



JULIE ZIEGELMEIER  
Thomas County 4-H Shooting Sports members Chance Hoeting (left) and Kurtis Sloan took some shots Oct. 13 at the state 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Competition in Valley Center. Hoeting hit 78 out of 100 targets for 41st place while Sloan hit 66 of 100 for 74th.

# Shooting sports team performs in Valley Center

Four area youths participated the state 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Competition in Valley Center.

Cole Ziegelmeier, Jay Ziegelmeier, Chance Hoeting, and Kurtis Sloan were representing Thomas County 4-H in the competition Oct. 13. They shot 50 targets at 16 yards and then another 50 at 20 yards.

“The boys did a great job considering this was their first year for this type of competition,” Julie Ziegelmeier said. “The boys went down and didn’t know what to expect. Despite the rain they encountered and their nerves, they fought to concentrate on their targets.”

The boys competed in the senior division, which had 86 contestants. Jay Ziegelmeier scored 90 out of 100 targets and placed seventh. Cole Ziegelmeier scored 79 out of 100 to take 36th. Hoeting scored 78 out of 100 for 41st while Sloan hit 66 out for 74th.

“The 4-H Shooting Sports Team would like to thank Oakley Trap Club for the use of their facilities in preparation for the competition,” Julie Ziegelmeier said. “Also, the boys would like to thank the Gem Lions Club for supporting them by paying their entries fees for the state competition and Walmart for their \$100 donation ... for clay targets.”

# Basketball squad loses 75-72 on road

The Colby Community College men’s basketball team lost to Northwest Kansas Technical College 75-72 on Nov. 20 at the Max Jones Field House in Goodland.

The Trojans were leading 46-29 at the half, but Northwest Tech came back and won even though Colby tried for a last-second three-pointer that fell short.

The men traveled to Garden City last Friday and Saturday to play in a two-day tournament. Colby defeated Trinidad (Colo.) State Junior College 65-62 on Friday. The Trojans lost to Highland Community College 71-59 on Saturday.

Stats were not available for these games.

The men will travel to Council Bluffs, Iowa, tonight to play in a weekend tournament.

# Golden Plains boys play games in Logan

**By Jordan Christensen**  
*Golden Plains High School*

The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball team traveled to Logan to play in the first regular games of the season.

The A-team boys got off to a slow start Nov. 15, only putting up 3 points in the first quarter with a three-point shot from Jesus Aragon while allowing the Trojans 18. In the second quarter, the Bulldogs stepped up their defense, holding Logan to 2 points and gaining 2 from A.J. Camacho, ending the first half with the score of 20-5.

The Bulldogs continued to struggle in the second half, getting only 2 points to fall in each of the third and fourth quarters with buckets from Aragon and Cole Bingham, while allowing the Trojans added 14, ending the game with a 34-9 loss.

“We played hard and had great hustle,” said Dawson Spresser. “It just wasn’t enough.”

The B-team boys were more successful in their two-quarter game, winning 11-7. The Bulldogs allowed the Trojans the lead in the first quarter 5-3, but poured on the defense in the second quarter to hold the Trojans to 2 and putting in 8 points to gain the lead and the win.

Camacho put in 7 of the B-team points with Devin Carter adding the other 4.

The Bulldogs played their first home game last Tuesday against Triplains-Brewster.

# Date of wrestling clinic changes

Due to a conflict, the Colby Recreation Department said it needs to change the date of its wrestling clinic with Colby Community College Coach David Nordhues from Saturday, Dec. 15, to Sunday, Dec. 16.

“Sorry for the inconvenience,” Director Stacy Jasper said, “and we hope your wrestler is still available to attend. We will gladly refund anyone who can not make the date.”

Below is the new schedule, with an hour break in between early and late sessions:

**Kindergarten through third grade** – 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and again from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

**Fourth through sixth grades** – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and again from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

For information, call Jasper at the department at 460-4440.

# K-State gets ready for Texas

**By Dave Skretta**  
*AP Sports Writer*

MANHATTAN – There will be a time not long from now that Kansas State’s players will gather to reflect on the season, one that’s brought unimaginable joy along with soul-crushing heartache.

It’s not that time just yet.

Despite a loss two weeks ago to Baylor that knocked the seventh-ranked Wildcats from national title consideration, they have plenty to play for Saturday against No. 23 Texas: The third conference championship in school history and an automatic BCS bowl berth.

Not a bad consolation prize for a team expected to finish somewhere in the middle of the Big 12, but that rose to No. 1 in the BCS standings before that lousy night in Waco.

“I haven’t reflected back on the season. I haven’t reflected forward,” Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said this week.

It certainly hasn’t been on No. 12 Oklahoma, which plays TCU earlier Saturday.

If the Sooners lose to the Horned Frogs, the Wildcats (10-1, 7-1) will already have wrapped up at least a share of the Big 12 championship and, due to tiebreakers, the BCS bid, long before Collin Klein and the rest of the senior class is introduced to a sellout crowd.

“It’s going to be an emotional day for me,” said Klein, who is widely expected to be invited to New York City next week for the Heisman Trophy ceremony.

“I know being around here now for, this is my fifth year, you see a lot of players enter and exit in their tenure, and now my time has come in that sense, and that’s not an easy thing,” Klein said.

The Sooners are comfortable favorites to beat TCU, which means the Wildcats are certainly preparing for the Longhorns (8-3, 5-3) as if they’ll need to win themselves.

Kansas State’s only Big 12 title came in 2003, when it beat then-No. 1 Oklahoma when the conference still had a championship game. Its only other league title came in 1934, during the old Big Six days, when Lynn “Pappy” Waldorf was the coach.

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