

# Cowgirl wins medal in state golf

By Sharon Corcoran

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Goodland junior Sammie Raymer came home from the Class 4A-1A state golf tournament Monday with a medal, finishing 19th out of 101 golfers.

The teams that bested Goodland at regional competition were third and fourth at state, said Coach Connie Livengood. The Cowgirls were just three strokes behind Holcomb at regionals, and Holcomb was third at state with a team score of 394. Syracuse, which won

the regional tournament, was fourth with 400.

The top two teams at the 4A-1A state competition on Monday at the Western Hills Golf Course in Topeka were Andover with 333 and Concordia with 388.



Raymer

Par on the course was 70, Livengood said, and it is around 200 yards quite shorter than Goodland's Sugar Hills. The course has fairways that were cut out around the greens or short of the greens, the coach said, making a player use different clubs, as other-

wise they were playing out of the rough, even though they might only be 90 yards from the green.

The fairways are narrow and lined with trees, she said; the greens were fast, and there were sand traps at every hole and a lot of water.

The weather was damp, the coach said, but when you consider the girls were shooting under par in their rounds, it didn't seem to be a factor at all. Golf is a mental game, she said, and all you can focus on is the shot you are going to hit and where you want it to be when it lands.

Teams get plaques for first, second and third places at state, she

said, and medals are awarded to the top 20 golfers. Livengood said she enjoyed coaching Raymer and all the Cowgirls.

"It is fun to coach girls with competitive attitudes," she said, "and Sammie is a competitive golfer."

The Cowgirls had a good season, she said, and much to be proud of.

"I think the thing that I am most proud of," the coach said, "is not always the finishes that we had but the efforts by some of the golfers in improving and doing better. Usually that pays off in the end of the season, and I believe that some of the golfers accomplished that."

# Students want to see changes in the city

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the room to take the fact there is a healthy start for youth and think about an idea of how to improve it, involving one of the three things rated below 40 percent. The other half of the room was asked to think about the caring adults and how to improve that and involve one of the other three weaknesses.

All of the ideas were written on colored pieces of paper and taken to a large sheet in the back where they were collected under the heading youth ideas.

The second discussion was about citizen engagement. Woodbury said during the interviews, people brought up things happening in the community that show involvement of citizens. He said the 36 listed were those that were mentioned more than once, and that the top one was the annual community cleanup.

Ben Waugh, a high school freshman, the second student speaker, said he likes "Gtown," but admitted sometimes he wants to get out. He said he would like to see more stores, other than Wal-Mart, where he could walk to go shopping. He mentioned having a teen center and improving the appearance of the city. He said it's disappointing to see run-down houses that make Goodland look like "Hick Town USA."

Woodbury told people at each table to take one of the 36 listed good things and come up with an idea to improve on it, or to add something that was not on the list.

The third discussion was about community assets, and Taylor McLemore, high school sophomore, was the final student speaker.

She said the things she wanted to see was more activity downtown, more stores open downtown and a grocery other than Wal-Mart.

Woodbury said the community assets ratings were based on 232 responses to the surveys. He said the rankings for the 20 "clues to community survival" had six rated higher than 50 percent and 14 rated lower.

"You are very critical of yourselves," the consultant said.

The top-ranked area was a strong presence of traditional institutions, with 75 percent. Second was strong support for education, 68 percent; third sound, well-maintained infrastructure, 59 percent; fourth acceptance of women leaders, 56 percent; fifth problem-solving approach to health care, 56 percent; and sixth strong multi-generational family orientation, 53 percent.

The lowest-ranked items were participatory approach to decision-making, 28 percent; realistic appraisal of strength-weaknesses, 29 percent; and aware of competitive

position with other communities, 30 percent.

The 23 tables were divided by Woodbury into groups of three and each one assigned to take one of the six top-ranked items that were rated good and to find an idea of how to improve that and try to tie in one of the things that were not rated as being good.

All the ideas gathered from the three discussions and the 23 tables will be put together for the 40 people nominated for a "vision retreat," where the ideas will be worked through to develop the first part of the plan. People at the session who volunteered to be part of an action team will be contacted after the retreat, he said.

Woodbury said the best thing everyone can do is engage more people in the community by talking positively about Goodland and what is happening here.

# Youth Skills Day a chance to learn to hunt, trap

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ested than the boys. The girls asked a lot of questions, Gilmer said, and wanted to know about the furs.

It was kind of a hands-on station, he said, with kids petting the pelts. There were coyote, red fox, swift fox and raccoon, he said, along with a stuffed bobcat and stuffed raccoon and a mounted coyote head.

Gilmer said he got involved in trapping in 1971 and has done it ever since because of his love of the outdoors and getting closer to "Mother Nature," a love he likes to share with kids. Volunteering for

Youth Skills Day goes to a good cause, he said, getting kids involved in the outdoors in a safe way.

There was also a time trapping was a good source of money, he said, but the market isn't there anymore.

"When I first started," he said, "I could get \$90 for a coyote, which was good money then."

The fur can be sold today, Gilmer said, mostly at auction houses. Most of it goes overseas into the trim market, he said, for hats, collars, hoods and so forth.

But it is benefits people here, he said, since farmers don't want badgers digging holes in their fields or

coyotes killing their chickens.

Dan Zerr, a board member of the Colby chapter of Pheasants Forever, said they have had Youth Skills Day for six years in Colby the first or second weekend of September. It is held on land north of town owned by Tom Jones, former Thomas County sheriff.

