

14th Annual KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Golf Tournament



Sharon Springs golfer takes first

Kevin Cox practiced his drive before the start of the 14th Annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Golf Tournament held Sunday at Sugar Hill Golf Club. Cox, who played for the Sharon Springs team, was the medal winner, shooting a 69.

Photo by Jackie Elliott

Young athlete dreams of Olympic Gold

By Shannon Davidson

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Olympic rings and college scholarships keep one young Goodland girl's dreams alive.

Michelle Smith, 11, competed in the Midget Girls division of the National Junior Olympics, July 23-30, at Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti.

She placed seventh in the discus with a distance of 72 feet, 7 inches. In the shot put, she placed 12th at 29 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

"I usually don't get nervous at competitions because I have been doing it so long," Michelle said, "but at nationals there were so many girls that I got a little nervous. Usually there are only three or four other girls; (at nationals) there were 33 in the shot put and 31 girls to compete against in the discus."

She said her favorite part of the trip was stopping in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

"There wasn't much else to do in the town we competed in," she said, "so it was really fun to go to the museum in Kalamazoo."

Over the summer, Smith competed in the Missouri Valley meet in Platte City, Mo., placing first in the shot put and second in the discus. Then went on to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Region 8 Track Championships, where she placed second in

discus and third in shot put.

"It has been a lot of driving and little time at home, since you get back on a Sunday evening and are back on the road by Thursday for the next competition," said Sondra Smith, Michelle's mom.

Smith has been competing with the shot put since she was 7.

"I went to a track meet and saw kids competing and I decided I wanted to give it a try," she said.

This is her second year of discus competition because of age requirements. She has qualified for nationals five times and has competed four of those years.

Her practice routine consists of 45 minutes worth of shot put and discus, along with weight lifting every other day or when there is time to go out for a while.

When she is not practicing or lifting weights, her time is spent reading, playing basketball and volleyball. Her mom said Smith is a straight A student and works hard at school work.

Smith plans to stick with shot-put and discus through high school.

"I think this will be a way for me to go to college," she said. "If I work hard, I want to get a noticed by recruiters."

Sondra and Bobby Smith are Michelle's parents and Sondra said, "We are really proud of her she is



Michelle Smith, 11, displayed some of the medals won in shot put and discus competitions this summer. Smith competed in the National Junior Olympics in Ypsilanti, Mich.

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dedicated and works hard at everything she does."

Smith said she would like to attend Kansas State University and has dreams of competing in the Olympics in either the shot put or discus.



Go Cowboys!

Goodland High School

Football Thursday, August 28, Soap Scrimmage 5 p.m. First game will be held in Goodland on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. against Hoxie.

Cross Country Thursday, August 28, Girls will run at 6 p.m. Boys will run at 7 p.m.

Pictures can be taken before the scrimmage at 4 p.m.

Parent meetings for Cross Country and Football to follow immediately after.

First practice for fall sports is Monday.

First football practice with pads is Thursday.

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Goodland Police

The following crimes were reported by the Goodland Police Department:

A bench warrant was issued for Raquel Perez for failure to comply July 12. Perez was arrested at 2160

Commerce Road.

Dedra A. Smith reported criminal damage to a 1998 Chevy July 12 at

1803 Cherry. The car's damage was to the windshield worth \$400. The case is still pending.



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