Classic Eagles fan happy to join Colby

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How about three quick trivia questions for Colby High sports fans:

Who scored 10 early points to help his school get started on a run of 11 state basketball championships?

"Yeah, I was a starter on the 1972 McPherson High team. I scored 10 of our first 12 points, and then didn't hardly score again," the man revealed.

McPherson beat Garden City, 56-47, to claim that 4A title at the University of Kansas' Phog Allen Field House and has lifted a gold trophy 10 more times since.

Question number two: who was a huge Eagles fan long before he moved to Colby this year?

You might even catch him humming "Hotel California" or another of the classic rock band's hits as Colby temperatures plummet into single digits this week.

"I loved the Eagles and Steely Dan. 'Best Of My Love' is my favorite Eagles' song," he said.

A Don Henley reference sets up question No. 3: how will "Life In The Face" apply to this man's new

The final answer requires little investigation, though this man admits to being a big fan of about any investigative police show like NCIS, etc., etc.

He's spending a lot more time these days studying an athletic Eagles roster featuring 29 players, including 13 freshmen. They all lead to what most basketball fans love watching most: run, run and run some more.



"We'd like to play up-tempo are happy to now be Colby Eagles and press," new Colby High coach as the 2013-14 basketball season Kevin Brown said. "We're looking forward to getting three guys back from (football) injuries and that will help us even more. Of course, a lot will depend on who we're playing. It will take some teacher said. "It's been a real good time to get familiar with the other teams.

Brown's certainly familiar with coaching basketball since those McPherson Bullpup playing days about four decades ago.

His career covers 27 years including a 17-season stretch at Sublette High School, where Brown ing the night thinking about basbelieved the Larks delivered about 13 or 14 winning campaigns.

continuity, pride and kids who really want to be good," he said.

His most recent experience at Yates Center wasn't quite as enjoyable. The school system's commitment to challenging students academically and supporting athletics were not quite what he expected.

So that's why Brown and son



draws near. "I feel Colby is an outstanding

school district. Plus the people have been very friendly and helpful," the Colby High social studies school year. But now, I'm not going home as early. We're focused in on basketball."

Pre-season practices officially began on Monday.

Colby tips off its basketball at the Hays Shootout Dec. 6 and 7.

"Sometimes, I wake up durketball," Brown said. "Making adjustments with our defense "I think the keys are to have and things like that. Coaching is something I've always liked to do. I started coaching younger players (on rec teams) when I was 16."

> Other facts to know about Colby High's new basketball coach:

He's a Kansas City Chiefs football, Kansas City Royals baseball and Kansas Jayhawks basketball fan.

Cameron, a high school senior, though. In fact, I usually root for



K-State when they're not playing Kansas," Brown explained.

His all-time favorite Royal is George Brett. Favorite Chiefs are Priest Holmes, Marcus Allen and legendary quarterback Joe Mon-

tana. Family legends are nearby, "I like Kansas State football, as dad Clinton and mom Donna

"Mom spoils us all with her cooking," Brown admits as a few Eagles are probably already thinking about team dinner potential.

Son Cameron's a point guard who earned all-state honorable mention last season and owns two years of all-league recognition.

Watch for more details about

Trot still

running

Saturday

Despite a recent shift to

sub-freezing weather, the

City of Colby Recreation De-

partment reported Saturday's

seventh annual Turkey Trot is

The 5K event will begin at

9 a.m., and participants can

register Saturday morning.

There are also maps available

at the Recreation office with

The winner will be whom-

ever finishes closest to his or

her predicted time. The top

prize will be a 20-pound tur-

key to take home for Thanks-

Other great prizes will be

Registration fee is \$25 per

Those who pre-registered

by Nov. 6 have been guar-

anteed a Turkey Trot race T-

'Cats try

to recover

dropped a 68-61 contest to Char-

lotte in men's basketball action at

San Juan, Puerto Rico on Thurs-

State University

awarded, according to the

Recreation department.

giving dinner.

participant.

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day.

the race routes highlighted.

still to run as scheduled.

Amanda Miller and Cordae Colby High alum McKenna McKelvy added three points



Cougar women trample past Trojans

College built a 39-9 halftime lead en route to trouncing the Colby Community College Trojans, 86-29, Thursday night in Scottsbluff, Neb.

a relevant college football force

since linebacker Mike Single-

many turnovers (26) as points and

The Cougars improved to 7-1

15 among all National Junior Col- Deja Cato, Sierra Green and Lolege Athletic Association teams to ren Evans. begin this basketball season.

No. 19 Arizona State

at No. 14 UCLA

Can Bears win shootout with Cowboys? Sooners need Russo: Sun Devils can lock tary's wild eyes were getting Russo: Another Big 12 con- up Pac-12 South ... UCLA 28-ready to frighten future Chicago tender bites the dust ... Oklahoma 27. R.B.: Bruins' lack of running strong focus

The Wildcats (2-2) try to re-Brown have also moved to Colby. the Eagles in upcoming editions. cover against Georgetown today.

