

Thomas County 4-Hers prepare for state competition

Several Thomas County 4-H Shooting Sports members are preparing for their first state meet after participating in regional competition in Hays last month, said Joe Leibbrandt, extension agent.

"The shooting competition provided members of northwest Kansas the opportunity to qualify for the state shooting sports competition

competing in Archery, Air Rifle, and B.B. Gun events," he said.

Katherine Huelsman, Kortney Bredemeier, Caleb Mazanec, Seth Bredemeier, Bailey Herron, and Tate Herron all participated in the B.B. gun qualification match.

Participants shoot from 16' 4" away from the target in the prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing po-

sitions. "Caleb Mazanec and Tate Herron tied for ninth and tenth place, and Kortney Bredemeier took eleventh place in the 9 - 10 year-old division," he said.

In the 11-12 year-old division Herron received the third place medal for her overall shooting score.

In the archery category, members

Andy Huelsman and Seth Bredemeier both qualified for the state competition.

"Archers were presented 15 targets varying from sighting targets to 3-D targets at various distances," Leibbrandt said.

The competitors completed the course twice to achieve their best score out of 306 points possible.

Bredemeier also participated in the Air Rifle competition placing 12t in the 13-14 year-old division. This event consists of shooting the prone, kneeling, and standing positions from 33 feet. Shooters participate individually on the firing line without coaches or spotters to assist them.

"As a team, members were very

excited to hear Thomas County announced as the third place overall B.B. gun team," he said.

Team members Bailey Herron, Tate Herron, Mazanec and Kortney Bredemeier all received bronze medals.

Members Bailey Herron, Tate Herron, Caleb Mazanec, Kortney Bredemeier and Seth Bredemeier all qualified for the state match by scoring a 275 or better average.

"Andy, Bailey, Tate, Kortney, and Seth will be traveling to Great Bend, Saturday, to demonstrate their shooting and life skills at the state level," he said.

Gardening weather



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Kim Franz of Colby took advantage of a windless spring day Thursday to weed some flowers in her front yard at her home on West Fifth Street. The forecast this weekend calls for just a slight breeze instead of the high gusts of wind experienced earlier in the week.

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Youth leadership camps scheduled to start in June

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The middle school camp is scheduled for June 4 to June 6 and the high school camp from June 20 to June 23, both on the campus of Fort Hays State University.

These camps provide students with an opportunity to develop the leader within through hands-on leadership activities, team building, reflection, and community service.

"The Kansas Youth Leadership Academy is committed to developing young leaders in the state of Kansas," said Kelley Kuhlmann, KYLA director.

The Academy Camps promote

positive and healthy lifestyles, character building and leadership development.

Using university faculty, college students, secondary educators and community leaders from around the state, these camps serve to challenge and seek personal commitment to leadership.

Campers will receive a discount on registration fees by registering early for the camp of their choice. Registrations are currently being accepted online at www.developingleaders.org or may be picked up at 208 Picken Hall on the Fort Hays State University campus.

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