



Parking call leads to drug bust

Three Colby residents were arrested last Wednesday night on drug charges that resulted from investigation of a traffic complaint. The Colby Police Department said one of its officers was investigating a traffic complaint at about 9:53 p.m. Aug. 27, going door-to-door along Grant Avenue and asking for information about an illegally-parked vehicle. At one house, the officer "detected the presence of an illegal substance," the department said, and officers obtained a search warrant for the house, at 485

South Grant. Trevor H. Strutt, 20; Kirstie J. Strutt, 23; and Tayte A. Query, 20, were arrested, taken to the Thomas County Jail, and booked for possession of hallucinogenic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Query and Kirstie Strutt were released on a recognizance bond the same night, Trevor Strutt was released on a \$25,000 bond the next day. The Thomas County attorney's office will review the case before filing of formal charges, the department said.

Poverty topic of first movie

The first documentary screening of the semester at Colby Community College will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the Cultural Arts Center at the southeast corner of campus, featuring the film "Living on One Dollar." Instructor Ryan Hale said there is no charge to attend. The film follows four college students as they embark on an adventure in Guatemala and attempt to live on less than \$1 per day. "Worldwide, over 1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 per day," Hale said. "The participants in this film experience hunger,

parasites, financial stress and the uncertainty that comes with not knowing how they will make it through the next day surviving on only one dollar." "Living on One Dollar" won "Best Documentary" and "Outstanding Directorial Debut" in 2013 at the Sonoma International Film Festival, Hale said. The screening was sold out in 20 cities and the film recorded 700,000 YouTube views the first month it was released. For information, contact Hale at 460-5544 or ryan.hale@colbycc.edu.

City changes meeting times

City Council meetings will start at 5:30 p.m. in October, after the city council voted on a new ordinance at their Tuesday night meeting.

The council agreed on the time change at their Aug. 19 meeting, and the ordinance was drawn up to change the meeting times to 5:30 p.m., instead of 7:30, starting on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Council meetings are generally the first and third Tuesday of the month. In other business, the council: • Heard a report from City Manager Tyson McGreer that the city will empty the swimming pool soon, after it was shut down on Aug. 17, the Sunday before school started. The closing had been planned for a later date, but closed because of staffing problems. McGreer pointed out that the pool is doing much better financially this year, for several reasons.

In June through August this year, it cost the city \$39,212 to operate the pool, while it operated at a \$66,790 loss during the season last year. Later, McGreer said that the revenue has been about the same for the pool, but the city has managed its expenses better. In other business the council: • Voted to accept a \$22,638 bid from RoadSafe Traffic Systems to repaint road stripes on Willow Avenue from Range Avenue to Franklin Avenue, and Franklin

from Willow to College Drive, after discussing how long the paint will last. RoadSafe bid to paint stripes with multi-component epoxy paint and put down the crosswalks, stop bars and traffic arrows with thermo plastic. McGreer told the council the company provided both of the two bids given for the project; the other bid was to do the same job for \$14,435 with waterborne paint. The waterborne paint does not last as long, McGreer said. The city checked with Penco Engineering, which often works for the city, to make sure the \$22,638 was reasonable. Public Works Director Omar Weber recommended the epoxy paint. The same roads were sealed earlier in the year. Weber and Councilman Bill Mariman, who works for the county road department, discussed how long it will be until those roads are sealed again. At that point, McGreer said, the city would need a new paint job. Later he said the streets are sealed perhaps every five years. • Went into closed session for 15 minutes with McGreer and City Attorney John Gatz, with no action taken after the session. • Approved a \$66,870 bid from Haynes Equipment Co. for a pump and other equipment at the city's south lift station. The other bid, which came from JCI Industries Inc., was only \$64,840. McGreer suggested going with Haynes Equipment, because that bid was for the same pump as the north lift station, which would make it easier for the city to maintain.



A group of community leaders (above) broke ground last Thursday morning for a new solar array to be built this fall near the ridge behind them. Colby's City Manager, at left) Tyson McGreer, state Sen. Ralph Ostmeier, Mayor Gary Adrian, City Councilwoman Peg Tole, Ernie Lehman with Midwest Energy and Paul Spencer with Clean Energy Collective dug

up the first sod for the project. Lehman talked about the reasons Midwest wants a new solar array here, which will be set up with help from Clean Energy. Business and community leaders (bottom) listened to him and Spencer. The array will be the first of its kind in Kansas to use a tracking system, similar to these panels in Phoenix, Ariz. (below, left).

