



City seeks to clean up code breaches

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Eric Hartwell, the Colby's new electric director, was introduced to the City Council on Tuesday, along with a request to provide him with a four-wheel-drive pickup so he can get around in bad weather.

Hartwell, who started the end of January, is from Norton. He will be in charge of both line and production work in the electric department. City Manager Tyson McGreer said he needs to be able to get around and get out to help the staff when needed.

The council approved spending up to \$34,500 for a used pickup. The money is available in the machinery and equipment reserve fund, McGreer said.

The council set a hearing date for March 16 for condemning or demolishing a trailer house in a park between East Ash and East Walnut, where there was a fire some time back, according to Police Chief Ron Alexander and McGreer. The trailer is owned by Robert Hahn.

"We've had difficulty, almost an impossibility, getting in touch with the trailer's owner," said Sean Hankin, code enforcement officer. "He's currently abandoned it, essentially.

"There's no one living in it. Windows are broken out. Animals are in and out of it."

Hankin said that the park's owner, Shawn Shryock, told him he had been trying to dispose of

it, too. He plans to attend the hearing.

"I think it's beyond repair, quite frankly," he said. "I haven't been in it, but just looking at it from the outside I believe it to be beyond repair. So, we want the owner to either move it, demolish it or do something."

Along with setting the hearing, the council also approved orders of violation at three addresses:

- An order to remove four vehicles, two trailers and a shed from Lot 5, Block 48, Southview Addition. Hankin said this has no assigned address, but is in the 100 block of East Walnut. The vehicle are registered with antique tags.
- An order to remove vehicles and a trailer illegally parked at 775 W. Third.
- An order to remove a vehicle illegally parked in a side yard at 1270 W. Sixth St.

In other business, the council:
• Approved purchase of a truckload of trash bags for \$20,755. McGreer said the city buys these every two or three years to sell. The order adds up to 468 cases.

• Approved purchase of 2,000 tons of seal rock for \$67,960. McGreer said this is more than usual, but a good rate was available on shipping and it would allow the city to either do more work this summer or carry some over to the next season.

"This money was encumbered from last year's budget, so financially we can handle the expense just fine," McGreer said.

• Approved buying 200 new tripper cans for trash for \$13,586.

Spotter training to be in webinar

The National Weather Service forecast officers in Goodland and county emergency managers invite you to attend our free Storm Spotter training webinars, which are open to everyone.

This year's training will be held once a week from early March through early April. To register, go to www.weather.gov/gld/spottertraining. Anyone can register for the training; we only ask that they register before a particular session begins.

Topics that will be discussed include a recap of top weather events from last year, new pictures that illustrate important thunderstorm features, how to tell tornadoes from their look-alikes, what derechos are and why they can

cause more damage than a tornado, why storm spotters are so important, and what not to do during hazardous weather, and where to take shelter when there is more than one weather hazard at a time.

Spotter reports are a key to improving the quality and timeliness of the service's products during hazardous weather. Don't underestimate the value of your reports. We need your help in keeping our communities safe and making them more resilient to the impacts of hazardous weather.

For information, contact the weather office at (785) 899-7119 or e-mail jesse.lundquist@noaa.gov. A complete spotter training schedule is available at www.weather.gov/gld/spottertraining.



Thirsty Thursday back home

After taking a long time-out over the corona-virus pandemic, Colby Community College's monthly art show is back at the Cultural Arts Center on campus. High-school art students' work was in the spotlight last week for the first Thirsty Thursday show since last February. Three shows were held in the fall at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, however.

Lincoln Myers (above) posed for a photo beside his work "Bee," which he said he did because of his mom's love for the insects. One of the most realistic works on display was "Blue-Eyed Alpha," (left) a clay sculpture by Landon Rinehart.

College students (below, left) visited the show, filling out critiques, part of the requirement for their own art class. Younger students (below) could see what one day they might be capable of.

If all goes well, the next show will be Art on the Oasis from Friday, March 5, to Sunday, March 7.
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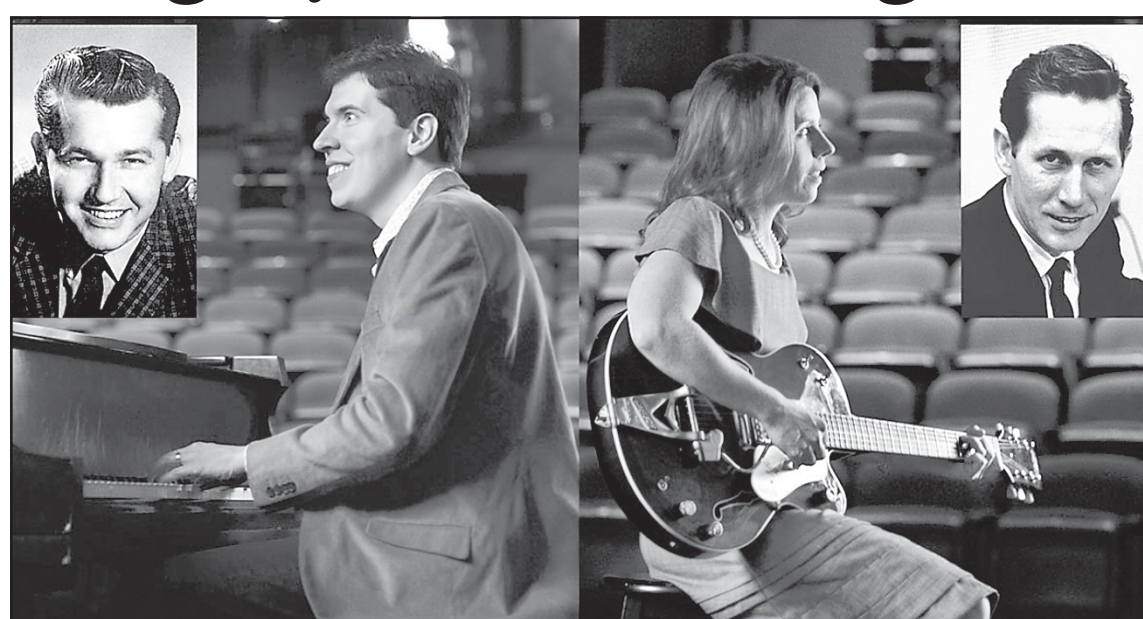
Nashville Legacy to be on stage Sunday in Oakley

Jason Coleman and Meagan Taylor will bring their "Nashville Legacy" sound to the Western Plains Arts Association at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Oakley High auditorium.

This concert, part of the association's 51st anniversary season, is made possible by donations businesses and individuals throughout northwest Kansas, including special grants from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, and the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation for Logan County and Bird City.

Admission will be by Western Plains season pass or \$20 for adults and \$10 for students at the door.

Meantime, the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have



Nashville Legacy

forced some changes to the February and March section of the Western Plains line-up:

- The New Odyssey Guy scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21, has been canceled because the artist is not touring this year.
- Wichita Children's Theatre will not be on tour in March, but plans to do some streaming of its programs to area schools. The association is working out details.
- Ball in the House, scheduled for March, has cancelled.
- The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra usually does a spring show for Western Plains. The players have not met all year, however, and won't appear.

In an addition to the series, Denver's Queen City Jazz Band will return to northwest Kansas at

3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Colby High auditorium.

Coleman and Taylor bring new life to the "Nashville Sound" pioneered by their legendary fore-runners - Coleman's grandfather, Floyd Cramer, and Taylor's uncle, Chet Atkins - in this nostalgic concert, "Nashville Legacy." You'll hear the musicians perform songs like Cramer's "Last Date" on piano and Atkins' "Freight Train" on guitar.

Cramer and Atkins were legends at their instruments, two giants in the music industry. Cra-

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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 3. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Cloudy, with a high near 17. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 6. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Cloudy, with a high near 22. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 1.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 18.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 2.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 12.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 4.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 12.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 4.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 16.

Friday: High, 46; Low 20
Saturday: High, 20; Low 11
Sunday: High, 19; Low 4
Precip: Friday 0.01 inches
Saturday Trace
Sunday 0.01 inches
Month: 0.05 inches
Year: 0.40 inches
Normal: 0.87 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:43 a.m. 6:14 p.m.
Wednesday 7:42 a.m. 6:16 p.m.
(NOAA Solar Calculator)

Covid-19 Updates Feb. 8

Table with columns: County, Active, Hospital, Deaths, Total cases, Recovered. Lists data for various counties including Thomas, Sherman, Cheryenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Sheridan, Logan, Gove, Wallace, and Statewide.

Fate of trailer to come before council

This trailer, where there was a fire some time ago, waits for a decision on its fate by the Colby City Council. It's located in a trailer park between East Ash and East Walnut. A hearing date has been set for March 16.

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Nashville Legacy to be on stage Sunday

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mer's unique "slip note" piano style was an essential part of countless country, pop and rock hits in the 1950s and '60s and is widely regarded as the standard for country piano. As innovative thumb-style guitar led him to become known as one of the world's pre-eminent guitar virtuosos, and many of the records he produced for RCA have become classics.

Though Cramer and Atkins are gone, their Nashville Legacy lives on through pianist Coleman and guitarist Taylor, who take audiences on a journey back to Nashville's "golden era," sharing the music made famous by Cramer and Atkins, as well as by the countless country, pop, and rock artists

whose careers they affected, including Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, the Everly Brothers, Roy Orbison, Don Gibson, Dolly Parton and Jim Reeves.

The two also share their stories of growing up with "Granddad" and "Uncle Chester," and audiences will enjoy hearing tales of Nashville's early recording days.

From a young age, it was evident that Coleman had inherited his grandfather's "slip note" touch at the piano, as it managed to "slip" its way into even the most elementary songs from his early piano lessons. His ability to play music by ear led to a childhood spent arranging his own renditions of the songs he loved, just as his "Granddad" did. He made his Grand Ole Opry debut at

age 17, and two years later, he was asked to play at the medallion ceremony recognizing Cramer's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Taylor started out playing piano and then switched to fiddle around age 10, when Atkins gave her a lesson. She did not begin playing guitar until she was 18. While his health had begun failing by then, Atkins' friends were able to teach her many of his techniques. While an impressive professional guitarist in her own right, Taylor is hailed by fans as having a superior voice to her late uncle.

For more, go to www.jasoncolemanmusic.com/nashvillelegacy, including album information and pictures of both musicians.

Colby wrestlers tie as champs at district

By Brad Weese

Colby Free Press

A great showing took the Colby High School wrestlers to a tie for first place during their first round of post-season competition on Saturday in Scott City with the host Beavers at 183 points each.

Coach Matt Sims' team produced five district champions: freshman Kaeden McCarty at 106 pounds, freshman Tucker Wark at 126, junior Tyler Voss at 138, junior Nick Rehmer at 195 and senior Declan Ryan at 285.

All in all, the Eagles 10 wrestlers for this week's regional tournament at Ulysses as you had to place in the top four at district to move up. Colby ended up with three second-place finishers: junior Aiden Cook at 113, junior Thomas Dennis at 152 and senior Wyatt Tubbs at 160.

Picking up fourth place were junior Conner Lanning at 132 and sophomore Tyler Rehmer at 195. Freshman Caleb Hill at 170 placed fifth and junior Collin Carroll ended up sixth at 182. Not placing was freshman Marcus Singer at 145.

Following Colby and Scott in the team standings were Goodland in third with 149, Ulysses 128.5 and Larned 110. Also competing were Holcomb and Hugoton.

