

Batter Up!



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Senior John Wark geared up to take a swing at the ball as the Colby Eagles played a double-header with Ulysses on Tuesday. The Eagles won the first game 11-3 and the second 15-4. Complete game results will appear in Thursday's edition of the *Colby Free Press*.

Walk Kansas at half-way point

It's half-time rally week for the Thomas County Walk Kansas program. Participants are in their fourth week of recording miles walked to achieve their goal of walking across Kansas, 423 miles. Walk Kansas is a eight week health and fitness program sponsored by K-State Research and Extension.

Thomas County will have close to 800 residents participating in Walk Kansas this year. New this year, is a Walk Kansas for Kids program. Sacred Heart Elementary School and Colby Elementary, will both be taking a part in getting our children involved in physical activity. Brenda Mazanec is heading up the Sacred Heart program, and Norm Behring will supervise the Colby Elementary Walk Kansas for Kids this fall.

Thomas County participants have logged in a whopping 9,937 miles and have lost 73 pounds through the third week of the program. Teams that have reported the highest mileage are "Oh Come On" with team captain Chad Zimmerman; "Walkie Talkies" with Elaine Ptacek and the "Bulldogs" led by Bonnie Holm. The

team with the most pounds lost is the "Fannie Farmers" team led by Connie Renner, they have lost a total of nine pounds.

The Thomas County Walk Kansas program has challenged other Northwest Counties to see who will achieve the highest mileage average per team. To date, Wallace County is on top with an average of 246.8 miles, Thomas County 216.03, Sheridan County 205.2, and Smith County at 177.6.

The losing County Agents will be subjected to some punishment decided on by an impartial neighboring County Agent. Thomas County Walk Kansas participants have promised D,Ette Scholtz, County Extension Agent, she will prevail in this friendly contest.

Slacker of the Week awards (just for fun) have been given to Brenda Mattson for failing to turn in her team's mileage, and Cheryl Baird of Colby, who neglected to walk the first week of the program — because she had a baby.

Cecilia Allen and Donna Kulhanek were honored with the "M&M" award, Mighty Motivators. Both were awarded prizes sponsored by the Citizen's Medical Foundation.

Below are team mile totals through week three: Oh Come On - 369.89; Walkie Talkies - 357.5; Bulldogs - 355.5; Brewster 5MM + 1 PS - 335.5; Sloan Farms - 317.0; Country Cruisers - 314.65; Walker Talker - 285.9; Be Hobo's - 278.8;

Ya Ya's - 278.0; Creepin' Sneakers - 276.15; Godsquad - 265.75; 5 Girls & A Guy - 260.0; Wellness Walkers - 258.5; Oldies But Goodies - 258.19; Babes in Waiting - 258.19; Majestics - 255.69; Pioneer Pacers - 253.69; Jabbering Strollers x2 - 253.19; Excess Baggage - 253.19; Bank Shot - 251.57; TLC Yamsters - 248.5; Prairie Pounders - 245.0; P-Gees - 244.19; Explorers - 242.19; Gravel Crunchers - 236.69; Wild Cats - 232.0; 4-B's - 227.44; Farm Credit Flyers - 225.6; Farm Credit Striders - 225.5; Walkaholics - 219.0; Amie's Achievers - 217.8; Fannie Farmers - 216.5; Weight Busters - 215.25; Spirit Walkers - 214.0; She Cats - 209.5; Prairie Wind Walkers - 204.39; Hutfles Family - 200.19; 1st Walkie Talkies - 190.7; Klassy Kats - 186.11; Sole Mates - 183.5; CUMC Ladies Bible Study - 181.0; Holy Rollers - 180.5; Groovy Walkers - 173.5; The Hoofers - 166.0; CCC Nursing - 163.0; and Walk of Ages - 146.0

Sports Brief

Anyone interested in playing American Legion baseball this summer should plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Midwest Energy Office, 1125 S. Range.

Players and parents are encouraged to attend. Anyone born in 1984 or later is eligible.

If you are interested, but unable to attend, contact Wayne Sulzman at 462-2716.

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Colby teams do well in Atwood

There were 102 teams who participated in the fourth annual Atwood 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday. Of the 12 teams from Colby who participated in the tournament, two teams finished first and one came in second.

In the third and fourth grade girls division, the team made up of Kelsey Shields, Kayla Hockersmith and Katherine Kaus finished first. Second place in the same division was won claimed by Shelby Terrell, Katrina Kaus and Brittany Bange. In the fifth and sixth grade boys division, Heath Stephens, Stephen Dinkel and Levi Schlick won first place.

The tournament is sponsored by the Area Community Enrichment Foundation and the Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project.

Teams participating were from Atwood, Bird City, Colby, Culbertson, Eureka, Goodland, Hayes Center, Grinnell, Imperial, Ludell, McCook, McDonald, Norton, Oberlin, Rexford, St. Francis, Strasburg, and Trenton.

Next year's tournament will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004, with entries having to be limited. Information about the tournament may be found at: atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com

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