Ground broken here for solar power array

By Sam Dieter

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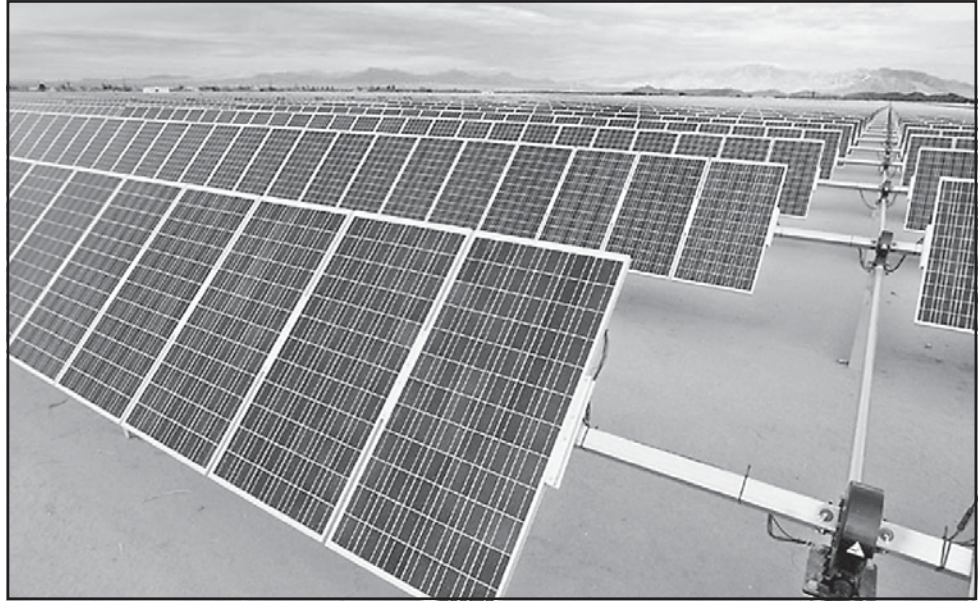
Colby business leaders came out in force last Thursday to welcome a new improvement to the region's infrastructure.

Construction on the Midwest Energy Community Solar Array should start within several weeks, and the array should be connected to the power grid around early December. Midwest Energy teamed up with the Carbondale, Colo.-based company Clean Energy Collective to build the solar garden

on eight acres of Midwest-owned land by one of the company's substations, just west of Meadow Lake Golf Course.



Ernie Lehman



Midwest customers will be able to "buy" one of the 3,960 panels for as little as \$891, with a rebate from the company, and have the energy produced from that panel credited toward their electric bill. The original gross price of a panel is \$1,033, but Clean Energy will provide a discount bringing it down to \$984 for buyers who get one before the array goes online. And Midwest is offering a rebate which, combined with the discount, will bring the price down to \$891. According to Clean Energy, the rebates cover about 60 percent of the project, and it is not clear if more of them will be available. Midwest expects customers to save \$57 on their bills in the first year after buying a panel. In all, the company expects to produce 2,310,000 kilowatt hours and save custom-

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Ambulance chassis in works

Thomas County will likely get a new ambulance chassis and a loader over the next few months as the commissioners receive and analyze bids for the new machines.

At their Friday meeting, the commissioners reviewed bids for various components of a new ambulance, planning to put the current ambulance box on a new chassis. The county has struggled to find affordable parts for the current E350 chassis, prompting it to

seek a replacement. Local Ford dealer Mike Tubbs submitted a bid of \$27,695 for the requested 2015 E450 chassis, which would then have the box installed on it. Bids from three ambulance companies included the

chassis and installation with costs ranging from \$79,225 to \$87,828. Colby Canvas priced graphics for the new ambulance setup at \$2,320.