Action in Ulysses will start at 3 p.m. The Eagles look to make some more noise in this tournament, hoping to qualify for sub-state the following weekend.

Match results for each Colby wrestler at district: 106 - McCarty (33-3) pinned

Jameson Smith of Larned in 1:54 and Evan Fry of Scott City in 5:58 for first.

113 - Cook pinned Zane Poulsen of Hugoton in 3:52 and Kobe Chavez of Ulysses in 4:37, then lost to D.J. Knox of Goodland 3-1 for second.

126 - Wark (23-10) won a 9-1 major decision over Greg Martinez of Holcomb and defeated Jonathan Lara of Ulysses 5-4 for first.

132 - Lanning (17-19) lost a 12-4 major decision to Zach Rohrbough of Scott City, pinned Braysen Salinas of Ulysses in 46 seconds and lost to Chris Harris of Holcomb 13-7 for fourth.

138 - Voss (30-3) pinned Jason Colby of Goodland in 57 seconds and Koby Salas of Ulysses in 2:57 for first.

145 - Singer was pinned by Connor Armendariz of Scott City in 35 seconds and by Jacob Colglazier of Larned in 1:48.

152 - Dennis (14-10) pinned Kaden Jackson of Hugoton in 42 seconds, won a 10-1 major decision over Kaleb Jaquez of Ulysses, then was pinned by

Kyan Ensign of Goodland in 2:43, for second.

160 - Tubbs (29-7) won a 5-2 decision over Roman Garcia of Ulysses, lost to Smajay Alloyd of Larned 4-2, second.

170 - Hill was pinned by Josh Kramer of Larned in 51 seconds and by Adolfo Mendoza of Ulysses in 4:00, fifth.

182 - Carroll was pinned by Isaiah Shinette of Goodland in 2:40 and by Justin Degollado of Ulysses in 1:44, then lost a 14-5 major decision to Nathaniel Pfortmiller of Larned, sixth

195 - Nick Rehmer (27-7) pinned Moises Rodriguez of Ulysses in 1:23 and Alonso Frances of Scott City in 4:42, first.

220 - Tyler Rehmer (6-5) was pinned by Dexter Dautel of Goodland in 1:44, pinned Braydon Bruner of Scott City in 1:43 and lost 5-3 to Jace Bonsall of Hugoton for fourth.

285 - Ryan (31-4) pinned Robert Villezas of Ulysses in 4:55 and won 3-1 in an overtime tie breaker over Gabriel Bowers of Scott City, first.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before and for Monday's paper, noon Friday. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day.

Blood drive to be held at college student union

The American Red Cross plans a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Robert Burnett Student Union at Colby Community College. With the continuing pandemic, donors are needed. All blood, platelet and plasma donations are tested for Covid-19 antibodies. Donors must be healthy and present identification: a Red Cross donor card, a valid driver's license or other official photo identification. For appointments or information, call (785) 460-4797, email healthassistant@colbycc.edu or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "ColbyCC."

Adults over 65 can sign up for Covid vaccine

The Thomas County Health Department and Citizens Health have moved the Covid vaccination program into Phase 2 of the state plan. County residents or patients of Family Center for Health Care who are 65 and over may now receive the vaccination. Register at www.thomascohealth.com/covid-19 or cmciks.com/covid-19. Those without Internet access should call (785) 405-0104. No doses are available now, and delivery comes with little notice. You will be contacted when we have some; no need to call.

Parkinson's support group meets Thursdays

Parkinson's Families of Northwest Kansas meets at 2 p.m. every other Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby. This is a support and resource group for patients and families throughout the region. The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 18. For information, call Elaine Ptacek at (785) 443-3439.

Citizens seeks ideas on health-care needs

Citizens Health needs to update the 2018 Thomas County Community Health Needs Assessment, looking for ideas from people on health-care needs. A short online survey is available at www.cmciks.com or at www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHNA2021_ThomasCo. Everyone is asked to complete it by Friday, March 5. The hospital will hold a virtual "town hall" meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 25. For questions, call (785) 460-1214 or email mcarmichael@cmciks.com.

Helping Paws needs dry cat, dog food, litter

Helping Paws pet food bank needs donations of dry dog and cat food and cat litter. Supplies can be brought to the Colby United Methodist Church during office hours or picked up by volunteers. The pet-food bank is open on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for those who need food and litter. For questions, call (785) 460-2761 or email office@colbyumc.org.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Large grid of TV listings for Tuesday Evening (Feb 9) and Wednesday Evening (Feb 10). Columns include Broadcast, Cable, and time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Lists various channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, PARM, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VHI, WGN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Jan. 5, with guests Eli Alwin, Travis Glassman and Jo Kraus. Marc Alwin had the program. His guest was Travis Glassman, operations manager for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.

Southern Star is a private company that moves natural gas from wellheads to where it's needed. The company covers 5,800 miles in Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas and has 42 compression stations and eight gas fields.

The Colby District has 10 employees and maintains 300 pipeline miles and six compression stations covering the Yuma, Colo., St. Francis, Levant, Hoxie, Ogallah and Otis area.

An aerial patrol is conducted twice a month in the Colby district. The pipeline in the Colby District is also walked once a year, along with an annual helicopter view. A gas control center in Kentucky monitors the flow of the pipeline activity.

The club met again Jan. 12, with guests Berenice Villa Ramirez, Denita Rogers and Madeline Schneider.

Villa-Ramirez was recognized as the January Student of the Month. She is in National Honor Society, band and dance team. She plans to pursue a degree in hospitality and tourism and hopes to volunteer with the International Rescue Committee in other countries.

For the Jan. 19 meeting, Andrew Flanagin had the program, and guests included Jo Kraus and Madeline Schneider.

Flanagin presented the history of Farm Bureau, saying that in 1912 a banker and farmer established the Progressive Ag Club in Leavenworth. By 1919 the Kansas Farm Bureau had been formed and endorsed by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. Thomas County Farm Bureau Association

Washburn releases dean's list

Washburn University has announced its fall 2020 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Paeton McCarty of Colby is among those recognized, along with Emily Janzen of Oakley.

More than 900 students qualified for the Dean's List. Washburn University is proud of their hard work and commitment to their education.

Founded in 1865, Washburn

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was established in 1924.

At its Jan. 26 meeting the club met with guests Eli Alwin, Jo Kraus, Jillian Niblock, Paul Niblock and Jenny Niblock.

Jillian was recognized as the club's Student of the Month for December. She was not able to attend in December so the recognition was delayed. Niblock is a National Honor Society member and is active in student council and a member of the Student Environment Club, dance team, scholars bowl and forensics teams. Her plans include attending Kansas State University and majoring in gerontology and human development, with the goal of becoming a doctor.

Travis Rickford had the program. His guest was Jennifer Thompson, Director of Business Development for Valley Hope.

Thompson said Valley Hope was started in Norton by a doctor and a minister who sought help for a friend. The closest treatment at that time was in the Dakotas.

To eliminate the distance factor, they started Valley Hope in 1967 at the Norton Correctional Facility. When the opportunity presented itself, an old hotel in Norton was purchased for an in-treatment facility.

Valley Hope facilities are now located in seven states at 16 locations. Over 100,000 people have received treatment.

Thompson spoke on substance use disorder in the workplace, identifying it as a chronic disease; the symptoms must be treated to control the disease as there is not a cure. She said one in 10 employees have the disorder and function at 67 percent of their capacity. Thompson reviewed early warning signs, treatment options and the referral process.

Colby Rotary meets at noon on Tuesdays at City Limits Convention Center.

- Relda Galli

Scholars place fourth at regional contest

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School scholars bowl team finished their season as they placed fourth last Monday at Regionals in Tribune. Competing for the Bulldogs were Alisha Brantley, Wyatt McDonald, Ethan Shea, Joshua Yanez and Lauren Patmon.

They started the tournament off in a round-robin series of matches. The Bulldogs won their pool 5-1 with some close wins over Greeley County 30-10, Brewster 40-10, Weskan 50-20, Cheylin 20-10, Wheatland/Grinnell 40-30, and a single loss to Triplains 10-30.

State board to meet online

The Kansas State Board of Education will conduct its next meeting in person Tues., Feb. 9 and Wed., Feb. 10.

The public and members of the media may listen to and observe the meeting through livestreaming at: www.ksde.org/Board/Kansas-State-Board-of-Education/Streaming-Media. There will be no visitors on-site in observance of pandemic restrictions for group gatherings.

Advancing to bracket play, they faced Cheylin again in the semi-finals. This was a closely contested round with Cheylin coming out the winner 30-20. The consolation round was another close contest, which the Bulldogs lost to Weskan 20-30, placing them fourth.

"It was good that we won the round-robin pool," said Alisha Brantley, captain. "We didn't work together as well as we should have and Cheylin took us by surprise in the semi-finals."

The Bulldogs have placed in nearly every meet they competed in this year. They won their first meet at home and the Wallace County meet in Sharon Springs. They placed second in Goodland and Brewster's meets and third at the league meet.

"I am optimistic that we will have another successful season next year as we should have all the same team members returning," Brantley said.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.87
Corn (bushel)	\$5.52
Milo (bushel)	\$6.80
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.86

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Jan. 24
4:56 p.m. - Caller reported two people refusing to leave at Oasis.
10:20 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew at 690 E. Second.
10:55 p.m. - Driving while suspended report filed on a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Fifth.

Jan. 25
9:59 a.m. - Accident at Cedar and Grant.
2:57 p.m. - Report filed for indecent liberties on North Garfield.
4:24 p.m. - Damen Siruta arrested on warrants from Thomas County, Topeka Correctional, Sherman County, Garden City and Rawlins County.
7:23 p.m. - Traffic control for a vehicle slide off at Veterans Memorial and Country Club.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported someone trying to get into their apartment at 454 S. Court.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Jan. 25
12:56 p.m. - Report filed for theft from 200 block of Main in

Rexford.
2:31 p.m. - Caller reported son hitting the mailboxes at Levant Park.
3:48 p.m. - Released Terry L. Overton.
4:35 p.m. - Report filed for stolen vehicle out of Norton; Butch's towed vehicle
5:18 p.m. - Booked Damen Justin Siruta.
5:35 p.m. - Caller reported she rolled her vehicle on K-25 at County Rd. Z. Ambulance/rescue paged, Butch's towed vehicle
5:40 p.m. - Caller reported cattle out at K-25 and County Rd. V; cattle were in fenced area.
7:39 p.m. - Booked Claudia Noehly Salas.

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Other Viewpoints

Government seen as vaccine obstacle

Have you noticed that Republican Sen. Roger Marshall tends to worry about all the wrong things? In the first piece of legislation he's introduced in the U.S. Senate, Marshall is sponsoring a law that would keep Covid-19 relief dollars from funding abortions. What, you didn't know that any such dollars were funding abortions? They aren't. And can't, because the Hyde Amendment, first passed in 1976 and reenacted every year since, has kept federal funds from paying for abortions since 1980, when the amendment first went into effect after the Supreme Court ruled that such a ban was constitutional. Kansas also has multiple laws that prevent state funds from paying for abortions. In other words, this is pure legislative theater from the OBGYN from Great Bend.