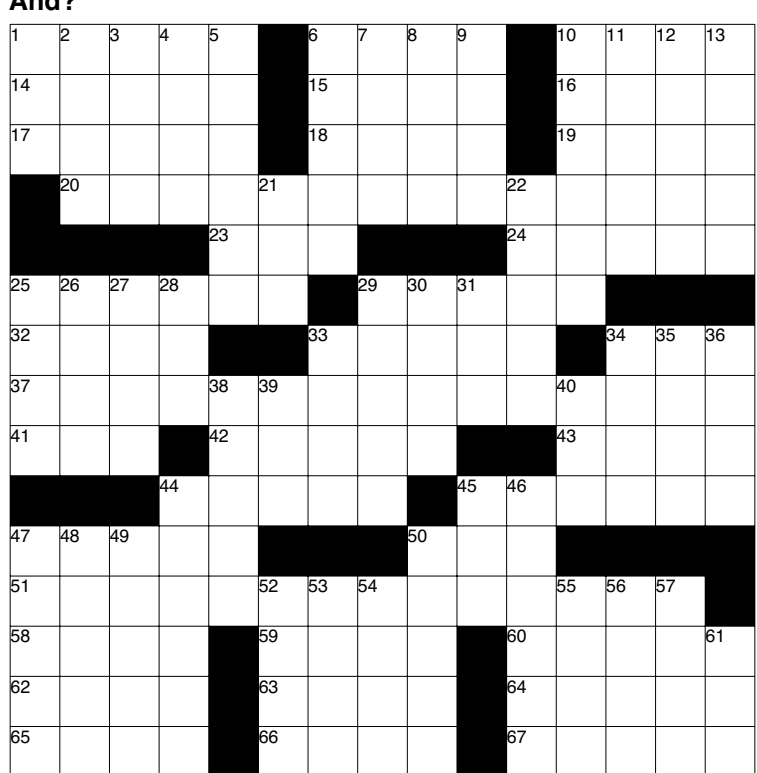
The nearly 60 kids are divided into groups, Zerr said, and rotate among stations where they learn shotgun and black powder shooting, archery, compass orientation and map reading, and in the past, they have learned game calling, trapping and deer tracking.

## Crossword Puzzle

And?

### ACROSS

1. Spanish appetizers
6. Run off at the mouth
10. Fight for breath
14. In pieces
15. U2 vocalist
16. Up to the task
17. City near Dayton
18. \_\_\_ JAIL (Monopoly square)
19. Dirtbag
20. Greet the judge
23. Buddhism sect
24. \_\_\_-totsy
25. Far East boat
29. "Shut up!"
32. Cookie sometimes eaten inside-out
33. Bone-chilling
34. Philosopher Lao-\_\_\_



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### DOWN

1. Bill add-on
2. Pals of Tarzan
3. Have dog breath?
4. Oratorio highlight
5. Anthem section
6. Compressed-air weapon
7. Aerial stunt
8. Voting no on
9. Timely benefit
10. Big goon
11. More or less
12. Insulting remarks
13. Of no importance
21. Place to kick back
22. Big Indian
25. Artsy Manhattan area

67. Vacancy sign
26. Fast-shrinking Asian sea
27. Patch up
28. Green bean, for example
29. String section members
30. Bellicose god
31. Long or Peeples
33. List-ending abbr.
34. Hardy heroine
35. BA or ERA
36. Catch sight of
38. Straight: Prefix
39. One-eighty
40. Hang back
44. Bum out
45. 2B or SS
46. Overrun
47. Part of UV
48. Rose up, in dialect
49. Lamebrained
50. Towel material
52. "Uh-uh!"
53. "Metamorphoses" author
54. Can't do without
55. "Blondie" boy
56. Diabolical
57. Some flooring
61. Get firm

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# Freedom Fest fund gets \$250 donation

Freedom Fest is nine months away, but a donation to next year's Fourth of July fireworks came in Friday night at Cowboys Stadium.

Brad Schields, president of the Sherman Community Services, said Joe Diaz, owner of Diaz Fireworks, handed him a \$250 check Friday night as a donation for the Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund.

"I wanted to make the donation to Freedom Fest because of the great community effort to keep the show going," said, Diaz, a Goodland native who supplied the fireworks for the show.

Schields said he would turn the donation over to the Sherman Community Foundation.

Diaz said he was in town to help with the pregame fireworks that Ron Lucas, owner of Goodland Greenline, set off. The dealer said the fireworks Lucas is using are the same ones he uses at Denver Broncos games.

Schields said he was glad to get the donation, adding the carnival board is looking at ideas to raise the money for next year's show.

Kin Huang, president of the foundation, said the fireworks fund has a balance of \$2,800, not counting Diaz's check.

Donations can be sent to the foundation at Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735, earmarked to the Freedom Fest Fireworks Fund, Huang said.

# People gather ideas for future planning

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asset because it shows you can come together.

"These people are blessing this new effort."

Woodbury said his second observation was the great communication tools in the community.

"This is the first community where the newspaper has run an editorial supporting the program," he said. "That was unsolicited and I did not know they were going to do that."

"The radio stations have been very supportive, and then I was introduced to S&T Telephone and Cable. You have the three parts of the communications stool, and that gives you a valuable way to communicate about the events in the community."

"The third observation is a group I had never heard of Family Career and Community Leaders of America," he said. "I have never had much luck talking to kids. The meeting was to be held on Friday

morning of homecoming, and they told me that half of the students would probably not be there. We were in the 400-seat auditorium, and the lights weren't working."

"I figured this was going to be a disaster, but I was wrong."

"That was the most positive engagement I have had across this state with high school students. They were nice to each other, attentive and well spoken."

"They are falling in love with your community. We will hear from a few of them during the evening."

"That will make it great 20 years from now when they want to come back."

Woodbury told the people that each table was going to discuss three areas and develop an idea from each discussion. The first was youth quality of life, the second was citizen engagement and the third was community assets.

There was time for open mike comments from the audience between the second and third table discussions.

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