

Ready to slam it.



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High School junior Caitlyn Wark got ready to smack a shot back over the net during the girls tennis team's practice on Thursday at Fike Park. The team's first meet will be at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at WaKeeney.

Community college to hold 12th annual rodeo

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Colby Community College will hold their 12th annual Colby Community College National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 and ending on Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

The event will feature over 500 contestants from 24 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma. Men's events at the rodeo will include bareback bronco riding, calf roping, saddle bronco riding, steer wrestling, team roping and bull riding. The women will compete in breakaway calf roping, goat tying and barrel racing. The finals will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday and will feature the top in each event.

Tickets at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Children five and under will be

admitted free with a parent. Advance tickets (\$8 for adults and \$4 for children) are on sale at Vanderbilts and the campus bookstore.

Allen Russell, community college rodeo coach, served as the director of the Central Plains Region of the intercollegiate rodeo association which includes two- and four-year colleges and universities in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri for six years.

"The Central Plains Region is one one of the largest and toughest in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association," said Russell. "This is one of the biggest events hosted in Colby, and the community support is always outstanding. It would not be possible without the numerous volunteers and sponsors who support the college and our rodeo program. I encourage everyone to attend all three performances."

For more information about the rodeo, call Russell at (785) 460-5461.

Float-line fishing legal on reservoirs

MANHATTAN — Kansas is halfway through the first year of a pilot program that's making float-line fishing legal until 2011 during the daylight hours from mid-July to mid-September at eight Kansas reservoirs. The test program's targeted species is a bottom feeder — the channel catfish.

Fans say floatline fishing has long been an effective approach for those who want meat for the family dinner table. But not every angler approves it, said Charlie Lee, wildlife specialist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Floatline fishing typically involves setting a number of hooks and fishing in several areas at the same time. It can involve, but doesn't require using so much as a rod and reel.

All that's really needed is a closed-cell, easy-to-see float, fastened to a fishing line that hangs down deep in the water with a weight at the end. Kansasans have the option of adding two baited hooks somewhere along each line. They can anchor each setup in place or allow it to float with the current.

Kansas is requiring that anglers supervise their floatlines

at all Kansas' pilot program permits two poles and up to eight floatlines (with no more than two hooks each). Anglers also must label their equipment with their name and address.

A Kansas floatline permit is

\$2.50 (in addition to a regular fishing permit). The creel limit depends on the reservoir: Council Grove, Hillsdale, John Redmond, Kanopolis, Pomona, Toronto, Tuttle Creek or Wilson.

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Key hit leads to 4-1 Rockies' victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carlos Gonzalez appeared to be out on a caught foul tip, ending Colorado's half of the fifth inning in a scoreless game Thursday night.

At least that's what the home-plate umpire thought. That's what Washington starter Garrett Mock thought, too. So did his teammates, who started jogging off the field.

Second-base umpire Doug Ed-

dings saw things differently. Eddings realized that Gonzalez's bat touched the ball, which then skipped off the dirt before landing in Nationals catcher Josh Bard's glove. As replays showed, it was merely an innocent foul ball, not a third out.

Given a chance to stay at the plate, Gonzalez blooped an RBI double down the left-field line that sent the Rockies on their way to

a 4-1 victory, completing a three-game sweep.

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