Yet when it comes to the all-too-real problem of the fatally slow vaccine rollout – and with no federal plan until recently, no wonder – Marshall isn't too concerned. In fact, in a radio interview last Thursday with Greg Agaki on WIBW in Topeka, he said that while he's "optimistic" that everyone who wants to be vaccinated soon can be, the main obstacle is this: "I think it's getting government out of the way.... If we quit trying to micromanage those community pharmacists and the health departments and the doctor's offices, they'll make the right choices."

Government has been so "out of the way," it's almost like it only recently noticed that the pandemic is out of control. And pharmacists and health departments and doctors would choose to get vaccines in arms, if technical challenges weren't so daunting and the vaccine weren't in such short supply. Marshall also hopes that President Joe Biden doesn't mess up a process that had been going so well: "I pray that President Biden doesn't stop everything and try to start over here."

Maybe the senator has forgotten, but states across the land had been begging Congress for months to support the vaccination efforts of underfunded, overwhelmed state agencies. Lawmakers didn't approve that funding until late December. "Over to you and good luck" was the response of the last White House until the final weeks of Donald Trump's presidency.

Asked whether it's really going to take months to get young people vaccinated, Marshall said such a delay would be unacceptable. But he also said "If you're young and healthy ... talk to your doctor about the pros and cons of taking the vaccine." Especially coming from a doctor, that's just shocking nonsense, since the available vaccines are perfectly safe.

Pat Roberts' replacement a culture warrior

In response to Marshall's proposed legislation on keeping corona-virus relief funds from paying for abortions, Democratic Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly said in a statement to *The Star* Editorial Board that the state's new junior senator should instead focus on reality: "The elections are over. It's time for public officials to put politics aside and do what's best for the people we represent – and right now, that means getting more vaccines and federal stimulus funds right away."

You'd think that Dr. Marshall would feel that way, too, but this is a doctor who put his family on hydroxychloroquine after Trump said he'd started taking it to ward off Covid-19.

This is a doctor who often did not wear a mask while campaigning during a pandemic.

Though the real-world effect of his proposed law would be nil, it does serve one purpose. It confirms that Marshall intends to be a far-right culture warrior, and far to the right of a more traditional heartland Republican, his predecessor, Pat Roberts.

"Being pro-life is just part of who I am and there is no other alternative," he said in a statement Thursday. "As an obstetrician, it's been a thrill of my life to get to bring thousands of babies into the world and now it's a thrill of my life to be in the U.S. Senate and continue the fight for pro-life policies."

Many of his constituents might be more thrilled by legislation that helped them and their children in some concrete way.

But those conservatives who feared that Roger Marshall was any more moderate than his 2020 GOP primary rival Kris Kobach, the former Kansas secretary of state, ought to be relieved.

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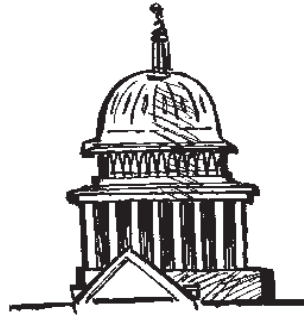
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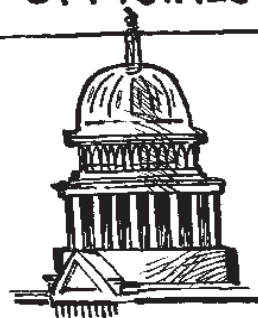
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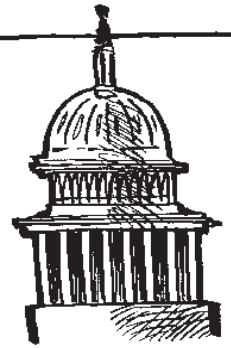
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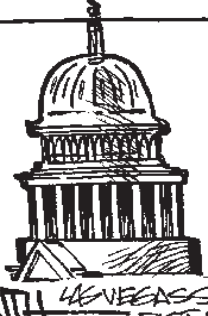
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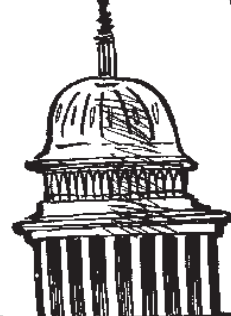
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WATCH OUT FOR THE LASER BEAM!



MIKE SMITH ILLUSTRATIONS 2021 DIST. BY KING FEATURES SYNDICATE/IAS

Ideas fare better when written down

Guess I'm going to have to start writing down ideas for this column as soon as I have them.

Over the last few days, little nuggets of ideas came to me. I mulled them over in my head, thinking how clever I was.

But now that it's time to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard), they have all escaped my brain. Somebody should have put the plug in, because they all leaked out. I hate it when that happens.

My mom used to leave herself little notes all over the house when she was writing. She said it was so she wouldn't forget them. As discomfuted as I am, I would just lose the notes.

I'm trying to rectify that problem. Over the last two years, since the discovery of my lung condition, I have not kept up with my housekeeping chores.

Just to be honest, housekeeping was never a priority with me. Oh, I want a neat, tidy house, but achieving that goal always seemed to elude me. I would kind of "surface" clean. But seldom that deep-cleaning a house regularly needs.

That's where my friend Barbara comes in. Barbara has helped me clean house over the years. I trust her not to gossip with our mutual



Outback

• Carolyn Plotts

friends about what a disaster my house is. I know she's not going to tell the sewing circle, "You wouldn't believe the mess Carolyn's house is in. Cat hair piled a mile high. And, don't get me started on her closets."

Barbara doesn't pull any punches with me. "Carolyn," she will ask, "have you used that (whatever it is) in the last year? If you haven't, then you don't need it. Get rid of it."

I fight an inner struggle, but sometimes I can actually get rid of something and Barbara is right there to put it in her car and promise to take it to the thrift store. If it's gone from my sight, I quickly forget what it even was.

Last week, we made a plan of attack. It's no accident I'm using military terms because this is a battle in the war against junk, clutter and confusion. Barbara will come once a week and

we will focus on one room. She will tear it up, getting clear to the corners and force me to make decisions about what is important and what is not. When she leaves, I have a week to finish the room and put it back together.

The first one we tackled was the dining room. Everything came out. Why was I keeping four empty boxes? And canning jars don't need to be on the table when the pantry is right there beside it, right? Curtains came down, windows were cleaned, floors swept and mopped. Looking good so far.

I still have four days until Barbara comes back and I better have my end done by then. I'll feel like a third grader waiting for the teacher to give me my gold star.

Big decision: What room next? Library or kitchen?

Carolyn Plotts of Norcatour, proofreader at The Oberlin Herald, continues a family tradition of writing a weekly column with a homespun point of view. In her "spare" time, she works in a prison ministry, helps run a house for visiting families of prisoners, builds houses in Mexico, cooks and raises chickens and calves. And who knows what all else.

Legislature works to set priorities

Greetings. Its a snowing day in Topeka so I'm working on my newsletter.

There is a lot of work to be done to revive our economy, restore our communities and reengage Kansas families. I am committed to helping set the priorities that will guide our state out of this pandemic.

Now more than ever, Kansas families need the certainty of a stable economy and reliable services without increased taxes. In one of the most partisan times in our country's history, we need to come together to make the right choices for our state. We've seen the consequences when personal agendas and partisanship take precedent over the people of Kansas, and can't let that happen again.

I had hoped by the time the 2021 legislative session started Covid-19 would be a thing of the past, but it is still very much a reality and there is a lot to do to get Kansas back on track.

Public safety is still fundamental and remains a top priority. The passage of SB 14 was crucial to ensure the state continues to receive relief dollars from the federal government, ensure local control, appropriate oversight of executive authority, extend telemedicine services and proper liability protections for businesses by extending the deadline to March 31.

This is an important first step for the Kansas Legislature as we address the continued needs of the state through the pandemic and work toward economic recovery. While this bill is not perfect, it addresses the immediate needs of the state and allows the Legislature to continue working on solutions to the challenges presented by the pandemic.

One of the biggest issues facing Kansans during the pandemic has been unemployment, made more difficult by the Department of Labor's inability to properly and timely process claims and identify fraud. Fraudulent claims are at an all-time high, which puts both the identity of many Kansans and the solvency of the Kansas Unemployment Trust Fund at risk.

I have always believed in the safety net un-



Jim Minnix

• This week in Topeka

employment provides, but there should be accountability in spending. Government has disappointed the people and failed to protect the dollars of public schools, universities, not-for-profits and businesses paying into the Kansas Unemployment Trust Fund.

Kansans have also started receiving 1099-G tax forms based on those fraudulent unemployment claims, which only exacerbates the problem. The Legislature will hold the administration accountable as they work to fix this colossal mistake.

If you or someone you know receive an unemployment claim you believe to be fraudulent, report it at www.dol.ks.gov/fraud. If you, or someone you know receives a 1099-G form based on a fraudulent unemployment claim, go to www.dol.ks.gov/ui-faqs/1099g-forms or www.UIAssistance.GetKansasBenefits.gov and complete the form.

The governor is in charge of the unemployment system and the Legislature exercises a limited oversight function, but we are not in charge and cannot "fix" the problems. We can draw attention to the areas where action is needed and attempt to protect citizens, but the buck stops on the governor's desk. In order to do that we have to have accountability and transparency from the governor's office about the extent of the problems.

The House Appropriations Committee heard a bill this week, HB 2195, that would hold Kansas schools, not-for-profits and businesses harmless from paying for fraudulent claims they didn't approve but which the governor allowed to be paid. After putting in long-overdue

fraud measures over the weekend, it has been reported to us that 500,000 fraudulent claims were turned back.

The path to recovery from this pandemic involves getting Kansans back to work, taking care of those who are still looking for jobs, and cutting through red tape for our businesses. I will continue to fight for these measures and for accountability for those who are failing to deliver for Kansas.

I have long supported pro-life reforms to our state laws. The Value Them Both constitutional amendment will safeguard those reforms and ensure vital protections remain in place.

I support the opportunity for the citizens of Kansas to weigh in on this important issue and correct the overreach by the courts. I believe in the people and their right to be heard. I greatly respect and appreciate all the feedback I have received from our district on the issue.

It reinforced my vote to allow the people of Kansas to vote on this important measure. The House of Representatives voted 86-38 and Senate voted 28-11 to place this amendment on the ballot for the people of Kansas to consider.

We have various bills concerning criminal justice, education, health care, taxes and the budget coming up soon.

As a member of Water, Transportation and Agriculture committees, I continue to learn many details. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me at jim.minnix@ks.house.gov.

Stay healthy.

Rep. Jim Minnix of Scott City represents the 118th District of northwest Kansas, including the southeast portion of Thomas County. He is on the transportation, agriculture and water committees. Email him at jim.minnix@house.ks.gov, call (785) 296-7384 or write to 300 SW 10th St., Room 512-N, Suite K, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or 8101 W. Road 40, Scott City, Kan., 67871.

