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KU Barnstormers entertain in Colby

The KU Barnstormers invaded Colby Sunday evening, playing against the Western Kansas High School Senior All-Stars at the Community Building, an event sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County. Connor Teahan (above left), one of the KU seniors playing with the Barnstormers, involved the crowd in the game, choosing a boy from the stage to play in the game. The boy took a couple of shots, but wasn't able to make a basket. Colby High senior Dalaan Organ (left), representing the Senior All-Stars, went up against Jordan Juenemann, another KU senior for the Barnstormers, for a basket. The other players for the Barnstormers, who were Colby Eagles basketball alumni, were Fur Finley, Cole Finley, Jordan Sharp, Nick Howard and Katrina Kaus. The other players for the Western Kansas High School Senior All-Stars were Shelby Heim, Hoxie; Jordan Wahlmeier, Norton; Abbey Wolters, Rawlins; Paige Roopchan, Colby; Kasey Hoyt, Brewster; Cole Christensen, Golden Plains; Parker Sieck, Goodland; and Colin Clark, Rawlins.

Committee works on disaster plan

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Thomas County's Local Emergency Planning Committee is updating its Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan said during the group's quarterly meeting Wednesday.

Under standards set by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, the county agency is required to maintain a comprehensive plan to prepare and coordinate efforts during a disaster, she said.

"The new standards are being introduced into the local plan as we speak," said McMahan.

The plan was first approved by the state in August 2008, she said. It is the primary tool for coordination and response during a disaster.

The plan describes the respon-

sibilities, management and coordination of resources and personnel during a disaster. It identifies a person's key roles during emergencies, helps to ensure other agencies are involved if needed and helps to line out action plans when responding to many types of crises, minor and major.

Along with new additions, McMahan said, the yearly report for Emergency Support Functions-10 is due by the last meeting of the year in November. It is one of 15 support functions included in the plan.

This particular function coordinates interagency support for emergencies dealing with oil and hazardous materials. It includes mechanisms used to coordinate support in response to an actual or potential discharge and uncontrolled release of oil or hazardous materials, substances, pollutants

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Kansas House revisits map work

TOPEKA (AP) — A Kansas House committee plans to start the week trying to do what lawmakers couldn't do last week — draw a new map of state Senate districts that both chambers can accept.

Boundaries of the 40 Senate districts are being adjusted to account for changes in population. By tradition, each chamber of the Kansas Legislatures revises its own map, and the other chamber goes along. But the House has become involved in Senate redistricting this year.

House Speaker Mike O'Neal says his chamber's Redistricting Committee will consider a Senate map similar to one drawn by Sen. Steve Abrams of Arkansas City, which senators said was much more favorable to western Kansas and avoided drawing any opponent out of a senator's district.

That map was narrowly voted down by the Senate — and the conservative-led House has rejected a map backed by the "moderate" Senate leadership which the upper chamber approved.

Toddler walking through pasture run over by truck

OSWEGO (AP) — Officers are investigating the death of a 2-year-old boy who was run over by a truck while walking through a pasture in southeast Kansas.

Clayton James of Labette County was struck Saturday in the pasture one mile southwest of Oswego in Labette County.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says the driver, 30-year-old Christy Dunic of Oswego, wasn't able to see the boy before running over him.

KAKE-TV reports (bit.ly/JW-LOOG) it is unclear why the boy was wandering in the field.

Colby senior snags \$1,000 scholarship

Katera Harter of Colby has won a \$1,000 Built Ford Tough-FFA Scholarship from Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales of Colby and the Ford Motor Co.

Harter, a graduating senior of Colby High School, and a member of the FFA chapter there, says she plans to study agricultural business management at Colby Community College. She is the daughter of Lowell Harter and Sue Harter of Colby.

The scholarship recognizes her FFA talents and accomplishments and encourages her future academic achievements, the firms said.

Harter is one of 529 scholarship recipients receiving an award from the Ford Division and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall. The program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Founda-

tion, the company says.

The foundation has been supported by Ford since 1948, and Ford has sponsored the scholarship program since 1997. To date, it has awarded \$7,113,000 in scholarships to 7,113 FFA members throughout the country.

FFA is a national youth organization which aims to help agriculture students develop their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success.

Mike Tubbs (left) of Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales of Colby spoke with Katera Harter, the Built Ford Tough-FFA Scholarship winner, and Tom Rundel, Colby High agriculture instructor, Thursday at the car dealer. Harter won a \$1,000 scholarship, which she will use to study agricultural business management at Colby Community College.

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