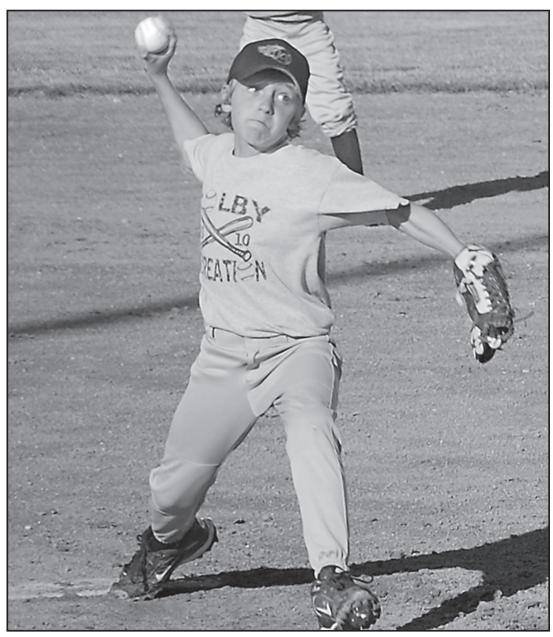


Aiming for a victory



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press Rex Branum of the gray team, son of Amy and Travis Branum, prepared to fire a pitch during a Bambino Boys League game against the blue team on Monday at the Colby Recreation Fields. The gray team went on to win the game. The league is for boys between 9 and 13. Rex's dad is a coach on the gray team.

Recreation Department plans triathlon for youth

The Colby Recreation Depart- Club Drive. They will go north on city pool.

Recreation Director Stacy Lee and head back to Eighth. said the race, geared for youths and teams, is a shorter version Lee said they will bike this route the Cottonwood and LaHacienda of the adult triathlon planned for six times before finishing the race area. Lee said the race is about a 3 8 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at the with a two-mile run around the 1/2- to 4 1/2-hour event.

ment will hold its first Iron Ath- Country Club to Veterans Memo- 800-meter swim, Lee said, then lete "Sprint" Triathlon at 8 a.m. rial Drive, turn west and continue the athletes will do a bike course Saturday, July 24, starting at the to Franklin Avenue. From there they will turn south on Franklin after the participants complete the

This is about a two-mile ride. do their run, which goes around

That race will start with an - all on country roads. She said bike portion of the race, they will

The director said she is look-

Colby High senior to serve as ambassador

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Rasmussen

with the Colby Swim Club on Saturday, Kalen Rasmus-

sen took off for Bonn, Germany, to serve as a youth ambassador for the United States. Rasmussen is one of

25 high school seniors who will be Congressional Youth Ambassadors as part of the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange Program set up

by the national legislators of both Division I Missouri Valley Chamcountries. The ambassadors will live, study and work in the other country for a year.

Rasmussen said he first had to essays for the program. Then he was interviewed in Denver.

His father, Gordon, said Ras-

and met with the German ambassador. From there, the group flew After finishing his last meet to Germany. Gordon said his son grew up speaking some German,

since his grandparents immigrated from Germany and he has visited the country.

Rasmussen has had a storied career for the Colby Swim Club in the Northwest Kansas Swim Kansas Swim League. He went undefeated in nine of his 12 seasons and he qualified for the

pionships in four competitions his junior year. The events were 50- and 100-meter freestyle and 100- and 200-meter breastroke. fill out an application, get three He was the only boy between 15 recommendations and write three to 18-years-old to qualify for Division I in the Western Kansas Swim League that year.

The Western Kansas league has 12 in Holyoke, Colo., and seven mussen flew to Washington first. more and bigger teams than the in Oakley.

While there, he toured the U.S. Northwest league, Gordon said. Capitol and the State Department He said the teams in that league have swimming at their high schools, making it more competitive than the northwest.

> He said the Colby club's stronger swimmers compete in the western league, giving them the chance to qualify for the Division I and II championships. If you just swim in the northwest league, he said, you can't qualify for the championships. The western league includes teams such as League and the Western Hays, Liberal, Scott City, Great Bend, Lakin, Garden City and a couple squads from northwest Oklahoma.

Rasmussen qualified for the Division I and II championships his sophomore year, but he didn't compete because ironically, the events were taking place while he was vacationing with his family in Germany. He has broken several records at meets including five at the Goodland pool, one in Colby, two in Burlington, Colo.,

Former Jayhawks official expected to admit guilt

mer University of Kansas athletics official was due in court today, where he is expected to admit he knew about a massive scam that allegedly involved the theft and sale of at least \$1 million worth of tickets to sporting events.

Brandon Simmons, the school's former assistant athletic director for sales and marketing, is expected to plead guilty in U.S. District Court in Wichita to one count of misprision of a felony, the same charge his former colleague, Jason Jeffries, pleaded guilty to on Wednesday.

Like Jeffries, Simmons was charged with knowing about the scam and concealing it from au-

WICHITA (AP) - A second for- 29 sentencing, but he'll likely get not to contest any forfeiture profar less, if any, prison time. The government agreed as part of his plea deal to recommend a sentence within federal sentencing guidelines, although U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown is not bound by that recommendation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Lind told the court Monday that if the matter went to trial, the government would have shown that Jeffries schemed to withhold the sale of certain tickets to the general public, then changed the tickets' status to reserved sales.

"He did that to disguise the nature of the transaction," Lind said.

plea deal to cooperate fully in the law firm was sent to federal inves-An internal school investigation federal probe into the ticket scam tigators already looking into alle-

ceedings.

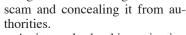
Jeffries referred all questions to his attorney.

"Mr. Jeffries has always accepted his responsibility," his defense attorney, Tom Haney, said after the hearing. "He has nothing to hide.'

Haney declined to discuss the investigation, saying prosecutors have asked them not to talk about it.

As part of the plea deal, prosecutors agreed not to file charges against Jeffries' wife or seek further charges against him.

Details of the scam surfaced in May, when school officials dis-Jeffries agreed as part of his closed that a report by a Wichita



pool.

In the event next week, the Street and turn east to Country has been in the past.

ex-football coach Ron Prince.

same loop. The director said the Colby Poyoung athletes will start out by lice Department will not be part- both triathlons. She added that she doing a 400-meter swim, Lee said, nering with the Recreation De- needed 15 to 20 volunteers for the then they will hop on their bikes partment for scholarship prizes at race on July 31. If you're interand head to Court Avenue. From this year's adult triathlon because ested, call the department at (785) there, they will go north to Eighth the money is just not there as it 460-4440.

TOPEKA (AP) - Legal documents show former invalidate a \$3.2 million "secret agreement" with

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that transcripts payments, starting in 2015. The university has filed a

Former coach claims \$3.2 million

Kansas State athletic director Bob Krause has de- Prince last year.

scribed efforts to nullify a buyout agreement with

ing for volunteers to help with

Under a "memorandum of understanding" Krause

devised, Prince is to receive \$3.2 million in deferred

brokers with the knowledge and consent of their boss, Charlette Blubaugh, the former associate athletic director in charge of the ticket office. Neither man has been charged with profiting from the scheme, but Jeffries agreed to forfeit property as part of his plea agreement.

Jeffries, 35, the school's former assistant director of ticket operations, remains free on his own recognizance. He could receive up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine at his Sept.

found the two assistants sold more and to testify in any grand jury or gations of wrongdoing in the aththan \$200,000 worth of tickets to other court proceeding. He also letics department and the school's Jayhawks games through ticket agreed to disclose to the govern- athletics fund-raising arm, the ment all assets for forfeiture and Williams Educational Fund.





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