Mallard Fillmore

• Loren Fishman



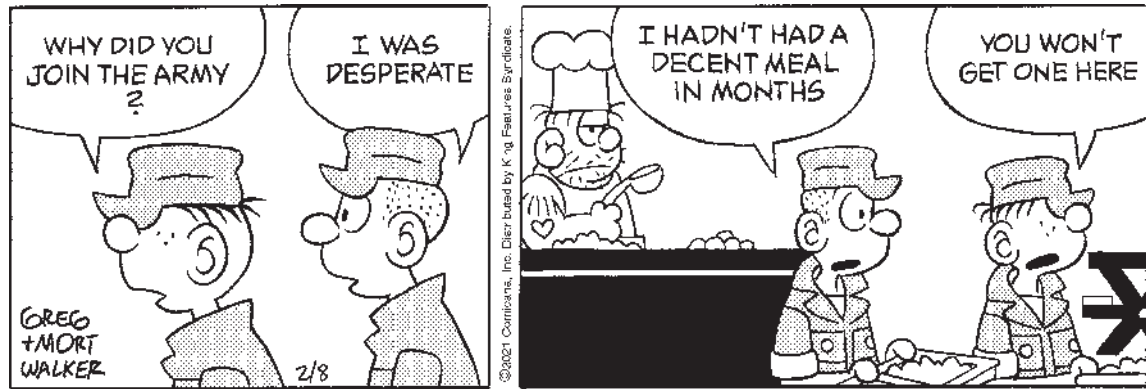
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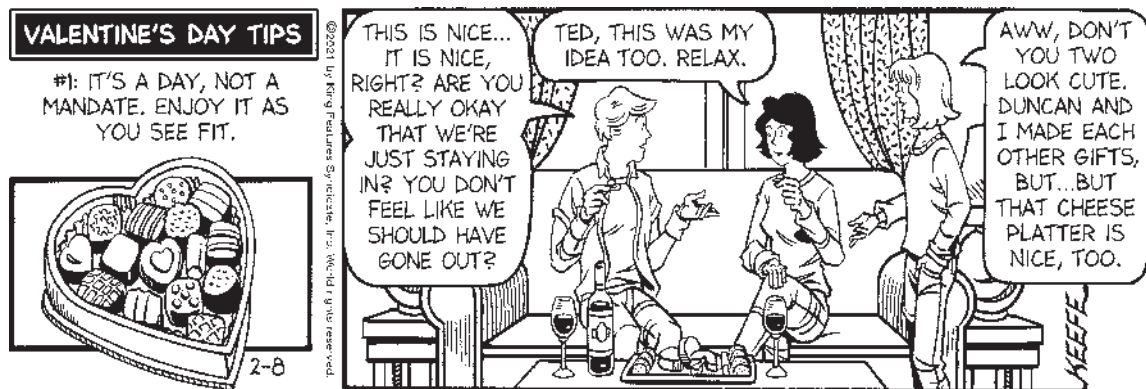
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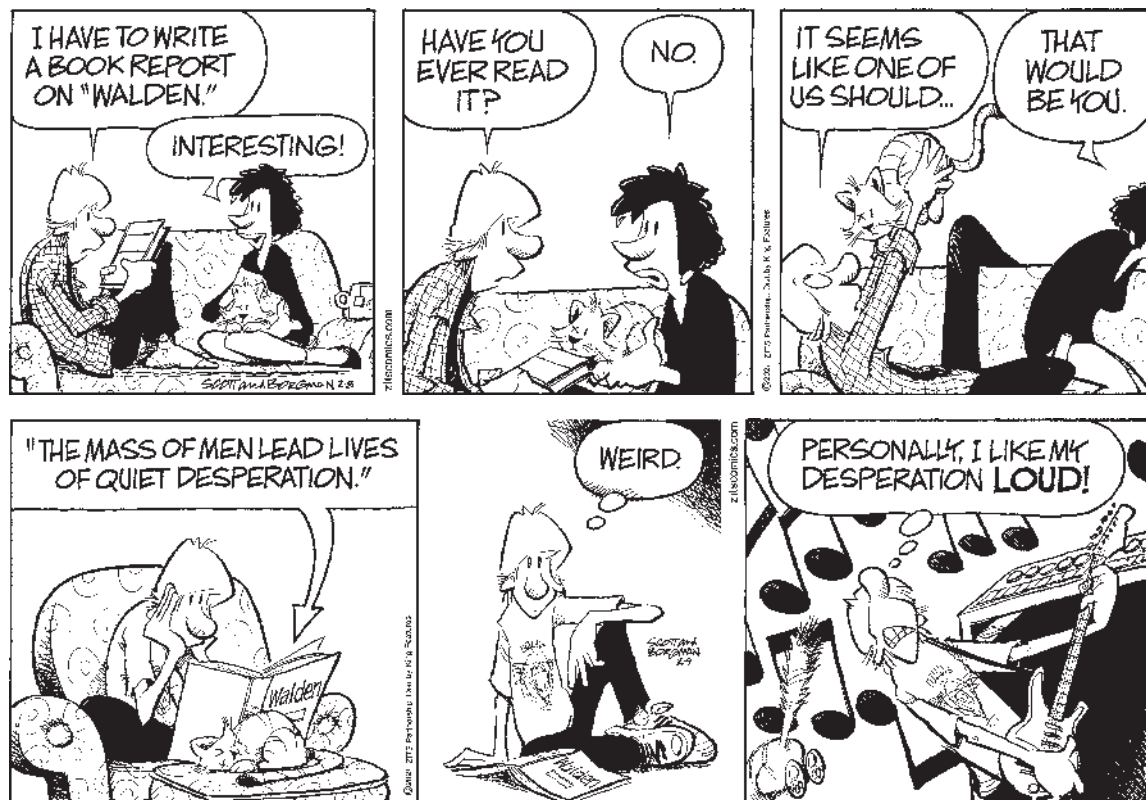
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Washington's birthday moves

George Washington has had at least three official birthdays. He was born Feb. 11, 1731. But that was according to the Julian calendar used at the time. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, his birthday was recorded as Feb. 22, 1732. (Read about how the calendar was changed if you've never learned this.)



President Chester Arthur renamed Washington's official birthday Presidents Day in 1885. Then in 1968, the Unified Monday Holiday Act was passed and became law in 1971. The act moved certain public holidays to Mondays to create three-day weekends, and the third Monday in February became the day for Washington's celebration. In 2021, Washington's birthday is observed on Feb. 15.

Glass Works Auctions sold the amber "Simon's Centennial Bitters, Trade Mark" bottle at their auction for \$2,640. It is shaped like the bust of President Washington with the product name embossed on the front below a round label panel.

Q: Is there a market for new, unused Woodstock tickets from 1969? We found some in the wall of an old house on our former property in New York, not far from Bethel.

A: The three-day Woodstock Music and Art Fair was originally intended to be held in Woodstock, N.Y., in August 1969. After objections were raised, the organizers moved the event three times until they were finally able to rent a farmer's field in Bethel. Tickets sold in advance were \$6 per day or \$18 for a three-day ticket. Those sold on-site cost \$8 or \$24 for a three-day ticket. Unused tickets sell at auctions today for a few hundred dollars depending on their condition. A three-day ticket that was originally \$18 sold at a recent auction for \$250. A three-day ticket sold on-site for \$24 auctioned for \$500. There are a lot of fake tickets that are worthless, but there's a good story behind your tickets that helps give them provenance and authenticity.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 2
♥ Q J 5
♦ 10 9 8 7 5
♣ Q J 10

WEST
♠ —
♥ A K 10 8 4 2
♦ A J 2
♣ A 7 5 3

EAST
♠ J 8 3
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 6 3
♣ 9 8 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9 7 5 4
♥ 7
♦ K 4
♣ K 6

The bidding:
West 1♥ Pass North Pass East Pass South 4♠
Opening lead king of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1996 World Olympiad Women's Teams. The heroine was Dianna Gordon of Canada, who made a brilliant defensive play to defeat a game in her team's match against India.

Even with all the cards in view, it is not easy to see how South can be prevented from taking 10 tricks at four spades. It is true that declarer has four apparent losers -- a heart, a club and two diamonds -- but West seems certain to be forced to yield the game-going trick to South at some point during the play.

For example, if West starts by playing the K-A of hearts, declarer ruffs, draws trump and leads the king of clubs. West can hold up once, but must win the second club, after which a club, diamond or heart return hands South the contract.

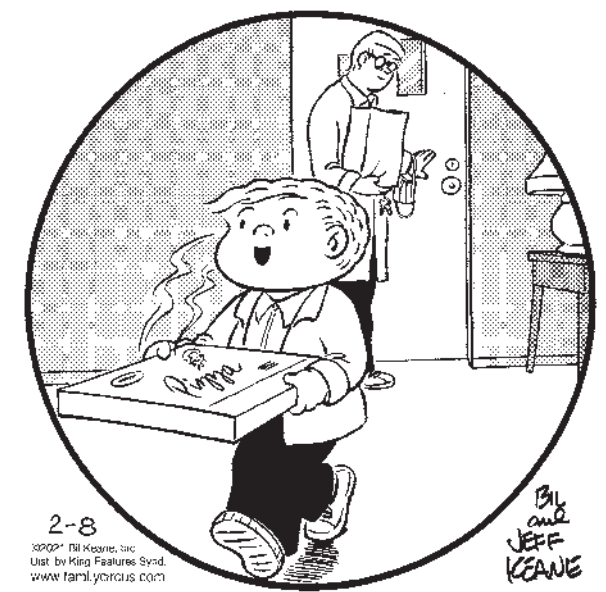
Nor is it any better for West to cash the ace of diamonds or ace of clubs at trick two. The diamond ace sets up declarer's king, while on the play of the club ace, South unblocks the club king to ensure scoring dummy's Q-J.

Gordon, however, found the winning defense -- and she did it without seeing South's cards. After cashing the heart king at trick one and noting her partner's three -- denying a doubleton -- she rightly concluded that declarer had a singleton heart.

Visualizing the actual setup (or one similar to it), she shifted to a low club at trick two! Declarer won with the king, drew trump and returned a club. Now, however, Gordon was able to win and play the heart ace, leaving South with no recourse. After ruffing, declarer ran her spades, but the defenders scored two diamonds at the end for a one-trick set.

Gordon's low club return had much to recommend it. If her partner had the king, all was well, while if declarer had three or four clubs including the king, nothing would be lost one way or the other. But if South had the hand she actually held, a low club at trick two was the only way to defeat the contract.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"The man took our pizza out of the oven with a big snow shovel."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/08

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

Cryptoquip

AGJNLULS ELHXUW PES VXE
PNMUQN INLS URNHJ UJ
HAUSGWZ JLGMC-JUCGWZ MULR
ZUQNT: EAGINL VXGTJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT ONE CALL WORDS SUCH AS "DONATION," "GRANT," "FUND" AND "GIFT"? TERMS OF ENDOWMENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Wrigley product
- On edge
- Dazzle
- Palindromic constellation
- Homer classic
- Hot temper
- Avian sounds
- PBS funder
- Roswell visitors
- Merchant
- Prepare leftovers
- Norwegian saint
- "Blue?"
- Spy org.
- Sports figures
- Bands' bookings
- Tube top
- Mideast airline
- Moral principle
- Blue
- Caustic solution
- Fir coat

DOWN

- Elevated
- Pack tightly
- Earth canton
- Day
- Dogpatch adjective
- Military dining areas
- Gmail alternative
- Pop star John
- Fine, to NASA
- Score units (Abbr.)
- Dickens title
- Stocking stuffer
- Cager
- Archibald
- Fury
- Send forth
- Whiskey cocktails
- Small batteries
- Diggs of "Rent"
- Coaster
- Thailand, once
- Sunshade
- Yalta's peninsula
- "Frasier" character
- Prepared to pray
- 44 A Gershwin brother
- 45 Applaud
- 46 Laugh-a-minute
- 50 Depot (Abbr.)
- 51 Long crosser
- 52 Privy
- 53 Cloud setting

Saturday's answer 2-8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Notices

