went up so much last year.



TOPEKA (AP) – Kansas Gas Service pend on terms Kansas Gas gets for bonds customers will pay an estimated \$5 to \$7 it will issue to cover the costs from last a month for five to 10 years to pay for a February, when gas prices increased dramatically in the midst of severe cold. spike in natural gas costs during frigid Customers won't see the cost on their The Kansas Corporation Commission bills for several months.

Kansas Gas Service sets payments

The agreement includes provisions for refunds if investigations and lawsuits find market manipulation and price gouging occurred during the freeze emergency.

Before the cold snap last February, gas The exact cost per customer will de- was selling on the spot market around \$3

per million British thermal units. At the height of the freeze, spot-market prices reached \$622 for the same amount.

Kansas Gas said in a statement that it was pleased with the settlement.

"We prioritize keeping our customers safe and warm during these extreme weather events and aim to recover the unprecedented costs from the high natural gas prices due to the storm with fairness and minimal impact to customers," the firm said.

The decision came a day after the Kan-

### **Area/State**

National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Blustery, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. Breezy, with a northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 27.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Thursday: High, 61; Low 10 Precip: Thursday None Month: 0.07 inches 0.45 inches Year: 0.87 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Saturday 7:40 a.m. 6:18 p.m. Sunday 7:38 a.m. 6:19 p.m. 7:37 a.m. 6:20 p.m. Monday (NOAA Solar Calculator)

## Weather Reporters needed, rewarded

#### From "REPORTER," Page 1

for over 40 years now, she remains passionate.

"And I still get excited about it," she said, "I don't think that there's a lot of people that can say that about their job."

She feels that she has an important role in the judicial system by preserving history because there is no other way to recreate court hearings once they are over.

Anyone interested in the field, Bailey said, can contact her at mbailey@thomascounty.us or (785) 460-4553.

Enninga has been an online student in court reporting through Neosho Community College in Chanute since fall 2020.



Court Reporter Marilyn Bailey typed on her stenograph machine, as she has been doing since she passed her state test in 1974. For the last 44 years, she had been the official reporter for the 15th Judicial District. SLOANE ENNINGA/Colby Free Press

### Barbershop in Colby opens officially

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cutting Wednesday.

After getting her cosmetology license in 2012, Downing said she went ahead and got a barbering certificate after completing the 500 extra hours needed I think bouncing around all the for that. She said she moved to Wichita and lived in a camper with her dog for a time while my own boss." she worked on the certificate.

barber and a cosmetologist is the straight-razor shaves," Downing said. "I can also do closer cuts, and when I say closer cuts, I mean closer to the scalp. Some cosmetologists can do that, but (most), their trimmers do not get near that short."

Like any authentic barbershop, she said, her clientele is mostly men because she does the straight-razor shaves. She said she has a procedure room for waxing, although she said she hasn't done much of that.

Downing said her grandparents moved her out to Agate, Colo., her sophomore year of high school. In 2007, she said she got two years of nurse's aide hair cut. training and a year of computer

#### technology.

Downing said she took a year off before she came back for a year to get a cosmetology cer-The Barbershop has opened tificate. In 2013, she said she at 365 N. Franklin, and owner got a job in Colby using her Crystal Downing had a ribbon certificate. She married Michael Downing, owner-operator of SPH Farms, in 2016 and they started a family.

"I always wanted to work in a shop for sure," she said, "and rest of the shops just kind of made me realize I'd rather be

About two or three years ago, "The big difference between a she said, her husband bought the downtown building where she opened her shop and they have had the inside refinished. The opening, she said, took a little longer because she took time off to have her two children.

Two weeks ago, she said, she opened the doors at The Barbershop. Since opening, she said she did some advertising and business has picked up.

Right now, she said, she is working on building her skills and clientele. Downing said she is open 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To reach her, call (785) 269-



she graduated high school and 8746 or drop by her shop. She Crystal Downing talked with Wayne Horlacher Wednesday her counselor sent her to North- is not taking appointments, and afternoon during the ribbon cutting at her new barbershop.

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#### **Rotary Club to offer** soups at basketball

On Tuesday, the Colby Rotary Club will serve homemade soups from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Colby Event Center during high school basketball game with Scott City. Donations will go to the Polio Plus campaign and community youth projects. For information, call Gary Adrian at (785) 460-2931.

#### Genesis meeting to be held Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Genesis-Thomas County food bank begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday  $\langle f15 \rangle$  in the conference room at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. Everyone is welcome to come hear more about the food bank's operations. For information, contact Carla Sloan-Brown at (785) 443-0041.

#### **Book Lovers sale** coming later in month

The Pioneer Memorial Library's Book Lovers sale will be held during regular hours from Wednesday to Saturday, Feb. 19. Chocolate and All That Jazz cannot be held this year, because the college jazz band is not available and Covid is still raising its ugly head. Librarian Melany Wilks said they might put out a chocolate treat or two for those who purchase items at the book sale. For information, call the library at (785) 460-4470.

#### Sign up for college's spring musical

The music department at Colby Community College invites anyone interested to participate in the production of "Echoes of Broadway," a musical featuring songs from Broadway hits. The performance will be Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, in the Frahm Theatre. Contact choral director Randy Berls at (785) 460-5520 or randy. berls@colbycc.edu by Monday, Feb. 21, to sign up for the cast or crew.

