

County conservative program volunteers to be recognized



LANCE LEONARD TAKES A MOMENT as he gets prepares to tee off.

Times staff photo by Linda Schnieder

Cheylin golf team improves

LaCrosse Golf
At the LaCrosse golf meet held April 10, the team played consistent except for a few holes where people got in trouble and shot a 10 or a 16 on a couple of holes.

Sam Hengen shot 108 for 18 holes; Justin Miller shot 109, Mitchel Jennings shot 117, Max Hengen shot a 124, Lance Leonard shot 173 and Adrian Garcia shot 141.

Junior varsity player, David Burns, shot a 62 for a round of nine holes.

"If we can get through those problems we should be in good shape in the next meets," said Dennis Hengen, golf coach.

Grinnell Golf
"The Cheylin golf team has improved from the start of the year and I see them continuing to improve until the regionals," said Coach Hengen.

For the Cheylin golf meet held on April 17 in Grinnell, Sam Hengen has improved his game with a score of 105 compared to 120 at Benkelman. Max Hengen and Justin Miller both shot in

the 140's at Benkelman and both shot 124 at Grinnell. Mitchel Jennings shot 70 in nine holes at Benkelman and had a score of 110 for 18 holes at Grinnell and David Burns had never golfed in a meet and shot a score of 122.

McCracken
At the McCracken golf meet held Thursday, the Cheylin golf team continued to shave off points and get better.

The varsity team had two players score under 100 this week for nine holes; with Sam Hengen placing ninth and Rex Weishapl placing 13th. Max Hengen was sick and was unable to play golf. Mitchel Jensen had a round of 116 and Justin Miller had a 120. David Burns ended with a 137.

Cheylin had two junior varsity players, Adrian Garcia and Lance Leonard. Adrian placed seventh with a 56 and Lance was 11th with a 66 for nine holes.



"The Natural Resources Conservation Service in St. Francis is proud of the dedicated volunteers who have committed their time and talents to conserving and protecting soil, water and wildlife in their communities across the state," said Astor Boozer, Acting State Conservationist.

"The U.S Department of Agriculture and the natural conservation service in Kansas will recognize its Earth Team volunteers for exemplary conservation accomplishments during National Earth Team Volunteer Week April 27 through May 3," he said.

About 1223 Earth Team volunteers contributed 52,768 hours in Kansas valued at \$990,500 for diverse conservation activities, said Mr. Boozer. Nationally, more than 70,000 volunteers contributed more than 1 million hours valued at about \$19 million to further the service's mission of helping

people help the land. In 2007, 15 Cheyenne County citizens volunteered 106 hours to further the conservation cause locally.

This year's theme for the week is "Volunteers...Lighting the Way." This theme compliments a national campaign the service launched in February called "Conservation - Our Purpose; Our Passion." This campaign demonstrates how producers, employees and volunteers are making a difference on the nation's landscape. For more information about the campaign, please visit www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/news/success_stories/our_passion.html

The service's Earth Team Volunteer Program, created in 1985 offers numerous opportunities for individuals 14 years of age or older. With ever-increasing workloads and a declining workforce, volunteers are essential to helping the service

carry out its mission. They help the service's conservationists with diverse activities, from providing conservation technical assistance to teaching and generating awareness about conservation through community projects; by working on the land, in schools, with organizations, and in offices. They help with natural resource projects that improve water quality, beautify communities, and reduce erosion. They also contribute their clerical, computer and writing skills in the natural conservation service and conservation district offices across the nation.

Additional information on the Earth Team Volunteer Program is available online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/featrue/volunteers or call 1-888-LANDCARE. Or contact the St. Francis office on West Highway 36 by calling (785) 332-2193, extension 3.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Last Wednesday, Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison visited Marie Holzwarth and her daughter-in-law, Kathy Holzwarth in St. Francis.

Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, Colo., and Thad Lewis of Santa Maria, Calif., were weekend guests of their mother, Betty Lewis.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka and Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family spent the weekend in Manhattan as guests of Jon and Rachel Mallett and family. On Saturday evening, they attended the Baptism of Addison Mallett, daughter of Jon and Rachel Mallett, at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Kasey and

Jennifer Sabatka were Addison's Godparents.

Bernard Kacirek was a Monday afternoon visitor of Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Evening visitors were Bud and Helen Frisbie and Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and family.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were in Oberlin and McCook on

Monday. In McCook they had lunch with Sue Heinbigner and Paul Neits.

Ray and Marlene Johnson drove to Central City, Neb., on Sunday to visit a granddaughter. Enroute home they were overnight guests of Ted and Dixie Bethell in McCook.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Debbie Banister accompanied the Cheylin music group to Wichita for the State Small Group

and Solo Competition Friday.

Bethel Goltl participated in the Bible School Lasagna Fund Raising Dinner Sunday after church in Bird City.

Donors will receive free T-shirt

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, at the St. Francis Grade School, 307 E. Webster. Sixteen-year-olds can now donate blood but they must have a signed parental consent. Everyone

must bring a photo identification. For an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are also welcome but those with appointments will be taken first.

Those coming in to donate blood will receive a free Rock and Roll

T-shirt. For more information, go to the web at www.bloodgiveslife.org.



Bird City News

Brad and Linda Schneider had a weekend guest, Travis Stilwell. Travis is Brad's close friend from Phoenix, Ariz. For Linda's birthday on Friday evening, they went to visit Brad's brother, Fred Schneider, in Benkelman, Neb. The four of them had dinner at Zeke's.

Steve and Isabelle Hendrick's

grandchildren, Megan and Andrew, visited from Thornton, Colo., this past weekend. On Friday evening they enjoyed dinner at Big Ed's. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick's enjoyed their visit as Andrew is enlisted in the Marines and Megan works full time as well as attends college and they may not have another visit soon.

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Great Job, Aubrey! We are so proud of you. Love, Dad, Mom, and Brittany



Parents:
Royce and Darci Kehlbeck

Senior pictures will be sponsored by parents, grandparents, individuals and/or businesses for \$37.00 each or three for \$95.

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the

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