O.K. Corral, NH Grinder Mixer, Titan Livestock Trailer, Elston gopher Machine. February 17, Purple Wave Auction
---1/28---2/10---

Oakley Cleaners has resumed picking up dry-cleaning in Colby at Purdy Petals, 185 E. 4th for all of your cleaning needs!
--5/14---TFN---

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---8/16---TFN

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---3/1---TFN---

Help Wanted

L & C Home Health Agency Inc., is now hiring part time or full time RN. Pick up an application at: 1175 S. Range ste. 1, Colby, KS 67701 or call 785-465-7444.
---1/13---2/8---

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---12/23---TFN---

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---12/17---TFN---

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---12/2---TFN---

Help Wanted

Great Western Tire of Colby, Inc., 1170 S. Country Club Drive, is now accepting applications for all positions. Positions included, but not limited to, lube oil & tire, truck tire, and service call. Experience required, but will train the right person. Valid driver's license is a requirement. Full time position includes competitive salary and benefits. Apply in person. EOE. Questions please call 785-462-2100.
---11/25---TFN---

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---9/3---TFN---

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---8/28---TFN---

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---2/12---TFN---

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---7/23---TFN---

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---2/3---2/15---

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---5/9---TFN---

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---2/3---3/1---

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---11/16---TFN---

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---1/28---2/10---

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---9/25---TFN---

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---5/29---TFN---

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---1/28---2/10---

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---9/5---TFN---

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---6/12---TFN---

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---9/29---TFN---

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---1/8---TFN---

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---4/22---TFN---

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---2/27---TFN---

Help Wanted



Ag Loan Officer

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IN THE 15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
Kolby Edward Brooks
To change His Name to:
Kolby Edward Kuper

Case No. Th 20-CV-29
Pursuant TO K.S.A. Chapter 60

ORDER CHANGING NAME
Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1402

NOW, on this 3 day of February, 2021, the above-captioned matter comes before the Court upon the Petition of Kolby Edward Brooks, for change of his/her name. Petitioner appears in person. There are no other appearances.

The Court, after review of the record of the proceedings herein, approves service or waives any requirement for notice and determines the matter may proceed to hearing.

The Court, upon hearing the testimony, upon examining the evidence presented, and upon review of the record of the proceedings herein, finds as follows:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter in this case.
2. Venue is appropriate in Thomas County, Kansas
3. Service has been properly obtained on, or notice has been given to, all interested parties, or service and notice have been waived because there are no interested parties other than petitioner.
4. The allegations contained in Petitioner's Petition are true.
5. Petitioner, Kolby Edward Brooks, is now and has been a resident of Kansas, for a period of more than sixty (60) days immediately preceding the filing of the Petition.
6. Petitioner's YEAR of birth is 1997 and petitioner's place of birth is Las Animas

County in the State of Colorado.
7. Petitioner's birth certificate shows his/hers name as Kolby Edward Brooks.

8. Petitioner's present name is: Kolby Edward Brooks.

9. Petitioner seeks to change his/her name to Kolby Edward Kuper because I never knew or had contact with biological dad, was raised by step-dad, only child without the Kuper family name.

10. The Petition for Change of Name is not made for the purpose of avoiding any debts, obligations or legal process nor is it made for the purpose of misleading or defrauding any person. The requested name change will not result in prejudice to any person.

11. No objections have been made to the Court and the Court finds Petitioner is entitled to have his/her name changed from Kolby Edward Brooks to Kolby Edward Kuper.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE COURT CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the above and foregoing findings are made as orders of this Court, that Petitioner's name be changed to Kolby Edward Kuper, and that the costs of this proceeding are assessed against Petitioner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon proper application, an amended or substitute birth certificate be issued to reflect Petitioner's new name.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3 day of February, 2021.

Judge of the District Court

SUBMITTED BY:
Kolby Edward Brooks
Petitioner, Pro Se
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CASE NO. 2020-PR-16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Carla S. Nash, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of Patricia A. Young, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the beneficiaries be determined; the Will and Assignment of Interest be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for Petitioner and attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of Patricia A. Young, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before **March 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

CARLA S. NASH,
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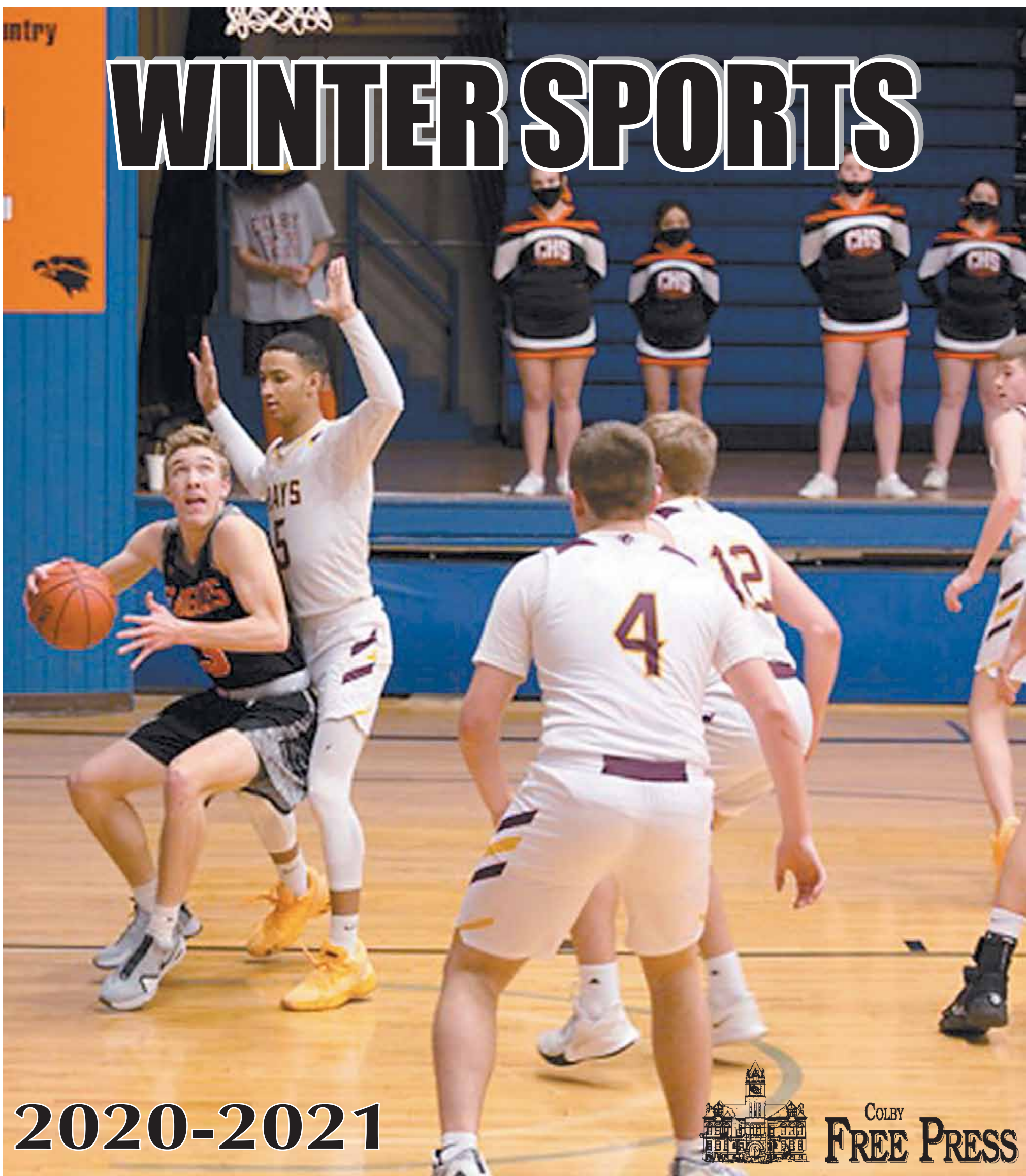
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Back row: Eli Koerperich, Ryan Myers, Peyton Wahlmeier, Ian Rosales and Jacob Wetter.