#### Wesleyan Church has free clothing for kids

Free clothing for kids! All clothing from infants to young adults, 9 to 11:30 a.m. or by appointment. Donations accepted. To shop or donate, go to the west office door of the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine St. For questions, call secretary Amanda Richards at (785)

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west Tech in Goodland, where people can drop in to get their

Officially opening about two weeks ago, Downing said she specializes in barbering but also has other services like pedicures included in her shop. EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press

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### State gets OK to offer \$1 billion in breaks

#### By John Hanna

TOPEKA - Kansas legisla- would tors signed off Wednesday on rates. the state's largest-ever taxpayersands of new jobs even though 31-9, that would create a new make.

The Associated Press \$1 billion. The measure also once this year and once in 2023.

The funded incentives to attract thou- state Senate approved a bill, Kelly. most didn't know the name of incentives program so the state to offer tax credits, payroll subthe company or what it plans to Department of Commerce could sidies and training funds in time offer a single company hundreds to lure the unnamed company.

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### Family

### Recognize your relationships and call

People talk about what they think God is calling them to do.

You may have more than one calling. For example, your calling can be a profession or whether you are single or married.

Then there are the accepted norms of the way couples treat one another. The Bible tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves; I think this is especially true in marriage and relationships. Along with this, we need to realize that relationships change over time.

Each person needs to claim the responsibility of who they are. Also each person has influence over their happiness, in spite of their circumstances. A person could be poor but experience the joys of nature and be thankful for what they do have.

addictions or other problems, they need to remember that Jesus loves them warts and all. Jesus is there to help them deal with their issues. to being called to ministry. Each He also expects them to do what member of the Body of Christ has



they can to help themselves.

active in its worship of God and following the two basic tenets Jesus stressed. The first is to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind and the second is to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Everyone has experienced the feeling that God has not answered their prayers. I try to remember that I do not know the mind of God. God may have lessons for If that person is dealing with me to learn. He may be answering health issues, mental health issues, my prayers, but not in the way I wanted.

Often when people talk about being called they are referring its function and role.

Let's look at several different ways people answered their call in the Bible. In Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah has a vision of the Lord sitting on a throne and the hem of his robe filled the temple. The seraphs in attendance said, "Holy, holy, holy is the

Christianity is not passive but is LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah answers with woe because he is a man of unclean lips belonging to a people with unclean lips – but yet has seen this vision. A seraph flew to him with a live coal, touched his mouth with it and said his guilt had left and his sin was gone. Then Isaiah heard the Lord asking, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah answered that he was there and could be sent. He answered that call by prophesying to his people.

Paul in his epistle to the Corinthians talks about how he did not deserve to be an apostle because he persecuted the church of God.

Paul said he became an apostle by the grace of God and because of that grace he worked harder than others to spread the Good News. In Luke 5:1-11 Jesus called Simon Peter, Andrew and James and John, the sons of Zebedee to become apostles on the Lake of Galilee. Simon Peter told Jesus to go away because he was a sinful man. Jesus answered and said to Simon Peter to not be afraid because from then on he would catch men. Simon Peter and the

lowed Jesus. Above all we must remember that Jesus loves us and grace will be given to us to follow the call of Jesus.

three others pulled their boats on

the shore, left everything and fol-

The Rev. Pat Schiefen is an ordained deacon serving at St. Paul's Church in Goodland and other congregations including Ascension on the Prairie Church in Colby.

#### **Senior Progress Center**

1 p.m. scams and frauds presentation. Wednesday: 11 a.m. snack day. **Thursday**: 11 a.m. pinochle. Friday: 11 a.m. cribbage.

Menus for the week: Monday: Swiss steak, rice, broccoli, peaches. Tuesday: ham and beans, carrot-raising salad, corn bread, pineapple. Wednesday: oven-baked chicken, tossed salad, cottage cheese, tropical fruit. Thursday: baked spaghetti, Brussels sprouts, day: Valentine's Day; 2 p.m. birthday cake, hot cinnamonapple slices. Friday: baked fish, scalloped potatoes, carrots, mandarin oranges.

Activities for the week: Mon- guests may come to lunch Monday: 11 a.m. dominoes. Tuesday: day through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery and pickup service are available. Cost is \$3.50 per meal for seniors, \$6.50 for others.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

#### **Red Barn**

Activities for the week: Mon-Come on Down chicken-foot dominoes. Wednesday: 10 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study. Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Get-Together. Friday:

Anyone 60 and older and Peg Greenwoods's birthday.

### Fall honor roll out

Garden City Community Col-628 students on three lists.

Trizer Wangari of Colby was Roll, which includes students with more were considered. a semester grade average of 4.0.

Corrections

Kaylie Kraft of Colby and Sara lege has recognized its Fall 2021 Rutten of Atwood; received hon-Honor Roll recipients. There are orable mention, with averages of 3.0 to 3.199.

