

College releases official graduation list

The 47th annual commencement ceremonies at Colby Community College were held on May 12 at the Colby Community Building.

A list of degree candidates and their hometowns are listed below.

Associate of Applied Science Northwest Kansas

Colby: Jason Ackerman, Ashley Evans, Tammy Foster, Heather Griggs, Kyra Hastings, Janie Herschberger, Jessica Jones, Leanna Larmer, Kristin Mann, Nicholas Rice, Leah Scott, Jacqueline Shandy, Schuyler Sharpe, Ashley Simon, Shelly Summers, Shayna Tease, Karen Unruh, Dagan Wright.

Atwood: Patrick Conrad, Shanana Cooksey, Chelsea Schultze; **Brewster:** Regina Barnes, Rose Bear, Cynthia Stitt; **Goodland:** Timothy Armknecht, Jessica Bauman, Leah Delsing; **Menlo:** Michael Yergey; **Norton:** Clorisa Abel, Summer Burton, Rachael Hickman, Kelli Johnson, Heidi Lane-Davis, Afton Macias, Sandra Ross-Crowder, Alice Whitt, Jodi Willard; **Oakley:** Kristin Kuhn; **Oberlin:** Joy Luoto, Kayla Zoderow; **Rexford:** Christopher Bailey; **Selden:** Melissa Lobato.

Kansas

Centralia: Kayla Kohake; **Clayton:** Sara Meyers; **Garden City:** Brooke Parker; **Gove:** Megan Alexander; **Grinnell:** Donald Baalman; **Hays:** Joel Busi, Madison Dumas, Jayne Jansoni, Rachel Klaus; **Hill City:** Kelly Hamel; **Hutchinson:** Breia Cape; **Inman:** Stephanie Showalter; **Leoti:** Heather Crouch; **Lincoln:** Toni Nelson; **Marquette:** Luke Hedberg; **Ness City:** Dustin Luetters; **Phillipsburg:** Chelsea Craig, Vickie Gibbs, Dennie Griffin; **Russell:** Audra Yarmer; **Salina:** Brianna Hazelton, Jamie Pfeifer; **Topeka:** Faye Miller, Megan Sitz; **Tribune:** Shayla Nix; **Wallace:** Brandi Bertrand, Sarah Ziegler; **Washington:** Christina Rieth; **Wells:** Katie Nichols; **Wichita:** Danielle Herman.

Other States

Colorado: Bethune: Kellyby Medford; **Cheyenne:** Moriah LeFlore; **Seibert:** Kraig Tagtmeyer; **Stratton:** Samantha May; **Wray:** Arika Johnson, Kacy

Thomson.

Nebraska: **Benkelman:** Kimberly Warman; **Cambridge:** K.C. Stear; **Franklin:** Morgan Harms; **McCook:** Kayla Fahrenbruch, Kami Foster, Whitney Kuhlen; **Stratton:** Darr Nickerson. **King City, Mo.:** Jessica Fuson; **Norman, Okla.:** Jennifer Hubert.

Associate of Science Northwest Kansas

Colby: Seth Bredemeier, Ana Jose, Collin Rous, Brady Rundel, Robert Schroeder, Thomas Wieland. **Atwood:** Eric Holub; **Bird City:** Savannah Isely; **Brewster:** Stefanie Eicher; **Oakley:** Will Clark, Brittany Ellegood, Layne Ostmeyer, Katelyn Schiltz; **Rexford:** Shaun Gilbert; **St. Francis:** Grady Brunk.

Kansas

Grainfield: Jordan Schmidtberger; **Hope:** Chelsea Bryant; **Medicine Lodge:** Tayla Kimball; **Salina:** Mariah Woolsoncroft; **Spearville:** Mitchell Ackerman; **Topeka:** Megan Sitz; **Tribune:** Samantha Foos.

