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Visual arts take Fair's center stage

Kelly Sloan (above) talked about her batik of a photo taken in downtown Colby during the judging of visual arts entries in the Thomas County Fair this morning. Jillian Niblock (right) was all dressed up with flowers in her hair and on her shirt as she waited behind a table filled with entries featuring more artificial flowers and arrangements, before she showed her wreath to Mary Lou Douthit in the 4-H building (bottom). Judge Millie Fisher (below) looked over a coonskin cap made by Layton Werth, who said he likes to trap animals.

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College's budget plan \$15 million

By Sam Dieter

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sdieter@nwkansas.com**Trustees meet Saturday**

The Colby Community College trustees will hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday in the board room of Thomas Hall to review budget forms, coaches' job descriptions and employment contracts and discuss board goals. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

The Colby Community College trustees reviewed a \$15 million budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at its July meeting Monday.

The board plans to approve the budget for publication at a special meeting Saturday, then hold a public hearing, probably at a special meeting in August, before giving its final approval at the regular meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18. Chief Financial Officer Glenda Overstreet told the trustees that the budget is considerably more than the \$14,520,000 the college budgeted last year.

Dr. Overstreet first proposed a \$14,990,000 budget at the June meeting, then came up with a higher number after the county tax valuation was set at \$111,211,712 on July 1. This was enough of an increase from last year's valuation to provide the college with an extra \$350,000, she said.

President Stephen Vacik pointed out that the budget is the maximum amount of money the college can spend, and it is important to control how the money is managed, paying out certain accounts at the right time. Dr. Vacik and Overstreet both noted that the college only spent 85 percent of last year's budget, meaning that \$2.25 million was left unspent at the end of June.

Over the next year, Overstreet told the trustees, she budgeted \$25,000 a month to the college's financial reserves. She said at the June meeting that the college had a \$300,000 deficit last summer,

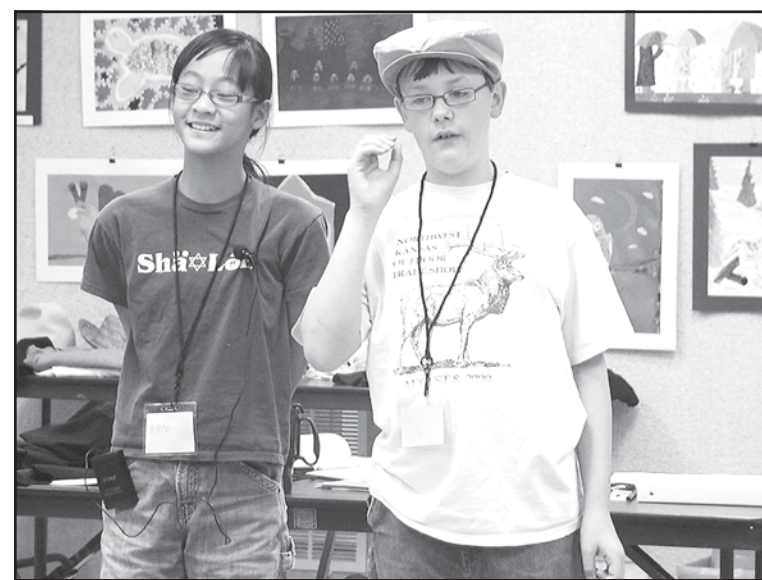
which could have led to the smaller budget last year.

The college got through last year with help from a \$1 million fund-raising effort spearheaded by its Endowment Foundation, and the trustees spent much of their meeting time that year asking donors to help cover its operating expenses.

On Monday, several trustees questioned how Overstreet accounted for about \$1.2 million in miscellaneous income in the new budget. The college expects to get \$1,212,960, she said, in donations from people or public agencies. Overstreet said later, based partially on projections from last year. However, Trustee Linda Vaughn said she felt that it was not readily clear what kind of donations were added into that figure.

Overstreet said later that the \$1 million from the foundation was not counted in the miscellaneous figure. The college's revenue was forecast at \$15,340,000 for the next year. \$1,980,000 will come from the state, and most of the rest will from local property tax-

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Kara (left) and Luke O'Brien rehearsed their characters Wednesday in the meeting room at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, while preparing for this year's Night at the Museum performance Friday evening.

