



Groups to hold youth deer hunt

The Hunting Heritage Group and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will hold their third annual TJ's Memorial Youth Deer Hunt during special youth and disable hunting season from Saturday, Sept. 12th to Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Hunters will hunt from a blind with an experienced guide/mentor on private land that neighbors the Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area in Trego County, said Jason Hawman, natural resource officer II. He said a couple of the youth participants will have the opportunity to hunt in specially designated areas on the Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area.

The first morning will consist of classroom instruction along with a trip to the range to verify zero. Hawman said they go to range to make sure the kids bullets are going where they want them to go.

Guides will leave with their youth hunter after lunch or once the youth and guide are comfortable with the rifle zero. Hawman said all hunters will return to the meeting area that evening. If youth are unsuccessful that evening they will be invited to hunt the following day, he said.

Ten hunters will be selected to participate in the hunt. Haman

said youth participants in this hunt must be residents of Kansas and be between the ages of 10 and 16.

In order to participate in the hunt, candidates must complete and submit an application form by Wednesday, Aug. 12th, said Haman. Forms may be obtained at the wildlife and parks website, www.kdwp.state.ks.us, or by contacting Hawman at (785) 743-2942. There is no charge for the hunt.

Two special guests will hunt with the 10 youth participants. One is a young man from Oklahoma with Leukemia and the other is a young man from Kentucky who has cancer on his spinal cord, said Hawman. He said both hunters were referred by Buckmaster's Life Hunts program that is designed to grant hunting wishes for critically ill and disabled youngsters.

Special hunts like this one are part of the Kansas Hunter Recruitment and Retention Program called "PASS IT ON."

"This program addresses the need to recruit new hunters and retain existing hunters in order to ensure the future of hunting in Kansas," said Hawman.

Bullpen gives up lead, Royals fall to Angels

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Angels never seem to be out of a game. Even with three star players out with injury, Los Angeles keeps finding ways to rally and string hits together for one unlikely comeback after another.

Of course, it didn't hurt that the Angels spent the past three games facing a team that chucks away leads like they're day-old fish wrap.

Maicer Izturis had four RBIs and Los Angeles scored five runs in the eighth inning against Kansas City's beleaguered bullpen, helping the Angels beat the Royals 9-6 Wednesday night to complete an improbable three-game sweep.

"This a team that never looks at the scoreboard, we never let our guard down," Izturis said through an interpreter. "Regardless of what happened early in the game, we don't try to get out of our game."

The Angels stayed close despite starter Joe Saunders' shaky outing — six run on nine hits in 5 2-3 innings — thanks to Izturis's two-run homer off Royals starter Brian Bannister in the third inning and Howie Kendrick's solo shot off him in the seventh.

The real action, though, came after Bannister left.

Mike Napoli hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth inning off Roman Colon (1-1) and Chone Fig-

gins followed three straight walks with his fourth hit, a two-run double that completed Los Angeles' majors-best 30th comeback and another Kansas City collapse.

Justin Speier made the rally possible, allowing a hit in 1 1-3 innings, and Brian Fuentes polished it off in the ninth to join Randy Myers as the only left-handers to get 30 saves in both leagues.

Kendry Morales had two hits to extend his career-high hitting streak to 20 games and the Angels had 15 hits — 40 in the three-game series — to move a season-high 17 games over .500. Not bad for a team playing without Vladimir Guerrero, Torii Hunter and Juan Rivera.

"When we get a runner on, we've been capitalizing on it lately," Figgins said.

Bannister, like he has most of the past two months, put the Royals in position to win. The right-hander limited the damage from eight hits over 6 2-3 innings and, more importantly, left with a 6-3 lead.

Problem was, Bannister had to hand the ball off to the Royals' implode-at-any-minute bullpen.

Kansas City's relievers had given up 18 runs the first five games of the homestand, including nine in eight innings of Tuesday's doubleheader sweep by the Angels.

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Controlling the ball

Andy Heintz/Colby Free Press

Rex Barnum (front) and Cleburne Kyles both dribbled basketballs on Wednesday morning right before the start of a fifth and sixth grade basketball camp put on by the Colby Recreation Department at the Community Building.

Baseball player heads to Barton

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Corey Sager will be trying out as a walk-on for the Barton Community College baseball team next spring.

He said he came to this decision two weeks ago. The fact that former teammate Levi Schlick had already agreed to play for Barton next year influenced his decision.

"It eased my decision to try out — knowing someone else would be their and I wouldn't be all alone," said Sager.

Right now Sager is putting in some extra time trying to improve his play in the outfield and at first base. He said he will probably be playing at one of these positions if he makes the team.

Sager probably won't be play-

ing his usual position at catcher if he makes the team because Barton's coach prefers having a right-handed catcher.

Colby High Baseball Coach Kevin Cox said he didn't think Sager would have too hard a time making a full transition to a new position.

"He played in the outfield his freshman year," said Cox.

Cox said Sager's biggest strengths are his hitting and his passion for the game.

"He loves going out there and playing baseball," he said. "He's a heady player. I think he will do well."

When asked what he thought Sager should work on before walking on Cox said that he was sure Levi would fill him in on things.

Rockies beat Arizona; hitter reaches milestone

DENVER (AP) — Todd Helton received a lengthy standing ovation from fans and his teammates after smacking his 500th career double.

That was simply a warmup act. Helton followed up the milestone double by hitting the go-ahead homer in the eighth inning, propelling the Colorado Rockies to a 4-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

"It was a good day," he said. A good day, indeed.

Yet Helton downplayed the landmark hit. The homer was a different story.

"That got us the win," said Helton, who put the Rockies ahead for good with a solo shot to right-center.

In the third, the longtime Colorado first baseman laced a shot off the right-field scoreboard for the 500th double of his career.

He becomes the 50th player in major league history to reach that milestone.

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