Only degree-seeking students named to the President's Honor enrolled in eight credit hours or

Quotes as of close of

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#### **School Activities and Menus**

#### **Colby Public Schools**

Activities: Monday: 8 a.m. staff development, no school; 4 p.m. middle school boys basketball, Holcomb; 4 p.m. middle school scholars bowl, Oberlin. Tuesday: 4 p.m. middle school scholars bowl, Hays; 4:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. Scott City, Colby Event Center. Wednesday: 9 a.m. FFA ag mechanics, Goodland; 5:30 p.m. Advanced Art show, Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center. Thursday: National FFA Week; 7 a.m. Muffin with Misses, middle school cafeteria; 1:45, 7 p.m. first grade musical, middle school auditorium; 4:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. Ulysses, Event Center. Friday: 4:30 p.m. high school basketball, Cimarron. Saturday: 7:30 a.m. high school boys regional wrestling, Abilene; 8 a.m. high school forensics, Jetmore; 8 a.m. Kansas State High School Activities Association State Piano, Wichita State; 10 a.m. eighth boys basketball vs. Cimarron and Hugoton, High School Gym, Grade School Gym; 10 a.m. seventh boys basketball, Goodland.

Menus: Tuesday: breakfast: bagel, cream cheese, banana, fruit juice; lunch: quesadilla, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, ghetti. Friday: breakfast: dosteamed carrots, apples with cin- nuts; lunch: hamburgers. namon. Wednesday: breakfast: mini loaf, apple, fruit juice; lunch: breakfast bites; lunch: chicken. chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, steamed broccoli, and gravy; lunch: pizza. Thurspear halves. Thursday: break- day: breakfast: sausage links; fast: whole-grain cereal, peach lunch: goulash. Friday: breakapplesauce, fruit juice; lunch: fast: eggs and toast; lunch: taco mini meatball sub, corn, salad, mixed fruit. Friday: breakfast: pop tart, orange, fruit juice; lunch: chili, cheese, baby carrots, cinnamon roll, apple slices.

mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, biscuit, jelly. Friday: cheese quesadilla, tossed salad, green beans, sliced pears, ranch dressing.

#### Heartland

Activities: Spirit Week. Monday: 6 p.m. high school basketball vs. Oakley. Wednesday: noon junior high Western Kansas Liberty League scholars bowl tournament, Ransom.

#### **Golden Plains**

Activities: Monday: no school, parent teacher conferences. Tuesday: 6 p.m. high school basketball vs, Rawlins County, Rexford; 7:30 p.m. Sweetheart crowning, Rexford. Wednesday: noon – middle school Western Kansas Liberty League scholars bow, Ransom. Thursday: 6 p.m. high school basketball vs. Quinter, Rexford; 7:30 p.m. cheerleaders dance at half time, Rexford. Friday: 6 p.m. high school basketball at Northern Valley, Almena. Saturday: 8 p.m. Sweetheart dance, Rexford.

Menus: Rexford: Tuesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: chicken nuggets. Wednesday: breakfast: French toast; lunch: taco salad. Thursday: breakfast: smokies; lunch: spa-

Selden: Tuesday: breakfast:

roll. **Thursday:** baked ham, basketball at Wheatland/Grinnell. Saturday: National FFA Week; 8 to 11 p.m. Triplains Swirl Dance. Menus: Monday: breakfast: cinnamon roll; lunch: beef and noodles in gravy, broccoli, baby carrots, roll, fruit. Tuesday: breakfast: yogurt and cereal; lunch: taco stew, chips, baby carrots, fresh broccoli, fruit. Wednesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit. Thursday: breakfast: grilled cheese sandwich; lunch:

#### pizza, corn, salad, fruit. **Colby Community College**

Activities: Monday: 5:30 p.m. women's basketball vs. Cowley County Community College, Event Center; 7:30 p.m. men's basketball vs. Cowley County, Event Center. Wednesday: 2, 4 p.m. softball at Lamar, Colo., Community College; 5:30 p.m. women's basketball at Dodge City Community College; 7:30 p.m. men's basketball at Dodge City. Thursday: track and field Region VI championships, Pittsburg. Friday: track and field Region VI

championships. Saturday: track and field Region VI championships; 10 a.m. baseball vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Edmond, Okla.; 2 p.m. women's basketball vs. Barton Community College; Event Center; 3 p.m. softball vs. Northeastern Junior College; 4 p.m. men's basketball vs. Barton, Event Center; 5 p.m. softball vs. Northeastern. **Triplains** 

Activities: Monday: Valentine's Day; no school; noon to 3 p.m. decorate for Swirl. Tuesday: 8 a.m. Spring pictures with Leann's Photos; 5 p.m. high school basketball vs. Western Plains-Healy at Brewster. Wednesday: noon - junior high Western Kansas Liberty League scholars bowl at Ransom. Thursday: 4 p.m. high school basketball at Wheatland/Grinnell. Saturday: 7:30 a.m. high school forensics at Jetmore; 8 to 11 p.m. Swirl dance

Menus: Tuesday: corn dogs. Wednesday: meatballs. Thursday: quesadillas. Friday: chicken patties.

Bring your Sweetheart to Meadow Lake Restaurant & Lounge for our Valentine's Special Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Milo (bushel) Soybeans (bushel)

**CHELSIE WEISHAPL** Chelsie Dawn Weishapl, 32, a beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, and friend to many, peacefully departed this life on February 4, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on January 19, 1990, in Wichita, Kansas to Dan Weishapl and Cathy Hall Weyland. A lover of life and friend to all, Chelsie had a special place in each person's heart that she met. Throughout the journey of life on Earth, she grew



Chelsie was preceded in death by her grandparents, Francis Weishapl, Lewis Hall, and Lila Younts; siblings, Devon Jon Weishapl and Cody Daniel Weishapl; uncles, John Hall, Timothy Sufficool,



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#### Sacred Heart Activities: Monday: Valen-

tine's Day; no school.

maine lettuce, diced tomatoes, - junior high Western Kansas sliced pineapple, salsa. Wednes- Ransom. Thursday: 4 p.m. parday: cowboy cavatini, garden ent-teacher conferences. Friday: salad, corn, orange wedges, wheat no school; 4 p.m. high school

Wednesday: breakfast: biscuits burger.