Museum's kids show off Friday

History will come alive for the third year in a row at the Prairie Museum of Art and History when Night at the Museum returns at 6 p.m. Friday.

The presentation is the result of a free, week-long performance camp open to children in fourth grade and up, as well as adults. Participants learn about an area historical figure and an artifact that belongs with that person. They research the person's life and dive into the history of Thomas County.

Night at the Museum features short presentations participants

put together using the history and acting skills learned at the camp. These historians portray their historical person, then answer audience questions after each performance.

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are suggested and refreshments will be provided.

For information or to make a reservation, contact Christina Beringer at (785) 460-4590 or museumer@st-tel.net.



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School board elects officers

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The Colby School Board elected officers and voted on policy changes Monday night at the district's reorganizational meeting.

Janice Frahm will continue as president of the board, while Brice Barton will replace Tracy Rogers as vice president. The board elected new representatives to other organizations as well.

Rogers will be the representative for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, and Kris Lemman will be the alternate; Angie Gaede will be on the Coordinating Council and Lemman will be the alternate.

Superintendent Terrel Harrison will be the agent for receipt of vouchers. Rogers will be the representative to the Kansas Association of School Boards governmental relations network, with Frahm as the alternate. Gaede will be the representative to Northwest Kansas Technical College board.

Chad Applebury will be representative to the district steering committee, with Barton as the alternate. Omar Weber will be the representative on the building committee, with Applebury as alternate. Barton will work on the district technology plan, with Gaede as the alternate.

Jo DeYoung was reappointed as the board treasurer, with Deann Shields as deputy; Mary Beth Flanagan as board clerk, with Janel An-

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Can Colby stun another Concordia team?

By R.B. Headley
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A comment that “no one’s bowing down to the ‘C’ on our caps” fits perfectly for Colby K-18’s state tournament opener against Concordia Friday night.

Colby didn’t care what Concordia F&A Food Sales was wearing when the East Region powerhouse charged into state last year.

It quickly became clobbering time as Colby tallied 10 runs before the higher-seeded East Region team took its first swings.

So are the hats now reversed entering Friday’s state rematch?

Not really. Concordia Citizens National Bank is a totally different team while Colby’s coaches and many players have changed.

Only “older” Colby players like Rex Branum, Brooks Curry, Mark Faber and Shevin Martin made an impact during last year’s run to the K-18 state championship game.

Bottom line: East Region cham-

pion Concordia is higher-seeded again, and Colby must focus only on regaining its 15-3 regular-season league “look.”

“We’re the No. 4 team from the West (Regional), but seeding is just a number,” coach Travis Branum said. “You have to go out and play the games. We have to come out and play with fire.”

First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. in what will be game one of this single-elimination state tournament at Lucas. Competition continues through Tuesday’s title game.

Concordia Citizens National Bank (19-1 record) has lost only one since that 11-1 debacle to Colby last July as Concordia F&A.

The bankers have already inflicted payback for their 12-7 defeat to Washington County on July 11.

Just eight days later, Concordia walloped Washington County 9-1 to complete its rout through the East Regional tournament.

The boys also clobbered Clifton-Clyde, 15-0, during regional semifinal play.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Shevin Martin avoids a sliding Syracuse runner and awaits the throw during Colby K-18’s championship game of its own tournament in Colby earlier this summer. The team will open another tournament Friday night when they challenge East Regional champion Concordia Citizens National Bank to begin state play

Concordia’s been cashing in double-digit wins through most of this season. In reference to

triumphs on June 13.

The East champion’s pitching may be even more dominant than their bats.

Isaac Meyer hurled an earlier no-hitter against Clifton-Clyde on June 4. Not even two weeks later, Billy Bechard held this same state-qualifying team to one hit over seven innings.

Cole Larsen and Bechard combined to pitch a one-hitter against Washington County in that East Regional final showdown.

Meanwhile, dangerous Concordia hitters to watch include Rope Dorman, Brent Beaumont and Tyler Stupka.

Colby coach Travis Branum — who made the “C” hats comment after last weekend’s West Regional — was still deciding on his pitching plan earlier this week.

Rex Branum worked a complete game in the state-qualifying win over Hoisington Saturday.

