

## Obituaries

### Hazel Headrick Sawyer

May 6, 1915 - Feb. 23, 2003  
Hazel Headrick Sawyer died at her home in Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 23, 2003. Born to Loddy and Bernice Headrick May 6, 1915, she grew up on the family wheat farm in Rawlins County in northwest Kansas. She attended the one-room school house through the eighth grade, moved to a nearby town to attend Bird City High School, and graduated in 1933.

She and Rolland Archibald Sawyer, son of Thomas Archibald and Nettie Sawyer, were married June 9, 1935, and lived in Bird City. Hazel's first job was reporting the news for the *Bird City Times*.

In 1937, the family moved to Denver, Colo. Later, Hazel was primarily a "stay-at-home" mom but also did housecleaning and ironing and became a licensed daycare provider. In the 1950s and 1960s, Hazel owned and operated Jewel Dance Wear, a costume-making business. She created original patterns and costumes that were well ahead of their time and flawlessly made.

In later years, she enjoyed doing needlepoint. Hazel and Rolland loved to travel and visited each of the contiguous 48 states, Canada and Mexico. She also loved to read and to spend time in the mountains and in Nevada. The Sawyers moved to Grand Junction in 1985.

She is preceded in death by daughter, Sheryl Lynn Crabtree; sister, Elaine Lundvall; a brother, Donald; and her parents.

She is loved and missed dearly by a large family: husband, Rolland of Grand Junction; sisters, Audrey Danielski and husband, Steve of St. Francis, and Beryl Rogers and husband, Jim, of Denver, Colo.; son, Roger Sawyer and wife, Mary Ellen, of Bailey, Colo.; daughter, Ronna Lee Sharpe and husband, Tom; grandchildren, Dan Crabtree and wife, Roxanne and Carlene Gagliardi and husband, Mike, all of Grand Junction, Amy Ledbetter and husband, Chris, of Boulder, Colo.; Richard Crabtree of Arvada, Colo.; and Greg Sawyer and Matthew Sawyer of Littleton, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Kara Hicken and husband, Aaron, Ryan Crabtree, Michael, Alex and Morgan Gagliardi, Corbin Ledbetter and Maddie Sawyer and brother-in-law, Tom Sawyer of Bird City.

Diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in 1990, Hazel was dependent on oxygen for

over 13 years, but it didn't slow her down much until very recently. Services were held March 1 at Grand Junction Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Art Blankenship presiding. Contributions may be made in Hazel's memory to Hospice of the Grand Valley, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

### Darrel L. Purvis

April 4, 1932 - April 5, 2003

Darrel L. Purvis was born at Atwood, Kan., on April 4, 1932, to Ray and Naida (Koskie) Purvis. He died on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at his home in Hays. He attended elementary school in northwest Kansas and graduated from Bird City High. After serving in the Army in the Korean conflict, he attended Fort Hays State University.

On Jan. 27, 1957, he married Shirley Lueschen at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Francis. To this union two sons were born, Mark and David.

Darrel worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation and retired in 1992. He spent his retirement years with family and friends. Hunting, fishing and his favorite hobby of gardening plus traveling with friends, filled his hours with things he loved doing. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hays, since 1957. He was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents, numerous extended family members that were very special to him and, he to them.

Survivors include his wife of the home; son Mark and wife, Karen and their children, Jennifer and Michael, Hays, son David and wife, Victoria and their children, Josh and Jordan of Kansas City; two sisters, Yvonne Underwood, McCook, Neb., and Raoma Johnson and husband, Mux, Bird City; plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, and a host of friends.

Memorial services were Wednesday, April 9, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor John Binder officiating. Inurnment will be in Mount Allen Cemetery, Hays. A memorial has been established with the Trinity Lutheran Church in his name and memory or they may be sent to the Darrel Purvis memorial fund in care of the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine, Hays, KS, 67601.



Andy Smith and Cory Underwood have the attention of the crowd as they promenade through the grade school gym.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

## For the Record

### Sheriff's Department

March 27: Officer assisted a trucker who was broken down north of K-27.

### Bird City police

Bird City police officer, Stan Harp, submitted this report. He had his police vehicle serviced with a new water pump. The motor on a rear window is not operating so it will be checked as well as the engine serviced while he is on vacation. Vacation time was approved by the city council as Cheyenne County Sheriff's office will cover his absence (April 10-16).

### Activity for the month of March:

March 5, Skunk kill  
March 8, Took a criminal dam-

### age report

March 12, Building unlocked  
March 14, Unattended death  
March 18, Stopped traffic for funeral (March 18)

March 18, Building unlocked  
March 20, Assisted ambulance  
March 25, Assisted in the transportation of a man to the hospital  
March 25, Took a theft report  
March 25, Building unlocked

### Corrections

The name of Sue Ann Gerhardt was inadvertently omitted from the seventh grade honorable mention honor roll.

