

By Sandy Binning

David McIntosh of Lakewood, Colo., was a Wednesday overnight guest of Myra Miller and Iris McIntosh.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the funeral of John Diehl Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stratton.

Weekend visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Brent Johnson and sons, Trey, Zane, and Warner, and Deanna Johnson and Dylan. Tish Loker was a Saturday guest also.

Gilbert and Jan Antholz hosted a birthday party Thursday evening honoring Heath, Cristi, and Craig Antholz. Guests were the Craig Antholz family, the Hal Antholz family, and the Cort Antholz family.

Friday overnight guests of Gilbert and Jan Antholz were Jan's brother and wife, Rodney and Donna Hubbard of Greeley, Colo., and the Hubbard's grandchildren, Lindsey, Andrew, and Stephanie.

Gilbert and Jan Antholz were Sunday guests of Jean Skubal by Jennings for a wiener roast. Guests for the roast were Steve Skubal, the Gary Skubal family, Phyllis and Bob Cass, the Hal Antholz family, the Cort Antholz family, the Craig Antholz family, the Dave Hubbard family, the George Louderbaugh family, Karen Bischooping, and Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Friday overnight guests of Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams were the oldest son and his wife, John and Amber Adams of Kansas City, Mo.



MICHAEL SAGER finishes the triathlon with a time of 35:47.87 for a first place finish. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Swim team triathlon deemed a success

The first, and what is hoping to become an annual Fourth of July Triathlon hosted by the Sainty Sharks, was a success. The morning started early as the participants registered at 6:30 a.m. At 7, Sydney Sundstrom played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the beautiful sound filled the area.

In the Super Sprint category which consisted of a 400-yard swim, a 10K bike ride and a 2.5K run the results were as follows: men: Michael Sager, 35:47.87, first; Warren Cico, 53:37.07, second; women: Elaine Felver, 56:22.12, first.

Team division: results include: men: Team 2 1/2 men, Adam Guthmiller, Lane Hoffman, Cody Sherlock, 34:22.99, first; Team "Why Are We Doing This" John Felver, Delbert Barnhart,

Jeff Landers, 36:49.40, second; women: Team USA, Kat, Elle, Annette Killingsworth, 48:50.05, first.

Mixed team division: "The Rookies," Jenn Fritz, Aly Marin, Zach Zweggardt; 50:06.17, first. Kids of Steel team: "White Boys" Matt, Zach, and Aaron White, 17:15.00, first; "Biker Boys: Adam Krien and Shadryon Blanka, 9:59.90, first.

We had a great turnout," said Margaret Poling, Sharks coach. "There were some fairly serious participants. We learned we need more people along our routes as three of our participants got lost along the way.

"All in all we had a great time and a great turnout for our first year."



TINA SAGER directs the water aerobics Monday through Thursday at the city pool. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Water aerobics offered at city pool

Water Aerobics are being sponsored by the Cheylin Recreation Commission for the fourth year at the Bird City pool. Classes are directed by Tina Sager, and assisted by Forrest Burr.

Classes meet every Monday through Thursday from 5:15 - 6 p.m.

Tina alternates the classes with one week of water weights and one week of water noodles. This week is noodles and next week will be weights.

Last week started off with four to eight doing the water aerobics, and ended with 12. Donna Vanderpool and Joanne Smith were the oldest.

On Tuesday there were 120f

mixed ages cooling off in the pool. It's not too late to join them as they plan to continue up to the second weekend in August.

The first "Mommy and Me" water classes started on Friday from 6-7 p.m. Classes are for mommy's and babies up to four years of age. Last week started off with a 2 and 4 year old toddler. Classes are held every Friday through the month of July.

Swimming lessons offered by the Cheylin Recreation Commission are off to a good start. Last week's classes which met at 8:00 a.m. had three Level 5 swimmers, Level 3 and 4 met with five and six swimmers at 9 a.m., Level 2

had nine swimmers at 10 a.m., and Level 1 and pre school ages meeting at 11 a.m. totaled 12. All levels will meet Monday through

Friday morning for six more days. It's not required to catch all the sessions. So if you missed last week's lessons it's not too late.

Echoes Across the Plains

By Dorothy L. Mast

The Homestead Act of 1862

The 5 years "proven up" patent - It provided that any person who is the head of the family or has arrived at the age of 21 years, and is a citizen of the United States or who shall have filed his declaration of intent to become such and who has never borne arms against the United States government or given aid and comfort to the enemy, is entitled to 160 acres of land in certain areas or 80 acres if taken in more favorable areas.

Example: a Railroad Grant. In most areas, the application fee was \$14 and an additional \$4 when final proof was made. This varied sometimes depending on the area.

From the date of application, usually called filing, 6 months was allowed for making improvements and on or before the expiration date, the homesteader had to be on the land and begin improvements. He was further required to make this his permanent residence for 5 years from the date of application. Any time after that date the settler could take out his final papers provided that he did this within 7-1/2 years of filing.

The final papers consisted of giving evidence that the conditions had been fulfilled. If this evidence

was satisfactory the patent was granted on the testimony of two witnesses.

Sometimes, historians study only one aspect of history instead of the overall impact that it made. The Homestead Act of 1862 was one of these aspects among many others. The conquest and betrayal of the Indian tribes, the traders and trappers, the military pursuit of the Indian tribes, the building of forts to protect the settlers - these are only a few of the aspects.

The problem some historians often have is that records that have been kept are from the different viewpoint of the record keepers, due to his or her understanding of the prior existing issues and possible environment or the environment at that particular time frame. The Plains area of Cheyenne County, Kansas was entirely different from Eastern Kansas. Many of the homesteaders who migrated from Missouri and other places were unprepared for the open plains without trees - only bushes along the river banks and live springs.

Sources: Government records, The Sod House Frontier, by Everett Dick, The Covered Wagon, by Emerson Hough, and True Sod by Barbara Oringdorf.

Next issue: The Indian Aspect

4-H horse show set for July 17

The Cheyenne County 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Sunday, July 17, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the show will begin at 10 a.m.

There is an entry fee per class. Tack will be given as prizes through fifth place and for all-round age divisions. Divisions are nine and under; 10 to 13, and 14 and over.

There will be halter and showmanship classes as well as hunter-under-saddle, hunt stea equitation, horsemanship, Western pleasure, reining and trail. Running events include flags, pole bending, barrels and stake race.

Riders must have 2011 horse identification papers, know the 4-H horse show rules and wear 4-H horse show clothing as the rules require. To compete for "best all-around," the participant must enter showmanship and three performance classes.

Lunch will be served on the grounds.

For more information, contact Amy Hathaway, 785-332-6135 or Linda Elfers, 785-332-2265, home or 785-332-5155, cell. Also call one of these numbers in case of rain.

The District Horse Show will be held July 6 in Oakley.


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