

Colby runner makes all-time track list

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Colby High runner Emilea Finley made the list of all-time regional track and field honors from 1977 to 2012 which *The Salina Journal* published Sunday with times she ran this spring.

Finley, who graduated this spring, made the list in three events for 2012 races.

She is 10th on the all-time list for the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.59. In the 1,600 meters, she ranks third with 5:02.36, and she is fifth in the 3,200-meter run with 11:02.98.

All three times beat out her times from 2011, which are also on the all-time list. She is ranked again in the 800 at 18th with 2:18.33, eighth on the 1,600 with 5:05.62 and 10th on the



Emilea Finley

3,200 with 11:20.75

Several track and fielders from past Colby High teams are on the all-time list as well.

From Colby High girls teams, Gina Stephens ranks sixth in the 400-meter dash, with a run of 57.40 in 1984.

Diana Gatlin ranks 20th in the same event with 57.90 in 1980.

JoAnn Dempewolf ranks 17th all-time in the 800 meters with a run

of 2:18.32 in 1977, which is one-hundredth of a second faster than Finley's 2011 record.

In the 1,600-meter run, Ivy Ramsey ranks 18th with 5:12.12 in 2002.

In the 1,600-meter relay, four of Colby's teams rank all-time. The Eagles' team from 1979 ranks eighth with 4:01.67; the 1981 team 11th with 4:02.59; the 1977 team 15th with 4:03.15; and the 2010 team 19th with 4:03.38.

From Colby High boys teams, Don

Mannebach ranks 12th in the 200-meter dash with 21.74 in 1991.

In the 400 meters, Zach Brown ranks 17th with 49.21 in 2001.

Jeff Oelke ranks 14th in the 1,600 with a run of 4:22.60 in 1985.

The boys 2001 relay team ranks 17th in the 400-meter relay with 43.20 and the 1984 team ranks 12th in the 3,200-meter relay with 8:01.50.

Statewide campaign aims to stop aquatic hitchhikers

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has launched a statewide campaign, Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, to educate Kansans about the environmental and economic threats that aquatic nuisance species such as zebra mussels and Asian carp pose to the state.

Aquatic nuisance species are animals and plants not native to Kansas that can threaten lake and river ecology, harm native or desirable species and interfere with our economy. They often hitchhike with unsuspecting people or their equipment, so an informed, watchful, public can help protect Kansas waters.

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers features an animated Asian carp hitchhiking a ride in a boat and includes a new website, ProtectKS-Waters.org, plus billboards, print advertisements and television and radio spots. It aims to alert the public about the threat of these species and encourages people to go to the website where they can learn more about the problem.

"Some people may not realize that these nonnative species may affect them even if they don't fish or boat," said Jason Goeckler, coordinator of the Kansas Aquatic Nuisance Species Program. "Zebra mussels will attach themselves to anything below the water line. In addition to damaging boating and fishing equipment, they'll foul rocky shorelines with their sharp, dime-sized shells, making it hard to walk or wade along the shore. Also, they can clog water intakes and damage power-generating facilities.

"In early May, the city of Council Grove experienced a temporary water shortage due to a thick layer of zebra mussels coating the inside of the intake tank at Council Grove City Lake.

"Asian carp consume up to 40 percent of their body weight each day, competing with native fish for food and threatening the diversity and quality of other aquatic life.

"When young, Asian carp resemble native minnows and shad, which is one reason we adjusted

our bait fish regulations to limit the use of wild-caught bait fish. When grown, Asian carp can weigh up to 100 pounds, and they are prone to leaping out of the water when disturbed, posing a real physical threat to boaters."

In an attempt to stem the spread of exotic species, the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission passed new regulations effective Jan. 1 that prohibit the movement of wild-caught live bait fish between bodies of water or up streams. They also require that vessels being removed from all waters in the state have livewells and bilges drained and drain plugs removed before being transported on any public highway.

"We realize that the new regulations will require anglers and boaters to modify the way they fish and boat today," said Goeckler, "but if we don't take these steps, the way in which we enjoy our waterways in the future will drastically change."

For information about the issue, go to ProtectKSWaters.org.

Former cyclist faces charges from U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

By Jim Vertuno

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas – Lance Armstrong is facing more doping allegations just a few months after he thought he had finally put them to rest.

Although federal investigators in February closed a two-year investigation without bringing criminal charges, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has filed new doping charges that could strip the seven-time Tour de France winner of his victories in cycling's premier race.

"I have never doped, and, unlike many of my accusers, I have competed as an endurance athlete for 25 years with no spike in performance, passed more than 500 drug tests and never failed one," Armstrong said in a statement.

The move by USADA immediately bans him from competing in triathlons, which he turned to after he retired from cycling last year.

Armstrong has been dogged by doping allegations since his first Tour victory in 1999, but had hoped his fight to be viewed as a clean champion was finally won after federal prosecutors closed their probe. Armstrong has said the investigation took a heavy emotional toll and he was relieved when it ended.

But USADA officials insisted they would continue to pursue their investigation into Armstrong and his former teams and doctors, and notified him of the charges in a 15-page letter on Tuesday. Unlike federal prosecutors, USADA isn't burdened by proving a crime occurred, just that there was use of performance-enhancing drugs.

In its letter, USADA said its investigation included evidence dating to 1996. It also included the new charge that Armstrong blood samples taken in 2009 and 2010 are "fully consistent with blood manipulation including EPO use and/or blood transfusions." Armstrong came out of his first retirement to race in the Tour de France those two years.

Armstrong, who was in France

training for a triathlon, dismissed the latest allegations as "baseless" and "motivated by spite."

On Thursday, Ironman France spokeswoman Delphine Vivet said Armstrong can no longer compete in the triathlon on June 24 in Nice

because of the proceedings.

Even though he last won the Tour seven years ago, the 40-year-old Armstrong remains a popular – if polarizing – figure, partly because of his charity work for cancer patients.

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