

Cowboys win gold in Rawlins golf match

The Cowboys won the Rawlins County Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday with the top individual golfer and three medalists in the top 10.

The team also had the top junior varsity golfer in Oakley on Friday. Nathan Linin was the top golfer in Atwood, finishing in 72 strokes. Mikey Doll was fifth and Joel Weis sixth, each in 85, but Doll winning the tie-breaker. Ryan Gausman and Andrew Taylor both finished in 87, and Brandon Douglas in 92.

Goodland won with a team score of 329 strokes. Colby was second with 330, Hoxie third with 349, followed by Oberlin, 359; Atwood varsity, 405; Quinter, 412; Brewster, 463; and Atwood junior varsity, 519.

"I'm happy for the kids to win it as a team," said Coach Jon McLean,

"and for Nathan claiming the individual title with a 72. I'm also pleased with Mikey and Joel to place fifth and sixth.

"Many times this year, I think they have been trying too hard. Now they can relax and go play. They know what they now do and know they can still knock off a couple of strokes in the next two weeks."

At the Oakley tournament, Goodland's Andrew Miller was the top golfer with 41 strokes in nine holes. Aaron Deeds was fourth with 46, Drew Raile fifth at 46 and Jace Mosbarger eighth at 49.

Ross Townsend finished with 54, Nelson Bergemann 57, Kuter Isaac 56, Talen Martin 59 and Corbin Townsend 60.

"It was great to have four kids place and to have Andrew Miller win it," McLean said.

Sorting hazardous waste



Mike Jarmin (left) and Sam Zelfer sorted through containers of chemicals brought in to the Sherman County Household Hazardous Waste collection Saturday at the 1820 Cherry. The county has the collection twice a year in April and September. Darrel West, Sherman County noxious weed supervisor, said they had an average collection with lots of latex paint.

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Partnership feels public forum on drinking worked

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The Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education held an event to raise awareness about teen drinking, and it seems to have worked.

The next day, said Wendy Wellmann, community prevention specialist at the Regional Prevention Center, the center got e-mails from adults wanting to get involved and passing on information.

The partnership's "town hall meeting" on teen drinking, held Wednesday, April 18, at Goodland High School, drew over 80 people. It didn't go quite as intended, leaving members with their mouths hanging open, but it did apparently have an impact.

The group got a grant to pay for

the event and had been planning it for several months, settling on the Wednesday before the high school prom as the date.

Members corralled panelists from law enforcement, a youth, a counselor and County Attorney Bonnie Selby.

When members of the partnership met Thursday, April 19, at Gambino's, they talked about how the event went and signed "thank you" cards for those who helped.

Cris Riebel, the partnership's treasurer and owner of Joyful Noise Preschool, mentioned the "Question and Answer" session.

Wellmann said she was startled at input from the youth panelist, junior Jake Kling.

"I had only one question," she said. "How do we make him stop?"

"He said things like 'Kids are going to drink no matter what, and if they drink at home, at least they won't be driving.' If that doesn't show we have a problem in our community, I don't know what would."

Sarah Thompson, director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, said she was also surprised at what Kling said. But you had to appreciate his honesty, several members said.

Riebel and Wellmann said they thought Principal Harvey Swager had found a student who didn't drink and would speak out against teen drinking. They said the next time they plan the event, it would be better to be sure of what the youth is going to say beforehand.

Riebel said 78 people signed in, but not everyone who was there

signed the list. Signing in was required to win prizes, which included an i-Pod won by freshman Michael Johnson, and a DVD player won by Daylene Oharra, a parent.

Riebel said she had been asked if they were going to do a follow-up meeting, and Wellmann said Zona Price had offered the Elks Lodge as the site.

Wellmann said she had received three e-mails, the one from Price, one from a grandmother raising her grandsons who wants to get involved with prevention efforts and one that said kids are taking pictures of themselves drinking and showing them around, bragging that their parents provided the alcohol.

In other business:
• The partners voted to give \$150 from the treasury to the Sunflower

Extension District for a 4-H Camp scholarship.

Riebel said her preschool will be on of the sponsors for the summer movie passes. The Girl Scouts decided not to do it this year, and she jumped at the chance.

Thompson said Big Brothers/Big Sisters raised about \$12,000 through Bowl for Kids Sake in Wallace and Sherman counties. With Cheyenne County's event still ahead, she predicted the organization would beat last year's \$15,000 raised.

Children's librarian Marcy Melia said the Goodland Public Library is looking for local entertainment for the summer reading program, "Get a Clue at Your Library." She said the library plans to have sheriff's Deputy Burton Pianalto give a demonstration on fingerprinting, and she hopes to arrange a tour of the sheriff's department.

The group voted to take June, July and August off from meetings. They will meet in May and resume monthly meetings in September.

Teen asks school friends why they drink

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them to jail," Greene said. "They will not be in the general population, and if necessary we take them to the WaKeeney detention center."

Hillmer talked about alcohol's effect on the brain.

"Early in the 19th Century alcohol was used as an anesthetic," she said. "Ether, which was later used, has only one less water molecule than alcohol. Alcohol goes directly to the blood stream and then to the liver.