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Senate challenger drops out

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA - The Democrat challenging three-term Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts ended his campaign Wednesday without explanation. Chad Taylor sent a letter to the Kansas secretary of state withdrawing from the race,

which also has a viable independent candidate, Olathe businessman Greg Orman, as well as a Libertarian candidate, Randall Batson, of Wichita. Taylor issued a separate statement saying he made the decision after consulting with his staff, supporters and Democratic Party leaders. "Effective today, my campaign is terminated," he said. Originally, the statement said

"suspended," but the word was crossed out and replaced with a handwritten "terminated." Taylor's withdrawal came just days after his campaign released its first television ad, a 30-second spot showing him working on a family farm. Joan Wagnon, the Kansas Democratic

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Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Human resources group meets Wednesday
The monthly meeting of the Colby Chapter of the Western Kansas Human Resources Management Association will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Montana Mike's...

Childbirth education classes to start
Citizens Medical Center will hold a four-week series of childbirth education classes at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning this week in the hospital's conference room.

Group plans dance at American Legion
A public dance is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall. Craig Stevens will provide music.

Divorce recovery class begins in next week
A 10-week divorce recovery class and support group for women will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays beginning next week in the basement of the Sunflower Bank in Colby.

College open house for older students
The Admissions Department at Colby Community College plans a free open house for "nontraditional" students, those who may be older or returning to school...

Bible study beginning at Wesleyan Church
"Children of the Day," a nine-week Bible study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore, will be offered by Colby Wesleyan Church beginning Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church...

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Friday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 a.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: A slight chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

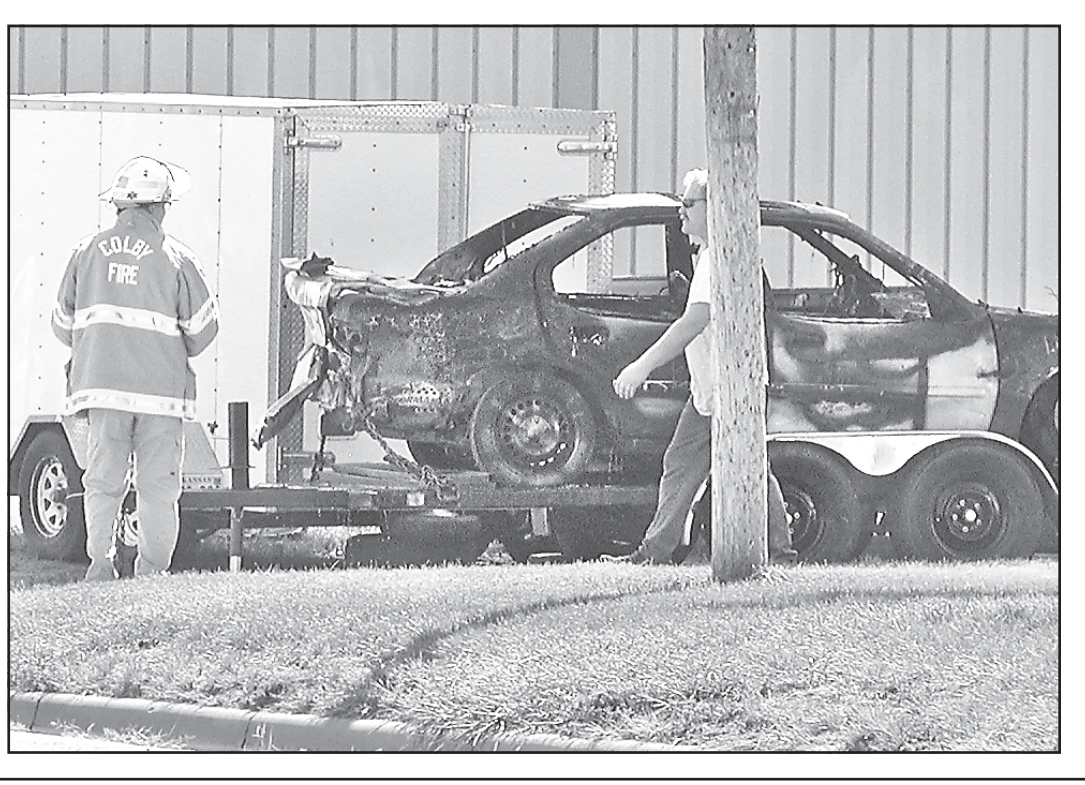
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Wednesday: High, 100; Low 68
Precip: Wednesday None
Month: 0.02 inches
Year: 14.56 inches
Normal: 17.78 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:16 a.m. 8:09 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 84 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,135,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Barbecued ride?

