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Housing starts are on pace with last year.

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Union grad earns soccer honors

By David Schulte World Staff Writer

Life has given Jon Gann a potent shot of

adrenaline. The Union High School graduate has

experienced one thrill after another this

First, Gann received the Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year in Oklahoma.

Less than a week later, the team captain led Union to a Class 6A state championship when it defeated Putman City North High School 1-0 after Union survived the shootout phase, 5-4, in penalty kicks.

Between receiving the Gatorade award and winning the state championship, he also graduated from high school.

so fast that I haven't had time to look back and even enjoy it," Gann said. "I think sometime in the summer it will hit me.

Gann's recent achievements this season can be traced to a year ago, when he committed himself to become a better player, said Jason Jedamski, who recently resigned as Union's coach.

"Last year, he was a good soccer player, a good athlete, and a good student, but over the off-season, he set a goal of separating himself from other players," Jedam-

Gann did more than distinguish himself from others — he showed them the way, Jedamski said.

"Jon is a leader, but it is by example —

"Everything this month has happened it's not vocal," Jedamski said. "During the off-season, he would run three miles, three days a week, and would lead the pack."

David Yang, a teammate of Gann's since they were in middle school, said Gann is the type of player that others want to emu-

"He's a great player and athlete," Yang said. "He does everything you ask him to do and hustles all the time. You watch his every action and learn from him.

Gann's actions on the field made a powerful statement this season. He led the team with 19 goals and 10 assists.

Other highlights included scoring the winning goal and earning Most Valuable Player honors at the Island Cup Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala.

He also scored a goal and two assists in a 4-2 win against Memorial High School in the first round of the postseason.

Two years ago, Gann scored the winning goal in a state championship game against Broken Arrow High School, but he and other seniors on the team find the recent championship perhaps more special.

"A lot of us have played together since we were younger, and that kind of drove us throughout the playoffs — to win this thing for old-time sakes," said Gann, who will play soccer for Oral Roberts University next season.

He sees the Gatorade award as something he can share with his teammates.

"It reflects the coaches and players that we have at Union," Gann said.



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Broken Arrow's Matt McClain (left) and Union's Jonathan Gann try to control the ball near the BA goal during a March 13

For the birds



Bob Mickey (right) talks to Gail Storey, vice president of the Tulsa Audubon Society, about the different types of shrubs and plants he has planted in his yard to attract and feed different types of wildlife. Mickey's home will be on the Audubon home tour.

Audubon Society tour to cover backyard wildlife habitats

By Kristina Dudley World Staff Writer

Bob Mickey has done more than set out birdfeed and pour water in a fountain for his feathered friends — he has turned his backyard into a wildlife habitat for area birds.

"I didn't set out to get into it. It just sort of evolved with some green holly bushes," Mickey said. "I like to garden, and it's so fun to

watch the birds." Mickey's home will be one of five on

a Tulsa Audubon Society home tour to raise funds for the society and to educate the public about wildlife habitats. Gail Storey, vice president of the Tulsa Audubon Society, said this is

the 15th annual home tour for the society, which meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the Tulsa Garden Center. Storey said the tour emphasizes or-

ganic gardening and how to make a yard wildlife-friendly for squirrels, rabbits, birds and butterflies.

In addition to touring gardens, guests can view and buy plants from Pine Ridge Gardens, Wild Things Nursery, Missouri Wildflower Nursery, Bird Houses by Mark, Clear Creek Farm and Gardens, Fossil Forge Artifacts, Bustani

Plant Farm, and Collector's Garden. Storey said birds need water, food, cover and safet y.

Storey said vendors will feature wildlife-friendly plants that could produce berries or flowers for foods or provide



Birds enjoy nibbling on the cherries growing on Bob Mickey's North Star dwarf cherry tree (above). At right: A Gaillardia Arizona Sun plant creates a splash of color on Mickey's patio. Mickey's home, which includes landscaping to attract wildlife, will be on the Tulsa Audubon Society's upcoming home tour.

cover. Many homeowners are also interested in planting tubular-shaped plants to attract butterflies.

"Plants that are good for butterflies are also good for hummingbirds," she

Another form of wildlife homeowners may be interested in attracting is toads and frogs, she said.

The lack of a water supply, chemicals and pollution may be endangering the lives of amphibians, she said. Mickey's yard has evolved into a bird

paradise over the years. Small cherries on a cherry tree are special treats for birds in May, in adwild food. Birdhouses are sprinkled throughout the backyard, along with a birdbath and a fountain.

Storey and Mickey both said a birdbath is more suitable for birds than a fountain, because birds tend to drown in fountains.

All sizes of trees, shrubs and flowers also dominate the backyard.

Storey said birds are not attracted to plain yards with just shrubs. "Just a lawn and shrubs do nothing

for birds," Storey said. "Diversity in landscaping will do a lot for birds. The problems facing birds are the lack of habitats. We encourage dition to grapes, berries and other people to give back to wildlife.'



GARDEN TOUR

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mation and map.

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VICE PRESIDENT, TULSA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Haskell Fest slated for this weekend

By Shaun Epperson

Even if ugliest dog contests and hog- and husband-calling competitions don't sound like things you'd be interested in, there are plenty of other options at an upcoming centennial festival in Haskell.

"Haskell Fest 100 — An Oklahoma Celebration," an official centennial event, takes place Friday and Saturday in downtown Haskell and will feature live music, carnival rides, and a variety of games, entertainers and activities suitable for all ages, said Janet Dyer, vice president of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

"It's going to be a lot of fun no matter who you are," Dyer said. "There's something for everyone — young and old.'

Friday, the celebration lasts from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday's festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. with a centennial-themed parade through the downtown area, followed by a performance by American Indian dancers.

An 11 p.m. fireworks show Saturday will serve as the finale for the festival.

Julie Arrowood, chamber president, said planning for the event began well over a year ago. While Haskell already celebrated its centennial in 2004, there was a desire to join the rest of the state in celebrating the Oklahoma centennial, she said.

"We just thought that we would like to participate and do what we could," she said. "We want everybody to come out and have a good time."

Among the live music scheduled for Friday and Saturday is Danny Davis and the Detours, the Bill Davis Band, the Concharty Mountain Boys, and other Oklahoma musicians. Also, "The Oklahoma Kid," a trick roper and storyteller, will perform and will lead children in a rope twirling contest, according to information from the chamber.

Many vendors also will be at the event, selling a wide variety of food.

"I think someone could eat here for about five days and never taste the same thing, Arrowood said of the variety of food that will be available.

Handmade craft items and other goods will be available, Arrowood said. For more information, including a complete schedule of events, go to www.haskellchamber.com.

Golf scramble to raise funds for equipment

By Jeff Postelwait

World Staff Writer

To raise money for athletic equipment, Memorial High School officials are inviting Tulsans to take to the links of LaFortune Park for a day of golf.

Principal Elizabeth Martin said a portion of the proceeds from the school's annual golf tournament go toward a graduation party for outgoing seniors.

Bill Taylor, coach of the school's golf team, said the June 22 event is open to the public, adding that the tournament is in its fourth year.

Taylor said the entry fee of \$100 per person buys a round of golf, greens fees, golf cart transportation and lunch at the park.

"It's an 18-hole scramble golf tournament," Taylor said. "That's where we have a group on every hole so that when we're done, everyone finishes at the same

This way of playing can get a little chaotic with everyone swinging and putting at once, but it's primarily a fun social event, he said.

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