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Local pair to play in all-star exhibition

Two area players will head to Smith Center on Saturday for the all-star Sunflower Shootout.

Kayla Hockersmith of Colby High School and Rilee Spresser of Golden Plains will play in the girls' and boys' games, which include players from around northwest Kansas.

The Shootout will feature senior all stars from the Mid-Continent League against a team of all stars from a 14-county area in northwest Kansas, including Colby and Golden Plains.

The girls game will tip off at 5 p.m., with the boys at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center High School gym. Three-point contests will be held at halftime of each game.

The northwest girls team also includes Shaylinn Kaus of Hoxie and Jordan Dreher of Oberlin. The northwest boys squad also includes Dakota Soderlund and Josh Ritter of Oberlin.

"We have assembled some of the top high school basketball talent in the state for this event, and we are really excited about it," said Mike Hughes, Smith Center recreation director. "We are trying to make this an exciting and fun event for the players, and think the fans will enjoy the evening as well. Anyone who enjoys basketball will truly want to see this event."

Admission for the event will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 12, with children 5 and under free.

The event is sponsored by the Smith Center Recreation Commission, and paid for in part by the Smith County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Smith County Economic Development and the Smith Center Chamber of Commerce.



Trojans split two with Lamar College

Colby Community College sophomore catcher Nathan Wilson (above) waited for the umpire's call after he slid into third base in the Trojans' first game against Lamar Community College on Tuesday. Wilson had been trying to steal third, but was called out to end the first inning. Freshman infielder Austin Russell (left) slid safely into third earlier in the inning. The Trojans scored 5 runs in that inning and went on to win the first game of a double header 13-3. They lost the second 4-3.

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