## Lady Trojans open tourney with win

Colby Free Press The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team opened seven rebounds, along with two assists. the Thomas County In-

surance Ambassador Classic at the Colby Community Building Thursday night with a 70-39 domination of Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely.)

The Ladies jumped out to a 10-0 lead before Northwestern put their first basket on the board at 14:47 in

the first half. Andrea Stephens came back down and scored a three for Colby, sparking an 8-point run by the Lady Tro-

At half-time, the score was 30-16 at half-time. Northwestern made some adjustments in the second half. but so did the Lady Trojans and the Colorado team was unable to deal with the quick play of the Colby

Buba Kovacevic and Stephens led last night 81-48.

the scoring with 12 points each. Kovacevic had a rebound, an assist and six steals. Stephens had a team-leading

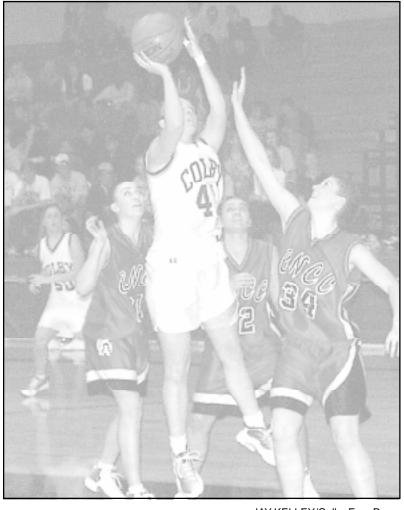
> Serra Sangar had 10 points, three rebounds, an assist and a steal. Irem Akman also had 10 points, along with thee rebounds an assist and a steal.

Amanda Ansel and Kim Desmond had seven points and three rebounds each. Ansel had two assists and two steals, while Desmond had five steals.

Ashley Stull had five points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal. Desiree Bacchus had three points, two rebounds and a steal.

Jami Turley and Crystal Mears rounded out the scoring with two potions each. Turley had two rebounds and an assist. Mears had three rebounds and two assists.

The Lady Trojans play Western Nebraska Community College (Scottsbluff) at 6 p.m. tonight. Western Nebraska beat Hastings (Neb.) jayvee



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Jami Turley got a shot off in a crowd to help the Colby Community College Lady Trojans dominate Colorado Northwestern Junior College 70-39 in the opening round of the Thomas County Insurance Ambassador Classic Thursday night. The Lady Trojans play at 6 p.m. tonight.

## Men get road win

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — Colby points and three assists. Billy Williams Community College survived a couple had 15 points, eight rebounds and three of scares and came away with an 81-76 road win over Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Neb.

The Trojans were down five at halftime and by as much as 13 in the second half, but were able to come back in what coach Brian Ostermann called an "encouraging" performance.

returned to the rotation after missing couraging! the last two games with ankle sprains. with 21 points and five rebounds. Tucker also provided a spark with eight rebounds.

Keyon Williams led the team with 25 Colby Community Building.

blocks. Stuart Keltner had 10 points and Eric Fowlkes had nine assists and

eight rebounds. "At times we didn't play well, but l thought we showed great character coming back in the second half down

13," said Ostermann. "It showed that this team is resilient Donte Hammond and Pierre Tucker and will play to the finish which is en-

The Trojans will be in action again Hammond was a spark off the bench tonight at 8 p.m. against New Mexico Junior College (Hobbs) in the men's opening round of the Thomas County Insurance Ambassador Classic at the

### The Classic is here

The Ambassador Classic has traditionally signified the start of basketball season around here, and this one is no different.

Thursday night, Tom Stephens' small but very quick squad dismantled Colorado Northwestern for the second time this season. They ran off 10 un-

Tonight they face a very tough Western Nebraska team. Colby lost to them 78-61 in their hometown of Scottsbluff

answered points to start the game.

Weekend Warrior

Jay Kelley

last weekend, but today's a new day! The men will start tonight against New Mexico Junior College, from Hobbs. They are a tough team, but don't have a great deal of size, so it

could be a very good matchup. Game times are 6 p.m. for the women and 8 p.m. for the men at the Community Building.

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## After 20 years, veteran still rookie on crew

Colby Free Press Even though he's been officiating Kansas High School football for more than 20 years, Jack Elliott, Colby said he thinks of himself as a rookie some-

That's because Elliott, who was honored by his peers for his service last week, works with a veteran crew.

"I came in to replace a guy who got hurt, when I was living in Goodland," said Elliott. The other crew members are Don Dawes, Goodland, who has been 35 years in both football and basketball, along with Ken Palmgren, Edson, and Terry Daise, Goodland who have both been officiating for 25 years. He also officiated basketball for five years, but said he had to quit after a knee injury.

"Some of the guys have taken time off to watch their kid come up," he said, adding that he hasn't had to do it because his boys, Clay and Derek, didn't play football.

### **Brewster** star signs at Bethany

LINDSBORG - Cayla Rush, a junior guard from Brewster, is a member of the 2001-2002 Bethany College "Swedes" women's basketball team. Under coach Trent May, the Swedes

compete in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, which is affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Bethany College is a fully accred-

ited, four-year, liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The College grants Bachelor of Arts degrees in 15 major areas of study and 13 teaching specializations. Bethany fields teams in 15 intercollegiate sports and offers more than 50 intramural sports and recreational activities as well as more than 30 student clubs and organizations.

### **Local Schedule**

Tonight

Thomas County Insurance Ambassador Classic basketball tournament in the Colby Community Building.

Women — Colorado Northwestern (Rangely) vs. Hastings (Neb.) jayvee at 2 p.m. and Colby Community College vs. Western Nebraska (Scottsbluff) at 6 p.m.

Men — Casper (Wyo.) vs. Panola (Tex.) at 4 p.m. and Colby Community College vs. New Mexico Junior College (Hobbs) at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 17 Thomas County Insurance Ambas-

sador Classic continues.

Women — Western Nebraska vs. Colorado Northwestern at 2 p.m. and Colby vs. Hastings jayvee at 6 p.m. Men—The losers of Friday's games will play at 4 p.m. and winners of Friday's games at 8 p.m.

Elliott said the first thing he had to learn was "staying out of the way." He said it's pretty much taken in stride

when an official gets hit accidentally, because everybody gets run over on the field at least once. "Josh Miller

(former Golden Plains standout now at Colby

Community Col-**Jack Elliott** lege) has started helping us on some junior varsity games," he said. "He got himself into

a corner this year and got hit." Elliott has seen a some changes in the last 20 years, but he said the biggest teams still do a few things well.

change was in the attitudes.

changed much, but the kids think they know the game better than they really do sometimes," he said. Elliott told of having to remind a coach or player that a college rule didn't apply in high school.

"You just go up and say 'we're playing on the wrong day," he said.

The game has changed a little, too. In fact, Elliott said the state athletic association is considering adding a fifth official because of the number of pass plays being completed.

"When I started, teams would bring a couple of recievers at most," he said, "now they have 3-4 receiver sets."

In spite of that, Elliott said the best

"Smith Center is a good example," "The fans and coaches haven't he said. "They run 3-4 plays, but they do things right and have discipline."

There is a real need for young people to get involved in officiating, he said, "We're all getting older."

Getting into officiating isn't hard, according to Elliott. There is an area meeting at the beginning of the year and two or three meetings during the season for rules updates.

"Just ask one of the referees," he

Elliott is also the head softball coach and C-team boys basketball coach for Colby High School, as well as a longtime Sweet Thunder Softball coach.

Elliott said he's glad to be able to officiate for 20 years and hopes to do it "as long as I can."



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