

Feet funnel funds



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Walkers take to the track at the 2003 Thomas County Relay for Life. The event, which raised about \$9,000 for the American Cancer Society, ran from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday. Ten teams had members walking on the Dennen Field track all night.

It's that time again



Brian Ostermann

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ARE YOU READY?

It's hard to believe the 2003-04 school year is here. Summer travels by so fast it's hard just to catch our breath. But, as always, I am looking forward to another challenging year. It all begins this week for Colby Community College. Our students are here and classes begin Tuesday.

Our program's first major event is our annual "Benefit Golf Tournament." This is the sixth annual tournament and it's my fifth as head coach. The participation for this event is tremendous. I want to thank everyone in advance for his or her support and participation.

Thursday, Aug. 28 is the big day (it's less than two weeks away). Boy will it be big. The golf tournament is just about full. We may have room for one more team. We have a great number of hole sponsors and some great items for the auction. The golf tournament begins at 11 a.m. and the auction begins around 5:30 p.m. Be sure to stop out and say hello. Our players will be on hand and the Trojans dance team will also be out in full force at the tournament. It will be a fun event. Hope you can come out and participate and enjoy in the festivities. If anyone is interested in helping out with a hole sponsorship, auction item, hole sponsor or team please contact one of the committee members or me.

The benefit auction has some great items this year. Everyone is welcome to come out to the auction. Some of the items include: Bob Knight autograph basketball, Nick Collison autograph basketball, Denver Bronco tickets, K.C. Royals tickets vs. Chicago White Sox (last regular season game — could decide division champion), Nolan Ryan autograph baseball, Kansas City Chiefs tickets Vs. Pittsburgh, Rick Pitino autographed photo, and much more.

JOTTINGS

Best wishes to the Colby High School volleyball and football teams as they begin fall workouts.

My weekly college football poll begins the today along with Rich Epp's area high school polls. Be sure to tune into sports talk Monday's & Thursday's for the latest in all sports.

The Trojans received mention in the NJCAA national poll three times last season, the last was on Feb. 18.

The Trojans will be ranked between 8-12 in the national pre-season junior college rankings for 2003-04.

We finished 14-2 at home in 02-03 and 10-4 in 01-02. Two years 24-6 not bad. We have 14 regular season home games in 03-04.

I really like Ohio State but I do not think they will repeat as national champions.

K-State should win the Big 12 North. If they do they will have a shot at a national championship. Of course they would have to win the Big 12 Championship game.

I feel for the K.U. football fans. I

wonder if they will ever have a quality football team again.

It's a great year to be a Wildcat fan and a great year to be a Trojan fan.

I would like to thank the benefit golf tournament committee for all their hard work — Todd Barrows, Rodney Ryan, Keith Downing and Darrell Pabst. I have listed all current sponsors for the tournament. This list is expanding and will be updated.

Hole Sponsors are: Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, AFLAC Jayhawk Region, Colby Ag Center, Colby Bowl & Fun Center, Colby Fertilizer, Colby Lumber, Dougherty Implement, End Zone Sports & Office Supply, Inc.-Norton, Edward Jones, Farm & Ranch Realty, First National Bank, Farm Credit Services of Western Kansas, F&M Insurance, F & M Bank, G & E Farms-Max Embree, Great Western Tire, Hi-Plains Coop, Hoxie Feed Yard, Jeannie Solko, Jim & Terry Cousins, J & R Marketing, Kansas Farmers Service Association, Kennedy & Co., Martin Tractor, Milde Mixin More, Mittens Inc.-Oakley, Northwest Kansas Decorating Center, Oakley Shurfine, Palace Drug Store, People's State Bank, Pueblo Chemical, Rodney Ryan, Sears of Colby & Larry McDonald Harvesting, Service Oil Co., Sunflower Bank, Thomas County Insurance and Twisters.

Additional hole sponsors/tradeouts for this year's golf benefit are: Colby Community College Bookstore, Colby Canvas, *Colby Free Press*, Commercial Sign, Dillons, KXXX/KQLS and Wark's Embroidery.

Hole Prize Sponsors for our golf benefit are: Angie Jennings, Jim Oliver, John C. Tweed Agency, and Overtime Liquor (Mike Hake).

Gift item donation sponsors for the golf benefit auction are: Horlacher Jewelers, Donelan Jewelers, and Drs. Morrison & Wahlmeier Family Practice Optometrists.

The popular Trojan Dunk-O-Meter finished at 107 for the 2002-03 season. It will be very difficult to top in 03-04. We especially thank Colby Canvas and Steve Molstad for providing the banner.

We could not be successful without the support of all our fans and sponsors. Our business sponsors this year will be: Stephens Construction, S & T Communications, Western Sprinklers, Pepsi of Colby, Culligan of Colby, McDonald's of Colby, Taco John's of Colby, Thomas County Feeders and Gambino's.

Congrats to Skip Sharp and the Colby Community College admissions staff for increasing fall enrollment for 2003-04.

Finally, let's all make the 2003-2004 school year the best ever. Have a great day.

Brian Ostermann is men's head basketball coach at Colby Community College.

SportsLine

Practices start; coaches note

Today marked the start of fall sports practices, with the earliest day of competition on Friday, Sept. 22.

SportsLine asks that all coaches keep us advised of what's happening by fax or other means (numbers listed below). For any particular day's publication, copy is needed no later than 8:30 a.m. that day. Thanks!

Wildlife, Parks Commission to meet

Colby and area interests are being advised that the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold a public meeting and hearing at "The Depot," Kansas Avenue and Rock Island Road in Liberal on Thursday.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening public hearing will be at 7 p.m.

For information, call (620) 672-5911.

Hunter education course starts Tuesday

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Colby volunteer instructors and the Colby Recreation Department have scheduled a Hunter Edu-

cation Course in Colby. The course will take place at the Colby Community Building on Tuesday and on Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with range activities from 2 to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

Students must pre-enroll at the Pirates Den at Southwind Plaza if they want to participate.

For information, call (785) 462-6631, (785) 462-7602 or (785) 462-3367.

Outdoors skills day slated in September

Youth Outdoors Skills Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 for kids 15 or younger with valid hunter education card. Kids 10 years or younger should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Youth can participate in skills like shotgunning, archery, compass and map reading, muzzleloaders and game calling. A buffalo burger meal will be served. For information or registration, call (785) 462-3367 or (785) 462-7602.

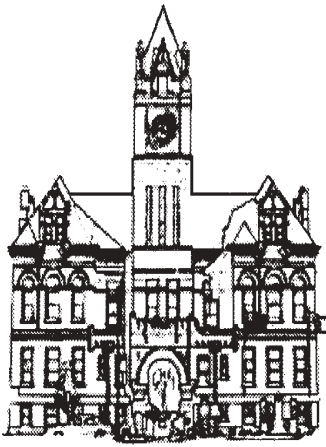
Middle school volleyball meeting noted

There will be a 7th/8th grade volleyball meeting for girls interested in the sport, and their parents, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Questions beforehand can be directed to Shonna Davis at (785) 460-5200 or Liz Strand at (785) 460-5300.

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