



Rollover kills one, injures six

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A truckload of youths apparently on their way to town from the northeast part of the county missed a curve late Friday and rolled into the ditch, killing the driver and sending all six passengers to the hospital.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that the accident happened shortly before 11:30 p.m. about 7 1/2 miles north and four miles east of Colby. Jance Kruse, 21, Oakley, was driving the four-door 1999 Ford pickup when he failed to make a curve and rolled into a ditch. He was taken to Citizen's Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead a short time

later. The patrol report said Kruse was southbound on County Road 23 four miles east of K-25 when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road where it crosses the South Fork of the Sappa Creek. The pickup swerved west, entering the righthand ditch sideways, and rolling 2 1/2 times.

Road 23 is a through route, but bends around to cross the creek at the intersection with County Road AA.

The passengers were all taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby, the report said.

Three of them were later flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

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College to sell cars from fleet

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The Colby Community College trustees decided Monday to get rid of four cars and two vans from the college's fleet, along with some equipment, as a way to save money.

Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, said they would sell the six vehicles and buy two new vans to maximize their use.

"By moving some away from the personal vehicles," he said, "we would maybe tend to discour-

age the use of so many individual trips. Most of the ones we're turning in are beginning to age, miles, that sort of thing."

Kaaz said that 68 percent of the college's vehicle expenses from January to December last year were for gasoline. He also said \$215,800 was spent on vehicles, including two buses, for gas, repairs, tires and the like.

Board Chairman Arlen Leiker asked what kind of vans they would look at buying and Kaaz said they want a minivan and a

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GOP going forward with convention despite storm

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TAMPA, Fla. - Mitt Romney's Republican National Convention sputters to life today with the lonely banging of a gavel in a mostly empty hall, then hits full speed on Tuesday, just as forecasters say Tropical Storm Isaac could reach hur-

ricane strength and make landfall somewhere along a stretch from New Orleans to the Florida Panhandle.

"Our sons are already in Tampa and they say it's terrific there, a lot of great friends. And we're looking forward to a great convention," Romney said as he rehearsed his convention speech at a New Hampshire high school auditorium. He suggested there were no thoughts of can-

celing the gathering.

Romney said he hopes those in the storm's path are "spared any major destruction." Looking ahead, the former Massachusetts governor signaled that he and his wife Ann are close to finalizing their speeches.

Party Chairman Reince Priebus, for his part, insisted the GOP can "have a great week" despite the storm bearing down on

the Gulf Coast.

But Sally Bradshaw, a Florida Republican and longtime senior aide to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, was not so sanguine. "It's a mess all around and it's fraught with risk," she said. "It's not good for anybody - particularly the people impacted by the storm."

It was hardly the opening splash that convention planners had hoped for, and

risked the juxtaposition of Republicans partying as the storm heads toward the gulf - almost exactly seven years after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

"Obviously we want to pray for anyone that's in the pathway of this storm," Priebus said today on NBC's "Today" show.

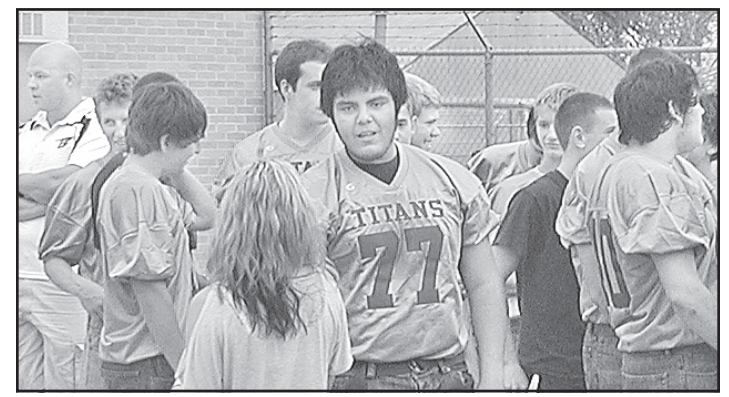
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Brewster Library holds annual feed

Lisa Juenemann (above left) and Debbie Luckert were feeling a little wild and crazy as they cut up the watermelon Friday for the Brewster Library and Museum's annual hot dog and watermelon feed at Hunter Hall Park. Brewster football players (below) waited in line for the feed and beforehand, Bob Lehman (left) and Fred Juenemann grilled the hot dogs for the event. Donations went to the library.

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Rexford sisters ride in world show

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It's not every day at a horse show you get to compete against riders from other countries.

But sisters Tylor Todd, 9, and Taylor Todd, 15, of Rexford, tried their luck at the American Quarter Horse Association Youth World Competition from Aug. 3 to 11 in Oklahoma City, their mother Brandy Todd said.

The show involved over 2,400 entries from the U.S., Canada, England, Sweden and Venezuela. The youth rode in 34 events, of which the Todd girls competed in two: the cutting and boxing.

The cutting event involves picking a single cow and separating it from a herd. The boxing competition involves leading a horse in a reining pattern, then keeping a single cow boxed into one side of the arena.

There were 42 in the competition for cutting and 19 in the

boxing competition, including both boys and girls 18 and under.

Those who placed in the top 15 of a preliminary competition went to the finals. Out of these, Taylor placed fifth in the cutting on Pepper's Lucky Jewel and eighth in the boxing on Cat Smooth. Taylor also took second in intermediate cutting, but was humble after her success.

"My horses worked so well for me," she said. "I give all the credit to them."

Taylor placed 10th in the boxing competition on Hickory's Dr. Pepper.

"I was so excited to make the finals," she said. "Being one of the youngest kids in the cowhorse division was nerve-racking, but I had a great experience."

She finished third in the 13-and-

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Taylor Todd, 15, of Rexford, rode her gelding quarter horse Cat Smooth all the way to eighth place in the boxing competition on Aug. 11 at the American Quarter Horse Association's Youth

World Show. The horse and rider had to complete a rein pattern before "boxing" a cow into one side of the arena. Todd gave her horses all the credit for her success in the show.