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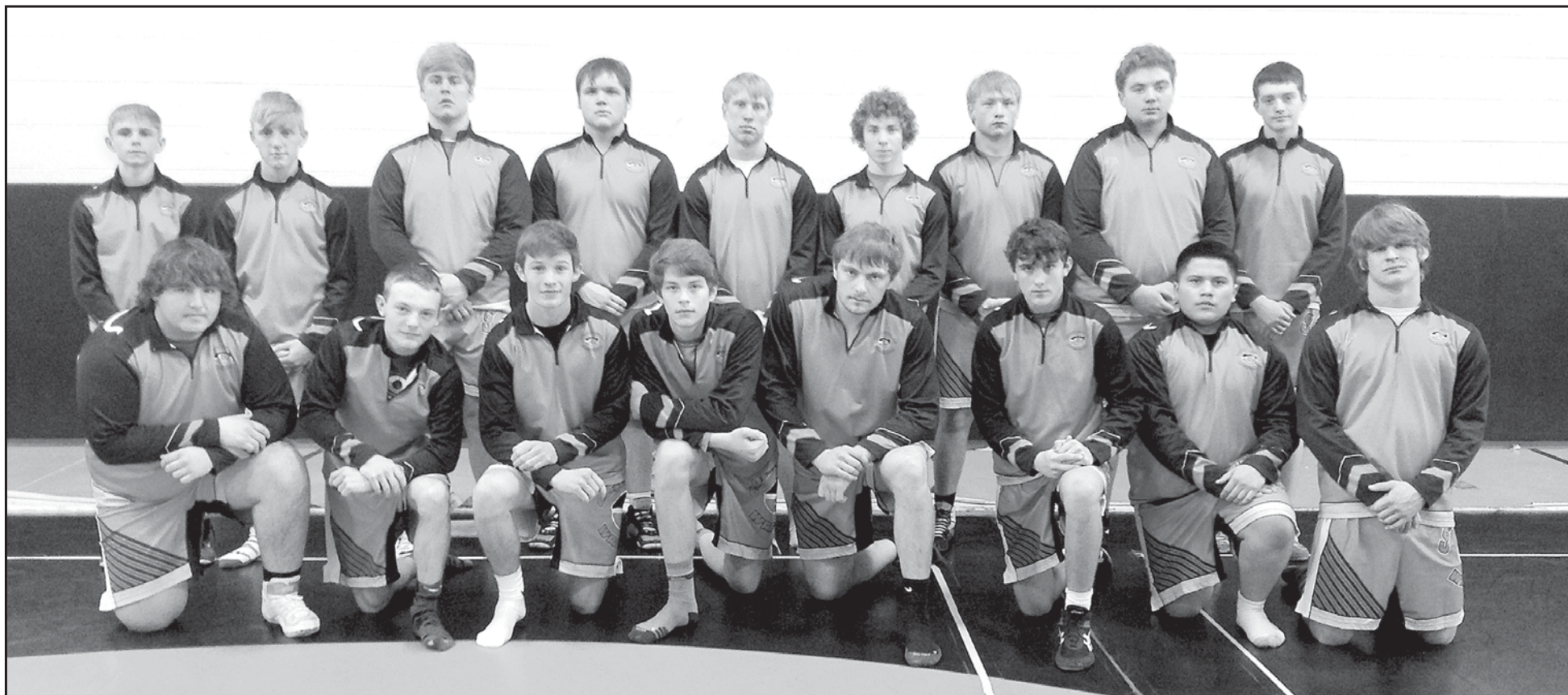
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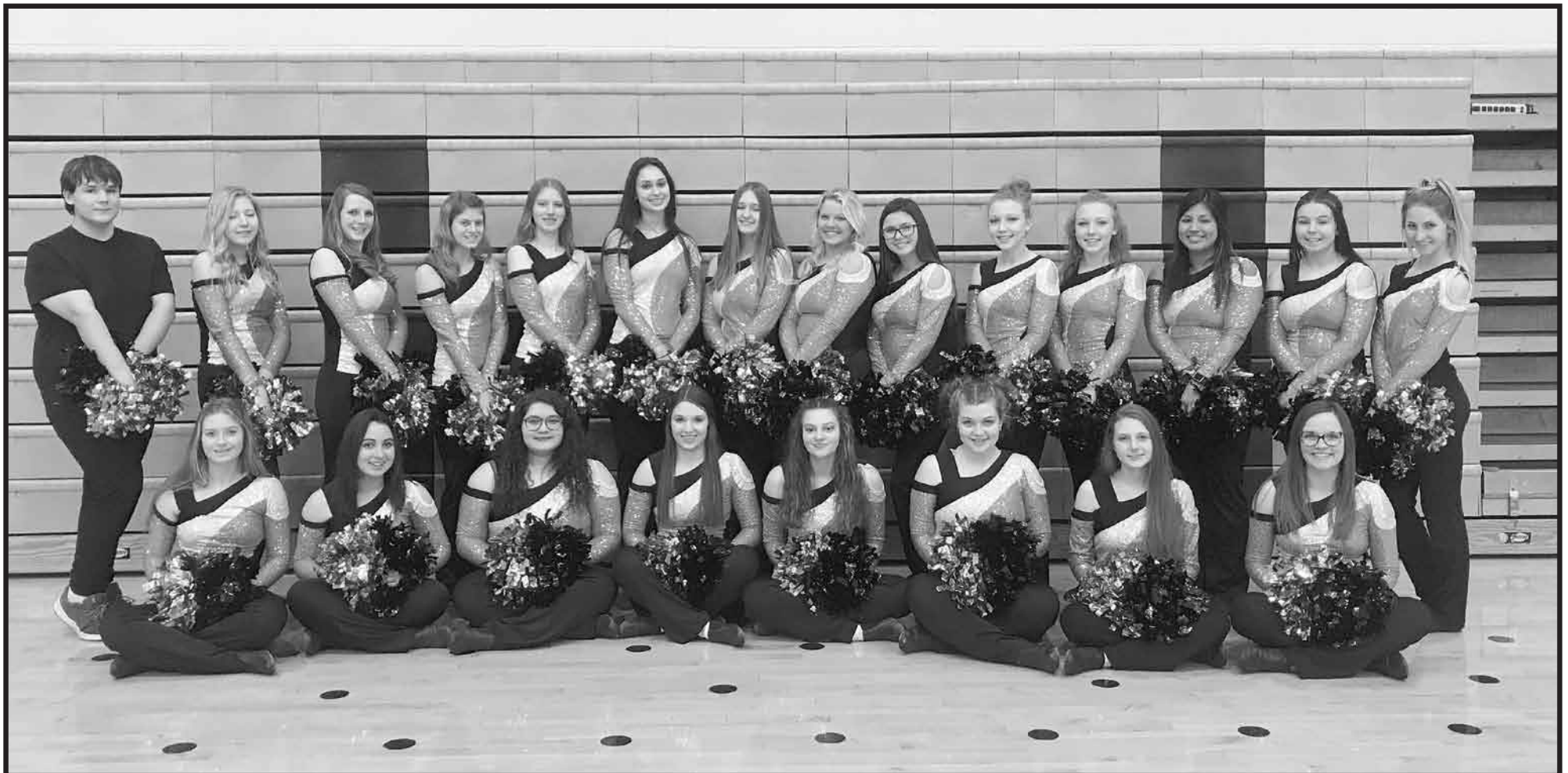
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Colby High School Dance



From left, front row: Claire Nelson, Chiara Pancrazi, Adriana Gonzalez, Jenna Reinert, Oaklynn Carman, Jillian Niblock, Britney McKinney and Lacy Weigel. Back Row: Phil Clark, Baylee Alexander, Paige DeGood, Laurel Cates, Kaitlyn Williams,

Amanda Neitzel, Samantha Diederich, Mya Betz, Jade Schroer, Cassandra Zimmerman, Melissa Zimmerman, Cindy Chavez, Destiny Clark and Seanna Metclaf.

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No. ↕	Name ↕	Pos. ↕	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
0	<u>Tyrone Marshall, Jr.</u>		Fr	6'7"	215	Nashville, TN / Pearl Cohn
1	<u>Anthony Marshall</u>		Fr	6'1"	180	Brooklyn, NY / Brooklyn Democracy Academy
2	<u>Domonic Harvey</u>		So	6'7"	200	Washington D.C. / Ballou
3	<u>Rasheet Wilson</u>		So	6'3"	170	Lakeworth, FL / Pasedena City CC
4	<u>Miquan Tucker</u>		Fr	6'6"	185	Nashville, TN / Pearl Cohn
5	<u>Malikai Delgado</u>		Fr	6'4"	200	Worcester, MA / Doherty
11	<u>Josh Cole</u>		Fr	6'2"	170	Collins, MS / Independence
12	<u>Tyrik King</u>		So	6'6"	200	Liberal, KS / Liberal
13	<u>Jayrese Williams</u>		So	6'1"	180	Sandusky, OH / Vincinnes University
14	<u>Ahmad Johnson</u>		Fr	6'4"	195	Punta Gorda, FL / Charlotte
21	<u>Jarrett Bates</u>		Fr	6'5"	215	Pratt, KS / Pratt
23	<u>Matt McFarlane</u>		So	6'10"	210	Philadelphia, PA / Samuel Fels

