



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains Senior Melissa Ritter passed the baton to her sister, sophomore Angela Ritter, in the 4-by-100 relay at the league track meet in Scott City on May 13. The 4-by-100 relay placed third with a time of 56.4 seconds.

Golden Plains girls win at league championship

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The Golden Plains girls 4-by-400 meter relay team brought home a Western Kansas Liberty League championship win on a windy May 13 in Scott City.

The team, made up of Angela Ritter, Jordan Christensen, Macayla Easton and Kylie Jones, ran the relay with a time of 4:32.88. This is the third time the team has finished in first place. Their best time so far this season was at the Quinter Invitational where they ran a 4:30.93 for a third-place finish.

Ritter, Christensen, Easton and Jones were involved in many of the Bulldogs' 45 total points for their fifth-place team finish behind Wheatland/Grinnell, Weskan, Dighton and Greeley County.

Easton ran a season-best 28.78 in the finals of the 200-meter run for a fourth-place finish. Jones placed fourth in the 400-meter run with 1:08.41. Jones also jumped 4 feet, 4 inches in the high jump for fourth place. Christensen jumped

4 feet, 2 inches in high jump for fifth.

Other results include: Leea Juenamann, third in the 800-meters with 2:47.50 and sixth in the discus with 78 feet, 10 inches.

Viridiana Beltran, sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a season-best 19.90.

Randi Cressler, sixth in the javelin with 82 feet, 3 inches.

Avery Spresser, sixth place in the long jump with 13 feet, 3 inches and sixth in the triple jump with 29 feet, 9.25 inches.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Easton, Beltran and Melissa and Angela Ritter placed third with 56.4.

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Bulldogs get two firsts at Scott City

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The Golden Plains High School boys track team brought home two league champions from the Western Kansas Liberty League meet in Scott City on May 13. The team finished in fourth place overall.

Rilee Spresser, who graduated from Golden Plains the weekend before along with the team's other seniors, got first place in the shot put with 45 feet, 9 inches. Cole Christensen jumped 6 feet even in high jump for his first

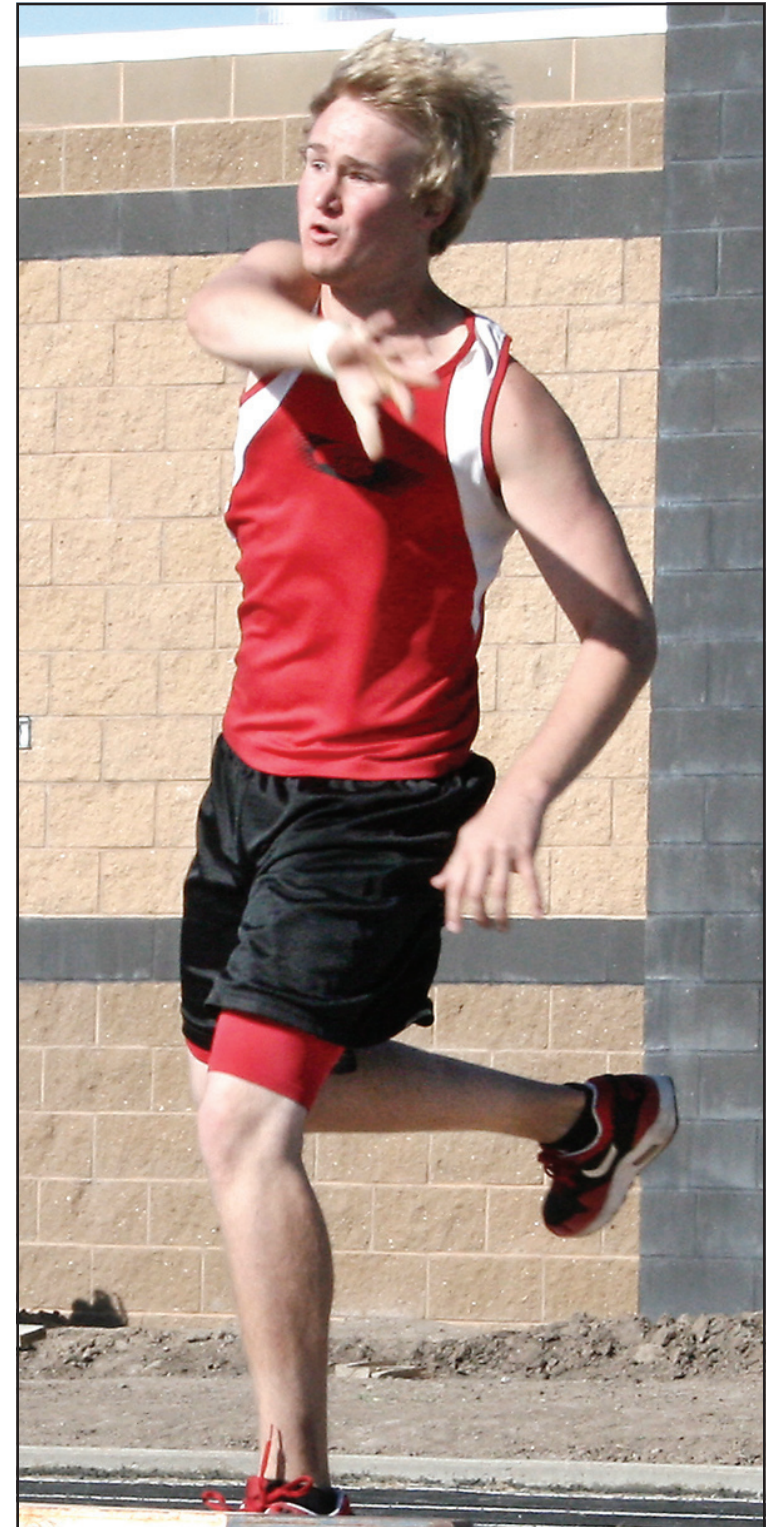
place medal. Spresser also placed third in javelin with a personal-best 151 feet, 7 inches, finished in second place behind Christensen in high jump with 5 feet, 8 inches, and placed third in long jump with another season-best of 19 feet, 9.5 inches. Christensen, a junior, also placed in each of his events including second in the triple jump with a season-best 41 feet, 1.5 inches, and fifth in the 4-by-400 relay along with Andrew Luna, Jesus Garcia, and Jose Bermudez.