#### Brewster

Activities: Tuesday: 9 a.m. Brewster spelling bee grades three through eight, south gym; 5 p.m. high school basketball vs. Western Plains-Healy at Brewster. Wednesday: Ag Mechanics Menus: Tuesday: tacos, ro- career development event; noon shredded cheese, refried beans, Liberty League scholars bowl at

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and Steve Finley.

Left to cherish the many memories include her loving parents, Charles and Cathy Weyland, and Dan and Cindy Weishapl; siblings, Iustin (Amber) Peterson, Deloit (Nicole) Peterson, Danual Murray, Trinity Murray, and Jerri Rai Murray; cherished nieces, Gracie Bell Eisenhart, Cadence Camille Peterson, Lillian LeeAnn Hosier, Isabella Grace Peterson and nephew, Gabriel Kent Peterson; fiancé, Erica Templeton and her daughter, Emmi Younts; grandmother, Anna Weishapl; beloved service pet, Winston "Winnie". Numerous extended family members and a host of friends also survive.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www. HigginsFuneral.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Higgins Funeral Home of Benton.



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## Opinion





### Drinking, driving poor leadership

A third Kansas lawmaker has been arrested, accused of drinking and getting behind the wheel of a car. All three incidents occurred in the past year.

That shouldn't happen once, let alone three times. That's disappointing.

Rep. Susan "Suzi" Carlson, R-Clay Center, was arrested last Monday night by the Topeka Police Department on suspicion of drunken driving.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports Carlson was booked into jail about 11 p.m. Monday on suspicion of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.08 and failure to maintain a single lane. She was released at around 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, with cash bonds of \$1,000 on each charge.

In March 2021, Sen. Gene Suellentrop, R-Wichita, was arrested on drunken driving after driving the wrong way on Interstate 70 last year. He pled no contest to charges related to the incident last year.

Additionally, Rep. Aaron Coleman, D-Kansas City, Kan., was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence during a traffic stop on the Kansas Turnpike in November but was ultimately only charged with two traffic infractions. He also is facing an allegation of domestic violence in Johnson County.

We're not saying Carlson, Suellentrop and Coleman should step down, but we are disappointed in their choices and actions. Lawmakers should be aspirational leaders and not act as if they are above the law.

We don't need them to be absolute pillars of virtue, but we do expect them to follow the rule of law at the bare minimum. Ideally, we'd like to see them as community role models.

When it comes to drinking and driving, there's never a good excuse. Especially when there are plenty of better alternatives. Call an Uber, Lyft or a friend. How is this a problem in 2022?

We're thankful no one was hurt during any of these incidents. We're also very lucky. We hope these lawmakers are mindful of that.

No one is past forgiveness or redemption, but it's fair to say we'll need more than a mea culpa before we can move past this.

Carlson is a former municipal judge. She should know a thing or two about law and order. She will get her day in court. - Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press

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### Wisdom and Wine

I can't remember if I was helping check momma cows during calving season or chopping ice during a spell of cold weather when I was inspired to do something I shouldn't. I do know it was about this time of year when my grandfather's storytelling found a set of eager ears and launched a journey that would be completed a few weeks later, just about the time spring break rolled around.

I was in high school, and I can still envision the scene in my grandfather's pickup truck as he told me about the time he tried to make wine when he was about my age. From my hazy recollection, the gist of the story was he poured some yeast into a bottle of grape juice and then stuffed a cork in the neck and stowed the brew away inside his closet.

Eventually, he forgot about the science experiment fermenting somewhere amongst his blue jeans and boots. The days turned into weeks before there was a sudden reckoning as the cork's grip on the glass was overcome by a buildup of carbon dioxide and shot out, followed by the rest of the bottle's contents.

"I got in a decent amount of trouble for ruining my clothes," my grandfather told me. "But my closet sure smelled good for a long time." Even while I was laughing at the punchline, my mind was forming a plan to conduct my own experiment. I even had the benefit of knowing a cork shouldn't be used. I also took satisfaction in the apparent loophole my grand-



father helped me see. While I was too young to buy alcohol, there was no such prohibition on sourcing all of the necessary ingredients.

It didn't take long to recruit a friend to help complete this small act of rebellion. We soon abandoned our initial plan to create our own vintage with freshly crushed grapes in favor tasting before abandoning the idea of drinkof a couple bottles of juice off a shelf, a sack of sugar and some yeast. These supplies were artfully split between two different shopping carts so as to avoid raising any suspicions of their intended use.

We retreated to the cover of my friend's kitchen to begin mixing the elixir, an act we were old enough to know was wrong, but we were young enough to do it anyway. We spooned in sugar and added bread yeast before southeast Kansas. Prior to joining Kansas Then we waited.

sugar producing enough carbon dioxide to fill

the balloon, which was evidence our plan was working. When the rubber orbs started to deflate a few weeks later, it was finally time to test our winemaking skills.

