

# Golfers compete

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin golf team did not have far to travel on Saturday as they played at the Atwood Invitational Golf Tournament. But they were greeted by a tough field as nine schools met for the event.

They were missing several key golfers but still played hard with a squad of Tyler Knapp, Jay Poore, Alex Hengen, Jacob Jensen and Jessica Marshall.

Atwood seemed the pre-tournament favorite as they were playing on their home course. But Colby came in one under with a 323 strokes to win the event.

Cheylin individual scores: Hengen (105), Knapp (109), Jensen (115), Poore (127) and Marshall (156).

Team results: Colby (323), Atwood (324), Hoxie (342), Grinnell (368), Oberlin (370), Goodland (372), Oakley (373), Quinter (403), Atwood J.V. (454) and Cheylin (456).



JESSICA MARSHALL is hoping her putt lands the ball in the hole.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

# Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

On April 14, our dog bit a little girl in our neighborhood. Obviously, this little girl was incredibly frightened. She didn't do anything to provoke such a scene, as she was just passing by our yard. Luckily, the fear was much greater than any injury the dog had caused.

But this wasn't the first time our dog put fear in the heart of a child. About a month ago, he ran up from behind a young man walking past our yard and jumped on him, leaving a scratch on his back. Again, the fear is probably still felt.

How can this happen? Why did we let this continue after the first time?

We adopted Pete, our dog, when he was six weeks old. He quickly became part of the family. He was loving and comical and protective. Everyone that knew him, loved him. As he grew older, he became increasingly aware and curious of happenings outside the boundaries of his world.

He escaped through a hole in our fence. We weren't aware of that hole until that morning. We deliberately left him inside the house until we had a chance to mend the fence after work. Unfortunately, our kids weren't aware of the situation and put him outside before leaving for work. We then received the call of the scared boy.

After that incident, we attempted to find Pete a new home. We placed fliers around town, called animal shelters, etc. We even found a temporary home for him but he chased us for miles when we tried to leave him there. So, we bought a harness and a yard stake and a chain that would allow him to be outside, in our yard, without the treat of his escaping. The Sheriff's office agreed to let us keep Pete as long as we had made the provisions to control him. This new system worked great until April 14.

We left for Wal-Mart, our kids left for TFC. Pete was left inside the house. The front door didn't latch behind the kids. A situation we didn't account for. One simple accident that resulted in a scared little girl.

We would like to apologize to anyone who has been frightened by our dog; to our neighbors and the kids he tried to dominate. We never would have considered our family pet to be "vicious". We truly loved him and believed he was only being protective when he was home alone.

Regardless, Pete was put to sleep on April 15.

We would like everyone to know

that our failure to contain him was not a blatant disregard for public safety on our part, but simply uncontrollable incidents.

Thank you.

Shannon Ambrosier  
DeAnza Church  
Bird City

To the editor:

How fortunate we, the people in Cheyenne County, are to have a doctor of the caliber as Dr. Miller. The hospital is one of whom the people of Cheyenne County should be proud. It just keeps getting better and better. I recently was discharged from the hospital, only to have to return in two days. On that day, there was something new added to my room. They had installed a toilet paper hanger in the bathroom. Les Lacy is an excellent manager and the staff at this hospital are five-star plus. They are friendly, helpful and concerned and always have time for the patients.

We really thank the hospital staff for making my stay in the hospital as pleasant as possible.

A quote from President Lincoln sums this up pretty well. "If you look for the bad in people, you will surely find it."

Marvin L. Dowdy  
Bird City

To the editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the insert on Rural Health Care in last week's paper. My compliments for the many well-written articles about the challenges rural hospitals face in the current economy and the many services they are providing to stay viable.

I was especially interested because I have or have had clinical privileges at every hospital written about in your insert. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), one of 30,000 in the United States and one of several who provide anesthesia services in our area.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist are advanced practice nurses (APRNs) who specialize in anesthesia. We were the first specialists in anesthesia, beginning 120 years ago, but we have been called "the face behind the mask" and "the best kept secret in health care." And even in our rural area where we know our neighbors, I guess we still are! I was dismayed as I read about all the services

and professionals listed by the hospitals that not one mentioned anesthesia!

Several hospitals mentioned Obstetrics. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in the area provide pain relief for labor and delivery and are "on call" in case an emergency C-Section must be done. Other hospitals mentioned the specialists that are coming to our rural hospitals and what a wonderful advantage that is for us. For those specialists that come and do painful procedures or perform surgery, how could that have been arranged if anesthesia was not readily available to them? Emergency services were mentioned by several hospitals and I salute the often unsung heroes who take their time to be trained and serve to provide emergency care. However, often when the ambulance arrives at the hospital, one of the providers who is waiting there is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist called in case there is a need for our particular skills. Sixty percent of the 30,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in America work in rural health care in exactly the situations I've mentioned. They are an integral part of our rural hospitals staying viable. Since the insert didn't mention them, I will:

All names listed below are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist:  
Leon Nielson, Goodland and Colby

Rick Abbot, WaKeeney, but also Oakley and Norton

Brad Wertz, Quinter as well as others including Citizens Medical Center in Colby

Gary Kliever, Fort Morgan, Colo., who also goes to Burlington, Colo., and St. Francis;

Gary Bartel, Oberlin and myself, for Cheyenne County Hospital, Rawlins County Health Center, Dundy County Hospital and Kit Carson County Hospital with privileges at five others.

