

# Legal SCENE

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## Tee It Up provides drug prevention curriculum

The 13th Annual Tee It Up For The Task Force golf fundraiser took place at Stonebrooke Golf Club on Sept. 6. Once again, we had a very successful event and I want to thank everyone involved and continue to update the community as to how we use the money we are raising.

Thank you to all the golfers who year after year continue to support this event. For the fifth year in a row, we *completely* sold out tee times (144 golfers) in early spring. This year, we also had a hole-in-one! Officer Joe Kanz of the Savage Police Department won a set of Cobra King F8 Irons (donated by Linda and Gary Shelton) by holing out the 13<sup>th</sup>. Other large raffle prizes that were awarded include a 55" Samsung TV donated by Bill and Rene' Hammes; a one week stay in a private home in Florida with a private pool, donated by Paul Gabbert and Lisa Skoog; a three-night, two-day fishing trip with lodging at Lake of the Woods donated by Dean Opatz of Opatz Charters; and a handgun donated by Dave Menden. Scott County government, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and Allina are also huge sponsors of this event.

This event could never be the success it is without all the sponsors that donate time, money, and merchandise. To see all the great sponsors that support us, please like us and share on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/choosenottouse.org> and visit our website at <http://choosenottouse.org>. Please support these businesses and let them know you appreciate their help in keeping our kids off drugs and making the right choices in their lives.

Many thanks go out to the over 30 volunteers who take their time to lend their support to make this event run smoothly. The County Attorney's Office Crime and Drug Prevention Coordinator, Kathy Welter, is the driving force behind Choose Not To Use, and I can't thank her enough for her dedication and effort she puts in to this program.

So what is Choose Not To Use, and what are we doing? The mission of Choose Not To Use is to educate our kids K-12 about the dangers of illegal drug use and to provide them with the tools they need to say no and to make healthy lifestyle decisions. In 2017, we formed a partnership with Courage to Speak (<http://courage-tospeak.org>) to provide drug prevention curricula to our schools at *no cost* to the school districts. The Courage to Speak curriculum provides eight to 15 ongoing lesson plans (depending on the age they are being provided to) and they are taught by a teacher from each school.

The Courage to Speak Foundation was founded by Ginger and Larry Katz after they lost their son to a drug overdose. Ginger made a promise to her son to do everything in her power to prevent a similar tragedy from happening to another family. The Foundation's mission is dedicated to "Saving lives by educating and empowering youth to be drug free and encouraging parents to talk to their children about the danger of drugs." The organization, with a team of experts, developed a drug prevention education curriculum evaluated and recommended by the Yale School of Medicine.

The curricula provide education for 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each curriculum starts with a book titled *Sunny's Story - How to Save a Young Life from Drugs*. Sunny was the family beagle and was Ginger and Larry's son, Ian's, best friend. The book is told through Sunny's eyes, and is quite engaging and powerful. The curriculum requires parental involvement and is socially and emotionally based. It concentrates on refusal skills, parent involvement, healthy passions, courage in relationships, and trusting adults.

If your child attends a Scott County school during their elementary, middle, and/or high school years, he/she could potentially receive this curriculum three times during their K-12 years. Each curriculum is age-appropriate, will reiterate and build upon what they learned in prior years, and then concentrate on the drugs most affecting their age groups.

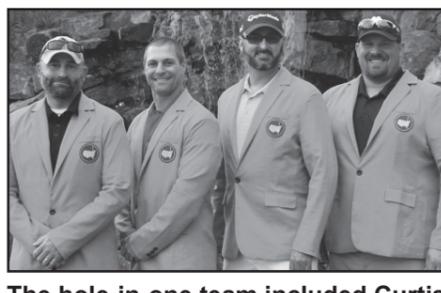
Currently, the following schools are or will be implementing this curriculum that is provided to them: Jordan High School, Middle School, and Elementary School; New Prague Elementary, Middle and High Schools; Twin Oaks and Hidden Oaks in Prior Lake; the River Valley Education Center Elementary and Middle Schools; and the Southwest Metro Oasis Program, Middle and High School. Our goal is to provide this curriculum to all 26 Scott County schools. This program costs approximately \$900 per class, per school, and we have 26 public schools in Scott County. **But remember - thanks to the fundraiser and generosity of our community, Choose Not To Use will provide the curriculum at no cost to the school districts. We strongly believe in this program and in the need for it.** If your child's school is not providing this curriculum, you should be asking them "why not?"

The Task Force also recently partnered with Public Health and designed five different anti-vaping posters, which have been distributed to 13 different schools as well as a set to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. This is timely, given all the new concerns that are developing on the dangers of vaping.

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The winning foursome included Gary Bruggentheis, Lezlie Vermillion, Perry Mulcrone, and Thad Lawrynck.



The hole-in-one team included Curtis Culbreth, Gabe Kerkaert, Pat Miller, and Joe Kanz. Kanz hit the hole-in-one.

# Volunteer drivers wanted

SmartLink is seeking additional volunteer drivers to help drive individuals without vehicles in our community. Volunteer drivers are essential to filling transportation gaps by providing rides to medical appointments, shopping and other destinations in and around Scott County.

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