Other States

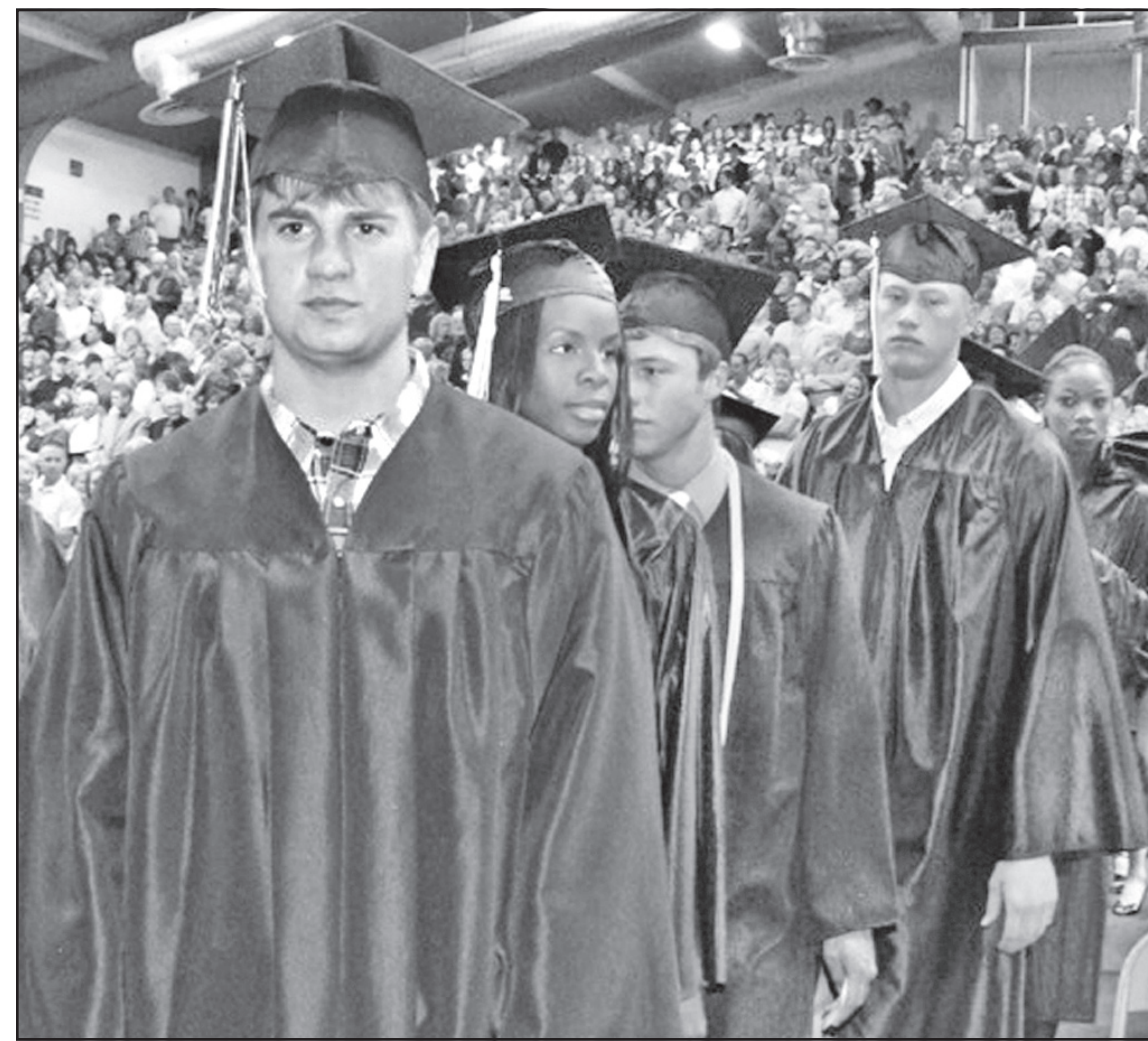
Milliken, Colo.: Brandon Wilson; **Sanford, Fla.:** Vincent Dillard; **Alliance, Neb.:** Sage Henderson; **Miller, Neb.:** Travis Line; **Lafayette, La.:** Lawrence Williams; **St. Louis:** Erin Marcus; **Winnett, Mont.:** Kristin Weller; **Raleigh, N.C.:** Clifton Whitfield-Griffin; **El Paso, Texas:** Vanessa Loya.

