

# Clinic postponed for basketball league

Due to illness in the office, the Colby Recreation Department is postponing the Youth Basketball League fundamentals clinic which had been scheduled for Saturday.

Recreation Director Stacy Jasper said the clinic has been rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26.

As soon as teams are divided, she said, coaches will be notified so they can begin contacting their players.

"Thank you for your patience," Jasper said, "and

I hope to be on the ball with this by the end of this week."

The league is for boys and girls, divided by grades: first and second, third and fourth and fifth and sixth. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Colby Grade School and Middle School gyms. The clinic is open to all grades, with games to follow each Saturday.

Contact Jasper at 460-4440 or colbyrecreation@gmail.com with questions.

# Hall of Fame nominees to be announced today

By Ronald Blum  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK – Judgment day has arrived for Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa to find out their Hall of Fame fates.

With the cloud of steroids shrouding many candidacies, baseball writers may fail for the only the second time in more than four decades to elect anyone to the Hall.

About 600 people are eligible to vote in the Baseball Writers' Association of America election, all members of the organization for 10 consecutive years at any point. Results were to be announced at 2 p.m. (Eastern Time) today, with the focus on first-time eligibles that include Bonds, baseball's only seven-time Most Valuable Player, and Clemens, the only seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

Since 1965, the only years the writers didn't elect a candidate were when Yogi Berra topped the

1971 vote by appearing on 67 percent of the ballots cast and when Phil Niekro headed the 1996 ballot at 68 percent. Both were chosen the following years when they achieved the 75 percent necessary for election.

Three inductees were chosen last month by the 16-member panel considering individuals from the era before integration in 1946: Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert, umpire Hank O'Day and bare-handed catcher Deacon White. They will be enshrined during a ceremony at Cooperstown on July 28.

Also on the ballot for the first time are Sosa and Mike Piazza, power hitters whose statistics have been questioned because of the Steroids Era, and Craig Biggio, 20th on the career list with 3,060 hits – all for the Houston Astros. Curt Schilling, 11-2 with a 2.23 ERA in postseason play, is another ballot rookie.

The Hall was prepared to hold

a news conference Thursday with any electees. Or to not have one.

Biggio wasn't sure whether the controversy over this year's ballot would keep all candidates out.

Jane Forbes Clark, the Hall's chairman, said last year she was not troubled by voters weighing how to evaluate players in the era of performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds has denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs and was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice for giving an evasive answer in 2003 to a grand jury investigating PEDs. Clemens was acquitted of perjury charges stemming from congressional testimony during which he denied using PEDs.

Sosa, who finished with 609 home runs, was among those who tested positive in MLB's 2003 anonymous survey, *The New York Times* reported in 2009. He told a congressional committee in 2005 that he never took illegal performance-enhancing drugs.



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John Clarke tried for a three-point basket Monday during the Colby Community College men's basketball game against Seward County Community College at the Community Building.

## Trojans lose conference game

The Colby Community College men's basketball team lost its first Jayhawk Conference game of the season to Cloud County Community College on Saturday at Concordia.

The final score was 74-62. Kris Rolle had a double-double with 17 points and 18 rebounds. Jeremiah Ingram had 14 points and 7 rebounds, while Terry Starks added 12 points with 8 assists.

"We played a lot better in the second half of the game," said Coach Rusty Grafel. "We were down 18 points at half and that is just too much of a lead to try and come back from when playing on the road. Cloud did a lot of good things, but we hurt

ourselves too much at times.

"Kris Rolle had another career-high game and played with a lot of heart and toughness the entire game."

The Lady Trojans also played on Saturday at Concordia, losing to Cloud County 74-36.

The Trojans will be on the road tonight to play the Conquistadors at Dodge City Community College. The next home games will be Sunday against Garden City Community College.

The women will play at 2 p.m., followed by the men about 4 p.m. at the Community Building.

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