

# Organizers pleased with Nine-Run-Run

The Thomas County Emergency Medical Services 9-Run-Run, held at Fike Park Saturday, was termed a success this year by coordinator Kathi Wright.

"We had some good weather and had a great turnout of participants," she said. "All the runners and walkers are super people and a good time was had by all. A special thanks to all the participants, we couldn't have done it without you."

The 2K fun walk had 23 participants as well as three little ones. Special awards were given for oldest and youngest runners and the runner traveling the farthest.

Etta Holloway, Oakley took the oldest runner honors at 66. Kalyn Clark was the youngest at 8.

The farthest traveled were Eric Denneler, Wichita, Andrew Peppiatt, Salina, Jill Reges, Montezuma and Julie Ross, Eckly, Colo.

More than 21 people made donations larger than \$50, according to Wright.

Here are the individual results for each event:

- 10K Run**  
**Overall male winners.**  
1. James White, Colby, 38:37  
2. Jeff Beckor, Hays, 38:55

3. Nathan Harter, Colby, 42:28  
Other participants were Matt Walker, Ben Cressler, Eric Denneler, Raymond Texter, Wayne Purinton, Curtis Longpine, and Virgil Hemel.

**Overall female winners**  
1. Tiffany Diehl, Goodland, 57:38  
2. Laura Cook, Colby, 1:02:16

**5K Run**  
**Overall male winners**  
1. Matt Augustine, Colby, 18:40  
2. Jeff Williams, Colby, 18:50  
3. Chase Kough, Colby, 19:30

Other participants were Todd Ohlrogge, Jason Robben, Travis Betz, Daryl Strecker, Kevin Cox, Michael Schriener, Andrew Peppiatt, Jim Mardock, and Scott Walker.

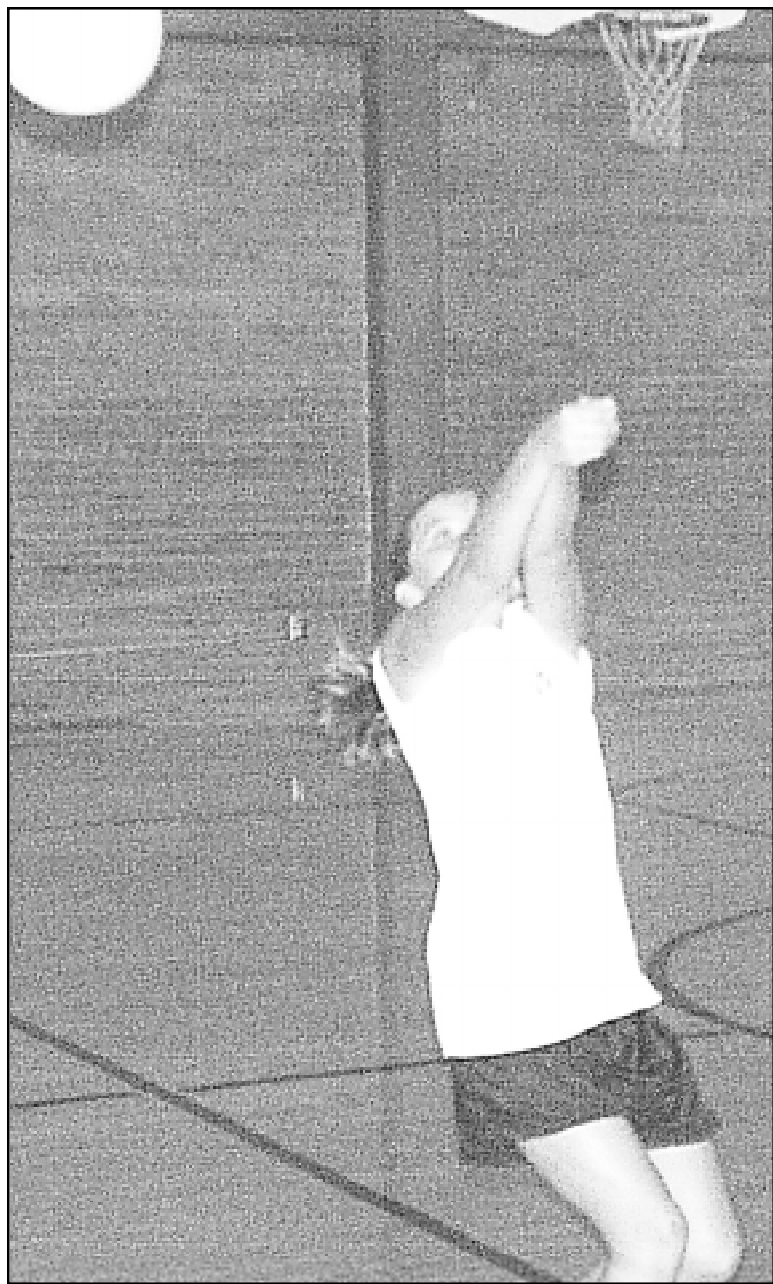
**Overall female winners**  
1. Julie Rus, Eckley, Colo., 24:47  
2. Adriane Moss, Hoxie, 25:16  
3. Gina Cressler, Hoxie, 25:48  
Sara Strecker also participated.

