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At least eight Kansas Highway Patrol troopers chased a man through Colby on Aug. 9 before he was cornered and captured by officers, including acting Colby Police Chief Ron Alexander (left) and Doug Carr, a trooper from WaKeeney.

Chase, elevator top list

Storms, fires and elections made news in 2012



The driver from a high-speed chase (above) was cuffed by Colby Police Officer Jared Lange with the help of acting Police Chief Ron Alexander (left) and Mitch Nollette, a Kansas state trooper from Oakley, on French Street in the northwest part of Colby. The chase, which scribed a square between Colby and Oakley, lasted about an hour.



KEVIN SEXTON

An 180,000-pound crane provided by Woofter Construction of Colby easily swung giant pieces of equipment into place for the McCarty Dairy expansion.



A barn owned by the Art May family went up in flames as a fire tore through Decatur County in June. Volunteers from fire depart-

ments in Decatur and neighboring counties save all five nearby homes from the flames, which burned about 7,000 acres.



SHARON WOOFTER

Sharon and Leon Woofter found their pickup buried in soil and straw after hurricane-force winds hit Colby on May 26. Sharon Woofter said the wind first blew all the straw from the field and deposited it in, on and around the house, garage, barn quonset and a windbreak row. Then it picked up the topsoil and piled it in drifts around the house and trees.