

# Drivers ready to jump into Colby's Mud Bog



NW Kansas Mud Bog Courtesy Photo

How far this mud boggler went was anyone's guess during another recent Northwest Kansas Mud Bog competitions. The dirty fun comes to Colby Saturday night beginning at 6 p.m.

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Colby's biggest mud hole has become more of an attraction than even the best Northwest Kansas Mud Bog fans expected.

"We were thinking about 20 coming in (to compete) but it looks like we're going to be closer to 30," Mud Bog enthusiast and organizer Nathan Armbruster revealed Wednesday afternoon. "If we're lucky, we might even get 40."

Anyone can jump into this mud bog competition Saturday night at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

All drivers need is a \$50 entry fee, legally signed waiver and good strong truck or similar vehicle to power through the bog.

Whoever can drive the farthest and fastest earns prize money. There will be two pits going simultaneously, and each driver will get a chance to go through both pits.

Average time and distance for the two runs will determine winners. Prizes along with trophies will be awarded to the top four placers in each of four divisions:

Stock Class, Super Stock, Modifieds and Open.

"And of course, there's bragging rights. For a lot of these drivers, bragging rights seems to almost as big as the prize money," Mud Bog spokesperson and organizer Tina Harris said.

Armbruster mentioned two or three rivals and several other top drivers who will be competing on Saturday. He recently earned a big mud bog victory in Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Colby will be hosting its first mud bog in five years, Armbruster said.

"We only had about two-and-a-half weeks of preparation, but people have really worked together to get it ready," he added. "The hole was dug on Monday. We'll start adding the water on Saturday and get it all mixed up. Hopefully, a lot of people will come out and support it."

General admission prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

Besides powerful vehicles and intense effort, crazy moments can occur during a mud bog. Armbruster has witnessed trucks flip over in the mud on more than one

occasion.

He recently broke the gear box in his steering column, which caused his truck to jump a concrete barrier and push it about two feet backwards.

"I was laughing up a storm," Armbruster said.

However, those moments also mean there are some safety guidelines for each mud bog class.

Open division requires all drivers and passers have Department of Transportation-approved helmets. Fire suits are also recommended, though non D.O.T.-approved tires are permitted.

Stock Class, Super Stocks and Modifieds all most have D.O.T.-approved tires with no cutting or grooving. Stock Class features tires up to 34" high, Super Stocks 35 to 38" and Modifieds have tires 39" or higher.

Another fun feature of Mud Bogs is that every driver can bring a passenger, brave or otherwise. Armbruster's wife usually rides along during his competition, though his daughter also "enjoyed" this opportunity recently.

All entries must be made by 4 p.m on Saturday. A driver's meeting follows at 5 p.m.

## Sluggers split with Outlaws

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Matt Barnum pitched three scoreless innings and added one huge late hit to help the Colby Sluggers salvage a doubleheader split at Goodland Wednesday night.

Goodland dealt the Sluggers a rare zone defeat, 9-3, in game one before nearly pulling off the sweep.

"We trailed until the seventh inning of the second game," coach Jared Hamilton said. "I guess it was kind of a hangover effect from a rough tournament (at Hays) last weekend."

Colby finished 0-3 in Hays and needed to rest some pitching against Goodland. So Barnum stepped up to keep the Outlaws close until Luke Cox's walk started a three-run Colby seventh inning.

Caleb Mazanec's single scored Cox for the 5-5 tie, and Jake



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Goodland Star-News

The Colby Sluggers and Goodland Outlaws both earned a win during their doubleheader at Goodland Wednesday evening. Game two was about as close as this Colby baserunner and Goodland infielder pictured at the Levi Hayden Tournament.

Thompson's grounder moved an RBI-single for the 7-5 margin. Colby ahead. Barnum then ripped Colby's now 11-9 this season.

## Season leaders rule Saturday

Season leaders showed they're ruling Thomas County Speedway this season with two more victories Saturday evening.

Clay Money brought a six-point lead into the holiday weekend, and he won another Sport Mods main event.

His closest challengers were Josh Appel and Gage Coen with Coen ranking ninth among Sports Mods season leaders.

Alex West owned a narrow one-point lead over Rocky Baalman entering Saturday. West won again while Baalman was not able to finish in their latest Econos class showdown.