Other Countries

Freeport, Bahamas: Mikarla Swann, Gabrielle McIntosh. **Calgary, Canada:** Tyler Hayes. **Victoria, Canada:** Scott Jones, Austin Russell. **Heilongjiang, China:** Danqi Li. **Nairobi, Kenya:** Edward Limo.

Associate of Arts Northwest Kansas

Colby: Shelly Aufrecht, Kayla Cozza, Danyelle Mazanec, Skyler Rains, Brady Rundel, Nathan Schwartz, Sarah Wolf. **Atwood:** Eric Holub, Anthony Vrba; **Brewster:** Ashton Domsch,



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College
Colby Community College graduates (above, from left) Kane Lovvorn, Gabby McIntosh, Layne Ostmeyer, Matt Raile and Shauntae Miller walked to their seats during the college's graduation ceremony at the Community Building.

Callie Reed; **Oakley:** Brittany Ellegood, Katelyn Schiltz; **Rexford:** Jenna Bruggeman.

Other States

Colorado: **Arvada:** Lindsey Campbell; **Burlington:** April Weisshaar; **Denver:** Collin Graham; **Limon:** Holly Koehn; **Loveland:** Trenton Lussenhop, Andrew Posegate; **Milliken:** Brandon Wilson, Zachary Wilson; **Thornton:** David Bauer. **Nebraska:** **Hayes Center:** Shelby Tyan; **Kearney:** Jensen Foss; **Mead:** Michael McLaughlin; **Riverdale:** Kristine Lammers. **Boise, Idaho:** Rachel Montgomery. **Chicago:** Jamie Adams. **Las Vegas:** Nicholas Bata, Devin

Other States

Chavez, Raleigh, N.C.: Clifton Whitfield-Griffin. **St. Louis:** Erin Marcus. **Texas:** **Canutillo:** Roxana Torres; **Claude:** Morgan Rickwartz; **Crosby:** James Leonard.

Other Countries

Freeport, Bahamas: Gabrielle McIntosh. **Victoria, British Columbia, Canada:** Scott Jones, Austin Russell. **Calgary, Canada:** Tyler Hayes. **Nairobi, Kenya:** Edward Limo.

Certificates

Colby: Kristania Besouw, Tif-

fany Focke, Kelly Gates, Dakota Gipson, Heather Griggs, Kieley Hines, Jessica Jones, Leanna Larmer, Kristin Mann, Nicholas Rice, Leah Scott, Jacqueline Shandy, Schuyler Sharpe, Ashley Simon, Shelly Summers, Shayna Tease, Karen Unruh, Dagan Wright.

Northwest Kansas

Brewster: Rose Bear, Dani Dietz; **Goodland:** Cassandra Aguirre, Jessica Gittinger, Courtney Lopez, Rebecca O'Neal, Erica Palmer; **Levant:** Amy Nelson; **Menlo:** Michael Yergey; **Norton:** Heather Bausch, Sheila Bolinger, Louisa Gosselin, Jennifer Kohfeld, Veronica McIntyre, Jolene Overlease; **Oakley:** Caitlin Basgall, Cindy Horton, Kristin Kuhn, Jamie Stramel; **Oberlin:** Heather Fortin, Brian Hileman, Jennifer Wolters; **Selden:** Melissa Lobato; **St. Francis:** Ashley Stickley, Candice Wiese.

