

# Bulldogs fall in finale

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs finished their 2013 football season at against Northern Valley on Halloween.

The five seniors gave it their all, but the Huskies claimed the win 58-12 to give the Bulldogs a final 2-7 record.

The Huskies (5-4 record) started the game with two long first-quarter runs for an early 14-0 lead.

The Bulldogs were determined and Josh Barnhart returned the kick to the 35-yard line.

Shane Ryburn then gained a first down for the home team. Following another carry by Josh Barnhart, Ryburn ran the ball to

within feet of the goal line before finishing the drive in the end zone. The extra point attempt fell short and the Bulldogs were on the board 14-6.

The Huskies answered with two more touchdown runs. The Bulldogs moved the ball against their opponent, but the Huskies held a 30-6 lead by intermission.

The Bulldogs continued to move the ball in the second and the defense held the Huskies with Tristan Schwarz running in the first score of the second quarter to bring the Bulldogs within 30-12.

Knowing it was the last game of the year for the Bulldogs, coach Travis Smith encouraged his players to "play as hard as you can,

every single play!"

The boys gave it all they had but the Huskies continued to cross the goal line to finish the game midway through the third quarter.

The Bulldogs will graduate five seniors this year — Barnhart, Ryburn, Tristan Schwarz, Grant Spresser, and Zach Spresser — who all made major contributions to the football program the past four years.

"I would like to thank coach Smith for sticking with us these past four years," Grant Spresser said. "Even when things got tough."

"It would be nice to have one more year," Barnhart stated. "It really sneaks up on you."

# Huskies top 'Dogs

By Carmen Sepulveda

The Golden Plains Middle School football team finished their season in Long Island on October 17 with a 66-20 loss to Northern Valley.

"I was proud of how well the boys played against the Huskies," coach Russ Aumiller said. "They have a good team and our boys, playing with only seven players, put up a good fight."

The Bulldogs finished their short five-game season with one win — over Cheylin — and scored multiple times in all but one game. They averaged 21 points per game for a total of 126 this fall.

In addition to their offense, the boys improved on many skills including working together as a team.

"When someone messed up, we wouldn't yell at them," eighth-grader Devin Carter said. "But we would tell them how to fix what they did wrong."

"One of our other strengths was running the plays the right way," Nolan Ritter added.

"Even though we didn't end the



JORDAN SCHUTTE/Golden Plains High School Golden Plains Middle School's Jeron Schutte (63) took the snap during a recent football season finale against Northern Valley.

season the way we wanted to, we did try our best," C.J. Camacho said.

Jeron Schutte plans to join the high school team next year with several seventh graders returning.

"We would like to win at least three games next year," Jacob Ritter concluded.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

All-out hustle defined Monday's first basketball meeting of 2013 between Colby Middle School eighth-graders and Goodland. The visitors eventually prevailed in this "A" game, 28-20.

# Colby girls win at Goodland

By R.B. Headley

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Road teams ruled Monday's Colby-Goodland Middle School girls basketball rivalry.

Both the Colby seventh-grade "A" and "B" teams used smothering defense to score 20-8 victories over those rival Cowgirls in Goodland.

However, the Goodland eighth-

grade girls were definitely more offensive in Colby's elementary school gymnasium on Monday.

The Goodland "A" team fought off a late Colby comeback to win, 28-20.

The following "B" game didn't feature much second-half drama during a 32-10 Cowgirls conquest.

Perhaps Colby's eighth graders can find a little of that road-trip magic when they travel to Hays on Thursday for two more games

(3:30 p.m. start).

Meanwhile, the seventh-grade Eagles will stay home to play Hays beginning at 4 p.m.

Other upcoming events include:

**Thursday**

Colby Community College basketball teams tip off the Ambassador Classic with a 6:30 p.m. doubleheader at Colby's Community Building. The women will take on nationally-ranked Western Nebraska Community College.

# Pickers finally keep pace in pigskin race

The biggest upset in weeks took place as *Free Press* struggler R.B. (Rumblin' Bumblin') Headley actually kept pace with Associated Press guru Ralph Russo on Saturday.

Russo reached 100 correct college football picks this season (100-20 record), but his 6-2 mark could only match Round Belly (92-28 for season).

Both smartly agreed that No. 3

Florida State would crush No. 7 Miami in the weekly battle of unbeaten. Yet Russo took overrated Michigan to win at rival Michigan State, while Rarely Brilliant believed in Sparty's defense. Michi-

gan State dominated, 29-6.

Really Bad dancer's big mistake was anticipating an Iowa upset over Top. 25 Wisconsin. Both pickers missed Oklahoma State's win at Texas Tech.

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