Between all of us, patients in our rural area have expert anesthesia care available for obstetrics, surgery, trauma, and pain management. Maybe now, your readers will recognize "the face behind the mask" and hopefully the "best kept secret in healthcare" isn't so secret anymore!

Kim Zweygardt, CRNA  
Moonlight Anesthesia PA  
St. Francis

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

### McDonald Town and Country Garden Club

Helen Frisbie and Vera Kacirek, members of the McDonald Town and Country Garden Club, attended the 77th annual convention of the Kansas Associated Garden Clubs held in Wichita, April 30 and May 1. They were accompanied by their husbands, Bud Frisbie and Laddie Kacirek.

All the meetings and banquets were held at Botinca, The Wichita Gardens. The gardens were beautiful with perennial and annual plants in full bloom. Peonies, which don't bloom in western Kansas until nearly Memorial Day, were in full bloom. Member were able to see some of the plantings of the state flowers of the Rocky Mountain region, the unified regional project.

At the awards banquet on Saturday evening the McDonald Club received a purple ribbon for their rating sheet and a third place ribbon for their 2003

### Anniversary celebrated

Maynard and Lucille Wright were honored at a pre-65th wedding anniversary celebration on April 24.

They were chauffeured in a 1965 Cadillac to the fellowship hall in the United Methodist Church where their children had decorated with a red, white and gold theme for the occasion. A catered dinner was served to family and guests.

The honored couple greeted 240 guests for the open house. A 2:30 p.m. program, by their children and grandchildren portrayed on stage and screen, their lifetime in Cheyenne County, Kan. They were married May 14, 1939.

Immediate family members attending were: Gerald and Phyllis Wright, Donald and Donna Wright, Bird City; James and Eileen Moon, West Chester, Ohio; Dale Wright, Sharon Springs; Caitlin Wright, McDonald; Whitney, Jennifer and daughters Audrey and Evelyn Moon, Davenport, Iowa; James Piper, Rouen, France; Michael and Rebecca Leibowitz, Austin, Texas; Duane and Melanie Wright and sons Dagan, Kaid, Parker and Mason, Colby; Dr's Douglas and Shawna Wright, Chanute; Dennis and Dana Wright, David and DeAndrea Krien, Hays.

Those not in attendance were Anita, Shane and Mitzi Diltz, Arvada, Colo., and Heather (Moon) Piper, Rouen, France.

yearbook. Helen Frisbie was asked to make the design arrangement to represent Kansas at the Rocky Mountain Regional meeting to be held in Salina, Sept. 17-19.

McDonald Garden Club plant and food sale, Wednesday, May 12, McDonald Senior Center starting at 9 a.m. Flowers, vegetables plants and lots of food.

### Death notice

Wayne Wingo, a 1945 graduate of Colby High School and a coach and teacher in the McDonald Schools in 1955 and 1956, died April 12 at the Midland Hospice in Topeka.

**Granddaughter placed first**  
Molly Wingfield, an eighth grade student in the Paxico School District, placed first in American History, Kansas History and Citizenship in the division of 59 schools in the state of Kansas. Molly is the daughter of Dina and Greg Wingfield of Alma and the granddaughter of Owen and Phyllis Winfield of McDonald.

Gail and Kay Miller were Wednesday supper guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp to celebrate Jerry's birthday. Zelda Knapp was also a guest.

On Friday evening Jerry and Betty Knapp and Zelda Knapp were guests of Joan Tongish and Vivian Curry for supper at the Bluebird Junction in Bird City in celebration of Jerry's birthday.

Sunday afternoon Jerry and Betty Knapp and Zelda Knapp attended the preschool program in Goodland in which Katie Jo Purvis was a participant. On Monday evening they attended the grade school program.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson went to Hutchinson on Saturday to attend the Junior Shorthorn Field Day in which their grandson, Josh Johnson was a participant.

Leila Loker and Penny Loker attended the Tumbleweed Chorus in Colby on Saturday.

Visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker the past week were Lila Howard, J.B. Loker, Gary and Penny Loker and Tish and Les Loker.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Wednesday visitors of Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood.

Norman and Tessa Davis, Ratha Lea Loker and Eunice Officer were Sunday dinner guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

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### Bird City News

Weekend guests of Maude Elliott were her granddaughter Brenda Vellegas and children, Jessica and Dale of Denver. Saturday afternoon, they were all callers of Dick and Gwen Boswell. That evening, Eva Murray and Hollis DaPron visited in the Elliott home.

Clarence and Minnie Busse were guests of Louis and Ruth Oestmann of Cottonwood, Ariz., in their motor home. They traveled in the rain to Auburn, Neb., on April 22. They visited their sister Ella. She had been in a car-semi truck accident two years ago. She is doing very well and lives at Longs Creek Village Assisted Living apartment. They also enjoyed time with their nieces and nephews and their families from Omaha, Iowa and Nebraska. They returned to Bird City on April 27.

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