**2K run**  
**Overall male winners:**  
1. Jesse Colson, Selden, 8:36  
2. Bryce Clark, Colby, 9:22  
3. Loren Cressler, Hoxie, 9:27

Other participants were Ross Wright and Jordon Erickson.

**Overall female winners**  
1. Keesa Wright, Colby, 12:44  
2. Raenette Martin, Colby, 14:13  
3. Oneta Walker, Colby, 14:33

# Practice, practice, practice



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Trisha Tholen worked on her set up at a volleyball camp for 5/6th grade girls held by Colby High School coach Lesley Wagoner on Monday. Tholen and other girls worked on fundamental skills.

# Former Colby guard signs in Independence

Former Colby High School basketball standout Parker McKee has signed to play basketball with Independence Community College.

McKee, a 2001 graduate, played on the state championship team as a sophomore in 1999 and started at point guard for two years, missing the state tourna-

ment in 2000 and falling in round one in 2001.

"Independence has a really good program," said McKee. "I'm excited about being a part of their team."

First year coach Mick Wilson said McKee's fast footwork and ball-handling would fit into the style they plan to use.

Independence has been to the Region VI tournament in the last two seasons.

In 2000 they advanced by beating Jayhawk powerhouse Barton County and falling in 2001 in round one.



P. McKee

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# Trojans get new coach

Gina Chvatal, Atwood, has been selected as the head women's volleyball coach at Colby Community College to replace Angel Sharman who resigned to accept a coaching position in Wyoming.



Chvatal

Chvatal, an Atwood native, has been the head high school volleyball coach at Atwood High School since 1992. She also taught physical education and was the assistant track and field coach.

Prior to accepting her coaching duties at Atwood, she was the head high school volleyball coach at Norton from 1989-1991 and assisted with the volleyball program at Chapman High School from 1983-1990.

Chvatal, a graduate of Colby Community College, earned her undergraduate degree from Fort Hays State

University. She earned All-American honors in volleyball and track at Colby and Hays.

"We are very pleased to name Gina Chvatal as our head women's volleyball coach," said athletic director Carl Adams. "She is a very successful coach who has taken the Atwood Lady Buffs to the state tournament for three consecutive years."

"The Atwood program was recently selected as the 2001 Kansas Volleyball Association Class 2A Volleyball Program of the Year."

Chvatal and her husband Scott reside in Atwood with their children Hillary, 8, and Olivia, 3.



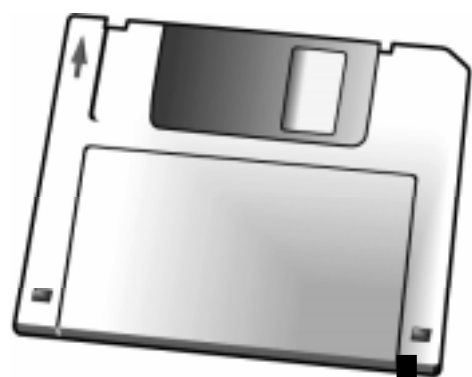
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