This demolition derby car got the attention of the Colby Fire Department when smoldered Tuesday afternoon. Assistant Fire Chief Sean Hankin said the fuel line inside the car had ignited, but the fire was put out without causing serious damage.



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Ground broken for solar array here

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The solar array will also be the first in Kansas with a tracking system. The 305 watt-panels will follow the sun during the day, which is expected to add 30 percent to the energy output for the array.

At the groundbreaking for the array on Thursday morning, leaders with Midwest and Clean Energy explained the economics behind the solar garden. Costs for providing solar power have gone down in recent years, they said, and solar panels produce electricity at peak energy consumption times, like midday in the middle of summer.

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The commissioners also considered financing rates for the ambulance since, as Commissioner Paul Steele said, "we don't have that kind of money laying around."

Emergency Medical Services director Joe Hickert, who resigned at the commissioners' meeting, said "it will take some time to digest all the information in the bids."

The new chassis through a purchase from a local dealer.

The commissioners also discussed obtaining a new loader for the landfill at their Friday meeting. Supervisor Larry Jumper said he has money in his 2015 budget for a lease purchase payment on a new loader but may be able to use an old loader as a trade-in, potentially eliminating a need for a payment this fiscal year.

Senate challenger drops out of race

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Party's chairwoman, said she needed a few days to sort out the situation.

Orman issued a statement Wednesday calling Taylor "a committed public servant." Taylor is the district attorney in Shawnee County, home of the state capital of Topeka.

Orman took in more than \$670,000 after starting his campaign in May. Roberts raised about \$3.4 million from the beginning of last year through July, but he had a tough primary race against tea-party challenger Milton Wolf.

By appealing to their frustrations with Democratic President Barack Obama and Democratic U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Roberts' executive campaign manager Leroy Towns called the move a "corrupt bargain" between Democratic leaders and Orman's campaign and said Orman's independent status is "a smoke screen."

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On Wednesday, Orman received the endorsement of Traditional Republicans for Common Sense, a group of former moderate GOP state legislators unhappy with the party's conservative leanings.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Republican and former law professor, said his initial reading of state election laws is that they require the Democratic Party to pick a new nominee.

Campaign finance records show Taylor raised about \$163,000 in contributions from November through July,

Since the primary, Roberts has sought to unify Republicans

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Livestock producers: enroll soon; disaster payments drop in October

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is encouraging producers who have suffered eligible disaster-related losses to act to secure assistance by Tuesday, Sept. 30, as congressionally mandated payment reductions will take place for producers who have not acted before that date. Livestock producers that have experienced grazing losses since October 2011 and may be eligible for benefits but have not yet contacted their local Farm Service Agency office should do so as soon as possible.

The Budget Control Act passed by Congress in 2011 requires reductions of 7.3 percent to the Livestock Forage Disaster Program in the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. However, producers

seeking livestock forage support who have scheduled appointments with their local office before Oct. 1, even if the appointment is after Oct. 1, will not see reductions in the amount of disaster relief they receive.

Producers are encouraged to register, request an appointment or begin a Livestock Forage Disaster Program application with their county office before Oct. 1, to lock in the current zero percent sequestration rate. As an additional aid to qualified producers, the agency has developed an online registration that enables farmers and ranchers to put their names on an electronic list before the deadline to avoid reductions in their disaster assistance. This is an al-

ternative to visiting or contacting the county office. To place a name on the Livestock Forage Disaster Program list online, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/disaster-register.

Producers who already contacted the county office and have an appointment scheduled need do nothing more.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program compensates eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire between Oct. 1, 2011, and Dec. 31, 2014. Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing

land or pastureland. Producers forced to liquidate their livestock may also be eligible for program benefits.

Additionally, the 2014 Farm Bill eliminated the risk management purchase requirement. Livestock producers are no longer required to purchase coverage under the federal crop insurance program or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program to be eligible for Livestock Forage Disaster Program assistance.

Colby inn recognized by worldwide website

TripAdvisor, a worldwide travel website featuring customer reviews, has recently granted the Budget Inn and Suites in Colby a Certificate of Excellence award.

The recognition of hospitality excellence is given only to establishments that consistently receive outstanding traveler reviews on the website. Winners of the certificate are determined using a formula that weighs rat-

ings, number and recency of reviews, along with a business' tenure and popularity ranking on the site.

"Winning the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is a true source of pride for the entire team..." said Barry Desai, manager of the inn. "There is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by one's customers."

