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Colby holds Homecoming activities

The Colby High marching band (above) marched in the Homecoming Parade down Franklin Avenue on Friday. The freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes each had their own float to show class pride. The high school cheerleaders (left) waited on their float, which included a truck demolished at the bonfire Thursday night, for the parade to start. Other entries included the candidates for King and Queen, the high school dancers and the Boosters Club. Seniors Beau Brown and Gabby Browne (below) were crowned King and Queen Friday night after the football game at Dennen Field. Last year's Homecoming king, Konnor Kriss, and queen, Brenna McKee, crowned this year's winners.



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Colby woman leads police on chase in Goodland

Three children were taken to the Goodland hospital Sunday night after a Colby woman fled from a state trooper and crashed her car into a fence on U.S. 24 near Cherry Ave. in Goodland.

Tod Hileman, public resource officer for the Kansas Highway Patrol in Hays, said the driver, Shanna Rae Smith, 26, of Colby, had been involved in a domestic dispute in the Goodland Walmart parking lot just after 10 p.m. Goodland police and

state troopers arrived as she was leaving in a white 2002 Chevrolet Malibu.

Hileman said the woman turned north on K-27. When Trooper Perry Frey attempted to stop her, she fled, turning east on U.S. 24 and striking a police car. Hileman said there was minor damage to the city car.

Smith continued east on U.S. 24 with troopers in pursuit. Hileman said troopers clocked her at 95 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Eyewitnesses reported she was driving erratically, nearly striking vehicles going the opposite direction. After about a mile, she tried to north onto Cherry, but turned too wide, driving up over the curb and crashing into a fence by the flag pole on the northeast corner of the intersection.

The crash smashed in the front of the car, disabling it. Smith was arrested. Hileman said officers discovered three children in the car. An ambulance was called

to take the kids to Goodland Regional Medical Center, but Hileman said there were no major injuries. None of the children had been restrained, he said.

The car was leaking antifreeze and some smoke was coming from the engine, he said, but there was no fire. Once the car had been searched by police and troopers, the fire department checked it over, then it was towed away by Alex's Radiator and Auto Repair.

Smith was booked into the Sherman County jail on charges of felony fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement, driving under the influence, reckless driving, criminal damage to property, aggravated battery, two counts of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer with a vehicle and three counts of endangering a child, plus traffic charges including speeding 95 in a 40 zone and running a stop sign.

State closes Colby pawn shop

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The owners of C-M Gun & Pawn in Colby say they hope to be back in business this week after the store was seized Tuesday by state tax officials.

The Kansas Department of Revenue had seized the business with the help of Thomas County Sheriff's deputies because it owed \$32,249 in state sales taxes. Jeannine Koranda, spokeswoman for the department, said that there are four unsatisfied sales-tax warrants for the business dating to January 2002.

Co-owner Cindy Shubert disputed how the de-

partment arrived at the figure which it claims she and her husband Michael owe. She said they have a lawyer helping them reopen the business at 320 N. Franklin Ave., which was sealed by the Revenue Department last week.

The Shuberts' assets would normally be auctioned off to pay the taxes, Koranda said, but this time they were given to their bank because it has a lien on the shop already.

"That isn't how it's normally handled but in this case the bank had first rights," she said.

The Shubert's bank accounts and personal property were seized by the department along with cash

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Paper carrier wins award

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A Brewster boy's love of toys helped him to earn recognition as a writer.

"I was overwhelmed when I heard that I won the contest," said Jimmy Baldwin. "I haven't really won a lot in my life."

Jimmy is a fifth grader at the Lawrence Virtual School, an on-line unit of the Lawrence School District in eastern Kansas, and a carrier for the Colby Free Press.

His short story, "The Legend Begins," placed in the top four for the Kansas Authors Club's 2012 Youth Writing Contest.

He won the contest by writing "fan fiction," where an author builds on the plot of a television show, movie or comic book they like. Jimmy said he's a big fan of "Bionicle," a group of action figures made by Lego which come accompanied by their own books, movies and video games.

Jimmy has pictures of several of the plastic "action figures" he built himself, and after the series

was discontinued, he said, "I decided to get going with the story."

He said he decided to write his own back story for each of the six main characters in the original story.

"I just thought that I should tell the origins of all six of the heroes," he said. "I made most of this up myself."

He took the main villain from

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