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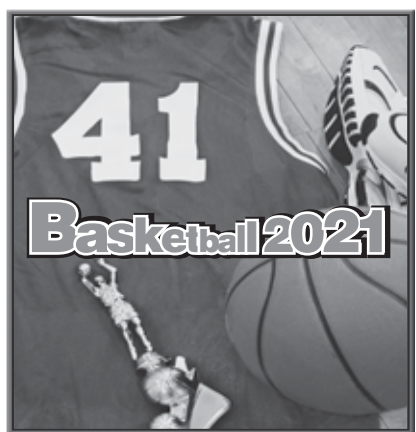
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2	<u>Ruxanda Fluera</u>	L/DS	Fr	5'5"	Turin, Italy / Liceo Statale Augusto Monti
3	<u>Laura Sherrod</u>	OH	Fr	5'9"	Lyman, NE / Morrill Jr/Sr
4	<u>Sarah Mein</u>	S	Fr	6'0"	Liberal, KS / Liberal
5	<u>Claire Choloux</u>	OH	So	5'9"	Aix en Provence, France / Lycée Paul Cézanne
6	<u>Olivia Navarro</u>	MB	So	5'9"	Barcelona, Spain / Col-legi La Presentacio
7	<u>Marta Roicka</u>	S	Fr	6'0"	Warsaw, Poland / North Central Texas Academy
9	<u>McKenna Kirkpatrick</u>	MB	Fr	5'11"	Chapman, KS / Chapman
10	<u>Macarena Ruiz</u>	RS	So	5'9"	Misiones, Argentina / Colegio Santa Maria
11	<u>Brooklyn Mueller</u>	MB	Fr	5'10"	Swink, CO / Swink Senior
12	<u>Kassandra Lerma</u>	MB	Fr	6'0"	Mission, TX / Veteran's Memorial
13	<u>Ashlyn Swan</u>	MB	Fr	5'9"	Garden City, KS / Garden City
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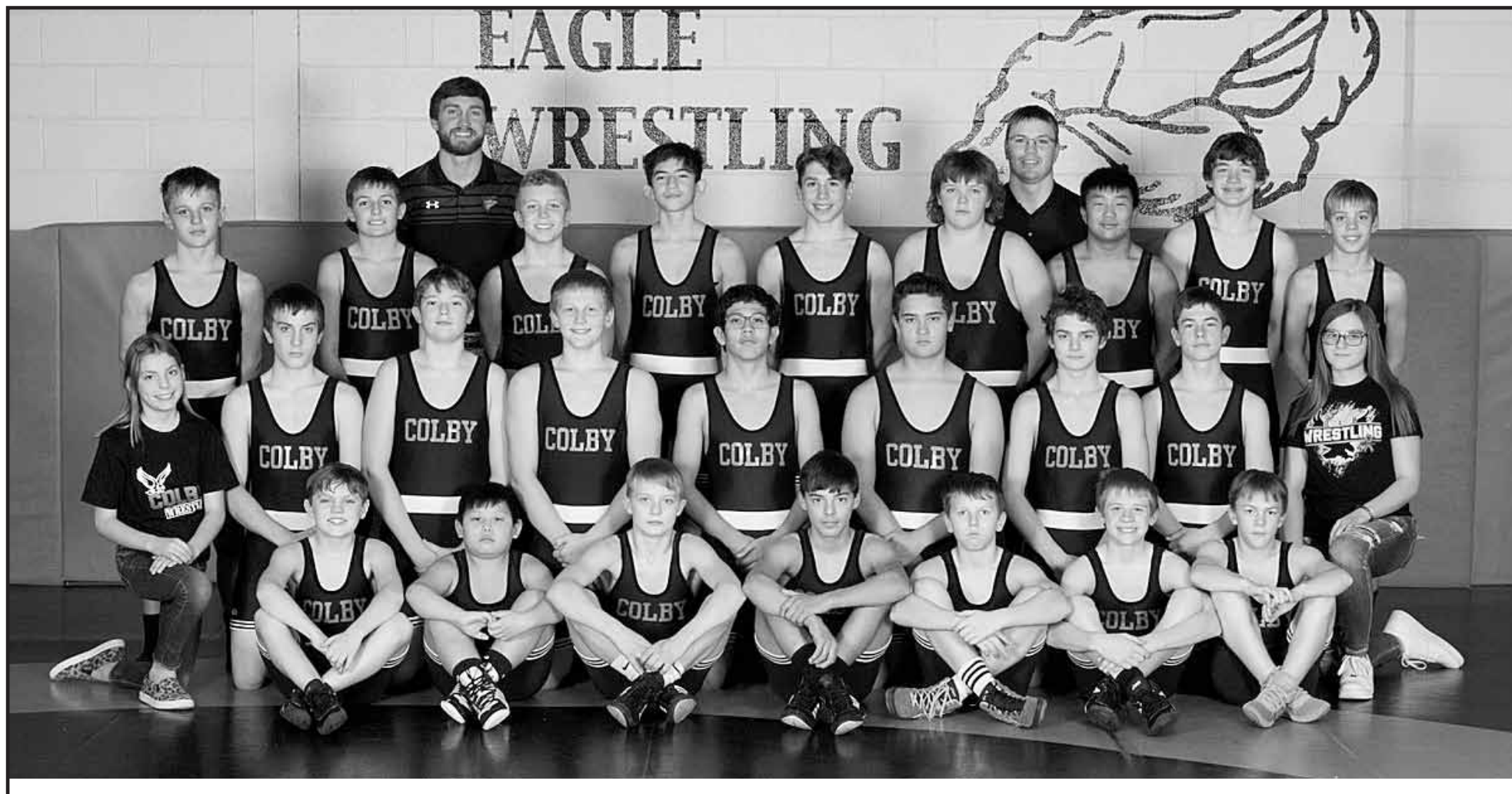
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Berggren. Back Row: Talon Wark, Braxton Withington, Cody Wright, Fabian Espinoza, Bryton Dixon, Landon Ritter, Jaxson Carney, Cai Lanning, Breck Niblock
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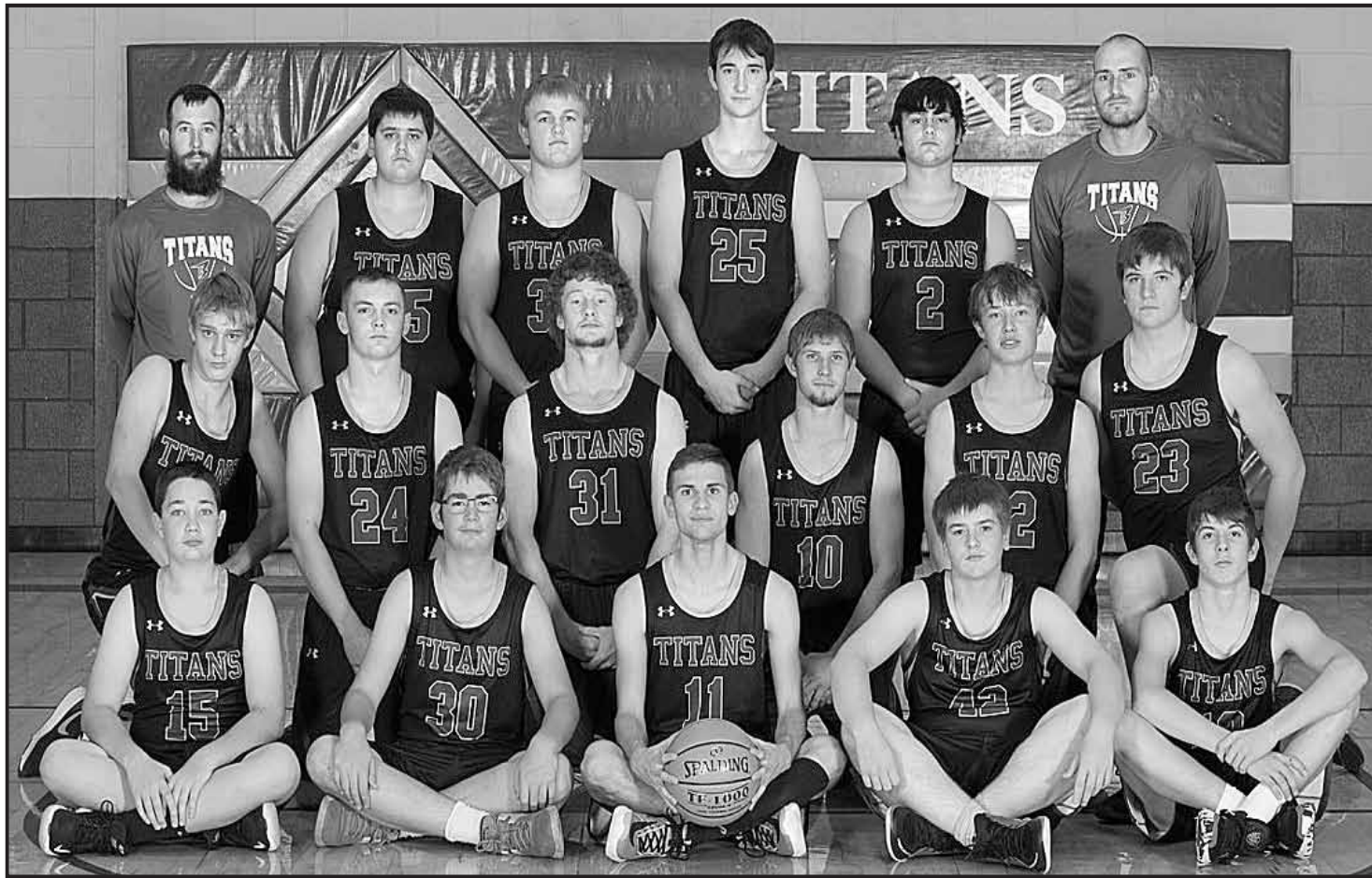
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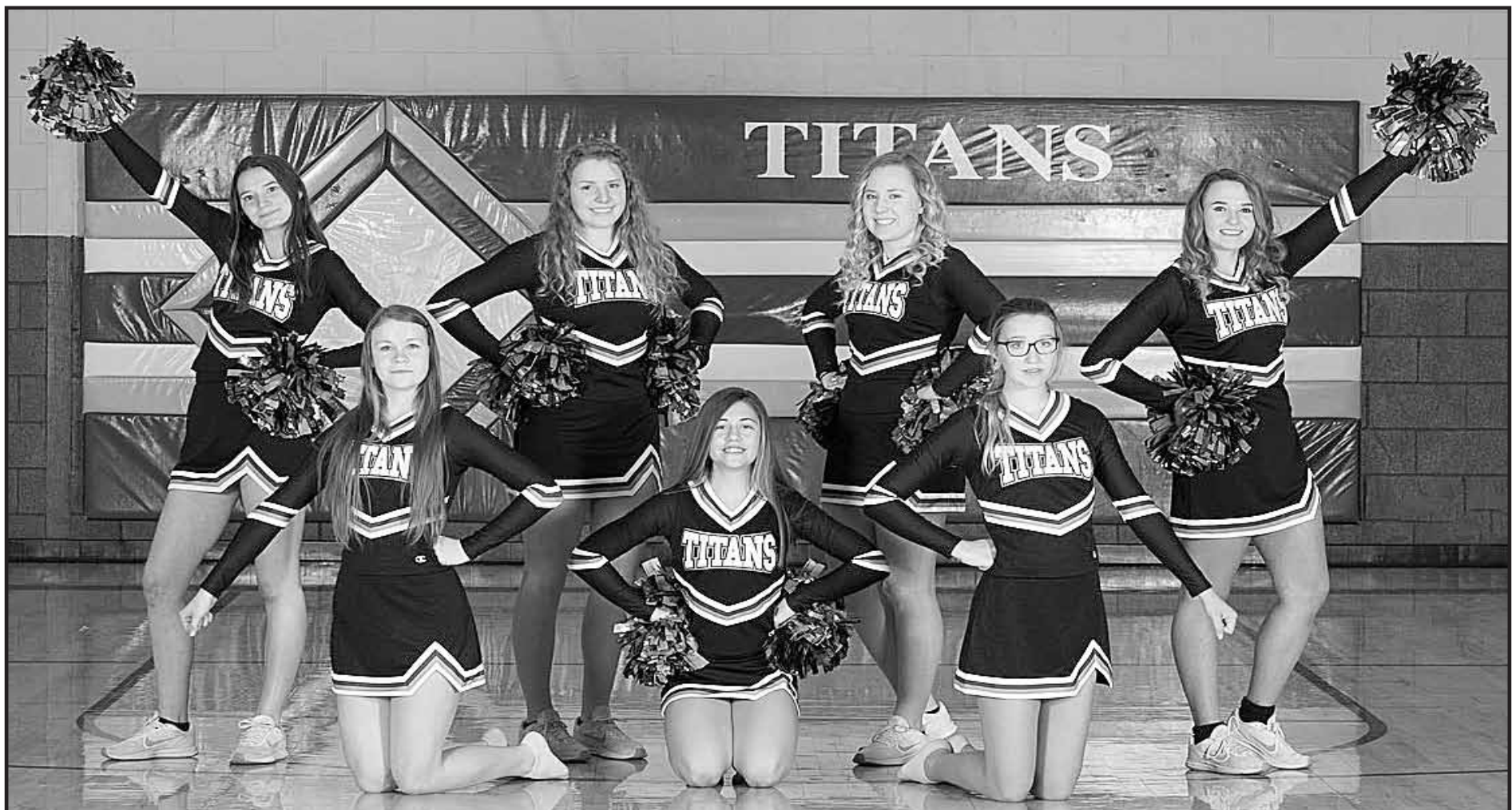


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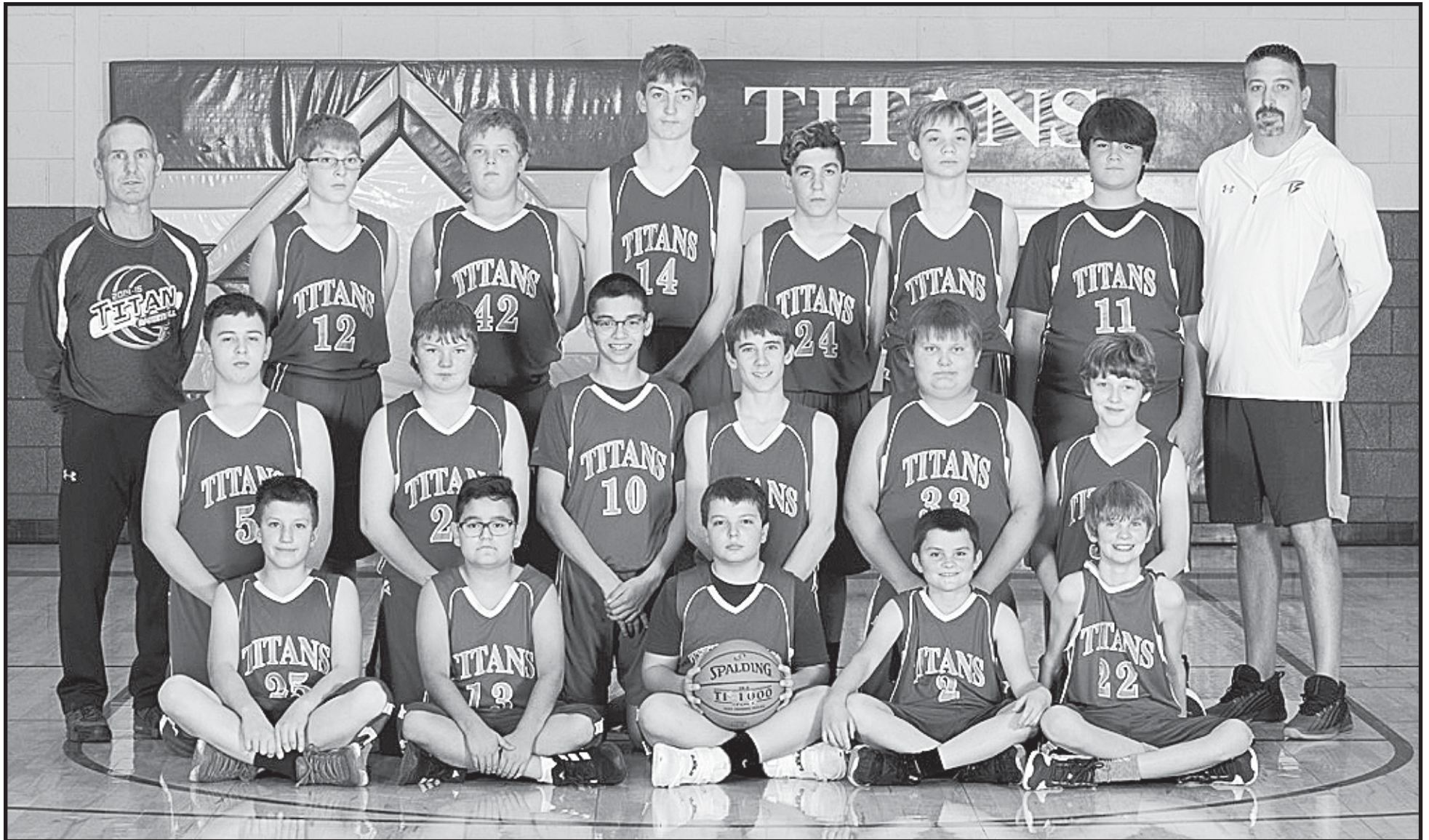
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Triplains-Brewster Junior High Boys Basketball



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Triplains-Brewster Junior High Girls Basketball



From left, front row: Kimberly Cortes and Faith Hoover. Middle row: Kamdyn Schmidt, Leigha Fellhoelter, Hanna Hause, Delina Kenny and Judy Shank. Back row: Coach Kelly Kemp, Trista Ltham, Kara Roulier, Kati Kellogg and Coach April Selby. Not Pictured: Cheyenne Morris

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GOOD LUCK TITANS!

