

# Eagles' players make league team

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Four Colby High football players were voted to the Great West Activities Conference All-League team and one received honorable mention.

Senior Andrew Flanagin was voted all-league at running back and linebacker. The other Colby players that were selected include: senior offensive guard Josh Middleton, senior wide receiver Corbin Stephens and senior free safety Kale Arnberger. Senior defensive tackle Logan Middleton received honorable mention.

Flanagin rushed for nine touchdowns and averaged 107 yards per game. He gained a total of 963 yards on 40 carries this season.

"He has one heck of a stiff arm," coach Chris Gardner said.

Flanagin was Colby's leading tackler on defense, averaging 11.3 tackles per game, edging out fellow senior linebacker Ryan Parker, who averaged 11.1 tackles. He had 102 tackles this season: 52 individual and 50 assisted.

Stephens caught eight touchdown passes, including a 22-yard

touchdown reception at Russell that propelled the Eagles to a 48-40 win in their last game of the season. The senior wide receiver caught 21 passes for 449 yards for an average of almost 50 yards per game.

Arnberger intercepted three passes, recovered a fumble and averaged almost eight tackles per game. He had a total of 70 tackles: 33 individual, 37 assisted.

Gardner said Josh Middleton had great technique at guard.

Logan Middleton started the year at linebacker, but moved to defensive tackle. Gardner said he really had a motor. Middleton had six tackles a game.

The coaches from the league voted for the players. Gardner said the top vote-getters made all-league and players had to receive at least two votes to receive honorable mention. He said coaches couldn't vote for their own players. The five other teams in the conference are Hugoton, Holcomb, Goodland, Ulysses and Scott City.

Gardner said Parker and fellow seniors Rocque Russell, Christian Wilson, Cody Duffey and Drew White had also had great years.

## Eye on the basket



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press  
Colby eighth grader Brooklyn Bange took a jump shot during the Lady Eagles' game against Scott City on Thursday in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium. The girls won the game 17-16.

# Turkey Trot runners brave the elements

Twenty-two runners braved chilly weather to run the Colby Recreation Department's fourth annual Turkey Trot 5K on Saturday.

"This was our most competitive race yet, as we had several regulars and a handful of new competitors," Recreation Director Stacy Lee said. "I was excited to see if experience would prevail over youth or vice versa, and we used a new course."

Three Colby Community College cross country runners - Garrett Jones, Wesley Toews and Robert Robledo - finished 1, 2 and 3 as expected. Colby High sophomore cross country runner John Faber finished fifth.

The 22 runners included Toews, Jones, Robledo, Faber, Andy Heintz, Kayla Zodrow, Jill Heskett, Gary and Eric Schuette, Jayne Jansonius, Nancy Arendt, Walter Lewis, Kylee Philipp, Lisa Stramel, Tom Pardee and his son Noah Pardee, Sara Betz, Aaron Faber, Mert Strecker, Isabel Rosales, Tiffany Mader and Amanda Wahlmeier.

The course started in front of the Community Building and wound around the neighborhoods of Lawrence Drive, Valley Drive, up through Brookside, around Lue and Lane drives, and eventually wrapped around Fike Park to end east of the Community Building. The 5K was a predicted-time race, so the winners were the participants who finished closest to their estimated times rather than who finished first.

Zodrow took first place, finishing a second off her 25-minute predicted time with 25:01. Phillip was second, four seconds off 35:14 at 35:10 and Aaron Faber took third, 26 seconds off his 23:40 predicted time at 24:06.

Zodrow won a 20-pound turkey and Phillips got two tickets to the Colby Chamber of Commerce Harlem Ambassadors game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the

Community Building. Faber got a pumpkin pie. A door prize of Colby Cinema movie tickets was awarded to Robledo, which was fitting as he actually finished first in the race with a department record of 17:17.

All participants got gift bags which included coupons from Starbucks, Sonic, Arby's and the Sports Shoppe, and those who pre-registered got T-shirts.

The department will be holding several events at the Community Building this fall, including women's and men's volleyball leagues, which start in the first week of November.

The eight teams in the women's league include Cornerstone Ag, Spresser, Pope, Active Balance, Franz Chiropractic/McKee Inc., Hoxie, Tubbs Chiropractic and Bird City Dairy.

Recreation assistant Tess Smith, who supervises the Saturday morning women's league, said she is happy with the caliber of teams.

"We've got a competitive group of women this year," she said, "and I'm sure the end of season tournament will be intense."

The six men's teams will play matches on Sunday afternoons: Molstad, Kuhrt Ranch, Oakley Livestock, Williams, Motor Town and Justiss. Lee supervises this league.

"This year, we have three men's teams and three college-age teams, but it's probably our most competitive year yet," she said.

Each league will hold end-of-season double elimination tournaments in February, Lee said.

The next recreation department event will be the Candy Cane Hunt on Saturday, Dec. 11, in Fike Park. Kids 3 and under kids will start at 10 a.m., 4 to 6 at 10:15 and 7 to 9 at 10:30. Even though this is a free program, kids are encouraged to register at the Community Building by Wednesday, Dec. 8.

# Lady Trojans squad loses to Wyoming team

The Lady Trojans basketball team lost its opening Casper Pizza Hut Classic game 70-53 to Casper College of Wyoming on Thursday.

Sophomore Hannah Thornton had a team-high 21 points for Colby on 8-of-12 shooting. She also led the team in rebounds with nine. The sophomore was the only Colby player in double figures.

The Lady Trojans had trouble taking care of the ball, committing 30 turnovers. Freshman Liga

Vente had seven points and five rebounds. Freshman guard Morgan Rickwartz had five points, six rebounds and four assists.

With the loss, Colby dropped to 2-4. The Lady Trojans play their second classic game tonight at 6:30 p.m. central time against No. 14 North Idaho College from Coeur d'Alene. They will play their final tournament game against the College of Eastern Utah from Price on Saturday.

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