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## Departing trustees recognized

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The Colby Community College trustees recognized an outgoing board member and two departing employees at its monthly meeting.

The meeting June 12 was the last regular one for Trustee Cindy Black. Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, and Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, also are leaving.

Black decided not to run for reelection this spring. She will be replaced by Audrey Hines, who ran unopposed.

Washburn is retiring, according to Lisa Failla, administrative assistant at the president's office, but will come back to the college in the fall to teach part-time.

Nichols will move to Fort Hays State University as assistant vice

president of student affairs. She said she will teach an online class for college faculty here on Title IX, the section of the federal education act that requires equal treatment of men and women athletes and covers sexual harassment.

In other business:

• In her report, Nichols congratulated history teacher Tom Moorhous for trying to get more students enrolled this fall. He called hundreds of students who were on hold when they were contacted or just forgot to enroll. Moorhous will volunteer with retention and academic advising for the college this next year, Nichols said. She added that there are three enrollment days: one was Monday, and the others are Monday, July 15, and Saturday, July 27, both starting at 9 a.m.

Nichols' report said that in

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## One man dies on Interstate

A 23-year-old Oklahoma man was killed Wednesday afternoon in a rollover accident on I-70 near Edson.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol report, the white 2011 GMC pickup truck carrying driver Justin Strickland, 24, of Burkburnett, Texas, and passenger Corey McBride, 23, of Bokoshe, Okla., was headed east on I-70 when Strickland fell asleep and drove into the south ditch. The truck rolled and came to rest on its wheels facing north in a grassy area under the overpass at mile post 24.

The Goodland dispatch received word of the rollover at 1:45 p.m. The Sherman Rural Fire Department and Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services

were paged out.

A reporting party told authorities the driver was out and walking around, while the passenger was bleeding and not moving. A Highway Patrol trooper soon arrived on scene. Strickland was reported as uninjured. He had been wearing a seatbelt.

The trooper said over the radio that McBride had a head injury but was still breathing at the time. He had not been wearing a seatbelt and was reportedly ejected from the vehicle. He was rushed to Goodland Regional Medical Center, with Goodland police stopping traffic at intersections to allow the ambulance through. He was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m.

The truck was towed by Alex's Radiator of Goodland.

## Boston bombing suspect indicted

BOSTON (AP) — A federal grand jury on Thursday returned a 30-count indictment against the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings, and many of the charges carry the possibility of life in prison or the death penalty.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, was indicted on charges including using a weapon of mass destruction and bombing a place of public use, resulting in death.

Three people were killed and more than 260 injured in twin explosions near the finish line of the marathon on April 15. The charges also cover the death of MIT police officer Sean Collier, who authorities say was shot to death in his cruiser by the Tsarnaevs a few days after the bombing.

Tsarnaev's older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was killed following a shootout with police on April 19.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was captured later that day hiding in a boat in a backyard in Watertown, Mass.

According to the indictment, he wrote a message on the inside of the boat that said, among other things, "The U.S. Government is killing our innocent civilians," "I can't stand to see such evil go unpunished," and "We Muslims are one body you hurt one you hurt us all."

The Tsarnaev brothers had roots in the turbulent Russian regions of Dagestan and Chechnya, which have become recruiting grounds for Islamic extremists. They had been living in the United States for about a decade.

Authorities said each of the brothers placed a knapsack containing a shrapnel-packed pressure cooker bomb near the finish line of the 26.2-mile race. The bombs went off within seconds of one another.

The U.S. attorney's office says 17 of the charges against Tsarnaev could bring life in prison or the death penalty.



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Ken Frahm helped push the cabin just one more inch into its final position on the new foundation.



Commercial Sign employee Loren Wegele helped steady the unpredictable cabin as they tried to put it on a trailer. Crews discovered that the cabin was top-heavy, making for some tense moments in the move.

## Cabin takes a brief flight

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A new multipurpose small group building at the Colby United Methodist Church has moved twice in its short life, but it now sits on a permanent foundation on the south side of the church, thanks to the efforts of local community members.

Ken and Sheila Frahm purchased the pre-built cabin sight-unseen from an auction last spring at Northwest Technical College in Goodland. Once they saw the building, they decided it was too nice for the pasture they had in mind, so they donated it to the church.

The cabin needed a permanent foundation at the church, so Matthew Barnum made this his Eagle Scout project. Barnum, a 16-year-old junior at Colby High School, is the son of Scott and Jan Barnum.

The Frahms paid for supplies to build the foundation, and Barnum went to work, along with his father and members of his boy scout troop. The group poured footings and a slab of concrete and laid the cinderblock foundation in the fall.

L.J. O'Neal dug the hole for the foundation, and Mark Zerr brought his skid steer for backfilling.

Bruce Bandy, owner of Commercial Sign company, offered to use his equipment to move the building over the trees and onto the new foundation. But several factors had to come together at the same time to make that possible, including having two cranes in town at the same time, no significant wind, dry ground for the heavy cranes and trailer to drive on, and two crane crews available. Monday's calm weather allowed the company to finally put the cabin in its permanent location.

Barnum said he will take care of finishing the cabin by adding decorations like a patio

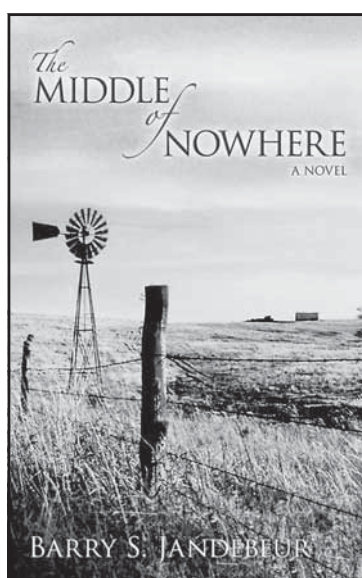
and flower box and fastening the building to the foundation. The church plans to make the cabin available for small study groups and individual meditation.



Bruce Bandy, owner of Commercial Sign, donated the two cranes used to move the cabin. Moving the straps used to lift it just a couple of inches would result in a weight shift of 800 pounds.



Matthew Barnum dug under one of the beams used to lift the cabin. After setting the cabin into place, the beams were stuck in the ground.



## New fiction features Colby

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A Maine author's two-day stay in Colby and the hospitality of the people he met inspired him to write a book based in Thomas County.

Barry S. Jandebeur of Ogunquit, Maine, wrote the book "The Middle of Nowhere" after staying in Colby for two days. He said he was driving to Colorado with his wife about six years ago, and they stopped at the Visitor's Center to

use the restroom. A man warned them of a snowstorm that stranded them here.

"He says, 'How far are you headed tonight?' and we said 'to Limon,' and he said 'no you're not,'" Jandebeur said. "I looked outside and it was sunny."

But the incoming storm closed the highway down that night, keeping Jandebeur here for two days, which he spent going back and forth between his hotel and a truck stop.

"I met everybody from gentlemen farmers to businessmen," he

said. "The hospitality was incredible."

Listening to the gossip at the truck stop helped Jandebeur keep track of what was going on along Interstate 70. It also helped lead him to write his book, which centers around a Maine man named Jack Hall. Hall's car breaks down in the so-called "Kansas Triangle," a fictional stretch of Interstate 70 that Jandebeur places around the Mingo exit. Farmer Frank Hammond rescues Jack and takes him

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