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Aug. 21

- 12:17 a.m. – Security check at Cornerstone Ag.
- 12:33 a.m. – Security check at Meadow Lake Golf Course.
- 12:48 a.m. – Dog caught, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 1:33 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 2:19 a.m. – Walk through at Wal-Mart.
- 11:51 a.m. – Caller reported animal complaint. Unable to make contact with owner; OK.
- 5:07 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle with hood up in parking lot last two days; wanted it checked out. Not stolen, information given to reporting party.
- 7:50 p.m. – Pickup and trailer blocking driveway. Spoke to owner; vehicle moved.
- 10:09 p.m. – Provided directions to motorist at Range and Williams.
- Aug. 22**
- 2:25 a.m. – Security check at the college.
- 3:26 a.m. – House checks.
- 3:36 a.m. – Building checks down Range.
- 8:57 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School.
- 9:05 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Middle School.
- 9:19 a.m. – Walk through at Colby High School.
- 9:42 a.m. – Removed trash from roadway.
- 1:36 p.m. – Removed large two-by-four from roadway.
- 1:45 p.m. – Disorderly conduct report filed.
- 2:04 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
- 2:30 p.m. – Funeral block for Kersenbrock's Funeral Chapel to Beulah Cemetery.
- 3:07 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious incident. Report filed.
- 4:15 p.m. – Caller reported theft.
- 9:10 p.m. – Caller advised of harassment. Report filed.
- THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Aug. 21**
- 2:34 p.m. – Released Barnaby Justin Lee.

- 3:14 p.m. – Walk through at Brewster School.
- 6:36 p.m. – Caller reported calf out on roadway in the 1000 block of County Rd. 15.
- 10:47 p.m. – Business checks in Rexford.
- Aug. 22**
- 8:30 a.m. – Released George Rudolf Peckham.
- 8:52 a.m. – Took inmate to Scott County Sheriff's Office.
- 1:38 p.m. – Booked Shane Ray Chesher.
- 1:45 p.m. – Released Chesher.
- 2:47 p.m. – Released Derrick David Barnett.
- 6:36 p.m. – Christopher Michael Gonzales arrested on warrant.
- 6:58 p.m. – Booked Gonzales.
- 11:39 p.m. – Open door at Colby Wrecking secured.

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Can the Colby High Eagles light up Oakley's field like field lights all over Kansas Friday night?

Will Rexford football fans enjoy a fine home opener when their Golden Plains Bulldogs tangle with Logan-Palco?

And does Triplains-Brewster feature enough firepower to take down some new opponents, beginning at St. Francis?

Those are just some of the fine questions to ponder as high school football season openers are now barely 24 hours away.

Don't forget that after this trio of teams debut Friday evening, there is Saturday football in Colby as Heartland Christian plays its first home game since 2012. The Crusaders kick off at 11 a.m. against St. Mary's Academy.

Few area players were more dynamic or disruptive than Crusader running back Blaine Wertz, who's back for his season along with almost all of Heartland Christian's other top players from its state playoff-qualifying squad.

Yet there's plenty of talent also returning among these other three varsity teams.

The Colby Eagles return leaders in almost every area from both



The Colby High Eagles will be looking to shake loose at Oakley Friday night like this running back during last week's annual pre-season scrimmage. Kickoff in Oakley is set for 7 p.m.

lines (Austin Hart, Brady Slinger, Casey Quagliano, Jay Ziegelmeier), linebackers (Eric Schuette, Mathew Pieper, Ben Matchell), versatile all-around dangerous Eagles like Brady Holzmeister (receiver, defensive back, kick re-

turner even quarterback) and other top playmakers (quarterback Josh Matchell, Ben Matchell, Holz-

meister, etc.).

It all adds up to a determined team trying to move Oakley's

defensive numbers up after the Plainsmen permitted just 39 points all season last fall. Oakley opened with a 23-0 shutout at Colby, something the Eagles would love to avenge.

Based on last year's records — which often mean little — the Eagles face Friday's toughest opening challenge in Oakley. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

However, the Triplains-Brewster Titans' trip to a larger-school opponent in St. Francis.

Coach Tony Stramel's roster features 20 players led by returning veterans like seniors Jace Jorgensen and C.J. Felzien along with juniors Ryan Gfeller, Justin Schmidt, Coleton Rogge, Taylor Stramel, Takoda Turner and Fred Schertz.

