

Three injured in separate traffic wrecks

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trailer overturned early Tuesday

morning on I-70 west of Levant. Tod Hileman, public resource officer with the Kansas Highway Patrol, said Lomel Bunn, 57, of Ripley, Tenn., was driving west at 6:11 a.m. on I-70 when his truck, a 2000 International, went into the north ditch and rolled. It came to rest on its top, and all nine cars on the trailer were damaged.

Bunn was injured in the crash and taken to Citizens Medical Center. He had not been wearing a seat belt.

Several accidents also happened over the weekend in Gove

Texas veered off K-23, about two miles north of Gove, ending up in

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said Eric Sorrell, 29, of Gainesville, Texas, may have fall-A truck carrying nine cars on a en asleep as he drove north in his 2003 Peterbilt semi-tractor rig. He was taken to Gove County Medical Center with disabling injuries and flown to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He had not been wearing a seat belt.

> On Sunday, a motorcycle rider hit a deer on I-70 east of Oakley. Clark Dent, 74, of Hot Springs, Ark., was traveling west near milepost 82 when a deer ran across the road from the median. Dent hit the deer and was injured. His motorcycle, a 2001 Honda, did not have a safety restraint, but he had been wearing a helmet.

He was initially taken to Logan County Hospital in Oakley before On Saturday a driver from being airlifted to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.



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Colby students write thank-yous to area responders

Serving Thomas County since 1888

In honor of the upcoming Patriot's Day, Colby Middle School fourth graders wrote thank-you letters this morning to local police officers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The letters included space for the students to draw pictures. Gail Vacca, Marge Weishaar and Edna Hansen from the Retired Service Volunteer Program were on hand to help the students write. The program office will be making sure the letters get to the appropriate depart-

Colby dealership plans fund raiser

previous fund raisers, Tubbs and School. Sons Ford Sales will hold another Drive One 4UR School event from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the dealership, 810 S. Range Ave.

During that time, local citizens can test drive one of several cars then fill out a short form. Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 per driver to Colby High School. If the dealership gets the maximum of 300 drivers, Ford will donate \$6,000 to the district. The two previous events have proven successful, with the dealership getting 400 or more drivers. In both cases Colby has gotten the maximum donation from Ford.

This time all the proceeds will go directly into athletics and ac- on the event.

Coming off the success of two tivities accounts at Colby High

The dealership will have a Ford Mustang G1, a Lincoln MKZ ny brid, a new F-150 pickup and several other cars available to drive.

Pat Tubbs said the dealership is only able to count one driver per household. However, she said, college students who have a separate address from their parents can be counted as a separate household.

Tubbs said the event is an easy way to get money to the school district, since it doesn't require local citizens to donate any of their own cash. The test drives are free, she added, and there is no pressure to buy anything.

Student volunteers will help put



Like most major events, the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. has left a lasting impression in the minds of those who witnessed it. In this week's Colby Free Press, staff members will share their memories of that fateful day 10

On Sept. 11, 2001, I had just begun my junior year at Loveland High School. My first class of the day was an integrated history and language arts class. In those days, I never watched the morning news before going to school, and the attacks hadn't been on the radio music stations while I was driving

When I got to that first class of the day, the history teacher had the televisions on, which was unusual. There were two in the classroom, mounted on wall brackets. He had them turned to CNN and I saw two tall structures with smoke coming out of them, and I remember thinking "why are we seeing smoke stacks on the news?

As I looked closer I realized what I was seeing. I asked my classmates what was happening. One, who had been in the classroom for a while before I arrived, said he'd just seen the second plane hit.

CNN, along with all the other news channels, was running a live feed from several dozen cameras, including helicopters. They were also switching back and forth to the Pentagon and the fourth plane's crash site.

Mostly we just watched in stunned silence. Some classes shut off the television and



went about their business as usual. Some just had us sit and watch the news. I had several business-as-usual classes, but when I got to band class in the early afternoon, our director said it didn't seem right to play that day, so we turned on the televisions and watched as the event unfolded.

