State officials unhappy with new maps

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M aps drawn by federal judges in Kansas City left the state House and Senate districts covering the northwest corner of Kansas with so many backflips they caused a citizen to file a lawsuit that once served Goodland Colby, and Colby, and Colby. Maps proposed by the Legislature in 2010 were overturned by the state's highest election matches, but none of them was ever passed. A fight over control of the Senate between conservative and moderate Republican leaders led the redistricting process to collapse.

That means Sen. Ralph Ousley, a long-time incumbent Republican from Grandview and Kent Allen Smith, a Democrat, both now live in Ostmeyer's 41st District, which shrinks from 17 counties to 11. But now takes a Democratic-leaning area.

The 42nd District skills in Johnson County, where population is less dense. The 12th which had run from Cheyenne to Phillips counties along the Nebraska line now takes in Goodland Colby, and Colby.

Horse trailer rolls over on I-70

A horse that had been a trailer that rolled over on I-70 in an accident that left one person injured and it was over after the truck. The Goodland Star-News.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts said his officers were on the scene early Friday morning when a horse trailer was involved in an accident on I-70.

The trailer struck the guardrail on the southbound side of the trailer. The horse was taken to an area hospital. The driver was later released.

County, city firefighers battle fire

Sherrman County Public Safety Fire Chief Brian James said the fire burned an area one half mile long and 600 yards wide. City firefighters and Wallace County firefighters as well as Sherman County paramedics and local farmers were called to assist. The 20-30 mph wind caused several flare-ups an area.

City firefighters were battling the blaze, but they had it under control by 7:40 p.m.

The fire destroyed one residential building.

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Central Elementary Principal Harvey Sweer and West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes said they had begun preparing for the new school year as early as possible, which was actually cost parents less than them buying the supplies.

The board paid $332,288 in salaries and benefits to the district for those salaries and benefits.

According to Sweer, the switch would have not required students to more writing. If the Common Core Curriculum would work like they currently do.

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