Gfeller quarterbacked the Titans through an excellent 6-3 campaign last fall, just barely missing a state playoff spot.

Golden Plains expects to improve after last year's two wins. Senior running back-linebacker Dominic Luna has gained plenty of experience during the past two seasons. The Bulldogs will try deliver payback for a loss to Logan-Palco last fall.



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Colby High's Andrea Browne returns after running in the 4A state cross country meet two consecutive years.

Busy day of debuts

Colby High's cross country and girls' tennis teams are making their season debuts on a busy Thursday for high school sports. Results will likely appear in Friday's edition of the *Free Press*.

Rec volleyball clinic begins this weekend

Fifth and sixth-grade players can improve their fundamentals of volleyball during the Colby Recreation Department's Youth Volleyball clinic during these next few weeks.

The clinic begins on Sunday at 3 p.m. in Colby Elementary School's gymnasium. Players will focus on developing proper setting, hitting, passing and serving skills while also participating in individual and team drills.

A \$15 registration fee actually covers 10 sessions with coaches in a "fun learning environment."

The clinic continues each Sun-

day from 3 to 4:30 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 12.

Monday 6:30 to 8 p.m. sessions also begin next week in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium.

Another three Monday sessions are set for Sept. 15, Sept. 22 and Oct. 13.

Players should wear gym shoes only and no jewelry. Knee pads are not required.

For more information, contact the Colby Recreation Department at (785) 460-4440 or (785) 460-4435.

Interested players also can contact Suzanne at (785) 462-7997.

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If the Colby Community College Trojans were tense or tired entering Wednesday's dramatic fifth set, coach Carey Jones only had to glance at another "big stage" for inspiration.

"Our student section was awesome. They had a big part of us getting momentum late in the match," she said about this latest Jayhawk League showdown with the visiting Seward County Saints. "You could hear them when I was watching the game late last night. And I noticed this one kid bouncing and running across the stage."

The Trojans also found enough bounce to capture their first league win of this 2014 season. Freshman Mallory Mueller blasted 16 kills from her middle blocker position, and Gladstone, Australia, native Rebekah Pearce rose to crush 12 more kills.

Mueller missed only once all match (16 of 17) while another freshman — 6' blocker Laura Hillebrand — matched that feat with a powerful eight-for-nine killing performance.

Together, it was just enough firepower to fight off those Saints 23-25, 25-23, 25-19, 23-25, 15-4.