Zach Hart and Martin started the other two West Regional games. They could get rematches with Ellis and Victoria this week-

end, who dealt Colby two final regional defeats.

Victoria is the two-time defending K-18 state champs.

The complete tournament schedule at Lucas:

First Round

Friday: West No. 4 Colby vs. East No. 1 Concordia, 6:30 p.m.; West No. 2 Ellis vs. East No. 3 Clifton-Clyde, following Colby-Concordia.

Saturday: East No. 2 Washington County vs. West No. 3 Victoria, 6:30 p.m.; West No. 1 Norton vs. East No. 4 Smith Center, following Washington County-Victoria.

Semifinals

Sunday: Colby-Concordia winner vs. Ellis-Clifton-Clyde winner, 6:30 p.m.; Victoria-Washington County winner vs. Norton-Smith Center, following first semifinal.

Championship Round

Tuesday: Consolation game featuring semifinal losers, 4:30 p.m.; State Championship game featuring semifinal winners, follows consolation final.



MELISSA WERTH

Brewster High state track medalist Layton Werth (No. 159) got a strong start and ran to fifth place in the recent Lake Atwood 10-Mile Race at Atwood.

Brewster top runner moves faster than ever at Atwood

Brewster’s Layton Werth dropped more than four minutes off his previous time while taking fifth place overall at the recent Lake Atwood 10-Mile Race.

Werth reportedly led all non-professional and non-collegiate runners with his time of 1:04:02.

He completed the course in 1:06:37 last year.

The top four runners featured three from Boulder, Colo.’s Running Company and one Fort Hays State University athlete.

Layton was following up his Run For Lisa 5K championship at

Grinnell’s After Harvest Fest.

He will be senior for the Brewster Bulldogs and Tri-Plains Titans beginning this fall.

Werth has qualified and medaled at each of the last two Kansas IA State Track and Field Championship meets in Wichita.

Play Your Own Ball, scramble highlight Meadow Lake week

Results from the most recent competition at Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby:

Ladies’ Night

A seven-golfer Play Your Own Ball showdown featured three top title contenders on Tuesday, July 15

Audrey Hines won the championship while Mary Lou Jones took second and Cheryll Edmundson finished third.

An ABC team event was scheduled for Tuesday evening with unlimited mulligans. Results will likely appear next week.

Men’s Night

Another strong field of 39 golfers challenged each other in a

3-Man Scramble on Wednesday, July 16.

The top three teams in each flight:

Flight one — 1. Koerperich/Koerperich/Barnett, 2. Garcia/Harper/Suter, 3. Vaughn/Donn/Flanagin.

Flight two — 1. Arnberger/Arnberger/Strutt, 2. Weins/Huftles/Burns, 3. Koon/Wade/Fabrizius.

The men were set to play a 2-Man Scramble Wednesday evening.

Couples Night

There were no results reported from last week, and there were no Couples competition due to this weekend’s annual Buffalo

Chip at Meadow Lake.

Upcoming tournaments

After the Buffalo Chip, Meadow Lake’s next major event will be a Seniors Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 7.

Tea time is 9 a.m. for this 2-Man Scramble. The \$30 entry fee includes coffee and rolls before play along with lunch afterwards.

Meanwhile, a Colby 1-Lady Scramble has been added to the summer to the tournament lineup on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Registration will be 8 a.m. with tea time at 9 a.m. Fee is \$45 per golfer for 18 holes which also features cash prizes, flight prizes, carts and lunch after play.

Longhorns facing sex charges

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Two Longhorns football players have been charged with felony sexual assault, and their arrests are pending, a University of Texas police spokeswoman said.

says the players charged Thursday are wide receivers Kendall Sanders and Montrel Meander. Sanders also faces a charge of improper photography.

Texas coach Charlie Strong said in a statement that both play-

ers have been suspended from the football team.

Sanders, a junior, has played in 23 career games and started seven last year. He has 39 career receptions for 376 yards and one touchdown.

Outlaws take driver’s seat, Sluggers will play Norton

The Goodland Outlaws won two games on Wednesday to seize control of this week’s Zone 7 Legion baseball tournament at Colby.

