

Kids can learn great outdoors on Skills Day



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Muzzleloading will be among many outdoor skills taught on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Super Saturday of activity on Aug. 17

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A full range of activities such as muzzleloading, archery and map reading awaits those who participate in the 13th annual Northwest Kansas Youth Outdoor Skills Day on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Anyone age six and above is welcome, though Ducks Unlimited Western Kansas/Eastern Colorado Regional Director Josh Williams said the primary focus will be youths from six to about 17 years old.

Ducks Unlimited has joined with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks/Hunting Heritage Group to help organize this year's event.

The Youth Outdoor Skills Day (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will take place at no charge six miles north and two miles east of Colby on Pat Jones' property. Youths and adult volunteers can enjoy a free elk burger lunch.

Most should work up an appetite throughout this busy schedule which includes shotgunning, fur

harvesting and compass reading besides the activities already mentioned.

Shotgunning will feature a five-stand presentation where shooters will learn to aim at various levels, Williams explained.

"They'll start low tier and then move their way up," he said.

Williams also mentioned shotgunning and "fan favorite" muzzleloading will give everyone an opportunity to shoot "as long as they can handle a gun."

A game warden from Goodland is expected to assist with the trapping instruction.

"He's a lifelong trapper who has a lot of knowledge and experience to offer," Williams said.

Archery will take aim at shooting 3D animal targets, tree stand safety and blood trailing. All valuable skills to learn as another fall hunting season draws closer.

Another focus will be the evolution of archery from long bows and wooden arrows to current safety techniques.

"Safety and how to make people better archers is what this will center around," Williams said.

The most deceptively entertaining activity may be map and compass reading, he added.

"It's one of the most informative courses," Williams observed. "A hunter education coordinator out of Pratt will teach this course. There will be a lot about outdoors camping and having an outdoors lifestyle."

Williams concluded that none of this would be possible without the strong Colby-area support featuring numerous local sponsorships.

Besides a chance to learn all these skills, each participant will also take home one free gift as part of the 13th annual Youth Outdoor Skills Day.

The full day follows a Hunter Education Course on Sunday, Aug. 16.

Participants should pre-register by Wednesday.

Information can be obtained with a call to Williams at (785) 824-3833, or by also contacting Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism representatives Wes Sowards at 462-3367 or Kurtis Meier at 462-7993.

Trojan volleyball team high in class

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced Wednesday that the Colby Community College Volleyball Team is one of 16 two-year schools in the nation to receive the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2012-13 season.

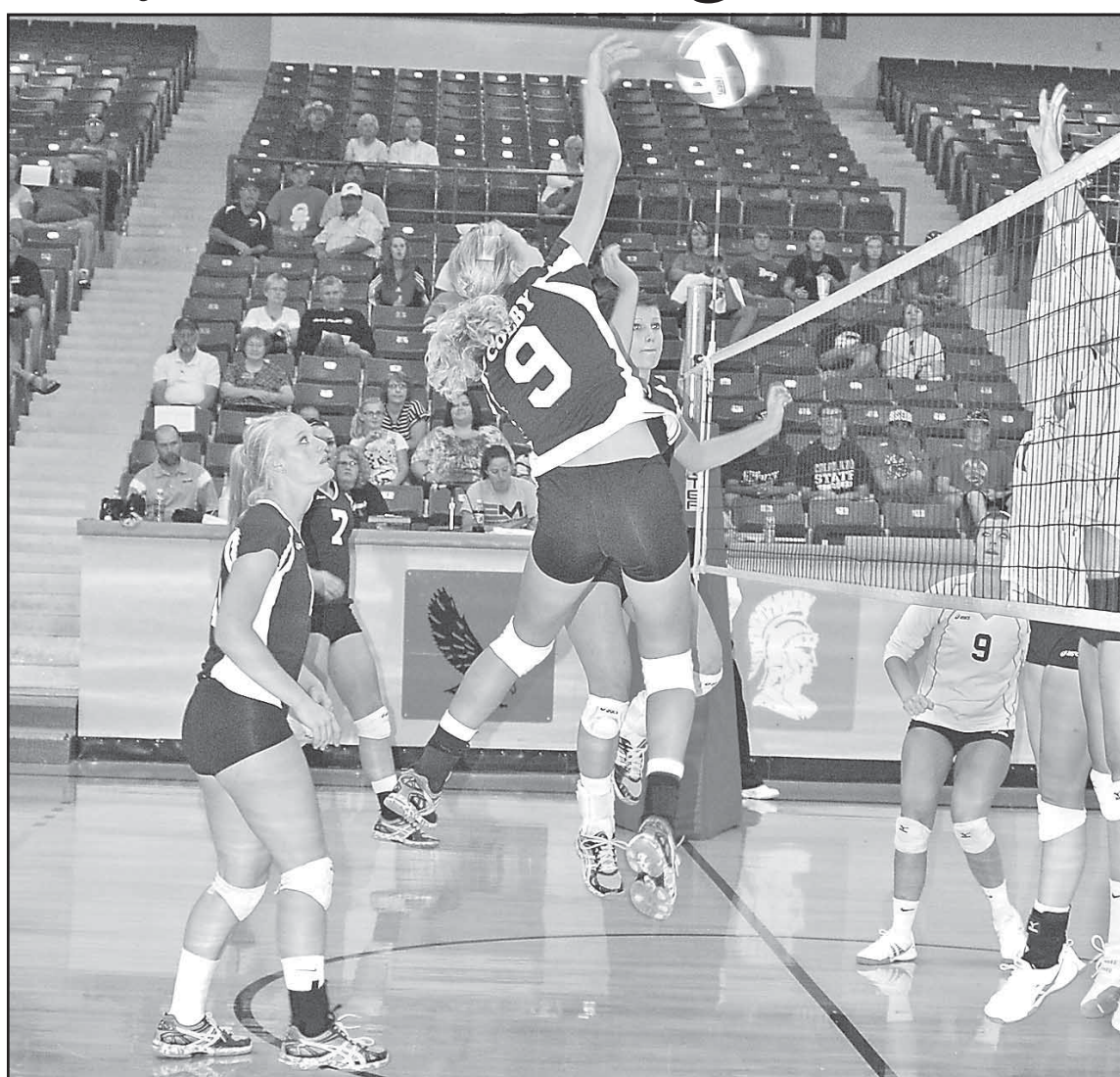
The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that exhibited excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale.