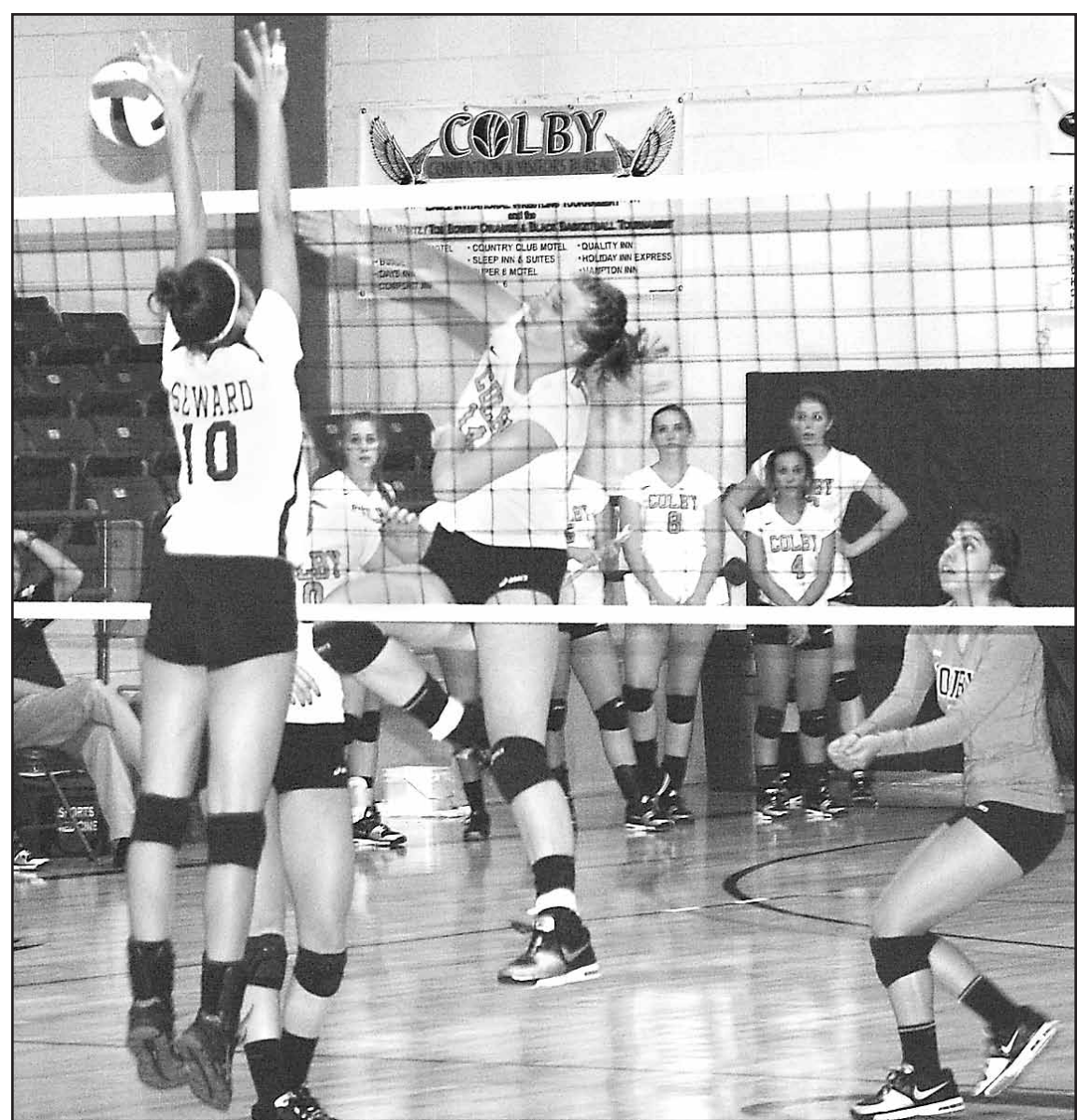
"We played them three or four times last year. Every match went five sets," Jones said. "And we won every one of them. This was a really big win tonight. Our middles really did a great, great job last night. Our middles came to work."

The Trojan (4-4 overall, 1-1 league) saw their serving begin to work after several miscues during that first-set defeat.

"We missed about eight," the coach confirmed. "But serving is a big mental part of the game. We just had to refocus, and we only missed three the rest of the match."

Even better was the season-best 13 ace serves from six different Trojans. Sophomores led this attack as Adrianna Sosnowska served four and libero Danielle Rodriguez added three to go with her 33 digs.

Yet it all came down to the decisive fifth set — which Colby dominated. The Trojans took a quick 7-2 lead which reached 8-2 when Sosnowska and Hillebrand teamed on one perfect block.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Freshman Mallory Mueller (14) smashed a team-high 16 kills past the Seward County Saints during Colby Community College's five-set Jayhawk Conference win in Colby Wednesday evening. Sophomore libero Danielle Rodriguez (above right) is always ready to defend when necessary. Colby's student section (right) was also off on its feet throughout this crucial early-season match.

Rodriguez served Colby's next point, then Sosnowska all but clinched the Trojans' big win.

"We're still finding our identity. It seems somebody else steps up every time we step on the court," Jones concluded. "It will be something when we all connect."

The Trojans play again at Butler County on Saturday in El Dorado. Leaders from Wednesday's home victory:



Kills: Mallory Mueller 16, Geist 43. Ace serves: Sosnowska 4, Rodriguez 3, Geist 2, Pearce 2, Lopez. Block assists: Mueller 5, Heydman 5, Sosnowska 5, Hillebrand 4. Stuff blocks: none.

Colby pigskin fans proclaim who wins

Woo-hoo! Football officially really gets fun this weekend.

Not only do great college games await featuring Wildcats and Oregon's Quack Attack, but the pros take a break from off-field suspensions to kick off their season.

Of course, Colby fans must be thrust right into these conflicts by picking who they like to win some of the most entertaining showdowns like Broncos vs. Colts and top 10-ranked Spartans (Michigan State) vs. top three Ducks (Oregon).

The *Free Press* wants to connect each week of this season with events around Colby.