Kansas

Almena: Karen Wenzl; **Cawker City:** Chelsea Shamberg; **Garden City:** Jessica Allen; **Grainfield:** Sherry Martin; **Grinnell:** Donald Baalman; **Hill City:** Kroytal Born, Tyler Brack, Andrew Fountain, Krista Lomax, Marlo Parsons; **Johnson:** Kelly Strayer; **Kanorado:** Yolanda Ledesma; **Logan:** Amy Zillinger, Emily Zillinger; **Marquette:** Luke Hedberg; **Ness City:** Dustin Luetters; **Phillipsburg:** Stacey VanKooten; **Quinter:** Caitlyn McDaniel; **Washington:** Christina Rieth; **Winona:** Tobey Stramel.

Colorado and Nebraska

Colorado: **Bethune:** Kellyby Medford; **Burlington:** David Bunch, Victoria Herrera, Shannon Miller; **Cheyenne:** Moriah LeFlore; **Conifer:** Sarah Miller; **Denver:** Gina Dvorko; **Love-land:** Gina Dvorko; **Seibert:** Kraig Tagtmeyer; **Yuma:** Clifton Leonhardt. **Nebraska:** **David City:** Marcus Eggleston; **McCook:** Monah Steinmetz; **Venango:** Brian Krajewski.

Herzogfest coming in August

The town of Victoria plans a weekend of free fun at the 30th Annual Herzogfest. Those of all ages will be entertained, find something good to eat and experience hometown fellowship, all in celebration of the town's German heritage.

The celebration begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, with homemade food vendors lining Main Street, polka bands playing, free swimming and fun cycles and banana bikes cruising the streets for kids' entertainment. Local band Shades of Gray will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. followed by national recording artist Wade Bowen at 9:30 p.m. Spectators are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to

line the creek.

The Third Annual Herzogfest Rod, Custom and Cycle show will be going on from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday for car enthusiasts.

On Saturday, Aug. 12, there will be a sunrise 5K run/walk at 7:45 a.m., parade at 9:30 a.m. and a welcoming ceremony with German chants, a blessing and a time of thanksgiving at 10 a.m. Games and activities will be going on all day around the park.

At 11 a.m. 3-on-3 basketball, horseshoes and fun cycles and banana bikes will begin. To cool down, there's bingo at noon. The Eagle Radio Kids Pedal Pull will

start at 1 p.m.

At 4 p.m. there will be a polka mass. Following mass, polka music will continue to fill the park until the talent show starts at 6:30 p.m. A pinocle tournament starts at 7.

Saturday evening winds up with Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations at 9:30 p.m., kicking up the beat with some old time favorites.

All entertainment is free. Tournaments and some special events have entry fees. For information and entry forms, go to www.herzogfest.com or contact the Herzogfest committee at info@herzogfest.com.

Cherry pit spit snags award

EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — Ronn Matt's wife encouraged him to enter the annual International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship in southwestern Michigan on Saturday.

It's a good thing she did. The 46-year-old Chicagoan pulled a big upset, winning the contest in his initial try and becoming the first champion not named Krause or Lessard in 20 years.

Matt spit a pit 69 feet at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm near Eau Claire, just north of the Indiana border.

Owner Herb Teichman launched

the tournament on a lark nearly four decades ago. It now attracts competitors from the U.S. and beyond, and has six divisions, including dignitaries.

Since 1992, members of the Krause and Lessard families have dominated the event.

Brian "Young Gun" Krause of Dimondale holds the world-record spit — more than 93 feet — and had won the past two years. But the 34-year-old finished fifth Saturday with a spit of 52 feet, 10 inches.

Krause's father, Rick "Pellet Gun" Krause, came in second with a spit of 61 feet, 2 inches.

And Brian Krause's brother, Matt, earned a third-place finish with his 60-foot, 11-inch spit.

The tournament typically is timed to the start of the cherry harvest, but competition spokeswoman Lynne Sage said that due to an unusually warm spring, it's already complete. Saturday's installment was held in sweltering heat.

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