



A few Colby homes could probably use this welcome mat as the rival Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs collide Sunday night in the weekend's biggest NFL contest.

Wife offers ring for game tickets

Top Broncos' star misses practice

DENVER (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos will play what some are dubbing the game of the year, when the two teams with 17 combined wins, and one loss do battle on Sunday.

According to the Denver Post, a woman, dubbed the "Wedding Ring Lady," has gone viral with her attempts to get tickets to the huge Broncos-Chiefs matchup, by trading an old wedding ring of hers.

The Kansas City Chiefs fan put up a Craigslist ad looking to trade her wedding ring (appraised at \$3,100), for two tickets to the Chiefs' home game with Denver on Dec. 1, in order to treat her husband as a 40th birthday present, according to sources.

The Broncos and Chiefs meet at Denver Sunday night in a game televised nationally on NBC. The Chiefs are making history, becoming the first team in any professional sport's history to start 9-0 after finishing with the worst record (2-14) just one year ago. "Wedding Ring Lady" clarifies that the ring is from a previous marriage.

Manning misses practice

The numbers keep piling up and so do the wins.

Still, for anyone watching closely, it's hard to fight the feeling that something's not quite right with Peyton Manning.

The feeling snuck up again Wednesday.

Irish loss aids picker

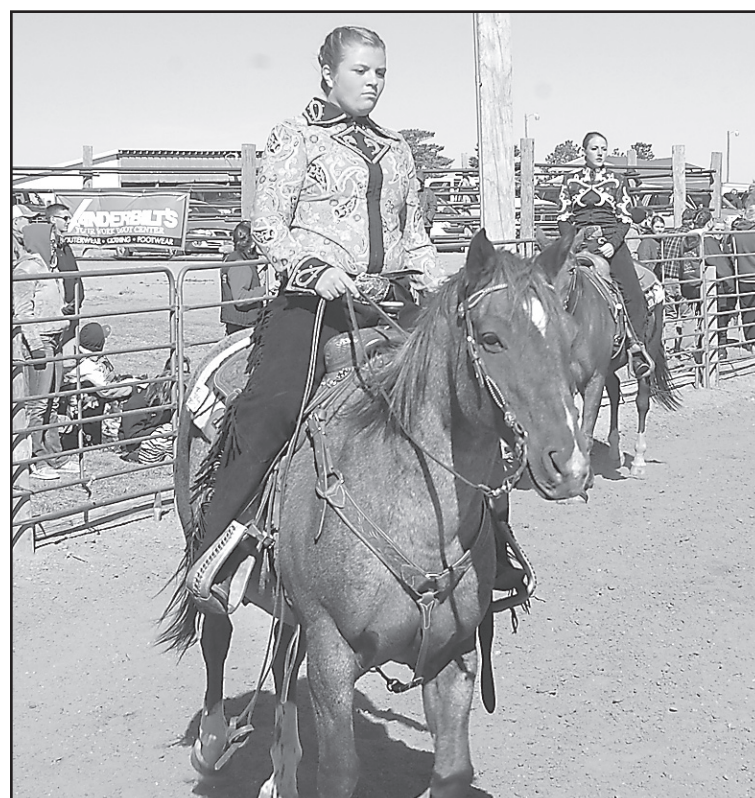
What could Notre Dame and the Wyoming Cowboys possibly have in common?

Answer: they both botched late Saturday night football games to help *Free Press* bumbler R.B. Headley keep pace with Associated Press guru Ralph Russo.

Rarely Brilliant's upset pick of Pittsburgh over Notre Dame along with Wyoming's 48-10 debacle against unbeaten Fresno State left both pickers at 8-4 for another weekend. However, Round Belly's running out of time in the season chase as his 100-32 record still trails Russo (108-24).

Other key picks last weekend were Russo smartly taking the Virginia Tech Hokies to win at Miami. R.B. missed that one as well as wrongly taking Tennessee to knock off No. 9 Auburn (55-23 Tigers win). What an idiot!

Trojans on horses earn titles



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby Community College was the home for an excellent International Collegiate Horse Show last month. The Colby team collected top honors in both Colorado and Wyoming recently.

By Debbie Schwanke
Colby Community College

The Colby Community College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association hunt seat team competed in a two-day show Oct. 19-20 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., and a two-day show Nov. 2-3 at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Colby's individual results:

University of Wyoming

Walk Trot, Show 1 — Ashlee Dinges, Ness City, reserve; 2. Ariel Severson, Gem; 6. LoriBeth James, Marquette.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter, Show 1 — 1. Gabrielle Smith, Lindsborg; 4. Marci Scriptor, Chapman; 5. Allison Siemens, Moundridge.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter, Show 1 — 1. Heather Toal, Hillsboro; 2. Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg; 3. Celine Isley, St. Francis.

Novice Fences, Show 1 — 5. Jade Kruse, Oakley.

Novice Flat, Show 1 — 6. Kruse.

Walk Trot, Show 2 — 4. Sev-

erson, 5. Dinges, James, reserve.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter, Show 2 — 1. Smith, 3. Megan Kantor, Louisville, N.C.; 5. Scriptor.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter, Show 2 — 1. Isely, Schurz, reserve; 3. Toal.

University of Colorado

Walk Trot, Show 1 — 1. Severson, 5. James, 6. Dinges.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter, Show 1 — 3. Siemens.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter, Show 1 — 1. Isely, 2. Toal, 3. Schurz.

Novice Fences, Show 1 — 3. Kruse.

Novice Flat, Show 1 — 5. Kruse.

Walk Trot, Show 2 — 2. Severson.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter, Show 2 — 3. Chapman, 5. Siemens.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter, Show 2 — 1. Smith, 4. Isely.

