

## Step lively, lads!



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Forty-two seventh-graders are experiencing their first level of organized football, as coach John Miles introduced a new crop of Eagles to conditioning drills this week. Colby travels to Goodland Sept. 5 to get the season started.

## Trying to keep those Ford guys happy

Man o man, finally, the Ricky Rudd saga is over, I thought this thing was going to turn into a soap opera. As the story goes, Motorcraft (Ford) contacted the Wood Brothers Racing Team to discuss extending their sponsorship past this year and wanted to know what it was going to take to get Ricky. So the Woods told the Motorcraft people what it would take, and they said, lets go get him, and the deal was put together in 24 to 36 hours. So the whole bunch signed up for another three years, and Ford got to keep Ricky within the family. I'll bet this will keep my buddies Jon, Kevin, and Jeff, the real Ford Guys, happy.

The one question I have is where did Havoline and the #28 go? As it's been announced that Elliot Saddler and the M&M sponsorship with the #38 is going to be the second team for Robert Yates Racing.

According to what I can read and hear Robert is not real interested in starting a third team right now. So where is Texaco going? The next few weeks should be real interesting as to who, what, and where all these other drivers and some sponsors might be going for 2003.

Another little tidbit that keeps floating around is that Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys is buying into Andy Petree Racing.

I guess ole Jerry has been shopping his money around trying to get into NASCAR racing for a couple of years now. And depending on what side of the Cowboy's fence you stand on, ya know, pre Jerry, or post Jerry, as to whether it will be good for Andy Petree Racing, and NASCAR, or not. I'm sure there are some Cowboy fans that



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### Life in the Fast Lane

would think it would be a good deal, if ya know what I mean.

Well the added kick out on the front air dam for Pontiac and Chevy sure wasn't any help at Michigan last weekend. And my Ford buddies have given me the business about who won the race, which we all know it was Dale Jarrett in the #88 UPS Ford.

I even had one of my Ford buddies come up and say, I'm so sorry, like someone in my family had died, and I thought, man what has happened to me that I don't know about yet. Then with a smile on his face he said, you know a Ford, won at Michigan. We both had a nice chuckle, and I'm saying to myself on the inside, whew, I thought maybe I was dead and somebody had forgotten to tell me. So okay Jon, Fords win races, and Ford is having a good year, and I'm enjoying the licks you guys are giving me. But not to worry, as I shall not waver, as I'm focusing on the bigger picture, ya know, that tree and forest thing, as the General will be back. Maybe as soon as Talladega in a few weeks.

This weekend we have the night race at Bristol, and it will be something to watch, as the place is sold out, as usual. This short high-banked racetrack almost has a cult like following of fans for the NASCAR races held there ev-

ery year. I've heard stories being told of divorcing couples fighting over who gets the season tickets to the NASCAR races held at Bristol. Bristol also has a huge waiting list of people wanting to buy tickets just to get into the NASCAR races. And even though they are adding seats, the waiting list keeps growing, and that track has some real nose bleed seats already.

When this track was first built I don't think the owners at that time ever envisioned its popularity, as it is mostly built down in the ground and the stands at that time were built starting at the ground.

So you take a short one mile track built into the ground and add seating to handle somewhere around 110,000 thousand plus, and the cheap seats are probably easier to get to by helicopter than stairs. Sure would make me nervous in the nosebleed section, that's got to be awful high up.

As always, if you made it this far, thank you, for your time. Bristol will be extra rough on the sheet metal, so pull those belts REAL TIGHT, GET UP ON THE WHEEL, and DRIVE SAFELY.

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## Mysterious illness strikes Fort Hays football team; four hospitalized

HAYS — University and health officials are still awaiting the results of medical tests to determine the exact nature of an illness that struck a couple dozen members of the Fort Hays State University football team.

Beginning Sunday night, members of the team began to fall ill with flu-like symptoms. As of Thursday morning, 25 players and two coaches had been affected. Four of the players had been hospitalized at Hays Medical Center. Dr. Randy Cook said Thursday that one of those players had not improved significantly, but the other three were doing better.

"They appear to be improving," Dr. Cook said of the football team, "but we still don't have definitive lab results."

The university and health officials will release test results immediately when they become available.

Officials from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are continuing interviews with the football team and inspections of the football facilities.

Health officials did not close the men's locker room at Lewis Field Stadium, but the university moved the team to the visitors' locker room on the opposite side of the stadium as a precautionary measure.

Equipment was removed from the vacated locker room. The equipment that is "hard" in nature — helmets, some pads, etc. — was sprayed with disinfectant and put in the sun to dry.

The uniforms and "soft" equipment were laundered.

"This has been an unsettling situation as we wait for a clear diagnosis," said Dr. Herb Songer, FHSU vice president of student affairs. "Throughout this situation, our primary concern has been and continues to be the health of these young men."

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## Wildcat games will be broadcast on two stations

MANHATTAN (AP) — A judge upheld his own ruling and made it permanent on Thursday, clearing the way for competing broadcasts of Kansas State football games this fall.

The school signed a contract with Wichita-based Mid-America Ag Network last December, giving it exclusive rights to broadcast Wildcats games for five years.

But WIBW, whose agreement with Kansas State expired in June, claimed it had the right to continue broadcasting games.

In a hearing sought by the university, the Topeka station cited a 1969 agreement between the school and WIBW's

former parent company, Stauffer Communications Inc.

Under that agreement, WIBW, now owned by Morris Communications of Augusta, Ga., shares its 580 AM frequency with KKSU, Kansas State's student station.

In April, District Judge David Stutzman issued a temporary injunction upholding that agreement — one of the last of its kind in the nation — and forcing the university to comply with it.

The agreement, filed with the Federal Communications Commission, detailed the time-share agreement between WIBW and the school.

### Eagles to scrimmage Saturday morning

The Colby Eagles high school football team will be holding a scrimmage game Saturday morning

at Dennen Field. Game time is set for 9 a.m. the public is invited and there will be no admission charged

### 2002 FALL BOWLING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

## OPENINGS

**SUNDAY P.M. - Mixed Couples League.** Bowls at 7:00 p.m. every other week. 2 leagues - 1 full, 1 has opening

**MONDAY P.M. - 5 person Men's League.** Starting at 8:00 p.m. Starts August 26th. Team openings.

**TUESDAY A.M. - Ladies Coffee League.** Starts at 9:00 a.m. and bowls 4 to a team. Starts Sept. 3rd. Team openings.

**TUESDAY P.M. - Men's 5 person teams.** Starts at 7:15 p.m. Starts September 3rd. FULL.

**WEDNESDAY P.M. - Two - 4 person Ladies Leagues.** Starting at 6:15 or 8:15 p.m. Definitely Ladies Night Out!! Starts August 28th for 6:15 and Sept. 4th for 8:15 league. 6:15 & 8:15 team openings.

**THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE - 5 person teams.** Starting at 8:30 p.m. Beginning September 5th. Team openings.

**FRIDAY P.M. - 5 person Ladies League** at 7:00 p.m. Starts Sept. 6th. Team openings.

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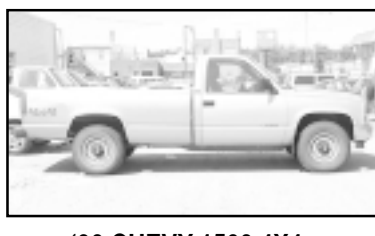
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