

Thomas County youth wins Sherman contest

Four members of the Thomas County 4-H shooting sports project competed at the 4-H shoot on Sunday at the Sherman County Gun Club.

Thomas County's Keegan Morgan won first place in the senior division by shooting 95 out of 100 clay pigeons.

He topped his closest competition with a two-target victory over Cheyenne County's Brady Hansen.

Hansen came in second, shooting 93 clays.

Thomas County teammate Jay Ziegelmeier claimed third place after shooting 91 clays.

After Sherman County's Corey Johnson finished fourth with an 83, Cole Ziegelmeier gave Thomas three of the top five placers as he shot 76, earning him fifth place.

Chance Hoeting, also of Thomas County, shot 56.

There are also an intermediate and junior age group at the shoots but Thomas County did not have anyone competing in those divisions at the Sherman County Shoot.

State qualifiers must shoot at least 30 out of 50 clays from the 16 yard line to reach that goal.

According to Cole Ziegelmeier,



PHYLLIS ZIEGELMEIER

Cole Ziegelmeier took aim as he earned one of Thomas County's top five places during the Sherman County Gun Club competition on Sunday.

several team members have qualified for state competition at an earlier shoot.

There are nine members in

the shotgun division of shooting sports in Thomas County with Ross Sloan serving as the team leader.

Meadow Lake men, ladies play scrambles

Meadow Lake league golfers smartly played their scrambles on two nights before Thursday's big rainstorm struck last week.

Men's Night

The 3-man scramble last Wednesday evening featured 63 men competing in three flights. First names were not obtained.

Flight one: 1. Amberger-McGreer-Schroer, 2. Kern-White-Stroud, 3. McKee-Grafel-McLaughlin.

Flight two: 1. Wark-Amberger-Flipse, 2. Mallory-Herschberger-Bedore, 3. Krzycki-Donn-Leavitt.

Two tournaments set for Aug. 31

Flight three: 1. Kersenbrock-Arensford-Lee.

Ladies' Night

With football season fast approaching, it's probably still too cheesy to say Ladies' Night scored a "touchdown" as seven golfers played Tuesday's 2-ladies scramble.

Sorry, too late. Words are already on the page.

Anyway, the ladies needed just one flight to decide their winners:

1. Audrey Hines-Wanda Brown, 2. Audrey Hines-Lynette Ball, 3. (tie) Ann Siemsen-Lisa Stithem and Mary Lou Jones-Cheryll Edmundson.

Upcoming events for both ladies and couples' nights this week are still to be determined. The couples did not play Thursday night due to several heavy rain showers.

Upcoming tournaments

A busy Saturday, Aug. 31 will feature both day and night events.

Roaring into the season finale



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Cars from all classes were rolling out of the pits and into Sunday night's season championship races at Thomas County Speedway. Unfortunately, results were not obtained in time for Monday's press deadline. Look for results and other details on all top placers later this week.

Marine appeals NCAA penalty

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — A Middle Tennessee freshman who finished five years of active service in the Marines this summer is appealing an NCAA rule preventing him from playing this season because he played in a recreational league in the military.

According to The Daily News Journal, the rule essentially says student-athletes that do not enroll in college within a year of graduating high school will be charged one year of collegiate eligibility for every academic year they

participate in organized competition.

By NCAA standards, Steven Rhodes' play at the Marine base counted as "organized competition" because there were game officials, team uniforms and the score was kept.

But the 6-foot-3, 240-pound Marine sergeant said the recreational league was nothing close to organized.

"Man, it was like intramurals for us," said the 24-year-old. "There were guys out there anywhere from 18 to 40-something."

Say adios to summer

By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press

Back to school was one three-word combination I really never learned to embrace.

Don't get me wrong.

I loved my plastic Peanuts lunch box that was shaped like Snoopy's house. It was the smell of those moist, too-warm peanut butter sandwiches that made me think school's here.

Especially when those smaller classmates you used to push into a ditch grew big enough during the summer to heave you into that same ditch. Even worse is when the teacher opens a door so you can be pushed and pulled outside.

Hey, it was the 1980s. School discipline was different and I learned to pal around with bullies. It was fine until the bullies took a

late summer vacation and those other kids showed up.

Anyhoo, I'm already recalling some favorite aspects of my first Colby summer.

Cameraderie. Where else are eight and 18-year-olds friendly teammates who can equally contribute? That's why I enjoy watching the Colby Swim Club Sharks.

Comebacks. I still recall Oakley players laughing up an early lead over the Colby 18-and-under baseball team. Nobody was laughing except happy Colby fans when that same talented team went on to the state championship game.

Commitment. Whether they were raising money for fire victims or working overtime to get ball diamonds ready, I was always impressed with Colby's Rec Department. The new director will start with a great staff.

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