Triplains-Brewster Junior High Cheerleaders

From left, front row: Faith Hoover, Judy Shank and Trista Ltham. Back row: Kati Kellogg. Not Pictured: Cheyenne Morris..

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Golden Plains High School Girls Basketball



From left, front row: Manager Hayden Wark, Lauren Patmon, Emma Weiner, Kassie Miller, Brooke Stoll, Breanna Rath, Amie Cheney and Anette Hernandez, Back row: Jazline Manriquez, Morgan Wark, Ashley Stoll, Carli Nieman, Jordyn Fleckenstein, McHaley Carter, Sidney Taylor and Rayna Taylor.

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Golden Plains High Cheerleaders

From left, front row: Emma Weiner, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Back row: Morgan Wark, Amie Cheney.

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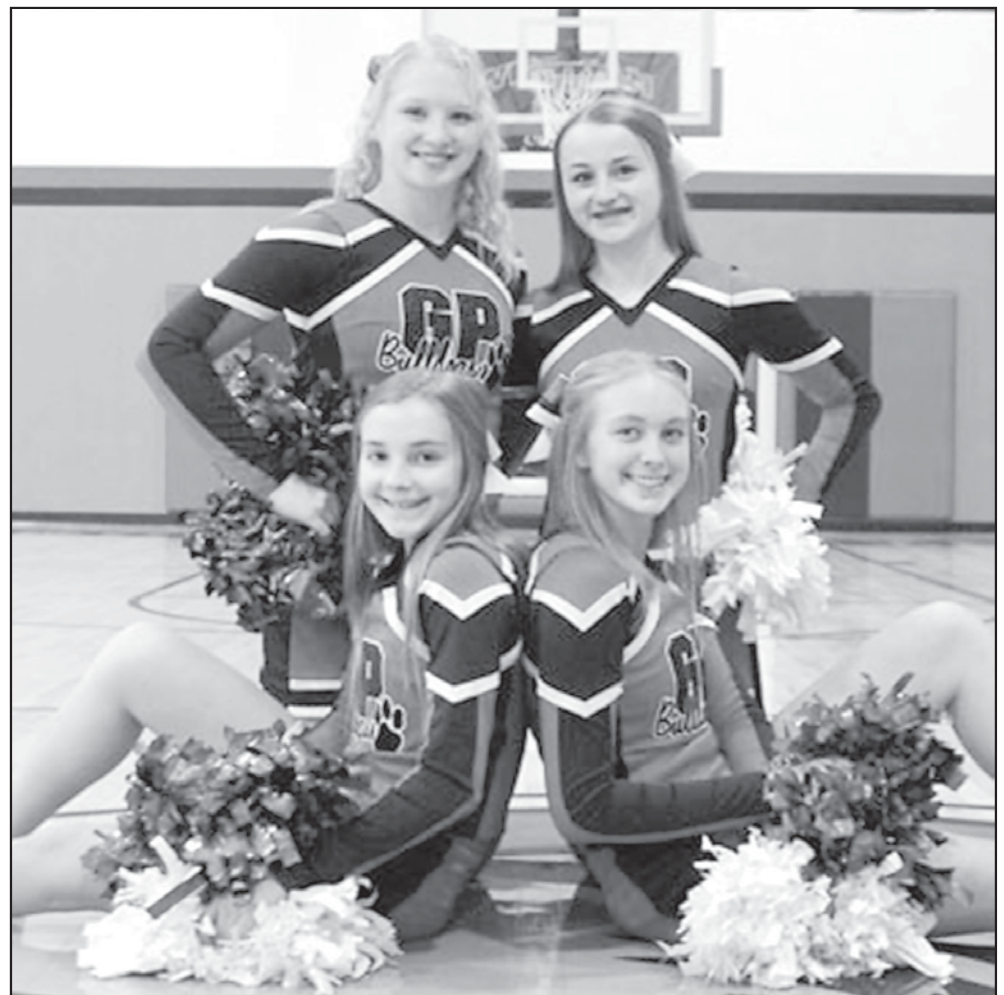
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Golden Plains High School Boys Basketball



From left, front row: Fabian Cepeda, Roberto Loya, Mason Green, Tayten Barnett, Will Bruggeman, Landon Meier and Ethan Shea. Back row: Jovanny Infante, Alex Gonzalez, Kole Butts, Wade Rush, Ashton Schiltz, Garrett Carter and Ethan

Weiner. Coaches not pictured Laura Fellhoelter and Steiner Scott.
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Good Luck All Area Teams!



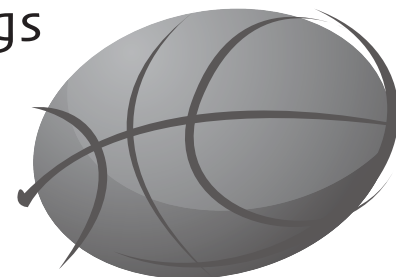
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Good Luck Bulldogs
and best wishes
for a winning
season!



Golden Plains High School Dance



From left: Lauren Patmon, Alisha Brantley, Kloie Kuper, Britton Knowles.
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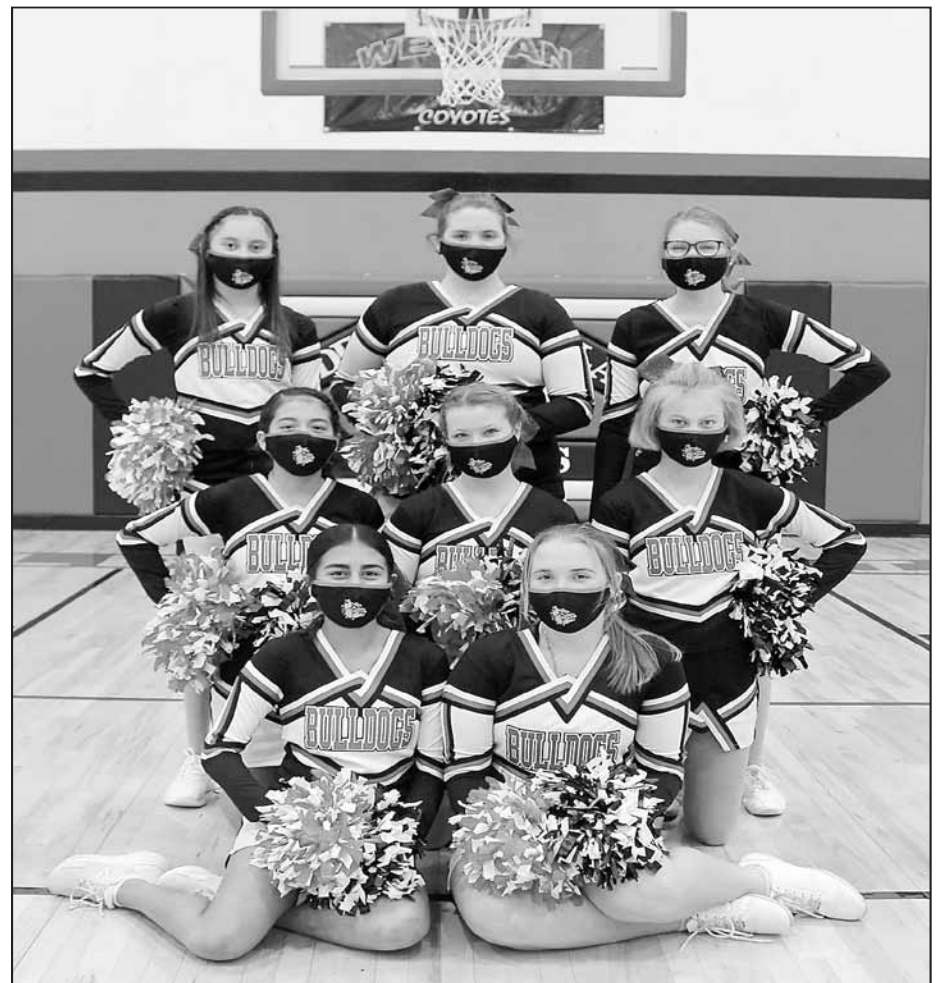
Golden Plains Middle School Cheerleaders

From left, front row: Jaqueline Manriquez and Madilyn Green. Middle row: Siena Vargas, Hayden Wark, and Myah Ritter. Back row: Anette Hernandez, Emma Carter and McKinzie Horobik.

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Good luck
Lady Bulldogs!



Golden Plains Middle School Boys Basketball



From left, front row: Owen Patmon, Dylan Wark, Ezekiel Weiner, Josh Rath, Diego Perez and Abe Taylor, Back row: Wyatt Amlong, Maddix Green, Miguel Garcia, Dominic Stout, Javier Romero and Tanner Black.
JUDY ROGERS/ Golden Plains Middle School.



Golden Plains Middle School Girls Basketball

From left, front row: Lesly Holguin, Luisa Rodriguez, Estella Vargas, Katie Carter, Jordyn Bange, Marisol Perez and Addy Wessel. Middle row: McKinzie Horobik, Laura Moore, Anais Cepeda, Braylee Knowles, Kailee Wessel, Anastasia Pawlak and Siena Vargas. Back row: Myah Ritter, Jaqueline Manriquez, Anette Hernandez, Hayden Wark, Mariah Barnett, Madilyn Green and Emma Carter. Not Pictured—Amia Durham.

JUDY ROGERS/ Golden Plains Middle School



Heartland Christian High School Boys Basketball



From left, front row: Jonathan Hopson, Bryce Belshe and Emilio Pena. Middle row: Blake Beckley, Kent Gladin and Aiden Wertz. Back Row: Damon Belshe (coach), Donovan Ohlrogge, Tavean Belshe (coach), Brad Wertz (coach)

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Heartland Christian High School Girls Basketball

From left: Jessica Hopson, Olivia Price, Liberty Wertz, Gracie Gundlach and Jillian Wertz.

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Heartland Christian Jr. High School Boys Basketball

From left, back row: Blaine Beckley, Carter Quenzer, Blair Niblock, Brent Belshe and Tyler Berggren. Front row: Elijah Gabel, Samuel Hernandez and Gavriel Hertel.

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Heartland Christian Jr. High School Girls Basketball

From left, back row; Finley Frantz (manager), Kalleigh Price, Rianna Inman, Hannah Hernandez, Lyssa Rinehart, Reagan Frantz and Amiah Hertel (manager). front row: Tori Harter, Ella Fikan and Tanna Kistler.

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