

Department plans fall clinics, leagues

The Colby Recreation Department wants to remind everyone about a few events that have deadlines approaching.

Join the Rec and Colby Community College men's and women's basketball teams on Saturday mornings for Triple Threat Basketball. Participants will earn basketball skills and drills, which will be performed at college basketball games.

Clinics will be held on Saturday mornings, Nov. 3 and 10. This program is for ages 4 years/preschool through sixth grade. Cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt, expert instruction from collegiate coaches and players and free admission to the college game they are performing at. (Parents not included.)

The preschool and kindergarten session is from 9 to 9:45 a.m., first to third grades are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and fourth to sixth grades are 10:45 a.m. to noon. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 19.

Come to the Community Building on Thursday, Oct. 25, for an evening of pumpkin carving fun at Tricks and Treats. Fee is \$10 and includes a pumpkin to carve and Halloween treats. Program is from 6 to 7 p.m. Register by Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Get a team now for the Rec Department Fall/Winter adult leagues. Women's volleyball will be played on Saturday mornings beginning Nov. 3, and men's basketball will be on Sundays beginning Nov. 4. Volleyball team entry fee is \$215 and will be played through February, and basketball team entry fee is \$115 and will be played through December. Register by Friday, Oct. 26.

Kick off your holiday season with the Sixth Annual Turkey Trot and Youth Mile Run, a predicted-time run/walk 5K, on Saturday, Nov. 17. No need to be in great shape, just finish closest to your predicted time and win the grand prize of a 20-pound turkey just in time for Thanksgiving.

There will be a youth-mile run for ages 12 and under starting at 9 a.m., with the 5K to follow at 9:15. Registration for both events begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 for the 5K and a T-shirt, \$20 without. Cost is \$20 for the mile run and a shirt, \$15 without.

Register by Thursday, Nov. 1, to receive a shirt and course information.

For information on any of these events, call Recreation Director Stacy Jasper at 460-4440.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

Abby Mrazek got a dig last week during the Colby Community College volleyball game at the Community Building. The Lady Trojans played Hutchinson on Oct. 3 at home, but were defeated by the Lady Blue Dragons in five sets.

Cougars knock down Golden Plains 36-6

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldogs returned to their home field to play the Cougars from Cheylin.

This was the 'Dogs' third district game of the season following a loss to Weskan the previous week and a win over Greeley County earlier in the season. Both teams entered the contest Sept. 28 with 2-2 records.

The home town team kicked off to the Cougars to get the game started. The Bulldogs' defense stopped the Cougars throughout the first series, forcing them to punt. The punt was caught by Chance Hoeting, but a fumble on the play was recovered by the Cougars.

The Cougars gained yards before being taken down by Jesus Garcia on the 10-yard line. The Cougars were set back due to repetitive penalties and stopped by Camron Spreser before turning the ball over on downs.

The Bulldogs failed to make adequate progress and Tristan Schwarz punted. The Cougars finally connected with a pass that was run into the end zone. Garcia grabbed the feet of the extra-point runner and held on while Hoeting rushed in to finish him off and the Cougars held the lead 6-0.

Hoeting caught the kick behind the goal line and returned it to the 15-yard line. Additional Cougar penalties helped the Bulldogs gain a first down. The Bulldogs answered with their own penalties before the offensive line opened a hole for Andrew Luna to shoot through and run 53 yards to the end zone. The two-point conversion did not succeed and the game was tied up 6-6 with just over three minutes remaining in the quarter.

The Cougars pushed through to score one more time in the first as the clock wound down with the Bulldogs trailing 14-6.

Penalties continued to plague

both sides as the game progressed. The Cougars gradually moved the ball down the field ending with another touchdown and extra points, extending their lead to 22-6.

Back on offense with a long field ahead of them, the Bulldogs gained short yards before Joseph Koerperich flew through the air to connect with a pass and a first down gain. Hoeting, Jose Bermudez and Luna all attempted to gain yards, but the Cougars were right on top of them and Schwarz was forced to punt again.

Battling back and forth and fighting yellow flags, neither team was able to add to their score before the half.

It took nearly the entire third quarter for the Cougars to pass in for a fourth touchdown. The two-point conversion increased their lead to 30-6.

Following a first down gain by Grant Spreser as the third quarter wound down, the Bulldogs threw a pass only to have it intercepted by the Cougars. Bermudez was right there and quickly dropped the receiver. Bermudez continued to play quick on defense and intercepted a Cougar pass at the beginning of the fourth and the Bulldogs took over on the Cougars' 10-yard line.

