



SPEAKING at Friday's Bigger Faster Stronger weightlifting clinic held by the Cheylin Recreation Commission was Doug Kaufusi, a Word Bowl Champion player in the European NFL.

Times photo by Kelly Bassett

Death notice

Lewis Moreland died on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at a Denver Hospital. Lewis lived in McDonald and attended school here, graduating from McDonald High School in 1939. At one time he was a co-owner of the D&L Grocery Store before moving to Goodland.

Funeral services were on Wednesday at the Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland with burial in the Grace Cemetery in McDonald. A family dinner was served following the burial at the McDonald Senior Center.

Gail and Kay Miller returned on June 13 from a three-week trip visiting their children and families. They visited Lori Driskill in Wichita before going to Arkansas. They visited Blaine and Val Hubbard and family in Silolam Springs, Ark. In Clarksville, Ark., they visited Jamie and Robin Miller and their daughters. They met their new granddaughter, Ivy Lorraine, who was only about four weeks old.

On Saturday Gail and Kay Miller attended the wedding of Matthew Erickson and Teresa Derhammer in Fort Morgan, Colo. Following the

wedding they brought Frances Erickson back home after she had been visiting her sons and families in Colorado.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Father's Day breakfast guests of Rod, Lisa and Josh Johnson at the Bird City Cafe.

Lori Denny, Lakin and Claire of Colby came on Thursday to spend a few days with Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Father's Day dinner guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka at Parkhill in Atwood.

Eleanor Swihart attended the Saturday wedding of Adam Ketterl and Angela Bliss at the Christian Church in Atwood.

Barney Kacirek was a Monday afternoon visitor of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Ray and Marlene Johnson attended the George Vandegriffe sale in Atwood on Saturday. They enjoyed visiting the family members of the Vandegriffe family who live in Missouri and had come to attend the sale. After the sale they all enjoyed pizza down by the lake and more time for visiting.

Wonders of Kansas includes Breaks

By Karen Krien

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Never mind the Kansans who sneered that there's nothing wonderful in their state!

The nonprofit group behind the Eight Wonders of Kansas contest got hundreds of submissions and has now selected 24 finalists. And, Cheyenne County's "Arikaree Breaks" is one of the finalists.

People are urged to study the information or, better yet, visit them and get to know them first hand.

When ready to vote online, just click "register and vote" on www.8wonders.org. The e-mail address is the identity in the system and helps monitor the number of times the person votes. The e-mail address will not be sold or given out for any use.

One e-mail address is eligible to be used three times so everyone's friends and family without e-mail can vote. The deadline is midnight, Dec. 31. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will announce the 8 Wonders of Kansas on Jan. 29, Kansas Day, at the state Capitol.

That's in keeping with the philosophy of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, the organization that educates people about Kansas and

is running the contest.

Nominees had to be publicly accessible and reflect one of the eight elements of rural culture the foundation uses to promote communities: architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history and people.

Some of the 24 finalists are:

- Arikaree Breaks, Cheyenne County, which feature rugged canyons and windblown silt areas called loess.

- Ball of Twine, Cawker City, billed as the largest ball of sisal twine in the world at a current 18,032 pounds.

- Big Brutus, West Mineral, the world's largest electric coal shovel at 160 feet tall.

- Big Well, Greensburg, among the world's largest hand-dug wells.

- Brookville Hotel, Abilene (formerly in Brookville), a restaurant serving icons of Kansas cuisine (skillet-fried chicken, relishes, baking-powder biscuits) since 1915.

- Chase County Courthouse, Cottonwood Falls, built in 1873.

- Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Barton and Stafford counties, migratory stops for North American waterfowl and shorebirds.

- Cimarron National Grassland, Morton County, more than 100,000 acres.

- Constitution Hall State Historic Site, Lecompton, the 151-year-old building where the Lecompton Constitution was drafted in 1857.

- John Steuart Curry murals, State Capitol, Topeka, depicting John Brown and the anti-slavery movement in Kansas Territory.

- Davis Memorial, Hiawatha, one man's memorial to his wife featuring 11 life-size statues of the couple.

- Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Abilene, containing the papers of the only five-star general to become president of the United States, serving from 1953 to 1961.

- Fort Larned National Historic Site, Pawnee County, considered one of the best-preserved frontier Indian posts in the American West.

- Garden of Eden, Lucas, a folk-art sculpture garden built from 113 tons of concrete.

- Gypsum Hills Scenic Drive, Barber County, stunning canyons and bluffs of rock stained red by iron oxide.

- Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, Hutchinson, with collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts including spacecraft from all three early manned space programs.

- Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Hutchinson, where visitors travel 650 feet below ground to view natural geologic formations and artifacts left by miners over the past century.

- Keeper of the Plains, Wichita, the 44-foot sculpture by artist Blackbear Bosin.

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"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy..."

John Strobel, Retired Professor of Music

A couple of episodes of afibrillation two years ago sent John Strobel to seek specialized cardiology services in Wichita. A heart catheterization and angiogram showed a major blockage on the right-hand side of his heart. Fortunately, the left-hand side of his heart had channeled over the right and was covering the problem. While the diagnosis was encouraging, the overall cardiology experience in Wichita was not.

"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy with a number of things...the distance to get down there, one thing, and just the whole procedure was not up to my expectations," he said.

When it was time for him to go back for another treadmill, instead of returning to Wichita, Strobel requested a referral to Hays and the DeBakey Heart Institute. In addition to the treadmill, the DeBakey cardiologists also performed a carotid artery Doppler to make sure he wasn't in danger of a stroke.

"When we did the tests in Wichita, it took two weeks before we had the results and when we had it at DeBakey Institute in Hays, we had the results within the hour," he said.

"At the DeBakey Institute in Hays, the people were more interested in me and in seeing to it that I was happy with what was going on and that I was comfortable."

"And then, of course, too, the drive to Wichita is kind of a hectic drive," he said. "The drive itself becomes a trauma...Two hours down there and then have to fight the traffic after you get there...and then worry about trying to find a place to park...It's an easy hour to Hays and you don't fight city traffic."

"It was just a much more pleasant experience," he said. "I can drive an hour and have absolutely state-of-the-art cardiology."

"I just go on and live a normal life now."



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