

# SportsLine

## Chamber golf tourney preparations begin

The 11th annual Colby/Thomas County Chamber Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Colby Country Club with tee-off at 12:30 p.m. This is a four-person scramble (men and women). The entry fee is \$50 per person/one free entry with hole sponsorship. A buffet dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Registration appreciated no later than Aug. 26 to Colby Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701, or call 460-3401.

## Hunter Education Course reminder

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 Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Thursday, Aug. 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Range activity will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m., weather permitting. This

will be the only class in Colby before the "Youth Outdoor Skills Day." Students must attend all sessions. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957 must take and pass a Hunter Education Course before they can hunt in Kansas. Students must pre-enroll at The Pirates Den, Southwind Plaza, Colby. For more information, call (785) 462-6631, 462-7602 or 462-3367.

## 'Youth Shoot' on Sunday's schedule

The Colby Trap Club and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks' "Pass It On" program are sponsoring a "Youth Shoot" this coming Sunday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Trap Club five miles west of Colby on Hwy. 24 to Th.Co.Rd. 16, then south one mile. Trap house one will be a free shoot for all youth, women and new shooters. Tap house two and the skeet houses will be open for the more experienced shooter. Shotguns, shotgun shells and blue rock will be provided for trap house one by the Colby Trap Club and the "Pass It On" program. For more information, call Tim Hansen at (785) 460-2710, Bob Luck at 462-8857 (day) or 462-3701 after 6 p.m., or Benny Young at 462-7602.

## Fall sports practices set to begin

Schools all over the area are gearing up for the start of fall sports practices on Monday, Aug. 16. For details, please check with your particular

school's office or activities director.

## Colby School District schedules

**Middle school:** Seventh grade football practice, Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m.; 8th grade football practice, Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m.; 7th volleyball meeting, Aug. 16, 5 p.m., middle school cafeteria, practice, Aug. 17, 3:45-5:15 p.m.; 8th volleyball meeting, Aug. 16, 5 p.m., middle school cafeteria, practice, Aug. 16-17, 6:30-8 p.m., and Aug. 18, 3:45-6 p.m.

**High school:** football — meeting to be announced, practices Aug. 16-17-19-20 @ 3:45-6 p.m./7-9 p.m., Aug. 18 @ 3:45-6 p.m. only; volleyball — meeting Aug. 19 @ 6:30 p.m., high school gym, practice Aug. 16 @ 3:45-6:30 p.m.; golf — meeting on Aug. 16 @ 5:30 p.m., high school commons, practice Aug. 17 @ 4-6 p.m.; cross country — meeting to be announced after season starts, practice Aug. 16-17-18 @ 7-8 a.m., Dennen Field, Aug. 19-20 @ 4-5:30 p.m.; tennis — meeting Aug. 12 @ 4:30 p.m., high school commons, practice Aug. 16-17-18 @ 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., Aug. 19-20 @ 4:15-6:15 p.m.

Call your school for additional information.

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# Chiefs' coaching staff ponders linebackers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs have some thinking to do about their starting linebackers before the season opener Sept. 12 at Denver.

Two weeks ago it was Mike Maslowski in the middle and Shawn Barber and Scott Fujita on the outside. But that may be changing because Maslowski has a nagging knee problem, which has prevented him from practicing about half the time.

"It's safe to say that no one owns a position," coach Dick Vermeil said at the Chiefs' training camp in River Falls, Wis.

Another change could be spurred by the recent standout plays of Monty Beisel, who could be up to replacing Fujita.

"There's nothing cast in cement as far as the starters are concerned," said defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham.

Maslowski missed the last half of last season and had offseason sur-

gery, and the Chiefs knew he would miss an occasional practice. But he sat out Monday's only regular practice.

"But there's a special contribution that a guy like Maslowski makes," Vermeil said. "It takes a while for a younger player to match that contribution."

That younger player could be Kawika Mitchell, who was drafted by the Chiefs in the second round last year to eventually become their starting middle linebacker.

But Joe Linta, Maslowski's agent, said his client has time to prove himself.

"He's just trying to take it easy enough to make sure he's OK. Why push it now? There's still plenty of time before the season starts."

Beisel has developed into a reliable special-teams player but has done little for Kansas city defensively since he joined the Chiefs from Kansas State in 2001. He started his NFL career as a defen-

sive lineman and gained unnatural weight. He has since lost 35 pounds.

This is the first time he has been a serious threat for playing time. He's the backup at Fujita's left linebacking spot.

"I'm not carrying around that 35-

pound weight on my back," Beisel said. "I think I'm picking up a lot of that quickness I had in high school and early in my college career."

He also said that, "I'm starting to feel much more comfortable in my body."

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