

Heading to third



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Colby Community College freshman Austin Russell, seen here rounding the bases earlier this season, racked up 5 hits and 2 runs batted in during the Trojans' visit to Hutchinson Community College on Friday and Saturday. Colby split the series with Hutchinson, winning two games 15-0 and 7-0 and losing two 2-0 and 7-0.

Lady Eagles win track meet

The Colby High girls track team placed first at the Scott City Relays on Tuesday, 18 points ahead of second-place Southwestern Heights from Kismet.

Colby ended the day with 103 team points. Southwestern Heights had 85 and Scott City was third with 77.

Emilea Finley racked up two first-place finishes. She won the 1,600-meter run with a time 5 minutes, 25.8 seconds and the 800 meters with 2:25.1. She placed fourth in the pole vault with 6 feet, 6 inches.

Katrina Kaus picked up the girls' other gold, winning the 3,200 meters in 12:10.3. Kaus placed second in the 1600 with 5:45.7.

Other scores:
Paige Roopchan, second in the 100-meter hurdles with 17.64; fifth in the triple jump with 32 feet, 11.75 inches.

Amber Bond, fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with 18.69; sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with

56.59.

Kaitlyn Flanagan, third in the 100 meters with 13.63; second in the 300-meter hurdles with 52.67; and third in the 20 meters with 27.82.

Julia Hutfles, sixth in the 100 meter with 13.86.

Brenna McKee, fourth in the 400 meters with 1:04.7.

Lauren Bell, fifth in the high jump at 4 feet, 4 inches.

Shelby Gardner, third in the shot put with 31 feet, 4 inches.

Kaylie Reeh, sixth in the shot put with 29 feet, 10.75 inches.

Kayla Hockersmith, fourth in the triple jump with 33 feet, 11.75 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Hutfles, Gardner, Flanagan and Anna Taylor took third with 54.34. The 4-by-400 relay team of McKee, Bond, Kaus and Finley ran fourth in 4:31.8.

On the boys side, the Eagles placed seventh. Logan Middleton had the team's only first in the javelin with a throw of 161 feet, 7 inches.

Other scored included:
Troy Koon, fourth in the 100 meters with 11.56.

Jared Nally, fourth in the 1,600 meters with 5:05.2.

Kale Aramberger, third in the 400 meters with 53.56.

Josh Middleton, third in the shot put with 44 feet, 10.5 inches.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Nally, Aramberger and Bryan and Austin Scheideman took fourth with 8:468. The 4-by-100 relay team of Koon, Aramberger, Josh Middleton and Corbin Stephens was fourth with 45.84. The 4-by-400 relay team of Stephens, Aramberger, Bryan Scheideman and Waitt Binder took fifth in 3:42.1.

Fish all you want as reservoir drains

BURLINGTON, Colo. — As Colorado prepares to drain Bonny Reservoir to help the state comply with the Republican River Compact with Kansas and Nebraska, the state Division of Wildlife will lift bag and possession limits on sport fish at the southeastern Yuma County reservoir effective May 1.

This fall, the state's water engineer will begin to drain the reservoir to satisfy a legal obligation to release all the water to Kansas and Nebraska. The result will most likely be the loss of the entire fish population.

"Right now, it is unknown how long it will take to drain the lake, but it looks like this might be the last year for fishing at Bonny," said Area Wildlife Manager Cory Chick. "The division wants anglers to have an opportunity to harvest as many fish as possible before the water is gone."

"From now until the fall waterfowl hunting closure takes effect, anglers are encouraged to harvest as many fish as possible."

The water level at Bonny is about 18 feet below normal, he added, but the boat ramp at the

state park is still usable.

Aquatic Biologist Gary Dowler said that recent sampling indicates that the overall number of sport fish is good, particularly for walleye and catfish. Numerous flathead catfish over 10 pounds were landed in 2010, he said, and sampling efforts revealed a strong population of walleye with many fish over 20 inches. However, he expects fishing for larger wipers and white bass to be fair to poor because these fish were affected by low water levels over the past few years.

Officials said the division has developed a plan to move some of the sport fish to other reservoirs.

"Based on our most effective methods, we typically move no more than 10 percent of the fish," said Chick. "That is why we would like anglers to have an opportunity to try to catch as many as they can, too."

Anglers must have a valid Colorado fishing license, and must fill out a two-part form indicating the number and species of fish kept when they complete their fishing. Forms are available at self-service

kiosks at the entrance points.

All legal methods of fishing will be allowed, including trotlines, jugs and seines. Commercial angling is prohibited, however. Boating and shore access could be closed as a safety precaution in the event that unstable banks and muddy conditions create a danger to fishermen.

The reservoir will reach its lowest level when the water drops to a point even with the outtake valve, the division says. That is expected sometime in the fall or winter.

"We won't know the final depth of the reservoir until that happens, but it doesn't look like the boat ramps will ever be usable again past 2011," Chick said.

Bonny was created in 1951 when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation built a flood control dam on the South Fork of the Republican River.

Recreation on the reservoir, and the land on the east end of the lake, is managed by Colorado State Parks. The Division of Wildlife manages the recreational use on the lands adjacent to the park and below the dam as the South

Republican State Wildlife Area.

Check the Colorado State Parks website for hours of operation, boat launching conditions and camping information at parks.state.co.us.

For information on the wildlife area, go to wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/StateWildlifeAreas/.

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May 7th, 2011

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