We were naive enough to hope we'd brewed something amazing. We would have settled for something that was merely drinkable. Our sights were set way too high. While the liquid gave off an almost pleasant aroma as we strained it through coffee filters, the initial sip was overpowering. So much so that I had a much more intimate understanding of what Roger Miller was singing about in "Chug-a-Lug"

We didn't make it much beyond the initial ing our wine. I'm sure it could have been repurposed to strip varnish or a ground-clearing herbicide, though. The only buzz I received from the wine was the bit of wisdom that my grandfather was lucky to have forgotten that bottle in his closet.

Greg Doering spent his youth working with his grandparents on the Double H Ranch in stretching balloons over the lips of each bottle. Farm Bureau as a writer and photographer, he spent 12 years working at community journal-Periodically checking the concoction over ism at papers in the northern Flint Hills. When the next few weeks provided a great view of not in the office, Greg enjoys hunting, hiking chemistry in action. The yeast consumed the and fishing. He and his wife live in Manhattan.

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### Politics and religion go together

People say you should never mix politics and religion. I, in turn, will say if you don't mix the two, you must be ashamed of your position on one or the other.

How, if you don't mix them, will you know if there is a better way of defining and achieving your goal of a better way of life?

"Those people who treat politics and morality separately will never understand either of them," said the French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau. I would add that those who treat morality and religion separately will never understand either.

If our religion doesn't influence our politics, then one or the other maybe should be changed. If our religion doesn't influence our everyday decisions involving our social responsibilities, then it is lacking fervor and compassion.

Man is political by nature. Politics is the driving force within us that compels our every action involving those around us. Our character and moral compass determine how we treat our fellow man and how we cooperate in achieving a better environment for society.

The basic family unit of Adam and Eve, as presented in the Bible, shows that each member had influence over the other. Man, as the physically stronger part of that unit, has assumed his authority, but if you observe the workings of the relationship (politics) down also over the structure and authority of gov- state. Contact him at rewinc@cheerful.com.



through all of scripture, you will find that women played a significant role in how the family and society faced their trials and tribulations. Family structure is a balance of power elicits unfounded examples of how immoral and influence (politics).

Is it wrong if I explain to you that my interpretation of my religious tenets is what validates my political positions? You, then, can explain your feelings and maybe we can understand each other better.

However, if you are stubbornly going to claim your version and explanation of religion or politics is the last word and that I must sor evils. (Remember, no one is perfect.) acquiesce to your position, then perhaps we should not bother to try improving our relationship. And thus there will always be that divide between us. Isn't that what we see in society today?

That divide appears to be greater and sharp-

ernment. The religious argument over what God expects and whether he leaves it up to me to force you to comply with how I interpret God's will is tearing the fabric of society apart.

Whether government should order by decree and where that government authority comes from is front and center. Whether the Republican platform or the Democrat platform complies with our Christian heritage is open territory for debate.

Whether Republican or Democrat leadership is more or less Christian than the other one or the other is. Character defamation based on conspiracy theory and fabricated evidence abounds on all sides.

Denial of shady morals should not be tolerated by either party. No individual or party is perfect. It behooves us to familiarize ourselves with the party platforms and candidates and base our preferences on the better good or les-

And if we can't accept either side, we better get involved to find people who can and will represent our values and best interests.

Ken Poland describes himself as a semiretired farmer living north of Gem, a Christian, affiliated with American Baptist Churches, and er than ever before, not only over religion but a radical believer in separation of church and

### Satire reflects reality

To the editor:

editor Rod Haxton's editorial reprinted in the Feb. 7, Colby Free Press, "Chiefs fans protest stolen game."

Haxton's satire is right on concerning how our federal and state issues continue to be debated. National and Kansas politicians are well

characterized, a parody worthy of a Saturday I read with delight The Scott County Record Night Live writer! I only hope today's reader in western Kansas knows the purpose of great satire and can tell it from actual nonfiction.

Sometimes I wonder how the real happenings can get any crazier than those found in good satire like Haxton's.

- Connie Davis, retired instructor, Colby



#### **Free Press** Letter Drop

• Our readers sound off



Mallard

Fillmore

 Bruce Tinsley

## Cow-calf risk management session to be in Colby

Jenny Ifft says successful cow-calf producers are "risk experts."

"They face multiple sources of risk every day," said Ifft, an agricultural policy specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "Forage production can vary dramatically based on when or how much it rains. If the market tanks the month before they sell their herd, a producer's profit could be wiped out."

Ifft is the featured speaker for a Wednes-

day, Feb. 23, session slated in conjunction SV\_3E6VDnWdzHkE9p4. with the four-part workshop, Risk Management Skills for Kansas Women in Agriculture, which began in mid-January.

Her talk is an optional fifth session added to the series, and she will focus on risk management for cow-calf producers. The session will be presented at 28 locations in Kansas, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Registration costs \$15 and is available

Sessions are scheduled for Atwood and Colby, among other sites.

LaVell Winsor, a farm analyst with K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, said some of the topics covered on Feb. 23 include enterprise budgeting, cattle marketing and cow-calf insurance options.

"It is important for ranchers to underonline at kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ stand their cost structure because there feed prices are volatile.

is a wide range of costs of production," Winsor said. "Marketing is always critical, but with high feed costs (currently), it is especially important for cattle producers to be watching for opportunities to lock in profits.'