"Drinking impairs newly learned skills such as driving It also reduces inhibitions."

"Extremely high amounts of alcohol quiet the vomit center and that is how people get alcohol poisoning," Hillmer said. "Long-term heavy drinking causes brain damage."

"Kids on alcohol or drugs are not able to make the right decisions," said deputy Pianalto. "Kids need to ask themselves before go to a party, 'Am I going to drink?'"

When the ability of the brain to reason is impaired things like car accidents and sex happen, he said. "Driving skills go down first," the deputy added.

Officer Hayes said parents need to communicate with their kids.

"They shouldn't be scared to talk to their kid," he said. "If their kid goes to a party, they will probably drink. Thinking it will not happen to my kid is not realistic."

Drinking hinders fine motor skills and the kid will not react fast enough if they drive after drinking, Hayes said.

"Drinking is a big issue here and everywhere," Hayes said.

County attorney Selby said, "The last thing I want to do is throw a mill stone in the path of a kid. If a kid has alcohol on his record, his application for a Pell grant, the medical or legal field can be rejected."

In 2004, she said, something called "Paul's Law" was passed by the Kansas Legislature which defines the liability of property owners for teen drinking. Even if the parents are not home and there is a party, the parents can be charged with a crime, she said. The result

could be \$1,000 fine and/or a year in jail.

Cotter said that he has been alcohol and drug free for 24 years but that he started drinking at the age of 7 or 8.

"I remember the taste and feel of my first glass of wine," he said. "Next I thought I wasn't an alcoholic if I was doing drugs. I had more problems in college and even went to Alcoholics Anonymous to take the heat off myself.

"I finally sobered up in 1983 and I enjoy my sobriety.

"I found that I had paid a price for my behavior in the 1990s when I had a chance to buy life insurance and found that I had a high liver enzyme level and quite a bit of liver damage.

"I wished more people would have been here," said County Attorney Selby, looking around at the crowd.

Concealed carry rules change

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lowed in city parks, including Steever Water Park, the Centennial Park ball complex or Memorial Field. Now concealed weapons will be allowed at all those locations unless the games are being sponsored by the Goodland School District or the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

There is a provision in the new law that said concealed weapons could be prohibited on property — other than a parking lot — which is enclosed and has one or more controlled access points through which the public must enter.

In that case, Steever Water Park may be able to continue to restrict concealed weapons. Hill said he will ask City Attorney Jeff Mason to look at the definition in relation to the Centennial Park ball complex and Memorial Field. Hill said he will get together with Mason to see what the city has to do to modify the ordinance to comply with the new law.

Other changes in the concealed carry law require that all buildings covered by the law have signs

posted so the public knows where they cannot carry a concealed weapon.

The law prohibits property owners from blanket restrictions of concealed weapons, but does allow employers to prohibit employees from carrying concealed weapons on their property. It allows any business open to the public to prohibit concealed weapons if the business posts signs.

Another change requires district court and mental health records to be turned over to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to be added to the federal database checked when a person applies to purchase a gun. This would include all types of mental health cases where the person is to be referred for treatment.

Another provision of the law prohibits anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from getting a concealed weapons license.

Hill said he was disappointed in the Legislature's action because it leaves a lot of public areas open to concealed weapons being present during public events at city parks and playgrounds.

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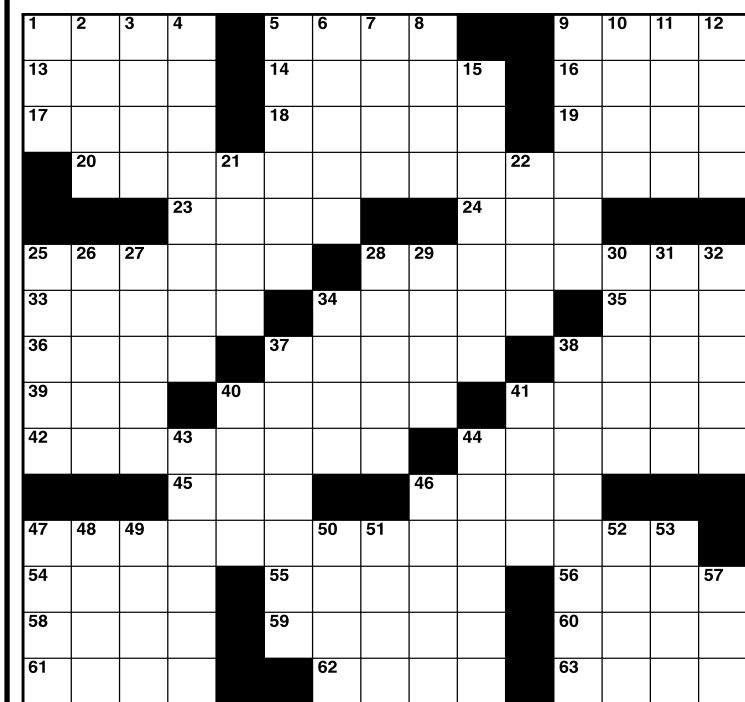
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