

City has full list of events

The Colby Recreation Department has several events coming up in late June and July for children and adults, including a fair, a 5-k run, basketball camps and triathlons.

The Harvest Hustle 5K will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday outside the Community Building.

Director Stacy Lee said the run will be done in a timed format. This means first place is not to whoever finishes first, but to the runner whose predicted time comes closest their actual time. Runners will write down their estimated times before the race. The runners with the top three predicted times will get prizes, Lee said.

The third Firecracker Fair will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, at the Community Building for kids 4 to 12. Lee said kids will be working on crafts and games related to the Fourth of July.

The department will hold basketball camps at the Community Building starting in mid-July. Camp for kids from preschool to fourth grade will be Thursday and Friday, July 15 and 16. Sessions from preschoolers and kindergartners will be from 10 to 11 a.m.; for first and second graders, 1 to 2 p.m.; and third and fourth graders, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Camps for fifth through eighth grades will be Monday to Wednesday, July 19 to 21. Times for fifth and sixth graders will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and for seventh and eighth graders from 1 to 3 p.m. The deadline for paying for the camps is Monday, June 28. The cost for preschoolers through second graders is \$15, third and fourth, \$25; fifth and sixth, \$30 and seventh and eighth, \$40.

The Iron Athlete youth and team relay triathlons will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, at the city pool.

The youth triathlon will be for kids between 10 and 16 and the three-person relay is open to all ages, said Recreation Director Stacy Lee. She said first place finishers will get prizes. The races will cost \$15 a person and the deadline for paying is Friday, July 9.

A competitive one-person triathlon will take place on Saturday, July 31, starting at the pool.

Participants will start the race with an 800-meter swim, followed by a 26-mile bike ride (24 miles for women) and finish with a 4.7-mile run. The winner will get a prize.

The race will cost \$20 per person and the deadline for entry is also July 9. Lee said the entry deadlines are so far in advance so she can order T-shirts for the event.

Eyes on the target



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Rosy Smiley prepared to fire a throw to first during the Basgall co-ed softball team's game against Sports Shoppe in the Colby Recreation league Sunday at the city fields.

Football star returns to Colby

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Former Green Bay Packers line-backer Nelson Toburen returned to Colby for a high school reunion.

Toburen, who played for just two years in the National Football League, was recognized for being one of 11 athletes in the school's history to receive 12 letters.

Twelve-letter winners had to play in three sports all four years of high school. Toburen played defensive end and running back on the football team, center on the basketball team and ran sprints for the track team. When he was in school, from 1953 to 1957, said Toburen, there were only four regular sports: football, basketball, wrestling and track.

Toburen was one of the eight living 12-letter winners who attended an alumni assembly at the school's gymnasium Saturday morning. Darren Sporing, from the 2007 senior class, was the only living winner who was unable to attend. The 12-letter winners all posed for a group photo together.

While Toburen played three sports in high school, he is most known for his football career. A defensive end in high school and college, he was turned into a linebacker after he went pro. He played for two Packer championship teams under the legendary coach Vince Lombardi in an all-too-brief career.

During his time in the pros, Toburen played with future hall of famers including middle linebacker Ray Nitsche, halfback Paul Hornung and quarterback Bart Starr. His career ended abruptly in 1962 when he broke his neck while tackling the legendary Baltimore Colts quarterback Johnny Unitas.

"The back of my head hit his hip," Toburen recalled.

He added that Unitas fumbled and Nitsche recovered the ball.

The Packers went on to win the game.

Toburen said he was fortunate his spinal cord wasn't crushed, but he had to wear a body cast for awhile. He spent another year in Green Bay recovering before he went to the Washburn University School of Law in Topeka in 1964. He graduated in 1967 with a law degree.

Toburen was a trial lawyer in Pittsburg until he was appointed as a district judge in 1987, and served on the bench until 2003.

Toburen said the coach who had the biggest effect on him was not the iconic Lombardi, but his high school football coach, Harold Randall.