Ifft said cow-calf producers can also options. She notes that half of Kansas currently is facing moderate drought and

"Insurance products are available to help producers manage forage risk and price risk by making payouts when a producer's local area is abnormally dry, and when cattle prices are lower than expected," she said.

Though the series title highlights a need be strategic when considering insurance for women to attend, the session is open to all participants, regardless of gender.

## Research to highlight Cattlemen's Day in March

Beef cattle research updates by faculty members in Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry will highlight the 109th annual Cattlemen's Day, set for Friday, March 4, in Weber Hall.

Registration is available online and costs \$25 for those who sign up by Friday, Feb. 25, or \$35 on the day of the event. Students who pre-register admitted free.

K-State faculty members slated to speak include:

• KC Olson - cow-calf and range management.

• Dale Blasi - stocker, growing and backgrounding.

• Jim Drouillard – feedlot and ruminant nutrition.

• Michael Chao - meat science and muscle biology.

"We're excited to be back in person," said A.J. Tarpoff, associate professor and Cattlemen's Day co-chairman. "Our annual program strives to address key issues and to provide current information that keeps our industry efficient and relevant. For many attendees, this may be their first time back to campus in over a year, so we wanted to ensure that this year's lineup will be well worth their trip."

The day starts at 8 a.m. with refreshments, educational exhibits and a commercial trade show.

"This year we have numerous participants signed up for our allied industry trade show," Tarpoff said. "On the floor in the road.

Weber Arena, the trade show provides a new in the beef industry, and network with key industry leaders."

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. with the beef research update, followed by a beef industry economic outlook by K-State agricultural economics professor Glynn Tonsor.

The afternoon sessions include:

• What's Up with the Weather – Jeff Basara, University of Oklahoma School of Meteorology professor, will discuss weather extremes and outlook.

• Rules of the Road for Kansas Farmers and Ranchers – Kansas Highway Patrol will give an overview of ways to utilize

forum for the attendees to observe what's Things Reproduction Questions-and-Answer Session – Sandy Johnson, extension beef specialist, and David Grieger, professor, will outline advancements made in terms of reproductive research followed by an interactive discussion session focused on beef cattle reproduction.

> • Meat Alternatives, Taste Testing and Consumer Acceptance - Lane Eggers, extension associate and graduate student, will discuss meat alternatives and their acceptance.

This year's Cattlemen's Day lunch will be smoked brisket, sponsored by U.S. Premium Beef and trade show exhibitors. Cajun-spiced catfish will also be served. Information and online registration is at asi.ksu.edu/stockmensdinner.

• Reproductive Research Updates, All available at KSUBeef.org or contact Lois Schreiner, (785) 532-1267 or lschrein@ ksu.edu.

#### **Other events**

In addition to Cattlemen's Day, the 45th annual Legacy Bull and Female Sale will begin at 4 p.m. on March 4 at the Stanley Stout Center (2200 Denison Avenue in Manhattan). Go to asi.ksu.edu/ legacysale to learn more about this year's offering and to request a sale catalog.

On Thursday, March 3, Pat Koons will be honored as the Stockman of the Year at the annual Stockmen's Dinner, scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center. A separate registration is required for the dinner. Information can be found online

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#### **On the Beat**

#### **COLBY POLICE**

Feb.1 2:53 a.m. – House check 7:50 a.m. - Report filed for burglary at 670 N. Grant. 7:56 a.m. - School zones. 10:45 a.m. - Report filed for dog at large at 1045 Villa Vista; warrant. theft at Sleep Inn.

11:51 a.m. - Caller reported an incident at 770 N. French; information provided.

2:52 p.m. – Death investigation at 685 N. French.

Feb. 2

12:44 a.m. - Security check at the Colby Event Center.

1:21 a.m. - Caller reported a person walking south on Country Club from Fourth. Unable to locate

9:12 a.m. – Report filed for theft at Love's.

10:10 a.m. - Accident at Sev- L. enth and School.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported animal complaint incident at 790 N. Chickamauga; unable to locate the dog's owners.

6:15 p.m. - Dog at 480 N. Riddle returned to owner.

Lloyd Chester Foltz (1897-1990)

nado (Circa 1945)

1:20 a.m. - Security check at to JJ Oil. Colby Middle School. 1:50 a.m. – Security check at Colby High School. 12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a

Feb.3

unable to locate. 2:08 p.m. – Welfare check.

5:01 p.m. – Accident at Oasis. len medication on West Third St. 11:29 p.m. - Security check for Cornerstone Ag South.

#### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Feb.1

6:24 a.m. - Brought two inmates from Adams County jail to the Thomas County jail.

9:26 a.m. - Report filed for identity theft at 2925 County Rd.

9:39 a.m. - Helped at 112 Walnut in Gem.

10:15 a.m. - Booked Kelly Marie Chavez.

10:20 a.m. - Booked Shane Edwin Tomey.

10:57 a.m. - Took subject from

The Prairie

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the Thomas/Sheridan County line 11:43 a.m. - Report filed on Jo-

seph Detoy for jail care service. 11:56 a.m. – Booked Detoy.

1:39 p.m. - Chavez arrested on

warrant.

3:10 p.m. – Burglary report 7:13 p.m. – Report filed for sto- filed for incident at County Rds. 24 and I.

3:53 p.m. - Report filed for incident at 420 Kansas Ave. in Rexford.

