

# At the Game

## Swimmers prepare for qualifying meet set at Imperial

The Sainty Sharks saw action on Wednesday, July 1, at Bird City. This was a "fun" meet according to Margaret Poling, coach, because harvest and the Fourth of July were in contention for the kids' attendance.

Times for swimmers attending the qualifying meet in Imperial were the first events of the day. This was an extra meet so swimmers could get credit for the meet.

"The races were fun and were mixed up," Coach Poling said. "Each team had swimmers from each of the four teams in attendance and the swimmers got to meet other swimmers and cheer them on."

There were Sainty swimmers who were involved in their first races. Some even used kick boards as aids, but they were still part of the team. Lyden Lampe and Seth Prentice were some of the new swimmers. Coach Poling was a starter for the meet.

The Sharks will be traveling to Imperial for the qualifying meet on Saturday. There will be eight teams and 236 swimmers in attendance at this meet. It could last all day so hopefully, interested persons will be able to come and support the team. Coach Poling is anticipating all of the St. Francis swimmers to be there.

New suits are being ordered for next year's season. Suits usually last four to six years. The swimmers only wear the suits for meet

days and they pay a deposit at the first of the season for the suits.

"Teams have said they really like our suits," she said. "The colors are bright and easy to see. We will also be getting the swim caps with the Sainty Sharks name printed on them."

The suits for competitive swimming usually cost approximately \$60 each so it takes the team several years to make enough money to buy new ones. The team does not expect each swimmer to try to buy a new suit for themselves as they feel this would be cost prohibitive for many of the the families, especially the ones with multiple swimmers. Also it would be hard to have matching suits that way.

The team made \$350 at the local meet and have been saving for several year. This has given them enough for the new suits.

The team and coaches have appreciated the support they have received this year. Next year they hope to have even more swimmers.



LUKE LAMPE has traveled with the Sharks this season, earning many team points. Herald photo by Crissy Cooks

## Lake Atwood race results revealed

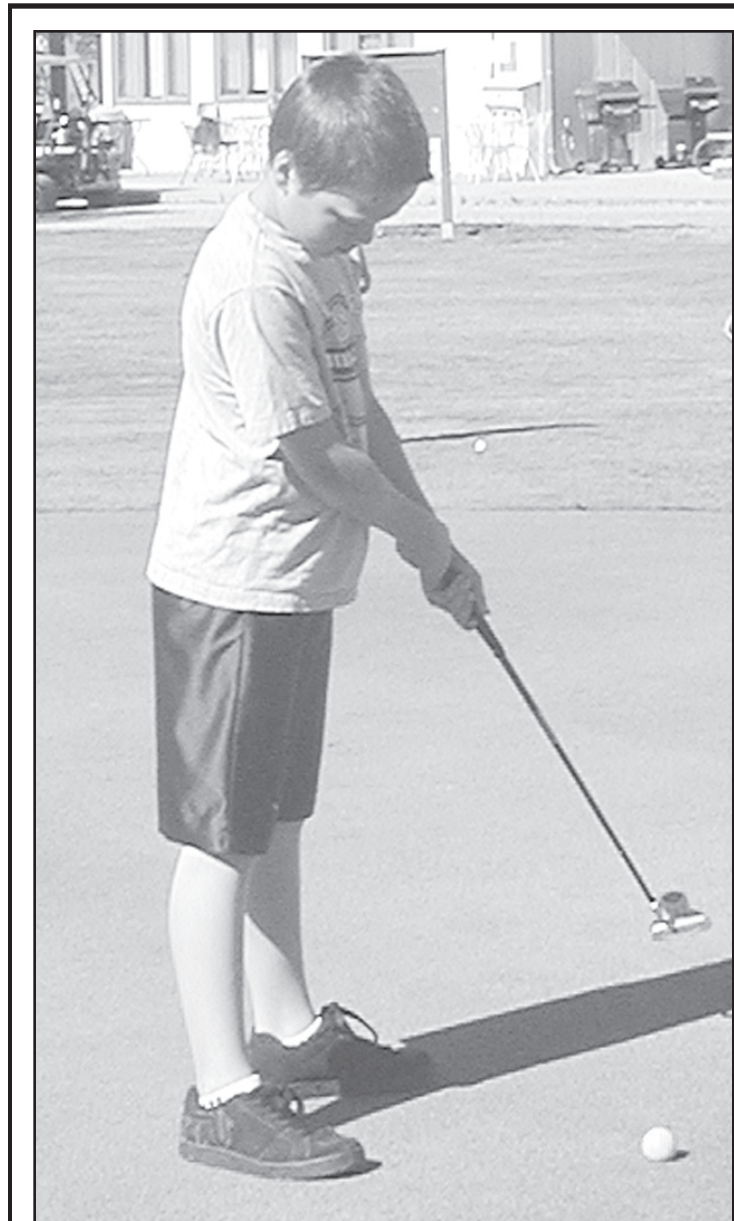
Justice Wiley of St. Francis was one of the placers at the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race held on July 4. She placed fourth in the women's 4K race with a time of 22:17.19.

There were 17 women and 13 men from Sheridan, Rawlins, Thomas and Cheyenne counties as well as St. Charles, Mo., and Denver, Colo. Cheyenne County runners were Kelly Frewen, Mike Frewen, Wiley, Toni Keller and Bailey Merklin.

Cheyenne County placed second in the women's competition with a score of 10,107 and third in the men's division with a score of 11,965. The men's race was an 8K event. Rawlins County won the women's division, followed by Cheyenne County,

Sheridan County and Thomas County while Sheridan County won the men's race followed by Thomas County, Cheyenne County and Rawlins County.

The top five winners in each division included: women: Saarla Nero, Thomas County, 16:45.68; Katie Friess, Sheridan County, 18:44.20; Jennifer Heim, Sheridan County, 20:04.50; Wiley and Laura Wolters, Rawlins County, 22:31.89; men: Albert Kipleting, Thomas County, with a time of 28:35.22 was the winner of the men's division. He was followed by Luke Freiss, age 15, Sheridan County, 33:13.73; Tom Freiss, Sheridan County, 35:42.46; Tanner Popp, Sheridan County, Tom Pardee, Thomas County, 36:46.01.



WORKING ON GOLF SKILLS - Dalton Straub has attended the junior golf practices on Friday mornings this summer. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

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