Novice Flat, Show 2 — 3. Kruse.

Watch for more results and details in upcoming editions.

Eagle leaders for 2013

By R.B. Headley

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The Colby Eagles delivered their five best total offensive efforts to close out this 2013 football season.

Some might not have realized the Eagles also surpassed 300 yards (304) during an Oct. 25 game against Clay Center, which featured a season-best 167 rushing.

After their first four games of less than 200 total, the Eagles totaled 286 at Concordia, 266 at Holcomb and 241 vs. Norton.

Junior quarterback Josh Matchell also topped the century mark in that district battle with Concordia. He carried 21 times for 108 yards and a touchdown.

Only the district champion Goodland Cowboys held Colby below 200 (195 yards) during those final five contests.

However, senior Andrew Taylor did rumble through the Cowboys to a season-best 72 yards (19 carries).

Other Eagle highlights included a 22-point quarter against Norton. Sophomore Brady Holzmeister



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High senior Adam Giersch broke free thanks to some good blocks and open space during the Eagles' Homecoming game against Ulysses. Giersch averaged more than 20 yards per catch this fall with a team-high three receiving touchdowns.

caught four passes for 95 yards and a touchdown in that contest.

A glance at all Colby High leaders during the varsity football season starting with those toughest tacklers.

Defense

Total tackles: Andrew Taylor 62 (8.9 per game), Brady Holzmeister 50 (5.6), Eric Schuette 43 (4.8), Adam Giersch 35 (3.9), Conner Mountford 34 (4.9), Bryce Arberger 31 (4.0), Ben Matchell 28 (4.7), Garrett Rose 25 (3.8), Matt Pieper 22 (3.1).

Sacks: Schuette 3 1/2, Taylor 2, Austin Boehme 1, Rose 1.

Takeaways: Giersch 3 (2 inter-

ceptions, fumble recovery), Arberger 3 (fumble recoveries), Holzmeister 2 (interceptions).

Offense

Total yards: Josh Matchell 863 (107.9 per game), Andrew Taylor 458, Brady Holzmeister 368.

Rushing: Taylor 122 carries for 355 yards, Josh Matchell 90 for 224, Matt Pieper 28 for 109, Holzmeister 27 for 99.

Receiving: Adam Giersch 12 catches for 255 yards, Ben Matchell 14 for 143, Taylor 12 for 103, Holzmeister 8 for 132.

Passing: Josh Matchell 45 completions, 653 yards, 5 touchdowns, 13 interceptions; Holz-

meister 8 for 22, 137 yards, 0 TDs and 2 INTs.

Scoring: Taylor 18 points (3 touchdowns), Giersch 18 (3 TDs), Josh Matchell 14 (2 TDs, 2 PAT conversions), Ben Matchell 12 (2 TDs), Holzmeister 12 (2 TDs), Keegan Morgan 2 (safety).

Special teams

Kick returns: Ben Matchell 4 for 184 yards (46-yd average), Holzmeister 6 for 107 (17.8), Pieper 9 for 92 (10.2).

Punts: Taylor 44 for 1,442 yards (32.8 average), Ben Matchell 1 for 38.

Kickoffs: Isaac Nichols 10 for 316 yards.

Bulldogs battle in close finales

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball season concluded recently at the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in Grinnell.

Only the A-team girls competed in the tourney.

The girls played three games at the tournament against Logan, Damar, and Grinnell-Wheatland.

In the Logan games, the girls won the first set 25-16, but lost the second in a close contest 27-25. The girls stayed close throughout the third, but Logan claimed the win 15-13.

The showdown with Damar was another three-set match as Damar won the first 25-16. The Lady Bulldogs rallied in the second to win 25-12. Both teams worked hard in the third keeping the game close, but Damar finished with a 16-14 win.

The final match was against Grinnell-Wheatland. The girls had lost to this team earlier in the season, and this tournament game ended with another loss for the Lady Bulldogs in two sets, 25-20 and 25-14.

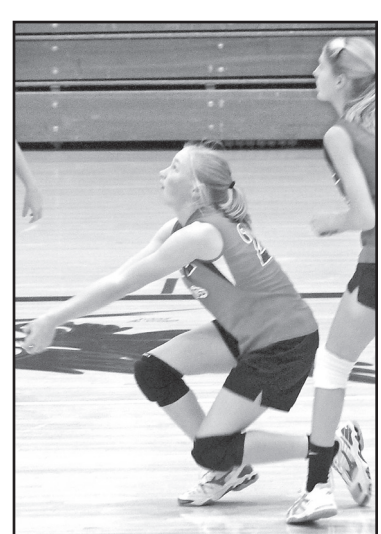
The A-team girls finished its season with a record of 6-5. The B-team girls held a 4-4 record and the C-team went 2-1.

"When we played as a team, we were unstoppable," Maggi Niemann said.

The girls are looking forward to next year's season with personal goals and optimism. Many of the eighth-grade girls are excited to play at the high school level and work on serving over-handed.

The sixth and seventh-grade girls also have goals.

"I think we did a really good job, but there is always room for improvement," Haley Miller concluded. "Overall, since I came here in sixth grade, I've seen improvement in myself and others. Good job, girls. Go Golden Plains!"



KAMI MILLER

Golden Plains High School KayCee Miller was ready to make a dig for Golden Plains during the league tournament.

Eagles split at Scott City

The Colby Middle School seventh graders were only two points from a sweep of their basketball games at Scott City Tuesday afternoon.

Colby's "A" team won 16-11 while the "B" team dropped a tough 13-12 contest.

The seventh-grade girls played in Colby against Scott City where those visitors won both showdowns, 36-23 (A game) and 26-15 (B game).

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