

SportsLine

Legion baseball meeting set

Anyone interested in planing American Legion baseball this summer is asked to please attend a meeting at the Midwest Energy office at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 3. If you are unable to attend, please call Wayne Sulzman at (785) 462-2716 or Brett Houtz at (785) 443-2904. Players and parents welcome.

Foundation's golf tourney announced

The Citizens Foundation's 14th annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Friday, June 18 at the Colby Country Club. Tee off is at 9 a.m. Questions to Tama Unger at (785) 460-1214. Tourney committee includes Scott Focke, Carla Sharp, Rod Williams, Jim Stanley, Gwen Young, Tama Unger, Ron Brier and Jeanene Brown.

Colby

• **Thursday**— Varsity boys tennis tourney at Great Bend (Hoisington), 9 a.m.; Colby High won't be participating in the C-boys golf tourney at Scott City as originally scheduled for this date; 7th/8th track here with Goodland, Oberlin and St. Francis, Dennen Field, 3 p.m.; varsity baseball at Holcomb, 3:30 p.m., originally scheduled for April 22; Colby High baseball with Lakin, scheduled for this date, has been moved to Friday; junior varsity/varsity softball with Lakin at

Colby Rec Complex, 4 p.m.

• **Friday** — Junior varsity/varsity baseball with Ulysses and Lakin at the Colby Rec Complex, 2 p.m., schedule of games: 2 p.m. Colby vs. Ulysses, 4 p.m., Ulysses vs. Lakin, 6 p.m., Colby vs. Lakin. These are games that were rescheduled form April 6 and April 29; junior varsity boys golf tourney at Oakley, 3 p.m.; varsity track at Goodland, 3 p.m.; junior varsity/varsity softball at Ulysses, 4 p.m., rescheduled form April 6.

• **Saturday** — Varsity boys golf tourney at Atwood, 9 a.m.; varsity boys tennis tourney at home at Fike Park and Colby College, 9 a.m.

• **Monday** — Varsity boys golf tourney at Hays-TMP, 9 a.m.; 9th/10th track at Atwood, 3 p.m.' junior varsity softball at Ellis, 4 p.m.

• **Tuesday** — Junior varsity boys golf tourney at Norton, 3 p.m.; Colby won't be participating in the junior varsity boys golf tourney at Oakley this date; junior varsity boys doubles tourney at Russell, 3 p.m.; varsity boys tennis at Hoisington, 3 p.m.; varsity track at Garden City, 3 p.m.; varsity baseball with Plainville at the Colby Rec Complex, 4 p.m.; varsity softball at Plainville, 4 p.m.

Colby College

• **Today** — Baseball at Barton County (Great Bend).

• **Saturday** — Softball , Region VI Tournament at Wichita; baseball at Liberal, 1 p.m.

• **Sunday** — Softball, Region VI Tournament, Wichita; baseball vs. Air Force JV, at home, 1 p.m.

Golden Plains

• **Friday** — Middle school track at Quinter, 10:30 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

Triplains

• **Friday** — Junior high track at Quinter, 10 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

Brewster

• **Friday** — Junior high track at Quinter, 10:30 a.m.; high school track at Quinter, 3 p.m.

Youth track meet planned at Oakley

The Oakley Booster Youth Track Meet has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8 with registration at 8 a.m. and field events to start at 9 a.m. The meeting is for all youths 14 and under. For more information, please contact Jason Robben, Box 11, Oakley, Kan. 67748, call (785) 672-9027 or e-mail Jrobben@gc.com.

MAYB updates

May 14 is the registration deadline for 4th through 12th grade boys and girls basketball tournaments on June 4-6 in the following locations: Hays, Garden City, Arkansas City, Riley County and Leavenworth. Five-game guarantee. Call (316) 284-0354 or (785) 628-0338 for additional information. You can also e-mail mayb@mayb.com.

May 28 is registration deadline for 4ht through 12th boys and girls basketball tournaments on June 18-20 at Goodland, Chanute and Topeka. Five games guaranteed. (Information or registration same numbers as above.)

E-mail items for this column to td@nwkansas.com, or fax to (785) 462-7749. Thank you!



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

After more than three decades of fishing, Paul Lowman of Colby, (left) caught his biggest large mouth bass ever on Monday at Antelope Lake in Graham County. As for fishing in northwest Kansas, Lowman's stepfather, Joe Smith, visiting from North Carolina, will be able to go home with some good fish stories from his trip here.

Here's proof that area fishing is mighty good

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

Paul Lowman of Colby said he's caught a lot of fish in his many years of angling, but never one as large as the big mouth bass he hooked Monday afternoon in Graham County.

"This one is going on the wall," he said about his fish weighing 6 1/2 lbs. with a length of 21 1/2 inches.