Today features fired-up mother Melissa Edmondson as her youngest son begins his Colby Youth Football career this weekend. The son will be wearing No. 67, which seems appropriate since all teams will be pursuing six points and possibly seven — unless they kick like the Denver Broncos' recent fill-ins for suspended kicker Matt Prater.

Melissa's a Broncos fan while one of her opponents is Kansas City Chief and cool Colby Recreation Department worker Ken Sanford. As mentioned above, the Recreation Department begins a series of clinics this week to help young players develop volleyball skills.

Thank you to new Colby High tennis coach Wendy Weishaar answering a late request for her pigskin wisdom. This idea didn't enter *Free Press* scribbler R.B. knuckle-Headley's numb skull until a few hours ago, yet Weishaar was ready just as the Eagle tennis team will be entering Saturday's home tourney (9 a.m. start).

Without further delay, here are the forecasts:

Melissa Edmondson's bold pick: Tennessee Titans to beat Kansas City at Arrowhead.

Sunday will also bring the Broncos over Colts, San Francisco 49ers over Dallas Cowboys,



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Quarterbacks Peyton Manning of Denver (left) and Indianapolis Colt Andrew Luck offered polite good-byes after Luck's Colts beat the Broncos last season. There won't be quite this much friendliness when the foes kick off their seasons on Sunday in Denver.

New England Patriots over Miami Dolphins and New Orleans Saints to win at Atlanta. Only Denver will win among the home teams.

Her college knowledge calls for Kansas State over Iowa State, No. 3 Oregon over No. 7 Michigan State, Notre Dame over Michigan, Kansas over Southeast Missouri State, No. 13 Stanford over No. 14 USC, and Texas over BYU.

Ken Sanford likes the Trojans to knock off Stanford, a team that's played in BCS bowls four consecutive years. He also likes Falcons to upset Saints in Sunday action. Other winners are Chiefs, Broncos, 49ers and Patriots on Sunday; Kansas State, Oregon, Notre Dame, Kansas and Texas.

Weishaar can't hide her Purple Pride saying "You might as well put KSU in permanent ink! I'll never pick the opponent."

However, she does like Southeast Missouri to knock off K-State's in-state neighbors from K.U. Let's just hope the Jayhawks aren't wearing Crimson from head to toe.

Wendy's other winners are Chiefs, Broncos, Cowboys, Patriots and Saints along with Oregon, Notre Dame, USC and Texas.

Titans fall short despite strong hitting

Senior Shayna Rogge's 14 kills led the Triplains-Brewster Titans during one of their early-season matches against Logan on Tuesday in Winona.

Wednesday's sports page mentioned the Trojans defeated Golden Plains and lost to Cheylin during this home triangular.

Actually, the Cheylin match was part of a tournament at Palco last weekend.

On Tuesday, Logan came to Winona and conquered a terrific three-set tussle with the Titans 25-18, 24-26, 25-16.

While Rogge rocketed 14 kills, Logan countered with a super 1-2 combination of junior Christen Greving (13 kills) and senior Kadee Braun (10).

Freshman Katie Hillery was the Titans' next best hitter with four kills. Senior Dara Roulier ripped three.

The Logan Trojans also outdug Triplains-Brewster, 35-24, and owned a 7-6 advantage in ace serves.

Roulier (seven digs) and freshman Taryn Stramel (six) provided the Titans' best floor defense. Se-

nior Alicia Barrie made five digs. Rogge and Stramel each served two aces, yet no one could match the three from Logan senior Kodi Van Laeys.

The Trojans also mad four stuff blocks compared to Triplains-Brewster's one by Rogge.

Coach Audrey Hoyt's Titans did celebrate victory later Tuesday evening as they knocked off nearby rival Golden Plains in three sets.

Logan also edged the Bulldogs to win Tuesday's triangular.

Besides playing Cheylin on Sat-

urday, the Titans dropped a tough two-set match to home-team Palco in that tournament 25-21, 25-19.

Rogge's four kills paced the hitting attack again with Barrie blasting three.

Stramel served the Titans' only ace and Roulier delivered two stuff blocks.

Barrie was Triplains-Brewster's best digger (four digs) during this season opener.

The Titans are scheduled to play next at Tuesday's quadrangular in Tribune. They'll compete at Lacrosse on Saturday, Sept. 13.