"He was a mentor," Toburen said.

Toburen said he kept in touch with Randall until he died a few years ago. In the book, "Flight of the Eagles," by Gary Adrian, Toburen said he also admired and respected his high school basketball coach, Tom Carlson.

Toburen started every game of his four-year high school football career. He said his teams won more than they lost, so the losses are easier to recall today.

"The losses really stick out in your head," he said.

Toburen played defensive end and running back for the Eagles from 1953-1957. He named to the second team All-Area by the Norton Daily Telegram as a sophomore and first team as a junior and senior. He was selected for the Wichita Eagle All-State team as a junior and senior and the Topeka Daily Capital named him to the eleven man All-State team as a senior.

After graduating, he went on to play football for the University of Wichita, now Wichita State. During his senior year, Toburen was a co-captain, first team All-Conference and an Honorable Mention All-American.

Humanitarian and athlete leaves legacy of work in Sudan

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Manute Bol, a lithe 7-foot-7 shot-blocker from Sudan who spent 10 seasons in the NBA and was dedicated to humanitarian work in Africa, died Saturday. He was 47.

Bol died at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, where he was being treated for severe kidney trouble and a painful skin condition, Tom Prichard, executive director of the group Sudan Sunrise, said in an e-mail.

"Sudan and the world have lost a hero and an example for all of us," Prichard said. "Manute, we'll miss you. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all his family, and all who mourn his loss."

Bol played in the NBA with Washington, Golden State, Philadelphia and Miami, averaging 2.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.3 blocks for his career. He led the league in blocks in 1985-86 with Washington (5.0 per game) and in 1988-89 with Golden State (4.3 a

game).

"Manute's impact on this city, our franchise and the game of basketball cannot be put into words," 76ers president and general manager Ed Stefanski said in a statement. "He ... was continually giving of himself through his generosity and humanitarian efforts in order to make the world around him a much better place, for which he will always be remembered."

Bol joined the NBA with Washington in 1985 and played three seasons there. He returned to the team briefly toward the end of his career. The Wizards lauded him as a "true humanitarian and an ambassador for the sport of basketball."

"Despite his accomplishments on the court, his lasting legacy will be the tireless work and causes he promoted in his native Sudan and the cities in which he played," the club said in a statement.

After the NBA, Bol worked

closely as an advisory board member of Sudan Sunrise, which promotes reconciliation in Sudan.

Bol was hospitalized in mid-May during a stopover in Washington after returning to the United States from Sudan. Prichard said then that Bol was in Sudan to help build a school in conjunction with Sudan Sunrise but stayed longer than anticipated after the president of southern Sudan asked him to make election appearances and use his influence to counter corruption in the county.

He said Bol had undergone three dialysis treatments and developed Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, a condition that caused him to lose patches of skin. Prichard said the skin around Bol's mouth was so sore he went 11 days without eating and could barely talk.

Prichard said it's believed Bol contracted the skin disease as a reaction to kidney medication he took while in Africa.

Early scoring deficits haunt U.S soccer team

IRENE, South Africa (AP) —

Maybe the U.S. soccer team needs to install a private scoreboard in its locker room, one that it can control.

Just before the match starts, it could flash that the Americans are losing "1-0." Or maybe even "2-0." Just to inspire the players before the anthems and opening whistle.

For some inexplicable reason, one that eludes the players, the U.S. doesn't start to assert itself in most games until after it trails by a goal or two.

That certainly is a recipe for

trouble.

"It's something that's been with this team for a number of years now, and it's not something we enjoy," goalkeeper Tim Howard said Sunday. "Don't get me wrong. No one likes going behind in a game. But for whatever reason, we seem to be very, very resilient."

The U.S. gave up a fourth-minute goal to England and fought back on Clint Dempsey's goal for a 1-1 tie. After falling behind by two goals to Slovenia, the Americans tied it on goals by Landon Donovan and Michael Bradley and nearly went ahead.

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