"It was a great day for fishing on Monday," Lowman said. The day was even better since his mother and stepfather were also here visiting from Morganton, N.C.

His mother, Geraldine, said she didn't go fishing with them, but for the two men it was well worth the trip to Antelope in Graham County, which is about six miles below Sheridan Lake near Hoxie.

Together they filled their stringer with not only the large mouth bass, but also a blue channel catfish, stripers, and saugeye which made everybody's day, he said.

"We caught a lot of fish and even the channel catfish was big at 5 lb., 21 inches," Lowman said.

So how did he hook his trophy

bass? He said his secret is minnows dangling about one and one-half foot in depth using a bobber and locating it deep in the brush off the bank.

Lowman's stepfather, Joe Smith, said he plans to filet the other fish and mixing a flour, egg, salt, pepper and other spices into a thick paste as breading will deep fry them.

As for the fishing in northwest Kansas when compared to Morganton, N.C., Smith said it's about the same. The only real difference is in the size limits and the distance in Kansas to find lakes.

"In North Carolina, a bass fisherman must throw anything that's less than 10 inches and in Kansas it's less than 15 inches," he said.

Lowman said he sometimes misses North Carolina for the fishing having lived in the Oakley-Colby area for the last 20 years.

Even so, it was truly a red letter day for Lowman.

"I guess 30 plus years of fishing has finally paid off," he said.

This one didn't get away!

Youth meet is Saturday

All youth ages 14 and under interested in track and field activities might want to participate in the Golden Belt Lightning Bolts Invitational Track Meet at Great Bend on Saturday, said Karen Rasmussen Colby.

"This is a meet designed for athletes not having the advantage of a school track program," said Ron Peters, director.

The meet will be held at the Great Bend High School track at 19th and Odell starting at 9 a.m. for field and racewalk events, followed by running events beginning at 10 a.m. All events are finals, Peters said.

There are six age divisions: 8 and under; sub-bantam, age 9; bantam, age 10; sub-midge, age 11; midget, age 12; and youth, ages 13 and 14. There will be relays, hurdles, and dashes, along with shot put, high

jump, discus, javelin, and pole vault in all age categories.

The entry fee is \$15 and can be paid the morning of the event. However, in order to participate in the relays, entry forms must be received prior to the meet and no entries for relays will be accepted Saturday.

At this late date, those planning to attend can call Peters at (620) 792-7415.

For those planning to enter a relay, Peters said, all members must wear identical shirts.

Medals will be awarded for the top three places in all events and in all age divisions including relays. Ribbons will be awarded for fourth through sixth places and participation ribbons will be given to all who did not place, Peters said.

For general questions about the meet, call Rasmussen at 462-6524.

Trojan baseball improves record to 24-22

**Tuesday
McCook @ Colby
Colby 15, McCook 1 (5 innings)
Colby 8, McCook 0**

The Colby Community College baseball Trojans swept McCook Tuesday behind the strong outings of freshmen right-handers Matt Dudley and Conner Bramlet. In game one Dudley struck out six and walked just one, while scattering four hits, to earn the victory.

Sophomore catcher Kyle Sandusky and freshman left fielder Mike Neuberg continued their hot streaks as both went 2 for 3 with an RBI apiece. Neuberg also doubled along with sophomore center fielder Dan McClure.

Also contributing to the offense were sophomores Jared Lambertson, Brian Hassing, and freshman Ryan Arensdorf, who each had two RBI's.

Game two saw Conner Bramlet equal Matt Dudley's effort by throwing seven complete to earn the victory. He struck out four Indians,

walked just one, and allowed only three hits.

The offensive punch came in the first inning off the bat of sophomore shortstop Cole Armstrong. After a Dan McClure single started the inning, Armstrong hit a full count fastball over the left field fence to give the Trojans all the runs they would need. Armstrong finished 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's. McClure also had two hits along with freshman second baseman Russell Coates, who also singled home a run in the first inning.

The Trojans are now 24-22 overall and 12-11 in conference. They face Barton County tonight in Great Bend. Barton currently leads the Trojans by a game and a half for the third place spot in the conference. The Trojans swept the Cougars in their earlier meeting this season.

**Sunday Garden City @ Colby
Colby 8, Garden City 7
Colby 4, Garden City 17**

Sunday belonged to freshman

outfielder Mike Neuberg, as he single handily brought the Colby Community College baseball Trojans from behind in game one for the victory.

The Trojans were down 5-0 in the bottom of the third when Neuberg came to the plate with the bases loaded. The Trojans had squandered scoring opportunities in the first and second innings, but Neuberg made the most out of this situation as he hit a fastball over the centerfield fence to bring the Trojans within a run.

