

Summer season rolls around to school time



With schools ready to start next week, Sacred Heart student Hayden Bellamy checked out the new merry-go-round dressing up the playground. Sacred Heart, along with the Colby

Public Schools, Heartland Christian and Golden Plains, will begin classes Thursday. Brewster Schools will begin Tuesday and Colby Community College starts up Monday.

LAURA KREJCI/Sacred Heart School

Republican River group to meet in September

The Republican River Compact Administration will hold its 53rd annual meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Community Building in Colby, discussing water related issues, including compact compliance in the Republican River basin in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

The three states entered into the Republican River Compact in 1943 to provide for the equitable division of the basin's waters, remove causes of potential controversy, promote interstate cooperation and joint action by the states and the federal government in the efficient use of water and the control of destructive floods.

The administration comprises three commissioners representing the states: David Barfield, chief

engineer for the Kansas Division of Water Resources, Colorado State Engineer Dick Wolfe and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Director Brian Dunning.

The group will hold a work session at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Office, 1290 W. Fourth. District manager Wayne Bossert noted that this is a new address and the office has not moved yet but will be relocated by the date of the meeting.

Both sessions will be open to the public. For information about the Republican River Compact, go to agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/interstate-rivers-and-compacts.

Missing tortoise found OK

JUNCTION CITY (AP) — A 50-pound tortoise that disappeared from outside its northeast Kansas home has been found and returned home.

Geary County Sheriff Tony Wolf says the brown African

spurred tortoise was found last Friday. The animal was unharmed but stuck on a ledge in a ravine behind its owners' home outside Junction City. Wolf says the tortoise wasn't injured but was a little hungry.

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