

Golden Plains Announces Student of the Quarter 4 By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School announced students for Student of the Quarter for the fourth nine weeks. These students demonstrated characteristics and responsibilities representative of GPHS students and showed extra-ordinary responsibility throughout the year, especially during the school closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Students selected were Freshman Sidney Taylor, Sophomore Kassie Miller, Junior Brooke Stoll, and Seniors Taryn Fleckenstein and Colby Lathrop.

Sidney Taylor has been involved in volleyball and basketball and had planned to compete in track. She is active in her church and is a member of CYO. She was also on the honor roll. "It was exciting to be selected," said Sidney. "It was really hard to stay focused on school work during this pandemic."

Kassie Miller has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track. She is on the honor roll and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She is in the school band and has been involved in 4-H since she was 7 years old. "I'm thankful to be recognized for my work in this hard time," said Miller. "There were days I didn't know if it was worth doing any of my work, but I knew I needed to do it and it would pay off!"

Brooke Stoll has been involved in basketball, volleyball, and track. She has also been a yearbook staff member, a member of National Honor Society, the gifted program, league testing, band, the honor roll, and serves as class president. Brooke has completed several community service projects and works at the Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby. "It is a big honor to be selected as student of the quarter due to our circumstances," said Brooke. "It shows that still continuing to focus and working hard through online school will help pay off! I am happy to see that we all continued to work hard through this adversity!"

Taryn Fleckenstein has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track. She has been on the honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society serving as President. She was named to the WKLL All-League Academic Team and placed first or second in the league scholarship testing all four years. Taryn was named a Kansas Governor's Scholar and was recognized by the KU Honors Program. She is one of two class valedictorians. She has been a class officer all four years and has been president of the Leoville CYO for four years. She has competed on the Scholar Bowl team throughout high school and was a member of the state runner up team in 2018. She has performed in the all-school play and Forensics qualifying for state.

Colby has been a member of the GPHS basketball team throughout high school and played football his senior year and competed in track his junior year. He was a member of the yearbook staff his junior year and has been a technology and athletic aide his senior year. He joined Student Council his senior year and served as class treasurer.