Agnes Marie

(Orten) Burk

died June 29,

2009, at Em-

Hospital in At-

lanta, Ga. She

was born Feb.

4, 1921, in Fort

Morgan, Colo.,

the daughter of

Midtown

# **Swimmers compete** to qualify for league

The Cheylin Cougar swim team 29.09. will be traveling to Lexington for the swim championship on Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

Last Saturday, many of the Cougar swim team participated in the qualifying meet at Imperial, Neb. The following are the individual scores from the qualifying meet, and the swimmers who will be going to the championship meet.

Some swimmers qualified earlier to compete in the championship meet without participating at Frink, 65.25. the qualifying meet.

#### Boy's swim team 8-and-under

Long-free style stroke; fourth place at the qualifying meet, Gregor Burr, 146.56. Burr is Champ Seed four for this event.

Back style stroke: first place at the qualifying meet, Burr, 29.64, he will be Champ Seed one for this event; fifth place, Leighf Brown, 31.37; sixth place Colton McCarty, 37.73.

Free style stroke: sixth place at the qualifying meet, Brown,

Short free style stroke: first place at the qualifying meet, Burr, 23.69 he will be Champ Seed three for this event; fifth place, McCarty, 28.43

### 10-and-under

qualifying time of 146.18 seconds, Cheylin will be Champ Seed six.

#### Girl's swim team 8-and-under

Butterfly style stroke: plac-Champ Seed six.

Back style stroke: 10th at qualifying meet, Christina Frink,

10th at qualifying meet, Christina Frink, 35.89; 17th place, Miah Hackney, 64.15.

#### 9-and-10 year olds

Back style stroke: eighth place at qualifying meet, Diana Garcia, 26.37; 12th place, ElsaCraig Burr, will be Champ Seed nine; fourth

Short free style stroke: placing sixth at qualifying meet, Garcia, 20.88; 11th place, ElsaCraig Burr,

# 11-and-12 year olds

Breast style stroke: placing first at qualifying meet, MaryAnne Orten, 46.94, she will be Champ Seed three; 16th place, Alexis Frink, 72.78.

Butterfly style stroke: placing ninth at qualifying meet, Alexis

Free style stroke: placing ninth at qualifying meet, Alexis Frink,

Short free style stroke: absent with a qualifying time of 338.66, Orten will be Champ Seed eight; ninth place, Alexis Frink, 42.65.

Individual medley: seventh place, Garcia, 56.33; ninth place, ElsaCraig Burr, 59.99.

### 13-and-14 year olds

Back style stroke: placing third at qualifying meet, Stephanie Busse, 48.66, she will be Champ Seed 13; fifth place, Shayla Hubbard, 51.96; seventh place, Jessie Smith, 56.71.

Long free style stroke: placing second at qualifying meet, Busse, 197.77, she will be Champ Seed seven.

Butterfly style stroke: absent Free style relay: absent with a with a qualifying time of 46.88, Forrest Burr will be Champ Seed nine; fourth place, Smith, 55.24

Freestyle stroke: absent with a qualifying time of 84.61, Forrest Burr will be Champ Seed eight; ing first at the qualifying meet, placing third at qualifying meet Christina Frink, 46.88, she will be and bumped up to a faster score, Smith will be Champ Seed 16.

Short freestyle stroke: placing second at qualifying meet, Busse, 35.02, she will be Champ Short free style stroke: placing Seed six; sixth place, Hubbard,

Individual medley: absent with a qualifying time of 99.88, Forrest Burr, she will be Champ Seed eight; third place at qualifying meet, Busse, 101.27, she

Club Clip

**McDonald Senior Citizens** 

The McDonald Senior Citizens the Fourth of July holiday. Phyl- held. Joan thanked everyone

nurse, present. Joan Tongish Pringles potato chip cans wrapped called bingo. She also thanked

welcomed all, and many birth- in red paper with a fuse on the Owen Wingfield who had read

was sung to Amelia Banister go was enjoyed by all with Ratha Committees for August are

who celebrated her 99th birth- Lea Loker winning the blackout Poem and Prayer, Vera Kacirek;



DIANE GARCIA (facing forward) will compete in the backstroke in the Plain Tsunami League meet in Lexington on Saturday.

place, Smith, 121.2. Free style relay: placing second at qualifying meet, Cheylin, 72.82, team will be Champ Seed

Medley style relay: placing

who had helped with the meal,

and Phyllis Wingfield who had

a humorous poem and led the

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Phyllis Wingfield and kitchen

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place, Hubbard, 110.64; fifth second at qualifying meet, Cheylin, 96.1, team will be Champ Seed seven.

Long freestyle relay: placing third at qualifying meet, Cheylin, 196.17, team will be Champ

## 18-and-under

Back style stroke: placing first at qualifying meet, Tia Sager, 43.84 she will be Champ Seed

Individual medley: placing first place at qualifying meet, Sager, 90.85, she will be Champ Seed three.

