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Congratulations to the Elks Soccer Shoot winners



Evan Peters watched one of his shoots head through the goal during the soccer shoot. Peters won the boys under 10 with 34 points.



Austin Hernandez took a swing at a soccer ball during the Elks Soccer Shoot in the rain. He was in the boys under 12 division.



Chase Johnson showed his kicking form as he hit a ball through a goal during the Elks Soccer Shoot last Friday. He was in the boys under 10 division.

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The sky dumped some rain on the soccer kickers on the first night and the wind was fierce for the second night, but a total of 28 kids participated in the Goodland Elks Soccer Shoot held on May 5 and 8.

Grady Bonsall, who with the help of his wife Janice took care of the written forms and kept score for each kicker said he thought it was a good turnout for the first year the Goodland lodge has participated in the event.

Zona Price, lodge secretary, said the event was similar to the Elks Hoop Shoot held in the fall, and said the lodge was glad to be able to sponsor the program.

Bonsall said he had the winners come to the Elks Lodge on Thursday to receive their certificates. He said all the kids who participated got a certificate and the first place winners received a medal.

He said the winners will get to participate in the regional Elks Soccer Shoot at Russell in the early fall. He said the regional winners will get to go the state soccer shoot in El Dorado, Kan.

The older kids had a different set of targets than the younger kids. Both groups got three practice kicks before doing a series of 15 kicks with points ranging from 1 to 5 depending on where the kick went.

The older group had net strung across a softball backstop, and the holes in the net were worth different points. The bottom was worth one point while getting the soccer ball up and through the top was worth five points. The maximum number of points for the older group was 75.

For the younger kickers they had a series of five goals to shoot at, and the number of points per goal went up as the goals got narrower. The kicker got three shots at each of the five goals, and the narrowest was worth five points per kick. The total possible score was 45 points for the younger kickers.

Chelsea Philips was the winner in the girls under 8 division with five points.

Andrew Wood won the boys under 8 with 16 points, and David Wood was the other participant in that division.

Evan Peter won the boys under 10 with 34 points. Other participants in that group included Mathew Wood, Tucker Harkins, Chase Johnson and Lucas Wood. (No girls kicked in the under 10 division.)

Makayla Kennedy won the girls under 12 with 27 points. Alia Lucas was a participant.

Ricky Milke won the boys under 12 with 33 points. Other participants included Austin Hernandez, Arron Artega, Hunter Harkins, Dusty Johnson, Seth Garza, Jesus Soto, Taitem Jones, Thatcher Jones and Coy Johnson.

Miranda Hernandez won the girls under 14 with 33 points. Sonya Garza was a participant.

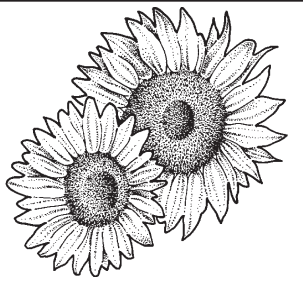
Ian Bonsall won the boys under 14 with 37 points. Other participants included Cody Hooker, Austin Rains, Tanner Jones, Tim Fugleburg and Ace Artega.

Bonsall said the Elks lodge plans to hold the contest again next year.

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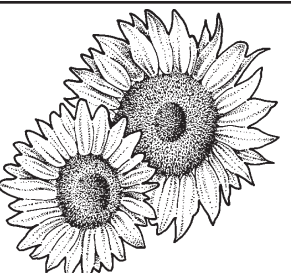


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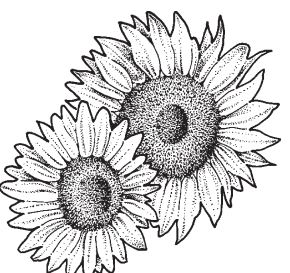


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