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Luke Cox lined up behind center Thursday during the Colby Middle School football camp held at the practice field beside the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Chinese military in massive Olympics security role

BEIJING (AP) China's military has deployed tens of thousands of soldiers to safeguard the Olympics from possible terrorist attacks, a senior officer said Friday, saying the gravest danger came from Muslim radicals in western China.

However, underscoring China's sometimes contradictory approach to such problems, a Xinjiang vice governor speaking separately downplayed the danger, saying such groups were tiny in number and highly disorganized.

"So you can see that these terrorist groups are not that capable of instigating massive sabotage activities as some hostile forces hope to see," Kurexi Maihesuti told reporters.

China has laid on massive security for the games that kick off as capable as some media orga-Aug. 8, as much to prevent pro- nizations have claimed or broadtests by political or religious dissidents as to stop crime and terrorism. A 100,000-strong force of police and special forces are safeguarding venues.

Hundreds of thousands of Beijing residents have also been formed into voluntary security patrols.

In addition, a force of 34,000 soldiers has been positioned in Beijing and other cities such as Shanghai that are hosting Olympic events, Senior Col. Tian Yixiang, of the Olympics security command center, told reporters.

"To the Beijing Olympic Games, the biggest threat comes from the East Turkistan terrorist organization," Tian said, using an alternate name for Xinjiang used by radical anti-government groups.

A secondary threat came from Tibetan separatists who Beijing accuses of orchestrating a wave of violent protests in western China this spring, Tian said. "These forc-

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es are trying all means to sabotage the Beijing Olympic Games,' Tian said.

Beijing claims to have foiled a series of plots by members of Xinjiang's main Uighur ethnic group that it says targeted the Olympics, detaining 82 alleged Islamic terrorists and separatists in a major crackdown.

Few details have been given and no evidence shown, although terror experts say insurgents based along the border with Afghanistan and Pakistan have a limited capability to launch such attacks.

Meanwhile, at the Olympic media center across town, Maihesuti, the Xinjiang governor, appeared to accuse journalists of exaggerating the terrorist threat to the games.

"These terrorist groups are not

cast," Maihesuti said.

Many of those labeled terrorists were merely "lawless people," he said. Human rights groups have long accused Beijing of classifying many personal disputes or criminal acts as terrorism to justify harsh oppression.

Colby youth wins triathlon

Ryan Baalman won the Colby Recreation Department Iron Athlete Triathlon Saturday.

Sixteen people competed in the 30-mile bike ride, 600 meter swim and 5K run.

The contest was initially for Thomas County graduating seniors of 2008 as a scholarship competition. Randy Jones, Colby Chief of Police, and Stacy Lee, Colby Recreation Department director, came up with the idea to host the event as Jones had offered scholarship prizes from the Colby Police Department Law Enforcement Trust Fund. When more community interest grew, the race was opened up to the public.

Four Colby High seniors competed, Mitchell Tuma, Baalman, Brent Luekde and Paige Stephens. Other participants included Preston and and Peggy Pratt, Ronda, John, Aaron and Mark Faber, Rocky Baalman, Tom Pardee, Diana Romine, Zell Bierberle, Dustin Reed and Brennan Overton.

Baalman completed all events in two hours, 40 minutes, 43 seconds and won \$1,250 in scholarships.

Peggy Pratt and Stephens finished second and third, respectively. Stephens was awarded \$750, Tuma, \$500 and Luedke, \$250.

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Ryan Baalman runs the 5K through Colby Saturday as part of the Iron Athlete Triathlon organized by the Colby Recreation Department and Colby Police Department. Baalman won in 2:40.43.



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