

No injuries in semi rollover



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

A semi truck and trailer were overturned on the south side of eastbound Interstate-70 Friday near mile marker 59, about three miles northwest of Mingo. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported the truck slid off the road at 4:01 a.m. while the driver was talking

on the radio. The rig went off the road and then overturned, coming to rest on the passenger's side. The driver was not hurt and no other vehicles were involved. Eastbound traffic on Interstate 70 was closed temporarily so that the semi could be towed.

Brownies set up disposal location for worn U.S. flags

The Colby Brownies are conducting a public service activity to allow citizens and businesses an opportunity to properly dispose of worn U.S. flags, said Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, scout leader.

A flag receptacle has been placed in the foyer area of Pioneer Memorial Library at 375 W 4th.

The flag collection will continue until Wednesday, May 12 for those wanting to drop off flags.

A community ceremony utilizing the VFW suggested procedures is scheduled for 6 pm Friday, May 9 at the Colby Municipal Airport.

“The Colby Brownies urge you to

dispose of worn U.S. Flags that are: 1) torn beyond repair; 2) repaired to an extent that they are no longer rectangular in appearance; or 3) faded to an extent that the colors are not clearly recognizable,” Ostmeyer said. These guidelines were taken from the VFW suggested format for disposal.

Officials with the VFW said the U.S. flag should always be flown in good appearance and repair.

The fourth grade Brownie troop adopted the flag disposal project from Dick Weston with the VFW who had done it in previous years.

For questions, call Ostmeyer at 460-3298.

Annual ‘dog-n-jog’ planned in Manhattan

MANHATTAN — Check-in begins at 7:45 a.m. for the ninth annual Dog-N-Jog to be run this Saturday at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine campus, 1800 Denison Ave., Manhattan.

Kansas State’s Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and the College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2005 will host the event that includes 10K and 5K runs starting at 8:45 a.m. and a 1.5K family fun run following at 10 a.m.

A pet is not required for entry and events will take place rain or shine.

The entry fee is \$18 with a portion of the proceeds going to the

Kansas Specialty Dog Service Inc. The service is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the training and placement of canine assistants to individuals with physical disabilities.

Know the facts about alcohol, officials said

Editor’s note: The following article was submitted by the Regional Prevention Center as a public service and written by Diane Stithem.

Too many young people die everyday in alcohol-related car crashes. Were you aware that April is Alcohol Awareness Month and in response to this serious problem, Colby Elementary School, Sacred Heart School, Regional Prevention Center and local health professionals including Tubbs Chiropractic,

Citizens Medical Center, Inc., Tina Harris Physical Therapy Sports Medicine Center, Northwest Kansas Physical Therapy, Morrison and Wahlmeier Optometrists, Dr. Larry Washburn, ADAC, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County, Dr. Karen Thummel, Dr. Scott Haas and Colby Medical and Surgical Center have agreed to support a community-based event called “Reach Out Now Teach-Ins.” These important events will be held in all

50 states and the District of Columbia during the week of April 26-30 and in our community on April 29 and 30.

The event’s primary goal is to foster a conversation with fifth grade students on the dangers of early alcohol use. The secondary goal is to increase the number of youth who understand the health risks associated with alcohol use and empower them to resist the pressure to drink they often get from

peers and media messages.

All members of our community need to recognize the serious consequences of underage drinking. It makes our highways less safe, our schools less effective, and our future less certain.

Let’s make it less acceptable and more difficult for youth to drink! For more information call Diane Stithem at the Northwest Regional Prevention Center at (785) 462-6774.

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