My strongest memory of the day is sitting in the director's office, which was just off the main band room, watching the coverage. CNN had an camera angle from down on the street below the tower, and from that angle you could see people jumping out the windows from above where the planes had hit.

Live coverage often includes things like that; things that even cable news would hesitate to show after the fact. The news anchor could barely find anything to say as that footage rolled. None of the television segments about 9/11 that I've ever seen since it happened have included that footage, but the disturbing image has never faded from my

The towers collapsed not long after that. Living more than a thousand miles away, there were only a few of us who had real connections to the attacks. I remember comforting one friend who had family who lived in New York City and couldn't get through to them. We learned later that her family was nowhere near the World Trade Center.

Several people were talking about going to Denver – about an hour's drive – to donate blood. I was 17 at the time, and would have had to get my parents' permission to go, and in any case we were told the donation centers were swamped, and they were telling people

The whole thing was a shock to all the students. None of us had experienced anything like a terrorist attack on that scale. We'd heard about the attack on the U.S.S. Cole the year before. We were around for the World Trade Center bombing and other small attacks, but to us until 9/11 terrorism was something that happened on the other side of the world. We never talked about it in history class, never studied Islam, the Middle East, or Afghanistan. Needless to say, the events of that day changed what we were taught in the following years.

The Colby Free Press would like to encourage readers to share their memories of Sept. 11, 2001. Letters may be sent to 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701; hand-carried to that address or e-mailed to colby.editor@nwkansas.com. Please include your name, address and phone number.

Join the convoy Friday and Saturday

This Friday and Saturday, lo- Truck Stop in Oakley at 8:30 p.m. cal Special Olympics athletes and From there they will head to Colvolunteers will take up the torch by and meet on Horton Avenue for the World's Largest Convoy.

The torch has been passed around northwest Kansas in recent weeks. Volunteers from Plainville, Stockton, Hill City and Hoxie held a torch run last week from Hays to Colby. Hays is the site of the Special Olympics Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament, while Colby is the destination of the World's Largest Convoy, taking

place Friday and Saturday. To kick things off, there will be a spaghetti supper at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Entertainment will include a performance by The Keys Truckers at 7:30 p.m. and a fireworks show after dark. There will be drawings for a Lil' Tex Trager Grill, a 50-pound beef bundle and

three 25-pound beef bundles. The main event will begin Saturday morning when the two legs of the convoy gather. One leg will gather at Wilkins Truck and Trailers in Goodland at 8:30 a.m. (Central Time) and another at Mitten's

for a parade through town about

The trucks will go north on Range Avenue to Fourth Street. They will take Fourth Street to Franklin Avenue, then turn right on Davis Avenue. From there they will turn back onto Range and drive to the Thomas County Fair-

The convoy drivers, athletes and guests will then have lunch and an awards ceremony at the

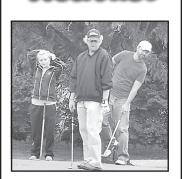
fairgrounds. Colby Police officers and Thomas County Sheriff's deputies will lead the convoy and the American Legion Riders will escort the trucks from both stops to

To join the convoy requires a minimum \$100 donation, a valid

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Area/State



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming north.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Sunday: Sunny, with a high

Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 55. Monday: Sunny, with a high

Monday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 59. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 85.

Friday: High, 84; Low 61 Saturday: High, 71; Low 46 Sunday: High, 74; Low 41 Monday: High, 80; Low 47 Tuesday: High, 85; Low 53 Precip: Friday 0.06 inches Saturday None Sunday None

Monday None None Tuesday Month: 0.06 inches Year: 16.11 inches Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:18 a.m. 8:06 p.m. Moon: waxing, 80 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory) **Colby Water Use**

Friday - Monday 2,151,000 gal.

2,227,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Weather Oil drilling technique proving controversial

more oil from rock layers, called hydraulic fracturing - or fracking - is fueling controversy in Kansas, with opponents saying it could threaten the water quality of the Ogallala Aquifer and supporters arguing that it has been used for years without any evidence that it pollutes water.