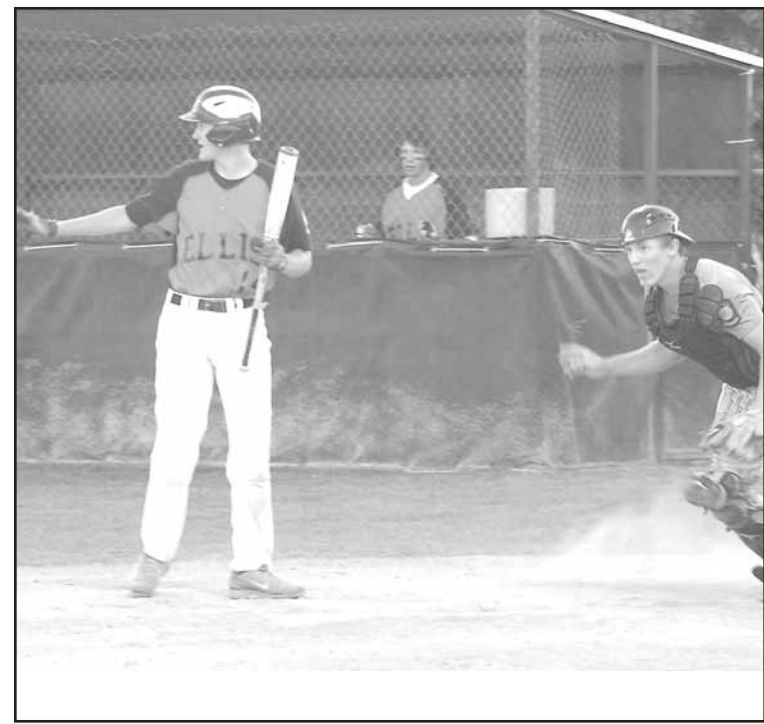
After knocking off Norton, Goodland fell behind Ellis, 4-0, in Wednesday night’s showdown of the two remaining unbeaten teams.

However, Goodland quickly rallied and eventually prevailed by an 8-6 final score. The Outlaws now await who will survive four elimination games.

The Colby Sluggers play game one at 4 p.m. today against Norton. Colby and Norton split their previous meetings during a doubleheader at Norton July 13.

Plainville and Oakley will follow with a 6 p.m. survival contest. Plainville lost to Ellis on Wednesday after edging the Sluggers, 11-10, in Tuesday’s first-round game.

The Colby-Norton and Plainville-Oakley winners then meet at 8 p.m. tonight to see who advances into Friday’s contests.



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An Ellis batter told his teammate to stay at first base after Goodland’s catcher successfully blocked this low pitch in Zone 7 tournament play Wednesday night at Colby.

Slugger hitters topping .400

A glance at Colby Slugger leaders entering today’s 4 p.m. Zone 7 tournament game against Norton in Colby:

Batting average: Austin Hart .422, Luke Cox .420, Caleb Mazanec .419, Hudson Stramel .380,

Austin Boehme .367.

Total hits: Hart 27, Mazanec 26, Josh Matchell 24, Cox 21.

Runs scored: Matchell 27, Boehme 21, Cox 19, Mazanec 17, Brady Holzmeister 17.

Runs batted in: Hart 24, Cox

16, Mazanec 15, Stramel 12, Holzmeister 12.

Doubles: Hart 7, Matchell 6, Mazanec 4, Macen Shull 3.

Triples: Cox 8, Boehme 4, Matchell 3.

Home runs: Boehme 2.

Royals now a 50-50 ballclub

CHICAGO (AP) — It took a hard slide for the Kansas City Royals to end their skid.

Mike Moustakas scored the tie-breaking run when he jarred the ball out of the catcher’s glove in the ninth inning and the Royals beat the White Sox 2-1 Wednesday to take the three-game series

and even their record after 100 games at 50-50.

Kansas City was victorious for the 12th time in their last 14 starts at U.S. Cellular Field. They also won consecutive games for the first time since July 2-4. They are 5-10 since then.

“I feel a lot better leaving Chi-

cago than I did after the first game in Chicago,” manager Ned Yost said. “After the problems you run into, you can’t lose faith. You can’t start panicking. You can’t think the ship is sinking. You’ve got to stay positive, because these guys have the ability to fight through it and get themselves out of it.”

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