

Trojan wrestler Konnor Kriss, Colby, took control over his opponent Tyler Hinton, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Wednesday during a Colby Community College wrestling meet at Colby Middle School. Kriss pinned Hinton to win his match.

# Golden Plains squad measures season success

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The Golden Plains High School football team ended its season with a 2-7 record. However, as the players and coaches reflect on the season, they recalled many successes, both on and off the field. "The highlight of the season," said Coach Travis Smith, "would be how the team came together after the loss of Jaime (Labrado) and played so well against Greeley County and Western Plains." Labrado, a junior at Golden Plains, died in a car accident in September. "Winning two games in a row was a team highlight," senior Andrew Luna said. Camron Spreser said defeating Greeley County was a highlight for him because there were many years when the team lost to them. The team's successes can be shown in the season-ending stats both for the team and for individual players. The team rushed for 2,062 yards. Luna, with record-setting track speed, rushed for 1,404 of the total yards. Helping carry the ball this season were junior Chance Hoeting with 315, senior Jose Bermudez with 123, junior Tristan Schwarz 106, junior Grant Spreser 74, junior Josh Barnhart 22 and sophomore Domonic Luna 18. The team connected on half its pass attempts for 523 yards, most of most majority of these passes to

Bermudez. Coach Smith said that one of the season's highlights was "how much Grant stepped up this year as our quarterback. He was thrown into the situation and became a very good quarterback by the end of the year. "The other was how Jose and Andrew (Luna) became leaders for the team. Both performed very well on the field and always tried to get everyone fired up." "My goal for next year is to improve my passing game even more," Grant Spreser added. "I look forward to finding a receiver I can connect with as well as Jose and I did this season." The team also did well at stopping the other team as they tallied 600 combined solo and assisted tackles. The four seniors demonstrated their leadership as Bermudez accounted for 101 of those tackles for an average of 11.2 per game. Andrew Luna totaled 74, Camron Spreser tallied 70 and Jesus Garcia claimed 68. The juniors also did well with tackles: Hoeting 80, Tristan Schwarz 51, Zach Spreser 27, Josh Barnhart 14 and Grant Spreser 3. Camron Spreser said he felt that they all "worked together better as a team than last year." Among younger team mem-

bers, the team got 71 tackles from sophomore Benny Martinez, 17 from sophomore Domonic Luna, 14 from sophomore Joseph Koerperich, and others from the freshmen. The younger men performed well in their only junior varsity game against Brewster-Triplains, coming from behind to win in overtime. In other stats, the team grabbed 5 interceptions, several fumble recoveries and scored 31 touchdowns and 11 conversions. "Although we finished with a 2-7 record, they played hard until the end," Coach Smith said. "We played a 7-2 Northern Valley team and a 6-3 Wheatland-Grinnell team very tough the last two games of the year. I know not everyone agrees, but we were an improved team at the end of the football season." The Bulldogs will be graduating four seniors, but will return a solid core of juniors and underclassmen for next season. "For us to be competitive next year," Smith said, "we have to get players and parents committed to what they are doing. We only had five kids miss less than four days in the weight room this summer. That has to change. As a coach, I need to find new schemes offensively and defensively that will fit our players next year."

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# Wrestlers defeat Tech in home meet

In their first home dual of the season, the Colby Community College Trojan wrestlers defeated the Northwest Kansas Technical College 28-9. Individual results are listed below: 125 pounds – freshman Seth Nehls, Colby, won over Cody Tow, 12-10. 133 – sophomore Josh Martinez, Colby, over Lorenze Leos, 13-5. 141 – freshman Konnor Kriss, Colby, pinned Tyler Hinton. 149 – freshman Elijah Cook, Colby, technical fall over Cesar Moreno, 20-3. 157 – Jared Pratt, Northwest Tech, over sophomore Brandon Vasquez, 10-4.

165 – Curtis Bwellingh, Northwest Tech, over sophomore Drake Lovvorn, 4-1. 174 – sophomore Bryce Lewis, Colby, over Tyler Kimple, 10-4. 184 – sophomore Dylan Braun, Colby, over Dominic Bejarano, 14-6. 197 – Andrei Melnic, Northwest Tech, over freshman Cash Drylie, 9-2. 285 – sophomore Xavier Fisher, Colby, over Chris Kiel, 14-7. The Trojans, coached by David Nordhues, will travel to Baldwin to wrestle the Baker University team on Saturday. Their next home dual will be Friday, Nov. 30, with Neosho County Community College.

# Tryouts set for soccer team

Tryouts for the Kansas City Shock, a team in the Women's Premier Soccer League, will be held from Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 27 to 29, at Piper High School in Wyandotte County. Anyone who wants to try out for the Shock must fill out the forms on the home page of the team's website, [www.kansascityshock.com](http://www.kansascityshock.com). The forms are also found in the "Downloadable Documents" and "Events" sections. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Dec. 19, with a fee of \$25, or a late fee of \$15 will be added.

The documents can be filled out electronically and e-mailed to Darci Wilson at [dwilson.wpslkc@gmail.com](mailto:dwilson.wpslkc@gmail.com), or printed and mailed to: Kansas City Shock LLC, 211 Dewey Ave., Gower, Mo., 64454. Payments can be check or cash, mailed with the tryout documents to the address above, or via credit card online. Spectators of all ages are welcome at the tryouts. All participants must have graduated from high school no later than May 2012.

# Hunters need permit for chickens

PRATT (AP) – Kansas wildlife officials are reminding hunters they need a new permit to bag prairie chickens this year. Prairie chicken season opens Saturday, Nov. 17. Until now, Kansas bird hunters who weren't exempt by law only needed a state license to go after the chickens. But this year they'll need a special permit to hunt both lesser and greater prairie chickens. The \$2.50 permit is available online or wherever licenses are sold. The Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism says that some permit holders will be surveyed after the season to help the agency learn more about prairie chicken hunters, harvest numbers and distribution.

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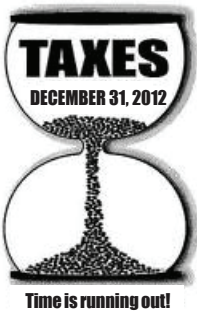
WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas by retiring water rights. Six "high priority" areas in the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 (GMD 4) have been designated as eligible target areas by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources chief engineer because of significant water level declines. The six areas have been determined to be in need of aquifer recovery and are now closed to further water appropriations.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the department's Division of Conservation in exchange for the permanent retirement of water rights on irrigated land.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, water conservation program manager, at (785) 296-8964 or [Steve.Frost@kda.ks.gov](mailto:Steve.Frost@kda.ks.gov). WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps and other details are available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation website at <http://www.ksda.gov/doc?cid=1941>.

Information and assistance is also available on the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at (785) 425-6787 or at the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby at (785) 462-3915.

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