

# SportsLine

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## Hunter education course set

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Colby volunteer instructors and the Colby Recreation Department have scheduled a Hunter Education Course in Colby. It will take place at the Colby Community Building on Aug. 19 and 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Aug. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with range activities from 2 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Students must pre-enroll at the Pirates Den at Southwind Plaza if they want to participate in the skills day event on Sept. 20. For information, call (785) 462-6631, (785) 462-7602 or (785) 462-3367.

## Volleyball practice begins Monday

Colby High School volleyball practice will start on Monday at the high school gym from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Athletes must have physicals turned into the high school office before they can participate. There will also be a parent/athlete volleyball meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. If you have any questions, please call Coach Lesley Wagoner at the high school 460-5300.

## It's race time again in Colby

Thomas County Speedway's next race is Sunday with the point's battle for the track championship heating up. On Sunday, Aug. 31, the track will once again play host to the ASCS 360 sprint cars, as well as the regular featured divisions deciding track champions.

## Local couple's grandson signs

Terry Hauser, 6', 185-lb. guard from Three Forks, Mont., has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Montana-Western. He is the grandson of Virgil and Maxine Carl, Colby, and Duane and Gerry Hauser, Manhattan, Mont.

Hauser averaged 19 points, 3.3 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game for the Wolves in the 2003 season. He earned All-Conference honors and All-State honors in both his junior and senior seasons. Other awards include: Football/Honorable Mention Linebacker, and All-Conference Quarterback and Linebacker. Hauser was selected by International Sports Specialists, Basketball Congress International, Radison All-Star Team/Billings, Mont., Butte, Mont. All-Star Team, Athlete of the Year, Who's Who among American High School Students and National Honor Roll.

His parents are Troy and Debbie Hauser of Manhattan, Mont.



Hauser

## Wildlife and Parks Commission to meet

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold a public meeting and hearing at The Depot, Kansas Avenue and Rock Island Road in Liberal on Aug. 21. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening public hearing will be at 7 p.m. For information, call (620) 672-5911.



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Melissa Murray, the new assistant director with the Colby Recreation Department, was changing bases on field three to 70' apart rather than the 65' normally required for slow pitch baseball to accommodate a weekend event. Now that the baseball season is winding down, the recreation department is busy spraying weeds, checking the fields and securing the equipment until next year, she said.

## Murray is new assistant rec director

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A Colby High School graduate accepted the job as assistant recreation director with the city earlier this week.

Melissa Murray, who graduated in 1999, will soon have her bachelor of arts degree in parks and recreation from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and in January will be full-time with the city recreation. She said today that from now

until graduation she will work part-time when needed, but otherwise will be at Kearney, Neb. until she completes her degree.

Murray said she was glad to have been selected for the position and is looking forward to returning home.

Ryan Sturdy, director, said he thinks Murray is well fitted for the job, noting that she replaces Landis Richardson as the assistant director.

"She will be a good addition to our team," he said today.

Sturdy also wanted to remind residents that the fall schedule for city recreation activities will be mailed within the next two weeks.

Murray added that the entire recreation staff is in the process of putting the programs together this week. Some activities this fall include: chess, men's basketball, pool, volleyball, aerobics and more.

For questions or information about the city recreation programs, call 462-4440.

## Two players are sickened by heat

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Two players were treated for heat exhaustion and taken off the field on stretchers Wednesday as the Kansas City Wizards and MetroStars played to a 0-0 tie.

Wizards defender Jimmy Conrad was treated for dehydration and arrhythmia in the locker room.

MetroStars defender Edgar Bartholomeu also needed assistance as temperatures reached 118 degrees on the field at humid Giants Stadium.

Conrad, 26, felt his heart begin to race after the first overtime. He took a knee and asked for help.

"My heart sometimes races and I can't control it," Conrad said. "I got a little scared and thought it could be worse. I attribute it to the heat more than anything."

Conrad received fluids intravenously and said he felt better.

Bartholomeu was sitting up in the trainer's room in the MetroStars' locker room. Several players questioned the idea of playing an afternoon match in August.

Only 10,737 people attended the game that featured little action and few scoring opportunities. Kansas City outshot the MetroStars 10-4.

## Briefs

### BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Piazza homered and drove in five runs in his return to the New York Mets' lineup after missing nearly three months with a groin injury. The All-Star catcher grounded out his first time up, then connected for a two-run shot off San Francisco's Jerome Williams in the third inning. And Piazza wasn't done — he hit an RBI single in the fourth, chasing Williams, and added a two-run single in the seventh. He was then lifted for a pinch-runner.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals homered for the fourth straight game to extend his hitting streak to 27 games, the longest in the majors this season. Earlier this season, Kenny Lofton and Nomar Garciaparra each hit in 26 consecutive games. Pujols' streak is the Cardinals' longest since Ken Boyer's 29-game run in 1959.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WACO, Texas (AP) — An autopsy report shows that Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy was shot twice in the side of the head, but does not indicate whether the gun was fired at close range. Both gunshot wounds were above the right ear about 2 inches apart, the first slightly toward the back of the head and the other toward the front, according to the autopsy by the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas. The first bullet exited Dennehy's forehead above his left eye; the second bullet exited behind his left ear. The 6-foot-10 Dennehy had been missing about six weeks when his decomposed body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry 4 miles south of the Baylor campus. Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and lived in Dennehy's apartment a few months, has been charged with murder.

### TENNIS

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Andy Roddick, fresh off his Canada Masters victory Sunday, advanced to the Cincinnati Masters' round of 16 by defeating Ivan Ljubicic 6-1, 6-4.

Also, 2002 Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian beat reigning Wimbledon champion Roger Federer 7-6(4), 7-6(5). Nalbandian has defeated Federer all four times they have played.



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