## **Equestrian Team Excels at Oakley Show**

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The Colby Community College Equestrian Team hosted the Zone 7, Region I riders at a western competition on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Dick Farmer Arena in Oakley. Coach Shanda Mattix reported the Saturday show was cancelled because of adverse weather.

"Because of the winter storm and icy roads, the show scheduled for Saturday at the CCC farm was not held," said Mattix. "We moved the Sunday show to the arena in Oakley. Our Equestrian Team had another fantastic show with four first-place wins and several top-five finishes."

The team was awarded Reserve High Point Team right behind the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Schools competing in the Western Show included the University of Colorado, Laramie County Community College, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Wyoming and Colby Community College. Team members and placings are:

Open Reining | | Heather Temple (El Dorado), reserve

**Open Horsemanship** Heather Temple (El Dorado), 1st

**Advanced Horsemanship** Elizabeth Kennedy (Topeka), 1st; Stephanie Melhus (Scandia), 1st; Rachel Kruse (Ellsworth), 4th

Novice Horsemanship Neil Melton (Courtland), 1st; Ann Kralik (Ellsworth), 5th

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Intermediate 2 Horsemanship Lynnsey Heimer (Assana), 2nd; April Smith (Sharon Springs), 5th; Justyna Price (Mullinville), 6th

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship Chelsey Darrow (Leavenworth), 3rd; Misty Lethcho (Fontana), 5th;

Jennifer Malcom (Wichita), reserve

**Walk Trot Horsemanship** Megan Sitz (Holton), 1st; Curtis Korthanke (Colby), 2nd; Melissa Vogt (Norton), 4th

This the second year for coach Shanda Mattix. The Equestrian Team will compete in a Hunt Show competition at the University of Nebraska in Omaha on Oct. 31.