Other results include: Kalyn Weber, second in the 100 meters with 11.21 – he finished first in prelims with 11:06 –

and sixth in the 200 meters with 23.75. Devinn Ritter, fifth in the shot put with 42 feet, 3.5 inches and sixth in the discus with 117 feet, 5 inches.

The 4-by-100m relay team of Weber, Luna, Bermudez and Ryan Ptashkin placed third with 46.72 and the 4-by-800m relay team of Ethan Walter, Chance Hoeting, Josh Barnhart and Jesus Garcia placed fourth.

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Golden Plains senior Rilee Spresser put a shot at the Western Kansas Liberty League track meet in Scott City on May 13. Spresser claimed the league championship in shot with a throw of 45 feet, 9 inches.

Athletes recognized at school banquet

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Nearly every student at Golden Plains High School is involved in at least one extra-curricular activity, and these students were recognized for their accomplishments at the annual award banquet on May 12.

Orba Smith recognized the volleyball team by saying they were a good group of girls. She thanked them for the hard work. She said each girl excelled at a different skill in practice, which made it challenging to figure out a lineup on the court. She continued by saying that the team, with a lot of youthful inexperience, played some of the best volleyball of the year by the end of the season. She added that the seniors stepped up to be leaders and will be missed.

Jim Erwin recognized those students who competed in the state power lifting meet noting that three of the four participants placed in the top six awards in each left they competed in with the two freshman girls, Kylie Jones and Macayla Easton, placing overall.

Coach Travis Smith spoke of the football team's season. They went 4-5 after replacing six starters from the previous year. They were 1 1/2 minutes away from being 6-3. He said the seniors were good talented leaders and the un-

derclassmen rallied behind them. He recognized the three senior boys, Tate Preston, Rilee Spresser, and Devinn Ritter, for their numerous post-season honors along with acknowledging the underclassmen who also received League honors. He said Tate Preston, who was moved to receiver his senior season, led Eight-Man Division II in receiving yards.

Terry Preston spoke of the outstanding boys basketball season in his first year as head high school coach. He said that even though they got off to a rocky start, playing eventual state-champion Greeley County, they played a changed game at the Castle Rock tournament, making it to the championship game. He said that the seniors


showed amazing leadership on the court.

Coach Parker Christensen stepped up and told the audience that the girls basketball team had only four girls from last year's team. They started playing well by the middle of the year starting with an exciting win over Sharon Springs, who later qualified for the state tournament. They won their first round game of Sub-State against Northern Valley, eventually losing to Logan by only four points at the end of the game.

Track coach Travis Betz was the final speaker of the evening. He said that this was the largest group of track athletes he has had in his 20 years of coaching track. He said this year's team has a lot

of potential and has performed well at the last few meets. He concluded by saying that with 20 kids competing at the regional meet he hopes to be taking a bus load to the state meet.

Betz also recognized senior Lucas Phillips for his accomplishments in the rodeo arena. He currently competes in Kansas High School Rodeo in tie-down roping in which he placed first in Kingman, and in team roping in which he placed second at Kingman.



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH



BRITTANY BANGE



Parents: Paul & Tawnia Bange

Brittany, a senior at Colby High School, is Colby Rotary Club's 2010/2011 Student of the Year Scholarship Winner.

Brittany's school & community activities include Volleyball, Golf, Basketball, Cheer/Dance, Softball, Student Council, Cosmic Crayon, Young Humanitarians, National Honor Society, Dodge-A-Disaster Dodgeball Coordinator, Colby Grade School Volunteer Tutor, Community Ambassador, Colby Blood Drive Volunteer, Haiti Earthquake Concert Fundraiser, Recycling, Special Olympics Volunteer, & Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat Participant.

Brittany's special honors include Kansas Honors Scholar, American Vision Scholastic Art Award, Valedictorian, MVP Softball Team, National Honor Society President, Orange & Black Classic T-Shirt Design Winner, Superintendent's Honor Roll every semester of high school, CHS Board Room Collage Designer.

Brittany's academic emphasis has been Science, Health Science, and Art. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in Graphic Design.

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