The method involves drilling deeply into the rock and then injecting water filled with chemicals to open seams in the rock. It has been used for up to 60 years but is attracting new attention because of increased use in northwest Kansas, where analysts expect to find shale associated with oil deposits.

More fracking activity also is reported in the south-central portion of the state, particularly in the Oklahoma border counties of Harper and Barber, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported (http://bit.ly/ ouF3m7).

The Sierra Club of Kansas contends the process uses unhealthy chemicals, requires heavy consumption of water and could contaminate water supplies. Critics are particularly concerned about possible damage to the Ogallala Aquifer, the underground reservoir that provides water for much of western Kansas.

The process, which started in Kansas in 1947, involves drilling deep vertically and horizontally before injecting with tremendous pressure water with a chemical brew to open seams in the rock to free oil and gas. The mixture can include compressed gases, including nitrogen, as well as acid. Sand or ceramic material is then moved into fluid-driven channels.

In Kansas, it involves drilling about 4,000 feet below the surface and nearly that distance horizontally to reach reserves. The approach requires multiple layers of pipe and cement to encase well bores, which shield groundwater at shal- that use fracking.

TOPEKA (AP) - A method of prying low depths. The Ogallala runs 500 to 1,000 feet deep in Kansas.

An interim joint committee of the Kansas Legislature will hear testimony about fracking Friday.

"We can't possibly threaten our water supplies," said Joe Spease, chair of the Sierra Club's fracking committee and a wind energy advocate. "We're going to appeal to common-sense farmers, ranchers and hunters."

The Sierra Club wants state and federal regulations on fracking that would require operational transparency at job sites, minimize the potential of groundwater contamination and hold violators accountable for mistakes. The club is particularly concerned with the introduction of radioactive minerals in the slurry of fluid to help measure fractures around well bores,

Energy producers, led by the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, defend the process.

"The vast majority of wells are fracked sometime in their life," said Ed Cross, executive director of KIOGA. "There has not been one documented case of fresh water contamination by hydraulic fracturing.

'Whenever you frack you're not going to get anything in that fresh water. You've got significant distance between it."

He blamed the 2010 anti-fracking documentary film, "Gasland," for twisting public perception of the technique. The film included footage from Dimock, Pa., of a family lighting their tap water on fire and blaming it on nearby fracking.

In response to the film, national oil and gas advocates created websites that argued that fluid used in fracking is 99 percent water, that flammable methane can naturally mix with water beneath the surface and the government regulates companies

Join the biggest convoy on Friday and Saturday

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day of the convoy at both beginning loca- 4177 and John Hinger (785) 899-5454.

For information, call any of the comdriver's license and proof of insurance. All mittee members: Joe and Jane Mentlick of the money raised will go to equipment 443-1682, Tom Sloan (785) 675-8540, and coaches for Special Olympics Kansas. Jack Collins (785) 675-8375, Daryl Goetz Drivers can pre-register or register on the (785) 673-4336, Mike Pipelow (620) 874-

Food sign up is open

Prairie Land Food sign up is open now through Monday at State Farm Insurance, 905 W. Fourth St. with delivery from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Sacred Heart School gym. For information, e-mail linda@prairielandfood.com.

Coalition to meet for lunch Thursday

The Thomas County Coalition will have its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at El Dos de Oros. Coalition members will discuss the community garden, walking trail and other projects. First-time visitors eat free. For information, call Sue Evans at 460-8177 or Jarrod Spencer at 443-2403.

Sign up for Girl Scouts at movie event Sunday

Girl Scouts new and old are invited to a registration event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, at the Colby Cinema. All Girl Scouts are invited to the event, which includes popcorn, a drink, even if they have already registered. Registration cost for joining Girl Scouts is \$12. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-2929 after 6 p.m.

Seniors plan potluck at church on Tuesday

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-

Chronic disease group to meet on Mondays

Citizens Medical Center is sponsoring a chronic disease support group from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17 at the hospital. Participants will discuss ways to reduce pain, deal with fatigue and handle stress. For information or to register, call Courtney McCarty at 460-1237.

