

Fourth cane hut is next Saturday

The Colby Recreation Department will hold its fourth annual Candy Cane Hunt starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Colby Community Building.

Kids 3 and under will start the hunt at 10 a.m., with 4 to 6 at 10:15 and 7 to 9 at 10:30. Even though this is a free program, families are encouraged to sign up at the Community Building by next Wednesday, said recreation director Stacy Lee, so the department will know how many to prepare for.

The department also plans basketball clinics for sixth grade girls in January at Sacred Heart School.

Brenda Mazanec will lead the clinics, which have been going on for several years. Sessions will take place on Wednesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The cost is \$25 per camper and the last day to register at the Community Building is Friday, Dec. 31.

The department will hold the fourth annual Triple Threat Basketball camp for preschoolers

through sixth graders on Saturdays in January and February at the Colby Grade School gymnasium. The sessions will take place on Saturdays, Jan. 8 and 15 and Feb. 5 and 12. Sessions for 4- and 5-year-olds will run from 8 to 8:45 a.m., first and second graders, 8:45 to 9:30; third and fourth, 9:30 to 10:30; and fifth and sixth, 10:30 to 11:30.

Recreation Director Stacy Lee said the camp teaches basketball fundamentals. The last day to register is Wednesday, Jan. 5, and the cost is \$25 per student.

Campers will get to participate during halftime of the Colby College men's and women's basketball games against Hutchinson and Dodge City on Sunday, Jan. 23, and Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans' game against Hutchinson starts at 2 p.m. and the men's game at 4. The women's game against Dodge City starts at 6 p.m. and the men's at 8.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

New Golden Plains High coach Terry Preston set up rebounding drills for the Bulldogs' basketball team during practice last week.

Preston has 23 years of experience as a basketball referee and three years as a middle school coach.

Golden Plains High hires coach

By Rachel Bomba
Golden Plains High School

Terry Preston, a Rexford farmer, will replace Ryan Brantley as the coach of the Golden Plains High School basketball team.

Preston, father of senior Tate Preston and T.J. Preston, a student at Oklahoma State University, said that when he heard Golden Plains was looking for a coach, he felt he could help the kids improve their skills. The school board apparently thought he would make a good

contribution to the team as well. He said 21 boys come out for basketball, five of them returning seniors. Preston said there are a lot of underclassmen trying out, but only 10 kids are set for the varsity. Some will play junior varsity as well, the coach added.

The kids practice during the school week for about 2 1/2 hours a day, he said. They work on defense, rebounding, passing and free throws. Preston said he wants to teach the fundamentals so the boys will learn how to play.

The coach said his goals are to get the boys ready for the season, win as many games as they can and hopefully compete in the state tournament. The Bulldogs play their opening game against Greeley County following the 6:30 p.m. game between the Lady Bulldogs and Greeley County on Friday at Tribune, sometime about 8 p.m.. They will play in the Castle Rock Tournament starting next Thursday, Dec. 9, at Quinter.

Preston said he was born and raised in Rexford and attended

Golden Plains schools. He worked and lived in Colby for 15 years before returning to Rexford to farm with his father. Preston coached junior high basketball and football for Golden Plains in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The coach has been a registered basketball official for 23 years. Assisting Preston with coaching duties is Tanner Moss, who played basketball at the school for four years and graduated in 2009.

Denver coach plays down handshake question

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Spygate II was last weekend, Handshake II comes Sunday.

Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels seemed to welcome a respite on Wednesday from questions about videotape violations and instead answer queries about his post-game handshake snub last month.

The Broncos visit the Chiefs this weekend in the rematch of Denver's 49-29 blowout of Kansas City at Invesco Field last month, after which Chiefs coach Todd Haley wagged a finger in McDaniels' face instead of shaking his hand.

Haley apologized a day later in his news conference but never called McDaniels, who said he expects both men to shake hands Sunday regardless of what happens on the field or scoreboard.

"I have a great deal of respect for everybody in that organization and I would anticipate that this will just be a competitive game. I plan on shaking hands and all that stuff," McDaniels said.

Asked if he would shake McDaniels' hand, Haley demurred.

"Again, I'm very much in the present tense right now. We got through Wednesday's preparation practice and we're going to have some meetings this afternoon," he said. "Every minute is precious to be prepared and try again and try to be more competitive than we were last time because we didn't make much of a game."

Haley has declined to say why he was upset, leaving others to speculate about the reasons. Maybe it was the Broncos blitzing a gimpy Matt Cassel well into the fourth quarter, or McDaniels chest-bumping his players on the sideline after scores or throwing the red flag when the game was well in hand.

