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Collision sends three to hospitals

Three people were flown to city hospitals after the two cars they were in collided head-on near Hoxie on Wednesday.

The Kansas Highway Patrol worked the accident with the Sheridan County Sheriff's Department.

The patrol reported that James William Waldon, 62, Hoxie, was driving south on County Road 10E about 10:48 a.m. The 2006 Ford F-150 he was driving was left of center when it and a 1999 Pontiac Bonneville collided head-on. Both cars came to rest in the west ditch, two miles north and half a mile west of Hoxie.

Waldon and the two people in the northbound car, driver Phillip Michael Bowie, 33 and his mother Debra A. Bowie, 60, both

of Dresden, were first taken to the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie.

Sheriff Brian Fenner said that two crews from EagleMed landed in Colby, and ambulances took them Hoxie and back with two of the crash victims. The other victim was taken directly out of Hoxie by a LifeTeam crew.

"Where they went, I have no idea," Fenner said, adding that he was not sure which victim left with which crew.

Steven Granzow, chief executive officer of the hospital, would not say, and Highway Patrol officials said they did not know where the three had been taken.

The Bowies were wearing seat belts, but Waldon was not, the patrol reported.

Rexford dairy wins new award

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McCarty Family Farms won another award last month when owners Tom and Judy McCarty were named as Agriculture Leaders of the Year by Kansas State University's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development.

Earlier this year, McCarty Farms received the Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year award from the International Dairy Foods Association and Dairy Today magazine.

The K-State award honors Kansans who "demonstrated a high level of innovation, hard work and service to rural Kansas and beyond," said Renee Shaw, chair of the institute's board. The Leaders of the Year were selected by students at K-State's College of

Business, she said.

The McCartys, along with sons Clay, Mike, David and Ken, are part of a long-time dairy family in Pennsylvania. When they needed room to grow in the 1990s, they relocated to Rexford and built a new dairy.

Today, after expansions in Bird City and Scott City, McCarty Family Farms milks about 7,200 cows.

The family operates a milk processor and evaporator at Rexford with an exclusive rights agreement to provide all of the condensed skim milk for the Dannon Yogurt plant in Fort Worth. Each day, three tankers of condensed milk travel from Rexford to Texas for processing.

"Tom and Judy McCarty took a risk and moved from rural Penn-

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Sacred Heart holds second Fun Run

A little over a hundred kids and adults participated (above) in Sacred Heart School's second annual Fun Run on Saturday morning at Colby Community College. The run, which started and ended by the sign in front of the college parking lot (left), wound its way for two miles around the campus (below). Principal Laura Krejci said the run was aimed at helping keep kids fit.

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Planting pinwheels



Paige Campbell helped students plant pinwheels outside Kids Port daycare on Monday. The pinwheels are to draw attention to child abuse prevention and efforts to strengthen families to

PAIGE CAMPBELL/Northwest Kansas Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect prevent abuse for April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Cultural center features Oakley artist

The Buffalo Bill Cultural Center in Oakley is having its first "Artist of the Month" display this month, featuring the work of contemporary western artist Roy Jessup, owner of Jessup Studio in Oakley.

Jessup specializes in watercolor. His subjects include horses, cattle, cowboys and cowgirls in a realistic depiction of today's American West. The display will run through Tuesday, April 30. Original art and selected prints

will be available for sale.

Also, on Saturday, Steve Friesen, curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave in Golden, Colo., will be at the center from 1 to 3 p.m. doing a talk about Buffalo Bill.

He will be on hand afterwards to sign his book, "Buffalo Bill, Scout, Showman, Visionary." Friesen will be bringing with him part of the Buffalo Bill "Dime

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Gun control bill clears first hurdle in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Gun control supporters have won the first Senate showdown over restricting firearms, rejecting an effort by conservatives to derail a package of gun curbs before debate could even begin.

The 68-31 vote gave an initial burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers, mostly Democrats, to impose gun restrictions following the December carnage at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

Gun control supporters needed 60 votes to block the conservatives.

The legislation would subject more firearms buyers to federal background checks, strengthen laws against illicit gun trafficking and increase school safety aid. Advocates say the measures would make it harder for criminals and the mentally ill to get weapons.

