

Local youth soccer organization holding fund-raising event

Gambinos Pizza in Colby is teaming up with the American Youth Soccer Organization, Region 994, to bring special offers for Pizza Lovers. For \$30 people can get a coupon booklet with \$400 worth of savings from Gambinos Pizza.

Every coupon is good until Feb. 28, 2006 and can be used in any combination and includes delivery too.

A lunch buffet for .99 cents, a second medium pizza for .99 cents, a half price your choice coupon and four completely free large one-topping pizzas just to mention a few of the coupons. It's a must for anyone with a party coming up or just for a quiet night at home. Call today for your coupon booklet, it will be well worth it and you'll be supporting our kids too!

The deadline to get your coupon booklet is Saturday, Oct. 22. Coupons can be picked up from any AYSO soccer player, Tina Harris Physical Therapy at 270 N. Franklin in Colby or simply call Tom Shoaff at 785-220-8539.

There are several reasons AYSO is doing this important fund-raiser. They are:

1. To help keep fee to play low. They have one of, if not the lowest in the country for what players get.
2. Training of coaches and referees for developing and training of youth.
3. Improving fields and developing more fields region-wide in all northwest Kansas.
4. Have the best equipment available for all.
5. Install bathrooms and a con-



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American Youth Soccer Organization plays their games on Saturdays in Colby. Their games are held for several weekends in the fall and spring. Pictured from last weekends games are Alec Ratzlaff, Colby, Ryan Gfeller and Aaron Rucker, Winona, Lucas Taylor and Austin Dale, Colby and Jarred Dirks, Winona. This is the Colby and Winona U-8 teams.

session stand.

6. Create a scholarship fund to help AYSO players and their families in various ways within our re-

gion.

AYSO is a totally volunteer and non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and this is the only way they cover

costs. Nothing comes out of the registration fee for operating expenses.

Get involved with AYSO, where children can have fun playing the

world's most popular game. American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) has been in Colby for 11 years and is an all volunteer organization. Tom Shoaff founded Region 994 of the American Youth Soccer Organization in 1994 with 85 players.

"We have over 200 kids, and about 160 families participating in soccer this year," said regional commissioner Tom Shoaff. "This is up from 131 players last year", he said. Kids can sign up at anytime during the year. The Registration fee is \$27 and that includes jersey, shorts, socks, shin pads, a ball and accident insurance. "We serve at least ten communities of northwest Kansas and are looking at ways to further develop AYSO Soccer in these towns, as well as introducing soccer into the school systems at some point."

"Along with Colby, Oakley, Brewster, Levant, Winona, Page City, Grinnell, Gem, Mingo and Rexford, we hope to continue to grow and will with everyone's support. We hope to get everyone in Northwest Kansas involved, and to see for themselves all the positive reasons that kids should play in AYSO," Shoaff said.

In the organization, "Everyone Plays" — the program's goal is for kids to play soccer — so it's mandated that every player on every team must play at least half of every game.

"Balanced teams" — each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible — because it is fair and more fun when teams of

equal ability play.

"Open registration" — our program is open to all children between 4-1/2 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.

"Positive coaching" — encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment by the players and ultimately leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players.

"Good sportsmanship" — we strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

AYSO educates its volunteers on many subjects, including child development, human behavior, and sports psychology. A strong emphasis is placed on ethics and sportsmanship and the development of the whole child. The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) was established in Southern California in 1964 with nine teams. A group of soccer enthusiasts started the organization in a garage.

AYSO play is organized by geographic boundaries. There are nearly 1,000 regions within 104 areas. Areas are grouped into 15 designated sections. Each region is led by a volunteer regional board.

"The volunteers of Region 994 thank you for your support and look forward to many more years serving the kids and families of Colby and all of Northwest Kansas," Shoaff said.

Brewster Bulldogs edge out Sharon Springs by narrow margin

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School Bulldog football team held off a determined Wallace County (Sharon Springs) team to win 58-50 Friday night.

The 'Dawgs led by as much as 16 and as little as two, but never trailed. Turnovers hurt both teams at key times. Brewster had two fumbles, while they recovered three from Wallace County. Each team had two interceptions.

Wallace County was forced to punt on their first possession and Brewster took advantage, scoring their first touchdown a 13-yard run by Andrew Starns with 7:14 on the clock.

A fumble on the first play ended the Wildcats, second drive at their 28. Cory Grantz recovered and the Bulldogs engineered another scoring drive, culminating in a 3rd and goal carry by Branson Gilley.

Both conversions were successful and Brewster found themselves in the lead 16-0 with 3:45 left in the first quarter.

They had also established a strong running game 'something they had struggled with this season' in scoring twice without a single pass.

Sharon Springs, however, decided to have something to say about the winner, and put together a 53-yard, four-play scoring drive. The Wildcats used backfield fakes effectively all night and this one allowed them to get within a touchdown with 2:31 left in the quarter.

Brewster chose to go to the air in a big way with a 50-yard touchdown pass to Kyle O'Connor, who also set a new record for career 8-man receptions, and a pass to Karman Selby for the conversion. Brewster led 24-8 with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

Wallace County came back with another big drive, scoring on two plays, but the conversion failed, and they trailed 24-14 for the last two minutes of the quarter.