Chase Krein helped his father prepare the meal at last week's Wildlife Banquet and not Kody as printed.

## Weather

Spring arrived in March and the temperatures for the month indicate that nice weather is on the way.

Troy Burr, Bird City's weather observer, reported that the high temperature for the month was 82.7 degrees on March 14. To show what a range of temperatures the month had, the low was 6.8 degrees on March 5.

Weather observer Burr also said the moisture for the month was 1.42 inches with snow fall for the month at 1.5 inches.

Total moisture at this time for 2003 is 2.84 inches and total snowfall for the 2002/03 season is at 24 inches.

The highest wind gust for the month was 40.9 miles per hours on March 26.

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## Bulletin Board

### Address

Don Cress will undergo another six week treatment period for lung cancer. His address remains: Don Cress, Hipsley House, Room #2, Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central Ave., Kearney, Neb., 68847.

### Cardinal alumni banquet

The Bird City Cardinal alumni banquet will be May 24 at 6:30 at the grade school cafeteria. Tickets are available now until May 10. See classified ad for more information concerning price and where tickets may be purchased.

### Library Book Sale

The "Books Are Fun" sale is still at the Bird City Public Library until April 19. The library will receive a book or video for every 10 items sold. The sale will be held during regular library hours. Check ad in April 3 issue for additional details.

### PRIDE Posters

Over 75 colorful posters have been created by elementary art students from Cheylin to raise awareness for the PRIDE Spring Cleanup. They are displayed on windows of businesses in town.

### 80th birthday

Harriet (Carlock) Brunswick will be celebrating her 80th birthday on April 11. Cards can reach her at HC 67, Box 44, Haigler, NE 69030.

### Good Will pick up

The St. Francis Lions Club will have their annual Good Will pick up on April 26. All items should be at the curb by 9 a.m. or call any Lion member to pick it up.

There will be also be trailers at the corner of Birch and Whitter streets by the Milton Lampe residence where people can put items. The Lions are also asking for used eye glasses and hearing aids.

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### Alzheimer's support group

Alzheimer's support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the

St. Francis Public Library.

### Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 14, in the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

### Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

### Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet on Thursday, April 17.

### Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. The phone number is (785) 462-3572.

### Alcoholic Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 332-2078.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

### Need a Helping Hand

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

### Hospice Service

Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please 800-315-5122.

## County Health Talk

### Love them, protect them, immunize them

In 1994, National Infant Immunization Week (April 13-19) was declared to focus local and national attention on the importance of proper immunization for infants and toddlers 24 months and under.

Cheyenne County Health Department encourages all parents, caregivers and health care providers to become aware of the need to protect their children from birth against 11 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Each day 11,000 babies are born who will need to be immunized against these preventable diseases.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for their child's vaccination. The health department encourages everyone to become informed consumers

and keep a record of each immunization visit. Immunization not only protects the child but also the families and communities.

Children who are not immunized increase the chance that others will get the disease. Immunizations are extremely safe thanks to advancements in medical research, and ongoing review by doctors, researchers, and public health officials.

Let us harness the power of each individual and community, large and small, to take an active roll in the reduction and prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases. Is your child protected?

## Bowling News

### Ladies Nite Out 4/3

Team standings: Jake's 34-17; Troy's Alley Cat 30-22; Wright Carpet 28-24; First National Bank 27-24; Great Plains Co-op 25-26; Dundy Ag 24-28; Cheyenne Bowl 20-31; Jersey maids 18-34

High game (scratch): Marsha Kechter 199, Nancy Vernon 194, Kechter 189

High series (scratch): Kechter 530, Mary Bier 475, Kim Ritter 473



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SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 45 min.

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April 11, 12 & 13

Crime/Gangster, Comedy and Romance  
Rated: PG-13 for language, sexual humor and drug material.  
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Happy Birthday to - 2 - Special Guys!

April 13, 1960

Love - Mom, Richard, Becky, Steve, Rob, Mike, Debbie, Shannon, Sarah, Caitie, Brenda, Joey & Ava

## CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL

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The Cheyenne County Clinic will be CLOSED Friday, April 11

so that we can move back to our renovated building.

The NEW CLINIC will be OPEN Monday, April 14.

Thank you again for your patience.

2003 TAX CREDITS are filling up FAST!  
Local people wanting to take advantage of the tax credit program for this year need to immediately contact the Cheyenne County Hospital.

\* PROGRESS \*  
As of 4/8/2003, we have raised \$266,000 in cash and commitments toward this project.

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