However, the other classes featured some shake-up. Jeff Tubbs was running in a fourth-place tie, but he took first Saturday evening ahead of season leader Jason Rogers.

Matt Morris, running fifth in the tough Modifieds division, won Saturday's skirmish over Todd



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press

Stock car driver Jeff Tubbs motored to a main event victory at Thomas County Speedway Saturday evening.

Schwarz and Darren DeLoach. Points leader Michael Wadel finished fifth.

Tyrel Smith took home the Hobby Stocks title while trying to break into this season's top 10.

## Yankee returns to play Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — The Captain is back.

New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, who had missed the

first 91 games of the season with a fractured left ankle, returned to the lineup Thursday afternoon against the Kansas City Royals.

Batting second as the club's designated hitter, Jeter reached on an infield single in his first at-bat deflected off a Royal.

## Age 11-12 girls power Sharks through super summer

More Colby Sharks results from their season-closing performance at last weekend's league swim club championships in Burlington, Colo.

The Sharks took home 12 trophies for both their regular season and league meet efforts. They scored 228 points in the finale to place second among eight teams.

**Age 8-and-under boys**  
Blair Niblock placed 23rd in 25-freestyle (34.27), 12th in 25-butterfly (43.58) and eighth in 25-breaststroke (48.21).

Blayne Reid placed 20th in 25-freestyle (32.69) and 16th in 25-backstroke (42.23).

Breon Barton placed fifth in 25-freestyle (19.96), 10th in 50-freestyle (56.61), fourth in 25-backstroke (26.25), seventh in 25-breaststroke (34.5) and ninth in 100-individual medley (2:39.43).

Caden Schrine placed 29th in 25-freestyle (39.5) and ninth in 25-breaststroke (34.86).

Jack Delzeit placed 25th in 25-freestyle (39.5) and 18th in 50-freestyle (1:33.77).

Relays: Swim Club A of Mettlen, Niblock, Lindsey and Barton placed seventh in 100-freestyle (2:41.24). Swim Club A of Aaron Lindsey, Barton, Beau Mettlen and Niblock placed seventh in 100-medley (2:19.53).

Mixed relays: Swim Club A of Amanda Jaeger, Barton, Kayla Jaeger and Reid placed third in 100-medley (2:21.92).

**Age 9-10 girls**  
Alizah Schielke placed 23rd in 25-freestyle (24.62), 20th in 25-backstroke (30.66) and 18th in 25-butterfly (31.65).

Allison Catlin placed 10th in 25-freestyle (18.67), 12th in 100-freestyle (1:43.19), ninth in 25-backstroke (24.09), ninth in 25-breaststroke (24.88) and seventh in 100-individual medley (1:48.58).

Carissa Brogan placed sixth in 25-freestyle (18.09), 12th in 100-freestyle (1:41.6), seventh in 25-backstroke (23.12), third in 25-butterfly (21.18) and 10th in 100-individual medley (1:52.54).

Jeanie Strick placed 20th in 25-freestyle (22.66), 21st in 100-freestyle

(1:57.65), 12th in 25-backstroke (26.41), 16th in 25-butterfly (30.06) and 19th in 100-individual medley (2:12.52).

Jillian Niblock placed 16th in 25-freestyle (21.46), 20th in 100-freestyle (1:54), 14th in 25-backstroke (26.41), 14th in 25-breaststroke (26.98) and 18th in 100-individual medley (2:07.47).

Kourtney Finley placed second in 25-freestyle (15.91), second in 100-freestyle (1:27.07), first in 25-butterfly (17.37), sixth in 25-breaststroke (22.95) and third in 100-individual medley (1:38.94).

Madison Krejci placed 21st in 25-freestyle (22.88), 16th in 100-freestyle (1:46.47), 14th in 25-butterfly (17.37), eighth in 25-breaststroke (24.8) and 16th in 100-individual medley (1:58.54).

Relays: Swim Club A of Strick, Schielke, Niblock and Krejci placed fourth in 100-freestyle (1:34.69). Swim Club A of Brogan, Catlin, Finley and Krejci placed second in 100-medley (1:33.72).

**Age 9-10 boys**  
Dawsyn Lemman placed sixth in 25-freestyle (27.38), seventh in 100-freestyle (1:29.08), ninth in 25-but-

terfly (22.92), 16th in 25-breaststroke (33.58) and 14th in 100-individual medley (1:51.21).

