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MaKayla Hoffman, Colby, showed her cattle Sept. 8 and 9 at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Hoffman won Reserve Grand Champion for her showmanship.

Colby 4-H girl receives award at Kansas State Fair

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MaKayla Hoffman of Colby had a successful year in 4-H this year, winning the Reserve Grand Champion AOB (all of the above breeds) at the 2012 Kansas State Fair as well as receiving 12 awards at the South Central Stock Horse Association's annual awards banquet held Saturday in Kingman.

According to Hoffman's mother, Shawna Kersenbrock, Thomas County Extension Agent Diann Gerstner said it's the first time in Thomas County history for someone to come home with this honor.

Kersenbrock said there were three heats of six kids in each class at the state fair.

Hoffman, 15, also won awards in several classes of the association.

In the Novice Showmanship 18 and Under class, Hoffman took first place with 80 points. She finished second in Showmanship 14-18 with 56 points; first in the Novice Hunter Under Saddle 18 and Under with 31; first in Hunter Under Saddle

14-18 with 46; first in Novice Hunt Seat Equitation 18 and Under with 35; second in Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18 with 42; third in Western Pleasure 14-18 with 51; first in Novice Western Pleasure 18 and Under with 77; tied for first in Horsemanship 14-18 with 53; first in Novice Horsemanship 18 and Under with 58; first in Novice Trail 18 and Under with 46; and tied for fourth in Trail 18 and Under with 56.

Hoffman is the daughter of Mike and Shawna Kersenbrock of Colby. She is a freshman at Colby High and a member of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club.

This was Hoffman's sixth year showing cattle in 4-H, her mother said, but it was the first time she took her cattle to the state fair.

"MaKayla didn't go out for eighth grade track last year due to the fact that she rode her horse every day after school," Kersenbrock said. "Her horse Stricker truly is her best friend and she spends a lot of time caring for him and riding him. Her goal is to go to college and be on an equestrian team. This association is helping her get one step closer to that goal."

Quarterback admits trying to play through concussion

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brady Quinn had waited three years for another chance to be a starting quarterback in the NFL. He wasn't going to let a concussion put him back on the sideline.

That's why the Chiefs quarterback admitted Wednesday to attempting to play through his second concussion of the season, which he believes happened when a defender's knee struck the back of his helmet in a game against the Oakland Raiders on Oct. 28.

Quinn remembers having vision problems after the blow, but decided to remain in the game, even though he was dazed enough to put on the wrong helmet on the sideline between possessions.

He never saw the Raiders' Rolando McClain while getting sacked later in the first quarter, perhaps augmenting the severity of the initial concussion, and recalled having "tunnel vision" and being unable to see the Oakland defensive backs when he threw an interception.

It was at that point Quinn was removed from the game.

"That's why I tried to stay in the game, because it was the first opportunity for me in a while," said

Quinn, speaking for the first time since the injury.

Quinn has already been ruled out for Kansas City's game Monday night at Pittsburgh. It will be the second straight game he's missed since becoming the starting quarterback.

The former first-round draft pick sustained his first concussion this year when he got hit while scrambling during a preseason game at Green Bay. Quinn said he blacked out for a few seconds after the blow, and then saw stars, but everything started to clear up after a few minutes.

The latest concussion seems to be lingering, Quinn said, giving him reason for concern.

The very fact that Quinn refused to remove himself from the game typifies a "gladiator-like" culture that NFL executives are trying to change, and the lengths that some players are willing to go to maintain their tenuous grasp on a job.

The issue of player safety has been thrust into the spotlight amid widespread reports of dementia in former players, and with approximately 3,500 ex-players involved in various lawsuits claiming the NFL has mishandled or ignored head injuries.

The scrutiny has resulted in thousands of dollars in fines handed out by the league for unsportsmanlike conduct or unnecessary roughness.

Golden Plains alums play on college team

By Hailee Spresser
Golden Plains High School

The tradition of Golden Plains alumni going on to play football at Garden City Community College in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference lives on today.

