

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Brewster hot dog feed coming up Thursday

Brewster's annual hot dog and watermelon feed is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday at Hunter-Hall Park. Donations will benefit the Brewster Heritage Center.

Cub Scouts to hold sign-up meeting

Cub Scouts will hold an information and sign-up meeting for new and returning boys in first through fifth grades at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Colby Grade School activities room.

Ex-gun lobbyist to give 'Max' lecture

Former gun lobbyist Richard Feldman will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center near the southeast corner of the Colby Community College campus.

World's Largest Convoy helps Special Olympics

The World's Largest Truck Convoy, open to the public, will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 and 7, in Colby. At 5 p.m. Friday, events kick off with a tailgate barbecue party at Oasis-Petro.

County Landfill to close for weekend

For the Labor Day weekend, the Thomas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday and remain closed until Tuesday Sept. 3.

Sanitation trucks won't run on Labor Day

City of Colby sanitation trucks will not run on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Monday's sanitation route will be picked up Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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Page City reunion could be last

The Page City Reunion scheduled for Friday and Saturday could be the last for the tiny Logan County town.

The event started as a Page City High School reunions, but as the years passed, developed into a reunion for the whole community.

Karla Harlow, daughter of Darla (Samuelson) Roberts from Page City, and one of the reunion's planners, said planning has become more difficult as the schoolmates have

moved on and aged. At this year's reunion, she said, the group will discuss whether to have any more in the future.

Page City is about 17 miles west of Oakley on U.S. 40, or 26 miles southwest of Colby. Today, there not much left but a couple of elevators. The school closed in 1957.

Reunion activities will begin at 7 p.m. Friday with a "pre-party party," a potluck social at the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 220 N. Lake Ave.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the group plans a visit to the Buffalo Bill Museum in Oakley. The museum tour features a program, entertainment and a catered buffet paid for with a donation.

To make reservations for the Saturday event or for information, contact Mary Boyd at (303) 759-9265 or Harlow at karla@xtremedrilling.com.

Farm raising yields toward 300 bushels

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added more nutrients, especially boron, through the pivot sprinkler. He said they probably did too much to the crop, since now there will be too many variables to tell what helped out the most.

"We've been going accordingly, you know, we've been spoon-feeding the crop," Baalman said.

After a hail storm hit the farm July 3, they added more nutrients, fungicide and pesticide, Baalman said. Spider mites got on the southern side of the crop from the grass along U.S. 24.

He would have strip-tilled the field, but decided not to for the sake of the project. He also put more water on it than he normally

would, probably 13 to 14 acre inches so far.

"I don't know what that pivot's going to make," Baalman said. "Everybody asks me."

He said he's thinking about 275 bushels per acre, but not 300. He rotates the field between corn and soybeans, and it usually produces about 240 to 250 bushels of corn.

"It's fun to go to the coffee shop and brag," he said, adding that the steps he has been taking need to be measured against whether a farmer can afford it.

Scanlan said they might look into adding more fungicide and fine-tuning their application of nutrients next year, but they will have to look at the information they gather at harvest.

Woolfolk said he grew up in Oklahoma and has farmland near Tribune. He is working with Baalman and Todd Prinz of West Point, Neb. The Mosaic representatives were to visit Prinz Wednesday, then move on to farms in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

"The bottom line is, we can learn a lot from each other," Woolfolk said. "That's what the program is all about, sitting down with intelligent people bringing in experience."

The Mosaic representatives plan to visit this year's Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Ill., during their tour. The company, which supplies phosphates and potash, started the program at last year's farm show, and have

been working with Baalman since last fall. They said the company will consider bringing more farmers into the program next year.

He introduced the program to about 40 farmers Tuesday afternoon at the City Limits Convention Center. He said the world's farmers will have to produce 70 percent more grain in the next 40 years to keep up with demand and make better use of the world's arable land and water.

Mosaic could easily get a field to out-do 300 bushels, he said, but the program is not just a yield contest.

"We take care of the environment as we try to move the yield needle," he said.

School board learns to do job better

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suggesting them to the board. Policies are approved once or twice a year.

In other business, the board:

• Approved new and revised board policies with the exception of a section concerning disruptive acts in school and at school activities. Harrison said after the meeting that the district had been working on those policies since June.