Western Nebraska Community cord) struggled with nearly as this month. They were ranked No. scored four: Ariel Hutchinson,

couldn't climb from an early 22-3 deficit.

The Baylor Bears haven't been Round Belly this season.

with their one loss being at Col- Ortner's five points led a Trojan apeice while Deandra Williams The Trojan women (1-7 re- by's Ambassador Classic earlier attack featuring four players who tossed in two.

R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press The Colby Middle School seventh graders played intense de-

fense against Scott City early in their "A" game Thursday.

Eagle coverage to come

Thursday, but no results were coming weeks. available in time for today's press deadline.

Colby Middle School wrestlers sporting events next week.

Bears opponents.

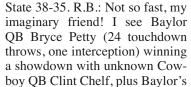
Singletary finished his Baylor Bears career in 1980 with a Cotton Bowl loss to Alabama, and nobody's really thought about pairing these teams for any major bowls since.

Yet now, on a weekend where traditional games like Nebraska-Penn State are barely noticed, undefeated Baylor (9-0) and No. 10 Oklahoma State (9-1) collide in Saturday's biggest showdown.

At stake will almost surely be a Big 12 title, BCS bowl berth and quite possibly for Baylor: another step to the potential national championship game if Florida State or Alabama stumbles.

Free Press reporter R.B. (Rude Bum) Headley's often a grumbly hungry bear when making these picks right before eating everything in sight for lunch.

though, to challenge Associated Aggies' once-fabled Wrecking Press football guru Ralph Russo, Crew defense just a wreck this who still holds a seven-game over season. LSU 51-45.



No. 4 Bavlor

at No. 11 Oklahoma State

boy QB Clint Chelf, plus Baylor's Go Bears, 40-34.

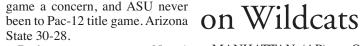
Other marquee matchups:

No. 8 Missouri at No. 24 Mississippi

Russo: Tigers need to win out to earn trip to SEC title game. Missouri 31-21. R.B.: Pack the bags for that title game, South Carolina, because an upset brews here. Mississippi 35-31.

No. 9 Texas A&M at No. 18 LSU

Russo: Heisman showcase for Johnny Football, and chance for Aggies to bolster BCS resume. LSU 48-45. R.B.: Johnny Football can't tackle all those Tigers He'll take a few moments, running past his defensive mates.



Both gurus agree on No. 1 Alabama over Chattanooga Choo-Choos (not the real nickname), defense is better than most realize. No. 2 Florida State over Idaho and a number of other mismatches Football Stadium on Saturday. that litter the late-season schedule. They also both take No. 5 Oregon over Arizona, No. 13 Michigan State over Northwestern, No. 23 USC over Colorado, amazing No. 25 Duke over Wake Forest and most importantly to many fans:

Kansas State over Oklahoma.

R.B.'s only other disagreement is No. 16 Wisconsin at Minnesota. Russo likes the Badgers, R.B. will take the Gophers to stay alive in their Big 10 division title chase.

NFL brings R.B. picks of Chiefs over Chargers, Giants over Cowboys, Colts over Cardinals and Patriots over Broncos.

MANHATTAN (AP) Oklahoma must not look past Kansas State when the two Big 12 teams face off at the Bill Snyder Family

Kansas State comes into the game on an impressive four-game winning streak, during which time the Wildcats knocked off Texas Tech, among others. With a 6-4 record (4-3 in the Big 12), this team has faced some tough opponents and won't be easily defeated.

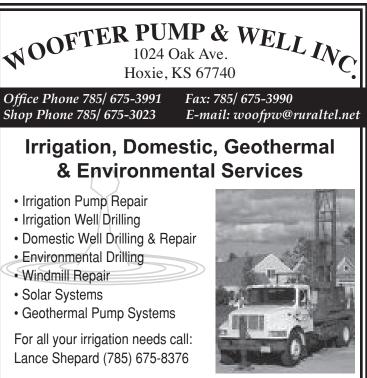
Heading into this game, Oklahoma features an 8-2 record.

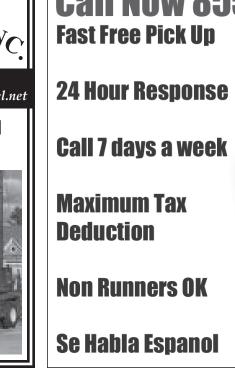
After getting hammered by Baylor to open up the month of November, the Sooners bounced back last weekend with a big 48-10 win over Iowa State, and Oklahoma State is looming to close out the season.



The Colby Middle School sev- have also been competing during enth and eighth-grade basketball recent weeks, and the Free Press girls both played Scott City on hopes to include results during up-

Thanksgiving break means a limited schedule of middle school





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