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Feb. 2 12:44 a.m. - Helped Colby police with security check of Colby

Event Center. 3:01 a.m. - House check

1:21 a.m. - Helped Colby po-Unable to locate.

9:34 a.m. - Released Feliciano

Bermudez-Castanon. 12:27 p.m. - Accident in the 1800 block of S. Country Club.

4:05 p.m. – Released Hannah Pyle.

lice look for suspicious person 1:39 p.m. - Tomey arrested on walking south on Country Club.



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slipped and fell in the shower and could not get up or get to his phone, which was in another room. A neighbor decided to check on him, and he told her that he had to lay where he fell for four days and nights. He had a broken leg, he couldn't get to his insulin for his diabetes, and he had no food or water. He's a big man of about 300 pounds and 72 years old. Please warn people to place their cellphones on the floor next to their bathtub or shower, just in case a situation like this happens to them. At least they can call for help. - Merlin F., Dakota City, Iowa

Merlin, this is an excellent idea. Too many people fall in their homes and can't call for help because they can't reach a phone. If they place their phone where they can reach it, it could save their life. – Heloise

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#### SCAM ALERT

Dear Heloise: There is an old scam that's been revived and is going around the country with lightning speed. A young man (or woman) calls an elderly person and says they have been in an accident or are in jail, and they need bail money. They always sound tearful and scared, and beg for their grandmother or grandfather's assistance. They want cash!

It's a scam. Sometimes they say they'll send a bail bondsman over to pick up the money, which can vary from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Don't give them a dime. Get as much information as you can, then call the police.

Another twist to this scam is someone showing up on your doorstep unannounced, claiming to be a friend (or an attorney or bail bondsman) to collect funds for your grandchild. Do not let them **Cryptoquip** in your house no matter what they tell you, and above all do not give them money or credit cards, and never disclose any personal information. -Harrison H., Dover, Delaware

#### TRAVELING TIP

Dear Heloise: When traveling, never put your home address on your luggage tag. Instead, put your business address on the tag. If someone has your luggage, they know you're not home, which leaves your house an easy target for burglars. -Cynthia W., Lima, Ohio SHINY SHOES

Dear Heloise: I was on a trip for a job interview and had packed with care a nice suit, new shirt AG'R KZGM MTRGSCAZ! and a new tie. It was while dressing that I realized my shoes were in need of polishing. I used a it in a circular motion on my shoes. It gave my shoes a soft sheen and improved my chances for

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Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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#### **Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone: North East South West 1 秦 Pass 1 👲 Pass 3 🚸 Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ Q8742 ♥ K95 ♦ J73 ♣ 94 ★ ÀJ63 ♥ 102 ♦ Q52 ♣ KJ63 2 **♦** AKJ76 ♥ 742 **♦** K973 **♣** 8 4. ♠ AK95 ♥ 63 ♦ J84 ♣ AJ43

#### **Bidding quiz**

1. Pass. Although partner's three-club bid urges you to bid again, it is not forcing. It merely invites a further bid if you have more than the six or seven points you might have for a suit response on the one-level. Here, with no values beyond those already shown, the best thing to do is pass. 2. Five clubs. You are not exceptionally strong in high cards, but what you have should prove 2 very useful to partner. Not only do you have excellent trump support, but you also have first- 2 round spade control, a doubleton heart and the queen of diamonds for good measure.

All these features add up to much more than a simple raise to four clubs, which you would make 2 if you had, say, the queen of spades instead of the ace.

3. Three diamonds. There is surely a game 2 somewhere, but the best contract is uncertain at the moment. The three-diamond bid may be all 2 that partner needs to undertake three notrump, and, furthermore, it leaves him room to show 3 three-card spade support.

It is far better to bid three diamonds than three  $^{3}$ spades. The failure to show your diamonds might result in missing three notrump. The inequality of your two suits should be disregarded in an effort to find the best contract.

4. Six clubs. Here you should take the bull by the horns and bid six. Partner has jumped in clubs with a far-from-solid suit (you're looking at the A-J), and, since he has at most five points in clubs and neither the ace or king of spades, he's bound to have substantial high-card strength in both red suits.

There's no way of knowing precisely where the 12 tricks will come from, but that shouldn't stop you from bidding the slam. The only real criterion in these situations is whether you think partner can make 12 tricks – and it would be unduly pessimistic to think he can't. A typical hand for partner would be

#### ♠ 7 ♥ KQ4 ♦ AK5 ♣ KQ10852

which, opposite yours, would make slam a virtual laydown.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

#### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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---1/27---3/9----SureFire Ag Systems is hiring

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All positions available at Sonic of Colby, KS. Part time, full time, days nights, weekends. As few or as many hours as wanted. Willing to work with any schedule. Apply in person at 1835 S. Range. Ask for Thrisye. ---12/29---TFN---

new business in Colby and Goodland is currently seeking CNA's for full and part time positions to help with one-on-one patient personal care. Staff manages medications, prepare meals, errands, personal care and followups with physician-prescribed therapies, activities, and hygiene care. If you are interested in joining our team, call Lisa Phillips Hill at 785-821-4004 for more information. ----12/16----TFN----

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## Girls regional wrestling starts Saturday in Colby

#### By Brad Weese

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The Class 4-3-2-1A girls wresat 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby the girls state tournament Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 23 and 24, in Salina.