The tradition started in 2007 when Brett Spresser and Alan Bruggeman took their talents along to the Broncbusters. Danny Rogers followed them in 2008, Riley Spresser and Devinn Ritter in 2011 and Kalyn Weber in 2012.

The Broncbuster football team went 2-7 in their 2011 season, but turned around to a 6-3 season this year with the help of the Golden Plains alums and many returning experienced players. The No. 4 Broncbusters were to play in the Region VI Semifinals Sunday in El Dorado against No. 1 Butler Community College.

Ritter, No. 60, is playing guard at Garden City for his second year, starting every game this season. Ritter said he would like to go on and play football else-



Kalyn Weber



R. Spresser



Devinn Ritter

where, but his plans are undecided right now. Spresser, No. 12, has been the only punter for the Broncbusters in the last two seasons. He received honorable mention as an all-conference punter in his first year. Spresser said he hopes to continue his punting at a four-year university.

No. 21 Weber is a freshman at Garden City, playing cornerback on special teams. He plans to return to Garden City next season. Other northwest Kansas athletes on the Broncbuster team this season include Adam Weber from Colby, Dillon Salmans from Hoxie and Adrian Garcia from Bird City.

"Riley, Devinn, and Kalyn have done an excellent job this year at Garden City," said Golden Plains Football Coach Travis Smith. "Their hard work in the weight room has contributed to their success. All of the Golden Plains community is extremely proud of them."

College western riders earn reserve champion

The Colby Community College equestrian team traveled to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to compete in three Western Shows Saturday and Sunday.

The Colby team finished in third place in the first show and earned Reserve Champion Team honors in the other two shows.

"Our team was fantastic - probably the best I've seen them ride in competition this semester," said Head Coach Shanda Mattix. "Their hard work has really paid off and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

The majority of the teams that Colby competes against represent four-year colleges and universities. Colby Community College has the only two-year program in Kansas.

"The strength of the competition representing mostly four-year schools says a great deal about the quality of our freshmen and sophomore riders," said Mattix. "For Show 3, there was a four-way tie for Reserve High Point Rider. Three of the four riders were from CCC - Heather Darling, William Wright and Jade Kruse. After a tie-breaker from the judge, Wright came home with the ribbon. Elizabeth Leiker earned enough points this week to qualify for regionals in Intermediate 2."

Individual results are listed below:

Show 1
Reining: Heather Darling, Abilene, third; Jade Kruse, Oakley, fourth; William Wright, Louisburg, fifth.

Open Horsemanship: Darling, first; Wright, fourth; Kruse, sixth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Chelsea Brady, Parker, Colo., fifth.

Novice Horsemanship: Brittany Normand, Fort Scott, first; Heather Thompson, Solomon, fourth.

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship: Elizabeth Leiker, WaKeeney, third; Amanda Reed, Brookville, sixth; Amanda Barnum, Colby, sixth.

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship: Allison Grimmert, Olathe, first; Desirae Melgoza, Gove, third.

Beginner Horsemanship: Tarrah Stuart, Gove, third; Lori Beth James, McPherson, third; Ariel Severson, Colby, fourth.

Show 2
Reining: Kruse, first; Darling, second; Wright, third.

Open Horsemanship: Wright, second; Darling, fifth; Kruse, sixth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Brady, third.

Novice Horsemanship: Normand, second; Thompson, fourth.

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship: Leiker, third; Sara Schurz,

Phillipsburg, sixth; Barnum, sixth.

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship: Grimmert, first; Melgoza, third.

Beginner Horsemanship: Emily Nuss, Norton, first; Stuart, seventh; Marci Scriptor, Chapman, sixth.

Show 3
Reining: Kruse, first; Darling, second; Wright, third.

Open Horsemanship: Darling, second; Wright, third; Kruse, fifth.

Advanced Horsemanship: Brady, second.

Novice Horsemanship: Normand, first; Thompson, fourth.

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship: Reed, second; Molly Jensen, Arthur, Neb., fourth; Grimmert, sixth.

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship: Melgoza, sixth.

Beginner Horsemanship: Stuart, fourth; James, sixth; Severson, sixth.

The team will compete Saturday in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Sunday in Laramie, Wyo.



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