

SportsLine

Tennis camp scheduled

High school girls/boys tennis camp will be held May 30-June 3 from 7-9 p.m. Those entering 9th-12th grade for the 2005-06 school year and interested in going out for tennis are encouraged to attend. Please call Coach Fortkamp at 460-0352 for further information.

Boat safety check is today

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, along with Wal-Mart, will sponsor a "Vessel Safety Check Lane" today from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Colby Wal-Mart parking lot. "Make sure your boat is ready for the lake," said Benny Young, Colby, Natural Resource Officer for the department. For more information on the courtesy boat safety inspection, call: Benny Young at 785-462-7602

Eagle basketball camp reminder

The Colby Eagles Basketball camp for boys and girls grades 3 to 8, will be held Tuesday, May 31 to Friday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Derek Bissitt at 462-8083 or the high school at 460-5300.

Items to td@nwkans.com, colbysports@nwkans.com or fax 462-7749.

Sunflower State Games get Colby boost

By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

A representative from Topeka was in Colby this week promoting the 16th annual Sunflower State Games scheduled for July 15-17 and July 22-24.

Recognizing the games that will begin July 15, Mayor Warren Hixson signed a proclamation honoring the event as a special day in Colby.

"We are encouraging the citizens of this community to participate in and show their support for the state games," Hixson said.

Sherry Lundry, executive director for the games, said this year 33 sports are being offered with 6,000 athletes expected in age groups from 4 years old on up.

"The Sunflower State Games is a statewide amateur sports festival open to all Kansans," she said.

The purpose of the games is in providing top-quality amateur competition in a wide range of activities and promoting physical fitness.

Since its beginning in 1990, the event has mushroomed. At that time, there were 14 sports with about 2,500 participants. Today, Lundry said, there are 33 sports and more than double the amount of athletes taking part.

Another addition to the games was introduced in 2002 with the state-wide essay contest for student in first through sixth grades.

This year's essay was entitled, "Why It's Important to Live A Tobacco Free Life." The winner will receive a Sunflower State Games gold medal and have the opportunity to read the essay at the open ceremonies, Lundry said.

Some of the specific sporting events Kansans can participate in this year include adult flag football, archery, 3D archery, badminton, BMX, disc golf, horseshoes, martial arts, racquetball, rowing, sailing, diving, swimming, basketball, tennis, volleyball and much more, she said.

For those in Thomas County and around the area interested in registering for individual or team events, call Ryan Sturdy, 460-4440, who has entry books available.

Lundry said interested people can visit the website: www.sunflowergames.com

Winners in the state games will go on to compete in the State Games of America in 2007 at Colorado Springs, Colo., she said. Winners in the games from 2004 will take part this year in the national competition, also planned in Colorado Springs on July 28, 29, 30 and 31.

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Lissa Mazanec
Discus
4x400 Meter Relay



Andrea Barker
100 Meter Dash



Jessica Stephens
3200 Run • 1600 Run
4x100 Relay • Alt 4x800 Relay



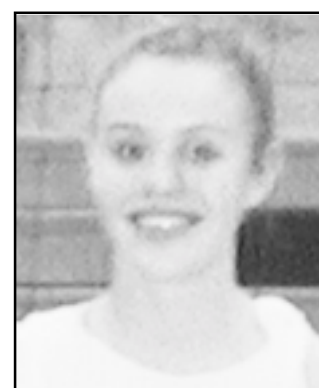
Emily Sloan
4x800 Meter Relay



Maret Peterson
4x400 Meter Relay



April Weaver
Alt. 4x800 & 4x400 Relay



Tasha Wagoner
Alt. 4x400 Relay



Paige Stephens
4x800 Meter Relay



Zanea Baird
4x800 Meter Relay



Aubrette Stephens
4x800 Meter Relay



Lauren Kaiser
4x400 Meter Relay



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