The first round will begin at 9 with two or three mats running depending on the number of matches. round 6 with consolation semifi-Most rounds of the tourney will have two in action.

Times are approximate and nals.

matches will run ahead of sched-Colby Free Press ule if possible. At 9:45 a.m., round ing besides Colby will include 2 begins with two mats. This will Abilene, Atwood-Rawlins County, be the first round where quarter- Brookville-Ell-Saline, Chapman, finals will occur, along with the Cimarron, Clay Center, Concortling regional tournament will start first round of consolation matches. dia, Ellinwood, Ellis, Ellsworth, At 11:15, round 3 begins with the Goodland, Hays-Marian, Hoising-High gym. The top four finishers in second round of consolation and at ton, Holcomb, Hoxie, Hugoton, each weight class will move on to noon will be championship semifi- Lakin, Larned, Norton, Oakley, nals in round 4.

The consolation quarterfinals begin at 1 p.m. in round 5, and then a break

Starting at 2:15 p.m. will be dents and \$8 for adults. championship and consolation fi-

School teams Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Scott City, Stockton, Ulysses and WaKeeney.

Admission will be \$7 for stu-

The Class 1-2-3-4A girls state nals. At 3:15 will be round 7 with competition will be at the Tony's Pizza Events Center, formerly the Bicentennial Center, in Salina.

## Wear pink Tuesday

#### By Brad Weese

bweese@nwkansas.com It's time to wear pink and show your support for the fight against cancer. Colby High will celebrate a Pink Out on Tuesday at the basketball games versus Scott City at the Colby Event Center. Lower-level ballgames begin at 4 p.m., with the varsity to follow.

People are encouraged to wear pink at the Col-

by Community College games on Monday, Val-Colby Free Press entine's Day, and then the next night to the high school games. Colby High students helping support this event hope to see a lot of fans wearing pink.

The slogan for the night is: "Go Pink, Fight Cancer and Win the fight!

This event is planned by the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope. For more, go to www.nwkshope.org.

### Seventh graders win three

By Brad Weese

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The Colby Middle School seventh-grade basketball teams picked up three wins against Goodland at the Event Center on Thursday.

The A team on a big 26-23 victory, while the B team won 23-17. The C team finished the a sweep by winning 7-1.

'The kids really played well together," said Coach Ryan Mosier. "Their hustle and attention to detail got them to win (in all three games)."

Next up for the Colby Middle School hoopsters will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Holcomb. Saturday, Feb. 19, the young Eagles will play Cimarron and Hugoton. Games begin at 10 a.m. at the Colby High and Colby Grade School gyms.

The season will wrap at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at home against Scott City.



### Wrestler gets 100 wins

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Colby High senior 120 pounder Aiden Cook for reached the triple-digit mark in career victories on Thursday at the Hays High dual.

Cook, who placed sixth at 113 pounds in the 2021 state tourney, won a 4-2 decision and after the match, received a banner for his accomplishment. Aiden was ranked fifth in the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association poll for Class 4A which came out Tuesday.

Three other Eagles received top-six ranking honors in their weight classes. Sophomore Kaeden McCarty at 113 pounds was ranked third, sophomore Tucker Wark was fourth at 132 and senior Tyler Voss No. 2 at 170. In the all-class rankings, Voss was fifth in the state.

As a team, the Colby boys are ranked No in the Class 4A poll.

Sophomore Kathe Chavez was ranked fifth in Class 4-3-2-1A at 115 pounds.



Aiden Cook

### **Conference** selects player of the week

Honor goes to Colby athlete

Trojans sophomore Kiarra Henderson was named Jayhawk



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During a span in which Colby Community College won two of three games, the 5-foot, 7-inch Fort Worth native averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds while shooting 65 percent from the floor.

Henderson has now recorded 16 career double-doubles.

Kiarra Henderson

### Eagles take down Hays

#### By Brad Weese

Colby Free Press bweese@nwkansas.com The Colby High varsity Eagles wrestling team faced Hays High on the road Thursday, capturing a 43-30 dual victory.

Out of the 14 weight classes there were 11 matches. Colby won pinned. forfeits from the Hays Indians at 182 and 195 pounds. Neither school had a werestler at 220.

Out of the 11 matches wrestled, Colby won seven, three by pins, one a major decision and three by decision. All those were by four point or less. There were three junior varsity matches, Colby winning two and losing one.

Next up for the Colby Eagles will be the Class 4A Regional Tournament Saturday, Feb. 19 at Abilene.

The Lady Eagles will wrestle in the Class 4-2-3-1A Regional tourney Saturday at the Colby High gym.

Individual match results for Colby wrestlers in Hays:

106 – Dawsen DeGood won 7-6.

113 – Kaeden McCarty won 8-4. 120 – Aiden Cook won 4-2.

126 - Aiden Reilley was pinned.

132 – Tucker Wark was pinned.

138 – Conner Lanning pinned

his man.

145 – Cai Lanning was pinned. 152 - Esteban Alvarado was pinned.

160 – Tyler Voss won 9-1 major decision.

170 - Cameron Lilly pinned his man.

182 - Tyler Rehmer won forfeit. 195 - Colin Carroll won forfeit. 220 - Open

285 - Logan Haggard pinned his man. Junior Varsity: 106 – Hayden Litsinberger won

10-0 major decision. 126 – Kyle Beavers pinned his man.

138 – Wyatt Davenport was



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