Agriculture department has food to give out

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will distribute commodities to eligible people from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. Commodities are distributed based on income guidelines. Those eligible should bring a sack or box. Commodities include spaghetti, corn, spaghetti sauce, grapefruit juice and pinto beans. For

information, call 462-6744.

Community orchestra plans Monday practice

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is beginning a new season, with the first meeting and practice at 7 p.m. Monday at the Colby Community College Frahm Theatre. All area musicians are encouraged to attend. For information, call Carol Ann McGuire at 785-672-2380.

Register for family class

Smart Start is taking registrations for the Nurturing Families program, a 12-session program on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13. The program teaches families how to create stronger bonds. For information, call 465-

Men's group to meet weekly starting Wednesday

The Men's Fraternity will begin at 6 a.m. next Wednesday at the Colby Berean Church. The non-denominational group will meet weekly with the goal of becoming better husbands, fathers and men. For information, call Todd Murdock at 462-7997.

Auxiliary to have lunch when dignitary visits

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary will have a light lunch for members along with the district senior vice presidents visit at their meeting at 5 p.m. next Wednesday at the post home. For information, call Hazel Duffey at 460-3476.

American Red Cross plans September drive The American Red Cross will hold a blood

drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Bev Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Health department to hold flu clinic

The Thomas County Health Department will hold a Mass Flu Clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Thomas County 4-H building. No appointments are necessary. Pick up paperwork prior to the clinic at the health department. We will be accepting cash, check and insurance (be sure to bring a copy of your card). Cost is \$25 per shot or mist. For information, call the Flu Information Line at 460-4599.

Kansas utility regulators object to higher fees in federal phone proposal

on a year to Kansans' phone bills.

A plan proposed by six large phone Universal Service Fund fee on some consumers' phone bills, said Colleen Harrell, an assistant general counsel to the Kansas phone service, she added. Corporation Commission.

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TOPEKA (AP) - State utility regula- customers of rural phone companies to In their proposal to the FCC the phone Steve Rarrick of the Kansas Citizens' access charges. The state made the changbit.ly/qxb3ta).

companies to expand broadband Internet to their home phones would pay similar will enjoy the benefits of broadband for cations and FairPoint Communications. access could as much as triple the Kansas fees on those monthly bills, Harrell said. And it could extend to charges on voiceover-Internet accounts and cable-TV

The phone companies' proposal, called Those charges, originally designed to America's Broadband Connectivity is subsidize phone service in rural and hard- on the fast track for consideration by the to-serve areas, now range from \$1.45 for Federal Communications Commission.

tors have filed an objection to a federal \$2.04 for customers of AT&T for land- companies said, "Our proposal will en- Utility Ratepayer Board, who said it es years ago in response to complaints proposal that they say would add \$10 mil- lines, The Wichita Eagle reported (http:// sure that four million rural homes and would substantially benefit the companies that it cost less to make long-distance businesses in high-cost areas ... will have that proposed it – AT&T, Verizon, Centu- calls across the country than to call an-Customers with cellphones in addition access to broadband, two million of which ryLink, Windstream, Frontier Communithe first time."

They also said the proposal would make the collection of service fees more equal and standardize "access charges," the fees that phone companies pay each other to connect customers' calls.

But the plan has been opposed by con-

"They want to shift (universal service) funds to allow them to push out broadband in the way rural carriers have been doing for years ... to the detriment of probably both rural and wireless carriers," Rarrick said.

The KCC claims the plan would hurt sumer advocates across the country, said Kansas because it has already reformed

other city in the state.

The Kansas Universal Service Fund pays the state's phone companies for revenue lost when the KCC leveled in-state and out-of-state charges, Harrell said.

The ABC plan would add costs to the Kansas fund because state law requires it to cover any revenue the companies would lose if the FCC approves the plan. she said.

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Thursday Evening September 8, 2011											
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