

Golden Plains girls third at state tourney

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs took third place at the Class 1A Division II state tournament in Hays this weekend. The joy and pride of the team, the school and its fans showed on Hailee Spresser's face (left) as she received a hug from Coach Parker Christensen, who distributed medals to the girls.

The Lady Bulldogs started as the No. 3 seed, facing the Hope Lady Lions in the first round on Wednesday. They won 58-43, earning the right to advance to the semifinals. The girls faced the Norwich Lady Eagles on Friday. They led throughout most of the game, but the Lady Eagles pulled ahead at the end of a low-scoring contest to win 32-29. That sent the Lady Bulldogs to the consolation game on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs played a physical game against the Wilson Lady Dragons, fighting their way to a third-place victory, 77-67.

A crowd of students, parents, alumni and fans (below) filled the stands for all three statetournament games. The girls said that support helped them keep their energy high and helped them work hard for their third-place finish.

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College softball team loses doubleheader

Lady Trojans lost both games of a doubleheader on Wednesday at Garden City Community College. In game one, Colby lost 7-6 af-

ter a surprise rally turned a 6-run sixth inning advantage into a Garden City victory.

Gabi Palacios had 3 extra-base hits for the Colby team, a triple in the first inning and doubles in the third and fourth.

Even though Kallie Hoover allowed 5 runs over six innings for victory. She struck out 4, walked 1 and surrendered 8 hits.

inning followed by 3 in the third the win.

The Colby Community College and 2 in the fourth. Garden City was scoreless until the sixth in- ed to for the first six innings in ning when scored a run. Then the both games," said Coach Ryan home team knocked in 6 runs in Sturdy. "Our next six games are

did all she could to give the Lady tough teams, and we will have to Trojans a boost, but it wasn't find a way to close to be successenough to get past Garden City as ful in this conference." Colby lost 6-5 in seven innings.

hit for the Lady Trojans. She homered in the fifth inning.

Garden City, she still recorded the followed by 2 in the fifth. Garden Then they went to Salina on Sun-Colby scored 1 run in the first fifth, sixth and seventh to claim

"We did exactly what we needon the road against Butler, Brown In the second game, Palacios Mackie and Barton. They are all

The Lady Trojans are 5-9 over-Palacios racked up 2 RBIs on 1 all and 0-2 in the Jayhawk West conference. Their next games were Friday against Butler County Colby had 3 runs in the first, Community College in El Dorado. City tied the game at 3 in the third, day to play Brown Mackie College but brought in a run in each of the followed by Great Bend today to play Barton County Community

Oakley club plans tournament

Oakley 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tourney on Satur-

The entry fee is \$28 per team and the deadline for entry is Tuesday, April 2.

There will be three sessions: session 1 for fifth and sixth grade boys and girls and third and fourth grade boys and girls; session 2 is for first and second grade boys and girls; and session three for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls.

The tournament will be held in the Oakley High

The Oakley Basketball Club will be holding the sion and lunch items will be available, "champion" T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winners of each grade division and second-place medals will be awarded in each division. Entries may be limited.

> The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. and each team needs to check in 30 minutes before its first

> The final game schedule will be posted online at www.discoveroakley.com by Wednesday of tournament week.

For information or to get an entry form, e-mail School and Oakley Middle School gyms. Conces- Brenda Weiser at brendacahojweiser@hotmail.com.

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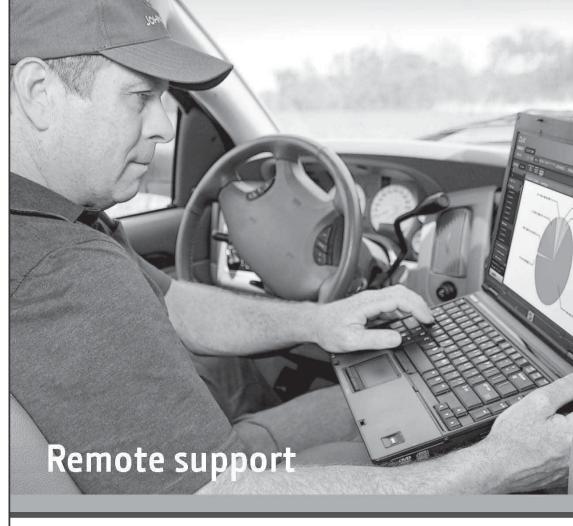
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