The Broncbusters held a 5-4 lead into the bottom of the sixth when, with the bases loaded, they could not turn what would have been an inning ending double play. That miscue allowed the tying run to score. Then Neuberg, with runners on first and second, and a two-strike count, lined a ball down the right field line to give the Trojans the lead.

They went on to score one more when sophomore catcher Kyle

Sandusky doubled home Neuberg. Neuberg was 3 for 4 with two doubles, a grand slam and six RBI in game one. Sandusky went 4 for 4 with two doubles and an RBI.

The Trojans held on for the 8-7 win with quality relief by freshman lefty Rob Mortimore, who picked up the save. Freshman right-hander Travis Hearne pitched four and a third innings of relief to gain the victory.

Game two was not as kind to the Trojans as nothing seemed to go right despite several home runs. Down 4-2 after three and a half, the Trojans rallied to tie the score on the strength of home runs by sophomores Cole Armstrong and Joel Gould.

The next two innings were disastrous though, and Garden left with a 17-4 victory. Armstrong and Gould both went 2 for 3 in the second game, each with a double and a home run. Kyle Sandusky also aided the effort with a solo shot in the second.

Tournament next for college softball ladies

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team finished regular season play this past weekend going 2-4 in six games.

In the opening game of the weekend, Colby defeated Allen County 3-1 behind the strong pitching performance of Christina Obernolte. Obernolte allowed just 2 hits and a walk in going the distance. Alisha Liess was 3 for 3 and scored all three of the Lady Trojans runs.

Fort Scott defeated Colby in game two 9-3. Corri Ball and Lindsey Kastanek combined to allow 12 hits and 4 earned runs in the loss. Sam Wolf was 3 for 3 with two

runs scored for Coby.

Colby fell to Johnson County 8-4 in game three. Kastanek pitched 5 innings allowing 8 hits and 4 earned runs in the loss. Shanae Calkins and Alisha Liess were each 2 for 4 in the loss.

The Lady Trojans could only get 5 hits as the fell in game four 4-0 to Highland. Obernolte was the hard luck pitcher giving up just 4 hits and 3 earned runs. She did allow 4 walks to Highland. Alisha Liess and Alissa Schields each had two hits for Colby.

Colby shut out Kansas City Kansas 1-0 behind an impressive

performance by Kastanek in game five. She threw the complete game 5-hitter and allowed just 2 walks while striking out two. Liess as the leader at the plate going two for four.

In a make-up game with Brown-Mackie and game #6 of the weekend for Colby, the Lady Trojans fell 7-4. Ball pitched 4 innings and allowed 7 earned runs. Obernolte pitched 3 innings of shutout ball. Lauren Jameson went 2 for 3 to lead the 9-hit Colby offense.

Coach Carl Adams had this to say: "The way it stands right now we are the 7th seed going into the

regional tournament this weekend in Wichita. We have one final chance to put it together and play well for a shot at the national tournament. Johnson County will go in as the favorite, but we have had close games with most of the region teams.

"We have had a few players step up and start playing, but we need everyone to step up and play to their potential this coming weekend."

The Colby College Lady Trojans finished regular season play with a 22-40 overall record and a 7-9 record in the Jayhawk West Conference.

Colby Striders announce the start of practice sessions

The Colby Striders Track Club will begin practices next week at Dennen Field, said Cindi Kriss, one of the club coordinators.

Practices will begin at 6 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for youth 14 and under.

"This season, the club will compete in an Oakley and Colby tournament," she said. "The first will be

held on Saturday, May 8 and the second on Saturday, May 22."

Although there are other tournaments throughout the state, Kriss said the only two the club will attend

Champions of 3-on-3 tourney named

The Colby All-Sports Booster Club and C-Club co-hosted the Colby 3-on-3 tournament last Saturday with 51 teams from three states competing in six divisions.

Here are the winners in each division:

3/4 girls' champs — Hoxie Ball Squad; Shelby Heim, Mackenzie Mense, Lexi Riedel.
3/4 boys' champs — Goodland

Mustangs; Dallas DeLaRosa, Reed Bellamy, Blaine Luther.

5/6 girls' champs — Colby Focke; Alli Jo Barton, April Gee, Rhett Martin.

5/6 boys' champs — Sharon Springs BearCats; Tadd Andrews, Tate Andrews, Landon Brenner.

7/8 girls' champs — Colby Eagles; Leah Cox, Lissa Mazanec, Paige Stephens.

7/8 boys' champs — Colby And 3; Travis Parker, Ethan Stover, Todd Ziegelmeier.

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**Notice for North Central Association
Reaccreditation Visit and
Third-Party Comment**

Colby Community College is seeking comments from the public concerning the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Sept. 20-22, 2004 by team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

CCC has been accredited by the commission since 1972. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to:

Public Comment on Colby Community College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments cannot be treated as confidential and must be in writing and signed. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

All Comments must be received by July 31, 2004