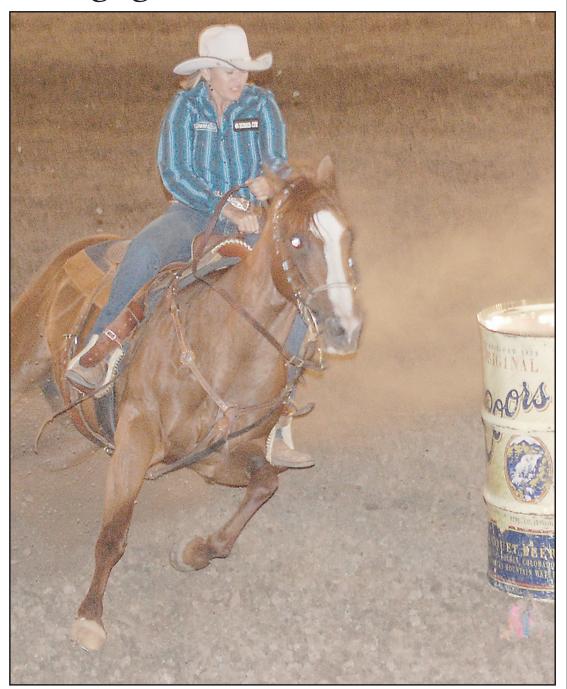
## Racing against the clock



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To get to Lucas, take Interstate

70 about 150 miles east from Col-

by. Take the K-282 exit and turn

left, going north about 15 miles. Turn left at South Harvest St. and

go eight-tenths of a mile west to

Main Street. The ballpark should

This cowgirl wore a determined look on her face while competing in barrel racing at the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo on Monday night at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

## Colby K-18 team makes state

games at the regional tournament

Saturday and Sunday in Hays. The boys will go into the K-18 state tournament at Lucas as the No. 3 seed in the Western Division. They will face Clifton-Clyde, the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Division, on Friday right after the conclusion of a Hays-Beloit game that starts at 6:30 p.m.

play the winner of the Hays-Beloit game at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

tournament with a 10-6 win over Phillipsburg. Zack Stones pitched all seven innings for Colby, giving up 12 hits and striking out eight.

"Zack was able to pitch out of a couple spots," said coach Russell Rodenbeck, adding that Stones was tired by the end of the game but he was able to work through his fatigue and finish.

Colby put up three runs in the bottom of the first. The team consolation game Sunday. scored two more in the second to make it 5-0. Phillipsburg picked up a run in the third, but the boys answered with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Phillipsburg scored one run each in the the fourth and fifth, cutting Colby's lead to 8-3. Both teams managed to get two runners er a five-run-inning in the bottom across home plate in the sixth.

run in the top of the seventh, but Colby prevailed 10-6.

Luke Cox went 2-for-4 with two doubles, and Daalan Organ, Marc Bremencamp and Brady Rose all were 2-for-3. The boys were outhit 12-10 by Phillipsburg.

Colby lost to Ellis 11-8 in their first game on Sunday, despite outhitting their opponents 14-9. Rodenbeck said his team just didn't get any timely hits.

"We left guys on second and third in at least three innings," he

Cox started the game on the mound for Colby, but had trouble ment is \$5 for adults and \$2 for finding the strike zone. He walked kids 6 to 12.

The Colby K-18 baseball team five batters and gave up five runs advanced to the state champion- before being relieved by Organ ship by winning two of its three in the first. Organ got out of the inning without allowing another

> "We stumbled out of the gate," said Rodenbeck. "We had trouble throwing strikes in the first in- be on your left. The ride should ning that got us in a big hole we take a little less than three hours. couldn't get out of."

Ellis picked up two more runs in the second, extending its lead to 7-2. Colby got a run in the third If Colby wins, the team will and Ellis picked up a run in the top of the fourth.

The boys scored two more in The team began the regional the bottom of the fourth, narrowing the gap to 8-5. Ellis answered with two runs in the top of the fifth and one in the sixth. Colby's offense staged a small rally in the seventh, but Ellis won 11-8.

Organ went 3-for-4 and Cox, Stones and Trek Keck all went 2-for-3. Cox had two doubles. Macen Shull went 2-for-5 and Josh Matchell went 1-for-1.

Colby beat Ness City 8-6 in a

Shull started, allowing six runs in a little over three innings. Organ relieved Shull in the fourth. He gave up no runs in one-plus innings and Stones sealed the win with two shutout innings.

Both teams picked up two runs in the first, then Colby put togethof the third. Ness City's went on Phillipsburg put up one more a four-run rally, narrowing the gap to 7-6. The boys added another run in the fifth. Neither team scored for the rest of the game and Colby prevailed 8-6.

Keck had a monster game at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a double. Shull, Organ and Cox had two hits

Rodenbeck said he was happy with his team's effort.

"Everyone tried hard," he said. "They never gave up."

The coach added he was really pleased with the way his team had hit the ball.

Admission to the state tourna-

### Rockies lose to Pirates

Pittsburgh snap a four-game losing streak. Colorado lost reliever Huston Street to a freak injury before the game.

The Rockies returned home from a 2-9 road trip and lost their and struck out four. seventh straight game, to the Pirates 4-2.

Street bruised the right side of a line drive as he warmed up in fifth.

DENVER (AP) – Zach Duke right field during batting practice. threw six solid innings to help Street was taken off the field by ambulance, examined at a local hospital and sent home to rest. His availability will be on a day-to-

Duke (5-9) gave up three hits

Octavio Dotel finished the ninth for his 21st save.

Duke gave up homers to Brad his abdomen when he was hit by Hawpe and Clint Barmes in the

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