Brewster opened the second quarter with another clock-eating ground drive which ended with another Starns touchdown, this one for

seven yards with 10:37 left in the half to give Brewster a 32-14 lead.

Wallace County came back, scoring on their next drive; then taking advantage of a Brewster fumble on their 13 to score again. One conversion was successful and the Wildcats were back in the game, trailing 32-28 with 6:59 left in the half.

Both teams were forced to punt on their next possessions, then Brewster came up with the ball on their 25 with 4:53 left. Gilley found O'Connor for 55-yards and another Brewster score, making the score 38-28.

Wallace County scored on their next drive as well, making the score 38-36 with 2:57 on the half-time clock.

Brewster scored again on a 2-play drive ending with Starns rambling 42 yards to make the score 44-36, where it would stay for the next 2:33 until half-time.

O'Connor ran the opening kickoff in for another Brewster score, but a holding call forced the 'Dawgs to come back to their 25 and do it the old-fashioned way. Eleven plays

later, Gilley crossed the goal on a keeper to make it 50-36 with 6:48 left in the third quarter.

Wallace County returned the favor, scoring on their next drive to cut the lead to 50-42 with 7:20 left in the third quarter.

Neither team could get in the endzone again, until Gilley again scored with a keeper on first and goal with only five minutes left in the game.

True to form, however, Wallace County came right back to score on their next drive as well. With the score 58-50, three minutes left and Brewster driving, things looked bad for Wallace County, until they intercepted on their 14 and got another shot to tie the game.

Their drive stumbled, however, on the Brewster 39 when the Wildcats fumbled and Gilley came up from the pile with the ball and only 59.8 seconds left in the game.

Even a Wallace County timeout couldn't stop the 'Dawgs from tak-

ing a knee three times and getting their first win of the season.

Gilley went 16-for-26 for 225 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. O'Connor had another 11 receptions for 195 yards. Seth Carpenter had a 12-yard catch. Selby had two catches for 11 yards and Starns had two for seven.

Starns also had 151 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns. Gilley 21 carries for 87 yards and three touchdowns.

Gilley had 10 tackles and nine

assists. Starns, Carpenter and Garrett Smith had five tackles each.

Carpenter had two assists and an interception while Smith had four assists. O'Connor had four tackles, an assist and an interception. Selby and Grantz had four tackles each. Grantz had three assists and Selby had one. Phil Gralla had two tackles. Chris Williams, Siruta and Tyler O'Connor had one tackle each. Tyler also had two assists.

Brewster's next action is at home Friday against Winona at 7:30 p.m.

Dance to "The Wild Ride"

at the Colby American Legion

Saturday, October 15

Meal: 6:00 p.m. until gone

Dance: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Fundraiser for Sons of American Legion



Two Chiefs players back in lineup

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In his first full practice since the end of training camp, Kansas City's John Welbourn lined up at right tackle, left tackle, right guard and left guard.

The 6-foot-5, 310-pound veteran felt a bit confused but very, very happy. Sitting out a four-game suspension left him with a hunger for football that he hadn't felt since he was a kid, and a vague sense of guilt that took him back to his school days.

"It was weird," Welbourn said Wednesday. "It's like playing hooky almost, like cutting class. I felt like there was somewhere I had to be but I wasn't there."

Carson, Calif., was where he spent much of his time, at a work-

out camp where trainers keep a stern and watchful eye on athletes trying to get, or stay, in tiptop physical condition.

"It's hard to get in football shape but you can still stay in pretty good shape," Welbourn said. "You come out of training camp in good shape and as long as you can maintain it, you're all right."

Welbourn, after fighting for more than a year what he felt were unfair steroid charges, was suspended for the first four games this season. Also on a four-game suspension imposed by the NFL for a third DUI conviction was cornerback Eric Warfield, who also returned to practice on Wednesday.

Back, too, for his first full workout in pads since injuring a ham-

string in the first half of the first game was Pro Bowl left tackle Willie Roaf.

With Roaf back in his familiar role of giving the line an impregnable look and Welbourn adding his mastery of every position, the offensive line should show a sharp upgrade when the Chiefs (2-2) resume their season on Sunday by hosting the Washington Redskins.

"It's great," said Pro Bowl left guard Brian Waters. "John's an energetic guy. He's real intense football player. He adds experience and depth for us. Willie is back to the old Willie."

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Sun. thru Thurs.: 7:15

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IN HER SHOES
Fri. & Sat.: 7:00 & 9:30 (PG-13) 2:10
Sun. thru Thurs.: 7:00

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SportsLine

Varsity football at home Friday

The Colby High School Eagles varsity football squad will face off against Concordia at home Friday at Dennen Field. The game will start at 7 p.m.

Tennis state tournament begins Friday

The state high school girls tennis tournament begins Friday in Topeka. Play will continue on Saturday. Times will be announced.

League action this weekend

The Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament will be in Quinter on Saturday. Match play begins at 10 a.m. The league cross country meet will be run in Hoxie at 11 a.m.

State golf tournament on Monday

The state golf tournament will be on Monday at Andover. Times will be announced.

Junior varsity football at Goodland

The Colby High School Eagles junior varsity football squad will take on Goodland Monday on the road. Game time is 5:30 p.m.