After several short gains, Luna broke through for a full-field Bulldog touchdown only to have it called back for a block in the back penalty, but still a first down.

Turning the ball back over to the Cougars, a Bulldog penalty gave their opponents the first down. The Cougars then ran in another touchdown, but it, too, was called back due to penalties. They continued to push the ball down field and scored their final touchdown of the night with just over four minutes remaining in the game. The Bulldogs stopped the conversion and the Cougars led 36-6.

Back on offense, Bermudez ran the ball to the 25-yard line before the Cougars intercepted the pass out of bounds. With no more touchdowns, the Cougars claimed

the 36-6 win and improved their standings in the district to 2-1 while the Bulldogs fell to 1-2 in the district and 2-3 overall.

This game had 31 penalties distributed on both sides of the ball. According to Hoeting, the Bulldog team just "was not focused."

Luna finished with 144 rushing yards and the only Golden Plains touchdown of the game. Grant Spreser rushed for 23 yards, Hoeting for 10, Schwarz for 9, along with a 2-yard gain from Josh Barnhart and a 1-yard gain from Bermudez.

Bermudez also received three passes for a total of 56 yards along with a 15-yard catch from Joseph Koerperich. Grant Spreser connected on 4 of his 7 pass attempts for a total of 71 yards.

"Jose continues to be a great leader for this team," Coach Travis Smith said. "Grant and Tristan played their best games of the year, but we need everyone to play well to win, not just a few."

Bermudez also contributed 13 tackles and an interception to the Bulldog stats. Other tacklers were Luna with 12, Hoeting 11, Jesus Garcia 10, Benny Martinez 10, Zach Spreser 6, Camron Spreser 5, Domico Luna 2 and Josh Barnhart 1.

"Attitude and effort continue to hurt our team," Coach Smith continued. "We have to continue to work to get better and that takes the entire team..."

The Bulldogs headed to Brewster on Friday for another district match-up with the 0-5 Triplains-Brewster Titans.

Volleyball girls lose against division-leader Hutchinson

The Colby Community College Lady Trojans lost to Hutchinson Community College in a home match Oct. 3 at the Community Building.

Colby lost in five sets with scores of 23-25, 25-17, 25-18, 19-25 and 15-11.

Hutchinson is currently in first place in the Jayhawk Conference West.

However, the Lady Trojans received good news last Thursday: freshman Maisy Munson, Anthem, Ariz., was named National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Player of the Week for matches from Sept. 24 to 30.

Behind four double-doubles last week from Munson, the Trojans notched two key victories. In a sweep

of Odessa College (Texas), Munson enjoyed her best match of the week with seven kills to go along with 40 assists and 17 digs. She averaged 10.46 assists and 3.92 digs in the 13 sets in which she played.

Colby then played Seward County Community College Saturday afternoon in the Community Building.

The Lady Trojans defeated Seward in four sets: 25-16, 19-25, 25-13 and 26-24.

The women were on the road at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City.

The next home match is Tuesday against Dodge City. Colby is 5-4 in the Jayhawk Conference and 17-9 overall.

Middle school squad rallies

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The Golden Plains Middle School football team made a 30-point rally in the third quarter of this game in Healy.

They started out in the first quarter Sept. 27 struggling to make any progress before finally scoring toward the end of the quarter with a touchdown run from Dawson Spreser. With a successful two-point conversion from Cole Bingham, the boys had 8 points on the board.

The boys fired up in the second quarter. "Coach told us before the game that it's easier to quit when

behind than it is to work hard to come back," Spreser said.

Spreser scored a second touchdown and the Bulldogs went into the half trailing 42-14. Spreser added that the coach's words "inspired us not to quit."

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs took those words to the field and posted up 30 unanswered points to take the lead 44-42. All touchdowns were scored by Spreser with a two-point conversion caught by Nick Brown.

Healy-Heartland scored one more time near the end of the fourth quarter to regain the lead 48-44. According to Spreser, the Bulldog offense drove the ball to the 6-yard line as the final clock

ran out.

The Bulldog team is playing with only eight players this season. One of those players was unable to play due to health issues.

"We knew we had to step up our game with one of our players missing," Spreser said.

"I was very proud of the fortitude the boys showed during the second half," Head Coach Travis Betz said. "I think we are starting to turn the corner and figure out the game of football."

The boys went on the road to Cheylin last Thursday to continue to improve their skills before returning home for their final game of the season tonight against Northern Valley-Western Plains.

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