

Department plans kid basketball league

The Colby Recreation Department said Monday it will offer youth basketball leagues for boys and girls in first through sixth grades beginning in January.

Recreation Director Stacy Jasper said the former Colby Area Youth Basketball League has joined with the department for this league. Cost is \$35, which includes a jersey, a fundamentals clinic and five weekends of play, she said.

The leagues will be split up into first and second graders, third and fourth graders and fifth and sixth

graders, divided into girls and boys teams. Only sibling requests will be taken when dividing teams, Jasper said.

"Flyers will be delivered to schools this week as well," she said.

Deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 21, Jasper said, and you can sign up at the office, 285 E. Fifth St.

"Please let me know if you will be willing to coach as well," she added.

Games will be played on Sat-

urdays at the Colby Grade School and Middle School gyms. A clinic for all grades will be Saturday, Jan. 12, and games will follow on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Teams will be announced to coaches on Monday, Dec. 31. Coaches will then contact their players with team and schedule information.

Contact Jasper at 460-4440 or colbyrecreation@gmail.com with questions.

Colby players selected

Several Colby High players received honors at the Hays City Shootout tournament last weekend.

Junior Marc Bremenkamp and senior Lauren Bell were selected for the All-Tournament teams.

Bell was named the overall Hot Shot Champion in three-point shooting. Each player took several shots

from different areas beyond the three-point line.

Three Colby athletes were then selected for the All-Academic team: seniors Daniel Myers, boys basketball, Karly Kriss, girls basketball, and junior Hailey Wallingford, cheerleader.



Jose Bermudez (No. 21) reached out for the rebound during the Golden Plains High School season opener against Western Plains last Friday in Rexford. Bermudez, a senior, put in 8 points for the Bulldogs and captured 3 rebounds.

JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Boys' game creates excitement

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The Golden Plains High School varsity boys basketball team finished off an exciting night of high school basketball for its season opener against Western Plains last Friday in Rexford.

The evening started off with wins from the junior varsity and varsity girls and an action-packed junior varsity boys game before the varsity boys stepped on the floor.

The game was close throughout the first quarter, as both teams posted 13 points. The Bulldogs had three-pointers from seniors Andrew Luna and Jose Bermudez. The Bobcats from Western Plains answered back in the second quarter with multiple long shots of their own to take a 30-24 lead at the half.

After the break, the Bulldogs came back out to add another 16

points to their side of the board with shots from juniors Shane Ryburn, Grant Spreser and Tristan Schwarz. The Bobcats outscored them by 3 in the third quarter, however, and held a 49-40 lead going into the fourth.

The Bulldogs were determined and got the crowd to their feet throughout the fourth as they pushed the ball hard and rang up 21 points. Schwarz pumped in 11, along with shots from Luna, Ryburn and Bermudez. The Bobcats, however, did not give up and sank six free throws to win the game 67-61.

"We played a lot better than I thought we would," Luna said. "We played well as a team."

"We didn't give up when we got down in the third quarter," Bermudez added. "The boys played with intensity throughout the game."

Camron Spreser echoed the coaches' words when he said, "We brought excitement back to the gym!"

Ryburn led the Bulldogs in scoring with 16 points spread throughout all four quarters. Schwarz with 15 - 11 in the fourth. Luna posted 12 and Spreser added 10. Bermudez rounded out the scoring with 8.

Assists came from Luna with 6, Spreser 2, Bermudez 5, Schwarz 3 and Braden Korte 1. Schwarz led under the boards with 7 rebounds along with Luna 5, Ryburn 4, Bermudez 3, Spreser 1 and Korte 1.

The Bulldogs will hit the road this week as they travel to Quinter for the Castle Rock Classic and then out to Weskan next Friday.

Making the shot



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

Junior Haileigh Shull powered up for a shot Thursday during the Colby High varsity girls basketball game at the Community Building. The Lady Eagles slid by the Hays High Lady Indians 43-38. A full story on the game will run in Monday's Colby Free Press.

Triplains-Brewster boys win first game of season

The Triplains-Brewster Titans boys basketball team went to Logan last Friday for their first game of the season and came home with a 42-29 victory.

Coach Michael Collett, a Brewster High grad and first-year coach, said the boys' hard work on defense paid off with 15 steals. They forced 10 more turnovers for a total of 25.

Seth Smith led the defense with 7 steals and finished with 6 points, 10 rebounds and an assist. On offense, the Titans were led by Michael Schmidt with 18 points, including 6 from the free-throw line. Schmidt also had 4 steals and 4 rebounds.

Daymond Hanley had a good day, scoring 9 points, Collett said, and senior Will Allen did a little bit of everything. He finished with 3 points, 2 assists, 2 steals and 3 rebounds.

On Saturday, the Titans came home with their second victory after beating Healy 50-22. Nate Jorgensen led in scoring with 16 points, sinking 3 of 4 baskets from behind the arc. Allen also put in a nice game with 5 assists and 8 rebounds to go with 4 points. Smith finished with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals and a blocked shot. Schmidt finished with 6 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Coach Collett said the Titans are averaging 14 steals per game and forcing their opponent to commit more than 20 turnovers per game. In two games, he said, Smith is averaging 8 points, 8.5 rebounds and 9 steals.

The Titans are holding the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster this week, with games Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

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