McDaniels said he hasn't looked back to see what, if anything, he might have done differently.

"I mean, we were just trying to play football. Really, they were continuing to play the whole game and so were we and I think that's really how it goes every week," McDaniels said. "We were trying to stop them on defense and we were trying to move the ball effectively on offense. And there's really no other way to play."

The Broncos were outscored by the Chiefs 29-14 after scoring the game's first five touchdowns, and Cassel had a monster day throwing the ball to Dwayne Bowe.

No lead seems safe in the league these days, especially in Denver, where the Broncos trailed St. Louis 33-13 heading into the

fourth quarter Sunday before losing 36-33.

So, McDaniels doesn't believe any teams are letting up on the gas even with a big lead.

"You've got to keep trying to chop wood and keep playing because you get a break here or there, you force a three-and-out, you get a turnover, you recover an onside kick, you block a punt, something like that and then all of a sudden now the game becomes a game," McDaniels said.

McDaniels has been under pressure for problems on and off the field this season. The team is 3-8 for the first time in two decades and has won just five of its last 21 games, its worst stretch in nearly 40 years.

He was fined \$50,000 last week-end for not reporting his videographer for breaking NFL rules by taping an opponent's practice.

On Monday night, owner Pat Bowlen told AOL FanHouse that McDaniels' job wasn't in jeopardy. Less than an hour later, the team released a statement from Bowlen that backed off that endorsement and said, "We will

continue to monitor the progress of the team and evaluate what's in the best interest of this franchise."

In his first public comments over the mixed signals, McDaniels said his focus was on things he can control.

"I have a normal routine with Mr. Bowlen and we see each other every day. He's here every day, we talk about practice, we talk about the opponent, and he's usually out at practice," McDaniels said.

"I'm just going to continue doing my job, and our relationship hasn't changed. We talked the other day, we talked today, and I'm going to focus on the Chiefs."

Delivering the pass



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free

Eagles' sophomore Lauren Bell fired a pass during basketball practice on Wednesday at the high school gymnasium.

Big man adds to run game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Say hello to Deep Freeze.

Yes, it's a takeoff on Refrigerator Perry. But it's better than what they used to call Shaun Smith.

The monicker seems natural since the veteran defensive tackle's 325 pounds crashed into the Seattle defensive line for a 1-yard touchdown run last week, adding a big and menacing new weapon to

Kansas City's rushing attack that was already No. 1 in the NFL.

"I like that nickname, Deep Freeze. It's cool," said Smith, a six-year defensive end who's made a much bigger splash than anyone expected when he signed in March as a free agent.

"I hope I can continue to get the ball," he said. "We'll see what happens."

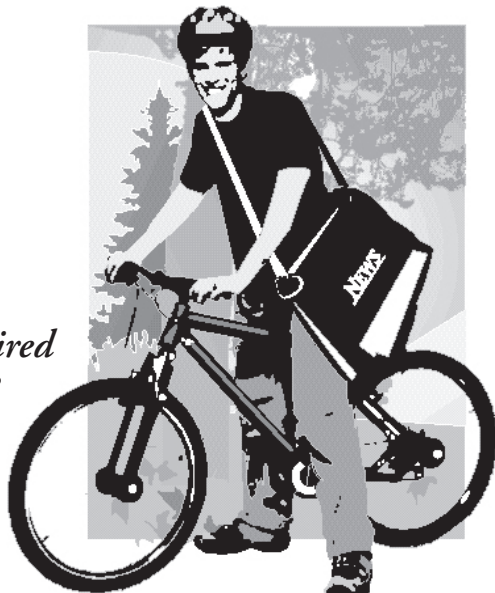
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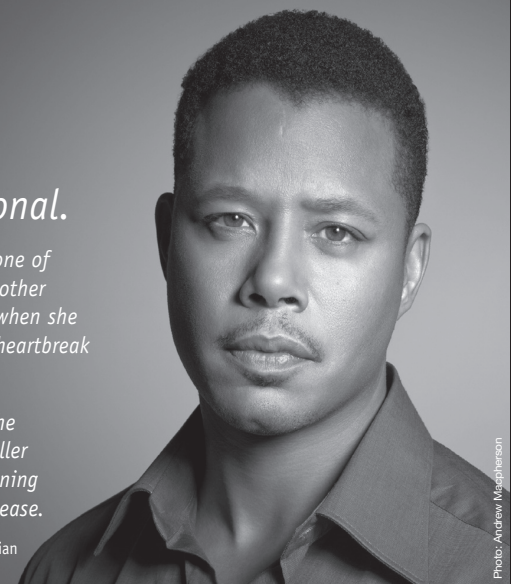


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