

Family

Colby youth places fourth at Kansas amateur golf tourney

Colby's Ryley Haas, 14, placed fourth in the 14 and under age division at the 47th Kansas Junior Amateur Golf Championship played June 26-28 in Dodge City.

He was four strokes behind the leader. He finished with a 238.

The 2006 Kansas Junior Amateur Championship is played in a 54-hole stroke play format over three

days. Entries are open to junior amateur golfers who are individual members of the Kansas Golf Association. The championship field is 192 players. The age divisions for the championship are 14 and under, 15, 16, 17 and 18 age divisions.

All championship contestants play in the first and second 18-hole rounds on June 27-28. After these

36 holes, the low 15 scores and ties in each age division will be determined. Any player in the top 15 and ties within their age division will advance to play the third 18-hole round on June 29.

This was Haas' fourth junior amateur. He has made the cut every year, but has medaled only twice.



Ryley Haas took a swing during the Kansas Amateur Junior Golf Championship recently. The tournament was held at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City.

Planting too deep can affect young tree's growth and health

CUNNINGHAM — Sometimes, good work gets even better...Such is the case for Emily Nolting, whose recent visit to Cunningham stands to benefit its residents now — and in the years to come.

Nolting is a Kansas State University Research and Extension ornamental horticulture specialist. She's based in Manhattan and this year agreed to serve as a Kansas PRIDE evaluator, reviewing community improvement projects that are part of the state's grassroots community development effort.

Although in Cunningham to review upgrades in the city's Rouse Park, a community gathering place with a football field, baseball diamonds, lighted walking path and play area, Nolting noticed that the city's trees didn't seem to be growing well.

"A healthy tree should not look like a telephone pole," she said.

The local PRIDE committee admitted to being perplexed. After all, they'd planted the trees and were watering them regularly, but, still, the trees failed to thrive.

Although not on site as a horticulturist, Nolting quickly diagnosed the problem: The trees were planted too deeply.

A new tree is typically small and seemingly fragile, so digging deep might seem to offer security. A more shallow planting, which allows feeder roots access to oxygen, will, however, nourish the tree, Nolting said.

The K-State horticulturist, who's working with the folks in Cunningham to improve the outlook for its trees, explained: "Native trees provide clear examples of the

planting depth trees prefer," she said. "The base of the trunk always flares at the ground line. This allows the root system to grow freely in well-oxygenated soil."

Trees' feeder roots tend to grow sideways, not down, the horticulturist explained.

They extend far beyond the edge of the trees' canopy or drip line, but are concentrated in the top 15 inches of soil. There, they soak up water, nutrients and air.

"Beyond a depth of about 15 to 18 inches, though, the oxygen in soil becomes scarce. So, if you plant a tree too deep, you're restricting its oxygen supply. It may not suffocate, but it will never flourish," Nolting said.

Replanting may be possible for young or recently planted trees that don't have the needed spreading root flare at the soil line.

"You'll need to dig that kind of tree up while it's dormant during the winter and then raise it to the proper

level," she said. "If the tree's very big, that could require hiring professional help."

For trees that have been planted for several years, however, the only real option is to "learn from the mistake," Nolting said. "Contrary to popular belief, you shouldn't plant a tree so that its new home is level with the soil line of the root ball or container.

"Instead, you should place the root ball so that it's 3 to 4 inches above its former soil line, putting its flared root area at or slightly above ground level. Then bring soil up to cover the top of the ball. That's safer than planting too deep."

More information about tree planting is available at county or district K-State Research and Extension offices or from the Kansas Forest Service's district foresters.

More information on the PRIDE Program is available by calling Dan Kahl or Connie Hoch at (785) 532-5840.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 7

League swim meet, Colby Municipal Pool, 8 a.m.
Mid America Youth Basketball tournament, Colby Community Building, school gyms, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

League swim meet, Colby Municipal Pool, 8 a.m.
Mid America Youth Basketball tournament, Colby Community Building and school gyms, 8 a.m.
Golden Buckle Square Dance Club, Colby Community Building, 8 p.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

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COLBY SWIM MEET
Colby Swimming Pool
Friday, July 7, 2006
10:00 AM (CDT)
Saturday, July 8, 2006
9:00 AM (CDT)

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Babies

Kenna Marie Selzer

Matt and Michelle Selzer of Oakley announce the birth of their daughter, Kenna Marie Selzer, Thursday, June 15, 2006, at Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. Kenna weighed 8 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gloria Pabst of Oakley and Loyall Nichols of Colby. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Judi Selzer of Sharon Springs.

Maternal great-grandparents are Adella Harry of Colby and the late Everett Harry and Frankie Lee Nichols of St. Francis and the late Virgil Nichols.

Paternal great-grandparents are Marie Selzer of Sharon Springs and the late Ernest Selzer and the late Harvey and Beatrice Schmidt.

Kenna was welcomed home by sisters Cassandra, Shanley and Shianna Selzer.

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