"Excellence doesn't happen by accident, either on the court or in the classroom," Association Executive Director Kathy DeBoer said. "It takes consistent preparation, relentless effort, and determined leadership. A full year of academic achievement by an entire team of individual students is a remarkable achievement. What better way to start a new season than with a celebration of an award so emblematic of all that is necessary for sustained success."

"This award is very impressive," Colby College Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy said. "Coach Carey Jones does a great job of recruiting quality athletes who are dedicated students and assets to the college and community."

Only 2.57 percent of two-year colleges in the nation qualified for this honor.

Members of the 2012-13 squad include Abby Mruzek, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Megan Witzel, Salt Lake City; Lorena Rosario, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic;



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A Colby Community College Trojan rose high for the kill attempt during early-season volleyball action last fall. The Trojans will begin their 2013 season on Thursday, Sept. 6 with a home invitation.

Jessica Piper, Kersey, Colo.; Emily Torson, Dighton; Sarah Eisenbarth, Keenesburg, Colo.; Taryn Lee, Erie, Colo.; Andjela Reljic,

Vrbas, Serbia; Bailey Pfortmiller, Natoma; Maisy Munson, Anthem, Ariz.; Haley Dever, Burbank, Ill.; Christina Ehr, Denver; and Abby

Gifford, Wainae, Hawaii. Colby College's 2013 volleyball season begins on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Golfers get started at PGA championship

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods got off to a solid start in his bid to win a 15th major title. Woods made a couple of early

birdies at the PGA Championship on Thursday morning, leaving him three shots off the early lead at venerable Oak Hill.

David Heard of Canada surged to the top of the board with a 5-under score through 16 holes. Jim Furyk was another stroke back, while the group at 3 under included Matt Kuchar, England's Paul Casey and Matt Jones of Australia.

Robert Garrigus got to 4 under and a share of the lead before a double-bogey at the par-3 sixth

hole knocked him back.

Woods began on the back side, making the turn with a 2-under 33. He birdied the par-5 13th hole at Oak Hill, chipping up within inches of the hole for a tap in. Then, at the par-3 15th, he stuck his tee shot about 10 feet away and made the putt. He had a chance to get to 3 under at the second hole, but missed about a 5-footer.

Sports stays caught in endless soap opera

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Just a couple of quick remarks from your sports writer about 15 minutes before deadline and between doughnut breaks:

1. ESPN should officially now stand for Endless Sand Portrayals of Nonsense. That would actually be ESPN yet I'm sure all reading this (parakeets in cages, etc.) get the point.

The latest endless reporting surrounds Texas A&M great quarterback Johnny "Football" Manziel and suspicions of him earning \$7,500 for signing autographs.

The NCAA should be ashamed hypocrites, because I've played football video games for years that made millions off these kids. I remember seeing Eric Crouch's likeness while playing Nebraska in the 1990s.

Ruling Manziel ineligible would be ridiculous. Yet if he did knowingly break some rules, then Johnny Football deserves at least a few games of suspension.

Rules need to be followed or utter chaos would break loose. If rules ever needed to be changed, it's in the NCAA.

Mr. Heisman likely would miss that Alabama game in mid-September.

So like most every other scandal, his teammates would be the real losers from all this.

2. Baseball drug report Maybe it's just coincidence: Texas Rangers are 3-0 since home-run leader Nelson Cruz was suspended.

Detroit Tigers are 3-0 since all-star shortstop Jhonny Peralta was suspended.

Yankees are 0-3 since Alex Rodriguez's appeal while playing one of baseball's worst teams.

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Everything looked smooth for the moment as a youth climbed into mutton busting competition at last week's Thomas County Fair. Watch for results in an upcoming edition.

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