Joshua Yanez placed 26th in 25-freestyle (28.93), 22nd in 25-butterfly (39.23) and 18th in 25-breaststroke (56.36).

Wade Rush placed sixth in 100-freestyle (1:29.05), fourth in 25-backstroke (23.13), sixth in 25-butterfly (21.4), fourth in 25-breaststroke (23.51) and 13th in 100-individual medley (1:46.71).

Mixed relays: Swim Club A of Lemman, Yanez, Rush and Catlin placed fourth in 100-freestyle (1:26.33). Swim Club A of Niblock, Rush, Lemman and Yanez placed fourth in 100-medley (1:54.65).

**Age 11-12 girls**  
Alexandra Quattlebaum placed 20th in 50-freestyle (38.65), 17th in 100-freestyle (1:27.95), 19th in 50-backstroke (49.63), 15th in 50-breaststroke (49.99) and 21st in 100-individual medley (1:43.74).

Alexis Carney placed 17th in 50-freestyle (37.31), 12th in 100-freestyle (1:23.89), seventh in 200-freestyle (3:04.52), 12th in 50-backstroke (46.15) and 14th in 50-breaststroke

(49.72).

Jayln Mettlen placed 13th in 50-freestyle (35.48), 25th in 50-butterfly (46.03) and 13th in 50-breaststroke (49.65).

Jersey Carney placed 16th in 50-freestyle (36.78), 15th in 100-freestyle (1:26.73), 11th in 200-freestyle (3:15.88), 13th in 50-butterfly (45.31) and 23rd in 100-individual medley (1:45.7).

Jessilyn Weis placed 24th in 50-freestyle (39.45), 28th in 100-freestyle (1:37.53), 26th in 50-butterfly (52.52), seventh in 50-breaststroke (48.98) and 36th in 100-individual medley (1:41.26).

Macy Catlin placed first in 50-freestyle (30.48), second in 100-fre-

estyle (1:14.45), third in 200-freestyle (2:28.48), first in 50-butterfly (37.11) and third in 100-individual medley (1:26.74).

Madisyn Lemman placed second in 50-freestyle (32.16), first in 100-freestyle (1:11.81), third in 50-backstroke (40.63), second in 50-butterfly (37.65) and first in 100-individual medley (1:22.31).

Meghann Elling placed 30th in 50-freestyle (40.96), 31st in 100-freestyle (1:42), 24th in 50-backstroke (40.63), 29th in 50-breaststroke (1:00.29) and 31st in 100-individual medley (1:55.19).

Paige Schroer placed 14th in 50-freestyle (36.09), 10th in 100-freestyle (1:21.27), 14th in 50-backstroke

(47.07), fourth in 50-breaststroke (46.8) and 16th in 100-individual medley (1:38.72).

Taylor Bieberle placed third in 50-freestyle (32.73), first in 200-freestyle (2:43.61), seventh in 50-butterfly (42.21), first in 50-breaststroke (40.24) and second in 100-individual medley (1:23.01).

Relays: Swim Club A of Lemman, Schroer, Bieberle and Catlin placed first in 200-freestyle (2:10.98), Swim Club B of Jersey Carney, Elling, Weis and Mettlen placed sixth in 200-freestyle (2:38.99).

Swim Club A of Alexis Carney, Bieberle, Catlin and Lemman placed first in 200-medley (2:37.48).

Remaining results appear Friday.

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Menlo City**

will meet on August 8, 2013 at 8:00 PM at Menlo City Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Clerk, Sharon Munk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2012		Current Year Estimate for 2013		Proposed Budget for 2014		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	6,762	11.621	37,425	11.725	71,900	3,279	11.702
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway			1,506		3,333		
Totals	6,762	11.621	38,931	11.725	75,233	3,279	11.702
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	6,762		38,931		75,233		
Total Tax Levied	3,331		3,373		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	286,639		287,676		280,209		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,

G.O. Bonds

Revenue Bonds

Other

Lease Purchase Principal

Total

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Sharon Munk

City Official Title: City Clerk



**July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**  
**Thomas County Fair Grounds**

**GENERAL ADMISSION:**  
**\$10 Adult • \$5 Children under 12**

**Driver's entry fee \$50**  
(Includes driver & one pit pass)

**All entries must be in by 4 p.m. • Drivers meeting will be at 5 p.m.**

**Concession Stand by: Kiwanis**