Medley style relay: placing second at qualifying meet, Cheylin, 86.92, team will be

# Open age group

Medley style relay: absent with a qualifying time of 88.17 seconds, Cheylin will be Champ Seed five.

Free style relay: absent with qualifying time of 68.4, Cheylin, team will be Champ Seed two.

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# **Obituary**

# **Agnes Marie Burk**

Feb. 4, 1921 - June 28, 2009

**Burk** 

Charles and Cora Haller Orten. She was the oldest of 10 children, eight girls and two boys. Agnes was baptized at St. Helena Catholic Church.

Her parents returned to Rawlins County, Kan., in 1921 and resided northwest of Atwood in a four-room sod house near Beardsley until 1928, when a two-story house was moved onto the property.

Her favorite memory was of her father singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," as he marched she and her sisters upstairs to bed. This tradition continues in the family to this day with her great-grandchildren.

Agnes attended White Lily country school, District 42, through the eighth grade and attended Catholic boarding high school in Chadron, Neb., and Anaheim, Calif. In 1938, she graduated from St. Patrick High School in Sidney, Neb., and went on to attend Grand Island Business College for one year, until the accident and resulting death of her brother, Arthur.

On Nov. 25, 1941, Agnes was united in marriage to Elmer Charles Burk at St. John's Catholic Church. They moved to a farm nearby until 1942, when Elmer of Tucson, Ariz., Robert Elmer volunteered for service in World War II.

Following the war, Elmer and Agnes settled on a farm 13 miles northeast of McDonald, where they raised their children and tilled the land for the next 47 years. When they retired from the farm they moved to Bird

After nearly 50 years of devotion to St. John Catholic Church, they became members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City. Agnes' life centered on her faith and she spent many loving hours preparing for the liturgies and other activities including religious instruction, meal preparation and planning church events. She was secretary/treasurer of St. John Altar Society and parish and deanery chairman of Rural Life of Salina Council of Catholic Women. She was received into the Christian Mother's Altar Society on

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March 19, 1950, and was a lifelong member.

Wanting to prepare her children as future leaders, she and Elmer were most active as adult 4-H leaders, directing the projects and activities of the youth. Agnes was a clothing project leader for the Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club and served as Rawlins County Fair superintendent of clothing and style review. She insisted that every sewing stitch needed to be straight and even, and every cake be baked to perfection. She instilled lifelong skills in her children that made them successful with both their families and careers.

After their son, Denis, was born, Agnes was actively involved in service for the mentally handicapped, assisting in the development of the Beamgard Learning Center in Atwood.

She served as treasurer for Cheyenne/Rawlins Counties Association of Retarded Children (ARC) for over 20 years and was board member for Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas for nearly 10 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John Catholic Church July 3, with Fr. Daniel Scheetz, Fr. Roger Meitl and Fr. Stephen Folorunso as celebrants. Her final resting place is at St. John Cemetery.

Preceding Agnes in death were her parents, Charles and Cora Orten; her husband, Elmer; brothers, Arthur and Duane Orten; sisters, Patricia Loper and Elizabeth Frye; and son-in-law, John Williamson.

Survivors include her sons, of San Rafael, Calif., and Denis of Atwood; daughters, Nancy Williamson of Augusta, Ga., and Cherylin Smith of Othello, Wash; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucene Krueger of Belmont, Calif., Jean Brickell of Denver, Colo., Dolores Graff of McCook, Neb., and Janice Brown of Stockton, Calif.; other relatives and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made to The Prairie Development Center, 208 South 4th, Atwood, Kan., 67730; St. Joseph Catholic Church, 203 North Bird Ave., Bird City, Kan. 67731; or St. John Catholic Church, 508 North Railroad Ave., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

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met on Monday, July 6, with 29 lis Wingfield had made firecrack-

members and Rose Whitehurst, ers filled with popcorn made from

acknowledged. Happy Birthday After the delicious dinner, bin-prayer.

ton, Yardley, Pa.; Lori Janicke, Bailey, Colo.

days and anniversaries were top.

New and renewed Times sub- Bird City; Tina Sager, Bird City; scriptions: Don and Pat Helton, Delbert Powell, Bird City; R.W. Pueblo, Colo.; Gerald Lillich, Voorhies, Bird City; Florence Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ed Car- Peacock, St. Francis; David Henson, Bird City; Craig and Brittany sarling, Plattsburgh, N. Y.; Radean Bojjio, Goodland; Aubrey Ke- Wright, Bird City; Dawn Hornock, hlbeck, Hays; Barbara Woolver- Centennial, Colo.; Roger Sawyer,

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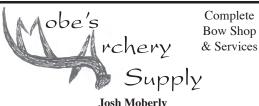
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