• Heard Elementary Principal Lance Krannawitter report that the school has 380 students enrolled, 12 fewer than last year, but a big jump up from the year before, when there were 328.

The number of students who speak English as a second language has double to about 23 this year, he said. That includes several Asian students as well as Spanish-speakers, Krannawitter said. The school hired five new teachers and two new paraprofessionals, he said, and two teachers are teaching different grades than before.

• Heard Middle School Principal Robb Ross report that 70 sixth-graders, 66 seventh-graders and 74 eighth graders were enrolled, a total of 210 students compared to 212 last fall.

There are 21 kids each in seventh and eighth grade football, he said. The school has four new teacher aides, Ross said, and Brandi Jones is a reading aide both at the middle and elementary schools.

• Listened as Jeff Wallingford, high school principal, said 311 students had enrolled at the school as of Aug. 16, 81 ninth graders, 69 tenth graders, 77 juniors and 84 seniors. That compared to 310 at the same time last year. Three new teachers have joined the faculty, he said.

• Heard Athletic Director Larry Gabel report that the C-team volleyball tournament set for Saturday, in Phillipsburg had been cancelled. The homecoming football game against Ulysses will be Friday, Sept. 20. He said eight girls and 10 boys are in cross country, 33 in volleyball, 50 for football, 11 or 12 for girls' tennis and eight for golf.

• Heard Curriculum Director Diana Wieland report that school staff had spent a long time this summer on training, including a workshop on co-teaching. Gov. Sam Brownback has announced a new initiative to teach students reading skills, she said, and the district is one of the finalists for a \$10,000 grant from Monsanto. The winner will be announced Tuesday.

Wieland said 30 students are working with the school's "career technical academy," taking classes such as engine technology, which has nine students, many at area colleges. Board member Ed Geishler,

who represents the district on the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board of Control, reported that "they spent about 10 minutes bragging about Colby" at the last meeting because of the program.

• Heard from Superintendent Harrison that a dedication is planned for an iron statue of an Eagle that donors had built in front of the high school, organized by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. It will also serve to celebrate the fact that the district will finally pay off the bonds on the high school, completed in 1996, this year.

• Approved resignations resignations from custodian Joyce Towey, food service worker Peggy Humphries and middle school aide Bev Randolph, who was recognized for being with the school for 17 years.

• OK'd hiring Travis Betz as a half-time special education teacher, Linda Niermeier, as a grade-school aide and Lisa Heibult, Mike Donelan, Terina Schmidt and Michaela Space as aides at the middle school. Supplemental contracts were approved for all the new head and assistant coaches at the middle school and high school.

• Discussed goals for the board. Harrison said the board should vote next month whether to keep its goals or add new ones.

• Went into closed session for 25 minutes to discuss issues with attorney John Gatz which also concerned security.

• Approved out-of-district transportation requests for Keden Frahm, Zach and Austin Hart and Jake, Gus and Kelly Palmgren to come Colby schools. It also approved requests for Haley and Jaron Redmond to attend school in Oakley and Brittan and Braydan Fringer to go to Golden Plains.

Dodge City man flown to Wichita

A Dodge City man was flown to a Wichita hospital and his passenger was hurt when a pickup rolled early Thursday on a county road southwest of Oakley.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Rogelio Cerda, 25, was driving a 2004 GMC Sierra southbound on County Road 430 about 2:10 a.m. He lost control half a mile south of the west junction of U.S. 40 and U.S. 83. The truck went into the west ditch and

rolled, stopping on the driver's side.

Where the accident occurred, Road 430 is the southbound continuation of U.S. 83 where the highway ends at U.S. 40. U.S. 83 continues south a mile to the east.

Cerda and a passenger, Paula Cabrera, 21, also of Dodge City, were taken to the Logan County Hospital. Cerda was flown to Wesley Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition Thursday.

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Table of TV listings for Tuesday Evening, August 27, 2013. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.)

Table of TV listings for Wednesday Evening, August 28, 2013. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.)

AmericanProfile // CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT // Table listing various TV shows and channels such as HIST, LIFE, MTV, NICK, etc.