



THREE GENERATIONS—Ruby Bullard, Charlene Counce and Cindy Fiedler bowl on the "Three G's" on the Wednesday Morning Coffee League. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Three generations win morning coffee league

The "Three Gs" (stands for "Three Generations") won the Wednesday Morning Coffee Bowling League this year but what made this team outstanding was the fact that one member of the team was Ruby Bullard who will be 91 in June, her daughter Charlene Counce who is 63 and Ruby's granddaughter Cindy Fiedler, 36.

Affectionately known as Grammy (Bullard), has bowled for 45 years starting in Wray. But when the Wray bowling alley burned down, she and her daughter started bowling in Yuma. Unfortunately, the Yuma bowling alley closed down. "Grammy was livid and didn't know what she was going to do," Mrs. Fiedler said.

Both Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Counce, who has bowled for about 40 years, were good bowlers, with Mrs. Bullard having a 104 average and Mrs. Counce, a 151 average. Mrs. Fiedler had never really done much bowling but when her grandmother and mother decided to start bowling at the Cheyenne Bowling Alley, they changed her mind.

"I wanted to spend more time with Mom and Grammy and they just coerced me into joining the league," Mrs. Fiedler said. "In fact, the first game, Grammy out bowled me!"

Mrs. Bullard still lives at her home in Wray, works out in the yard and rides her stationary bike.

Mrs. Fiedler said that she figures "Mom and Grammy like to bowl because they are both good bowlers and very competitive — guess I'm also kind of competi-



KRIEN STEEL BUILDING was the team that bowled the Three G's and lost in the championship game. Vada Leach, Kathleen Stanley and Janice Krien were the bowlers. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

tive." They have even gone to state tournaments.

In winning the Wednesday Morning Coffee League, they each received \$27 and a ton of memories.

Mrs. Fiedler said she plans to

buy trophies for the team with her winnings and they will have them to remember the year of bowling together. And next year... if everyone is willing, the team will be throwing those bowling balls and knockin' down the pins.

Kansas celebrates American Wetlands Month in May

As part of the Year of Clean Water, May is again recognized as American Wetlands Month. Several national, state, and local celebrations are scheduled. The focus is on protecting the nation's unique wetlands. The Izaak Walton League and several federal and local agencies and non-profit groups have scheduled activities around the country throughout the month. The calendar of nationwide events is located at <http://www.iwla.org/sos/awm/events>.

Activities kicked off in Arlington, Va., and they moved to the Mall in Washington, D.C., for a National Park Service Fair on May 3 and 4 and on May 18 there will be a family fair at the United States Botanic Gardens. On May 16, the Environmental Law Institute, and federal agencies will honor the winners of the annual National Wetland Awards. The annual awards honor individuals who have made an innovative effort for wetland conservation, research, or educational projects at the regional, state, or local level. Winning photos from the Environmental Protection Agency's Wetlands Photo Contest will be on display and posted on Environmental Protection Agency Web site. You can see last year's winning photos at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/photocontest2002.html>.

Wetlands are transition areas between land and water, combining elements of both, such as grasses and other plant life that spend at least part of the year in shallow water. Some wetlands are more commonly known as marshes, swamps, and bogs. They are nature's nurseries, providing habitat to protect plant and aquatic life. Migrating birds also use wetlands to rest and feed. Wetlands are great spots for fishing, canoeing, and bird watching. They are important for flood control acting as buffers to absorb and reduce major impacts from flooding waters.

If you cannot find the time to celebrate wetlands on the east coast with the National Park Service or at the Botanic Gardens, you can celebrate in Kansas. Visit Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, a "wetland of international importance" and one of only 1,000 worldwide with that designation. Quivira is conveniently located close to Cheyenne

Bottoms in the center of Kansas near Great Bend.

Several thousand acres of wetlands have been restored on private land, just up the highway and around the bend from where you are now. Some of these areas may be on land you own or land you drive by because you enjoy the scenery. These are Kansas wetlands, shallow water areas for wildlife, Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) areas, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Areas, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) wetlands, or Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) restoration areas. The size may differ but the animals that depend on these wetlands for their food and protection do not care who owns the land. Private land with restored wetlands

is providing wetland habitat through a partnership between private landowners and the people of the United States. Maybe one of these landowners should be nominated for a national award next year.

To learn more about wetlands in your area or on your land, stop by your local United States Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resource Conservation Service or conservation district staff. Or, go to the Web site <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov> and learn how 2002 Farm Bill programs such as the Wetland Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Conservation Reserve Program, and others provide help for wetlands.

Obituary

Madge Mae Headrick Knapp

Madge Mae Headrick, daughter of John S. and Jessie (Little) Headrick, was born Oct. 29, 1916, in Dundy County, Neb. She was the second of nine children. She died May 4, 2003, in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 86 years, six months and five days.

On Oct. 14, 1933, she was united in marriage to Oscar Ivan Knapp. The highlight of her life was when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1983.

This union was blessed with three sons, Duane, Dean and Bobby Dee, who died in infancy.

Madge had many talents. She loved gardening, quilting, cooking and was well known for her delicious cinnamon rolls and pies. She also did beautiful embroidery.

She was a member of the Stitch and Chat Quilting Club of McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Bobby Dee and Duane; brother Fay; sisters: Fern Johnson, Leone Smith, Myrna Schnee, Edith Howard, Donna Dupis and Viola Nellie Headrick.

She leaves to mourn her son Dean and wife, Theresa of Bird City; grandchildren: Deborah Smith and husband, Ned of Bird City, Cindy Owens of Kansas City, Mo., Deana Miller and husband, Dan of

Strasburg, Colo., Cathy Loop and husband, Mark of McDonald, Darla Ellis and husband, Scott of Norton, Cheryl Colson and husband, Chuck of Colby, Connie McCain and husband, Joe of Atwood, Mike Knapp of McDonald, Barbara Albasri and husband, Khalil of Beatrice, Neb.; great-grandchildren Jessie Smith, Kelsi, Kendra and Galen Miller, Drew and Will Ellis, Tyler Knapp, Marcus and Brady Colson, and Wanda and Billy McCain; step-daughter Joanne Swanson and husband C.V. of Nevada City, Calif.; brother Keith Headrick of Goodland. There are also six step-grand-children, nine step-great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren. And a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held May 9 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Reverend Francis Harwerth officiating.

Casket bearers were Mike Knapp, Ned Smith, Dan Miller, Scott Ellis, Mark Loop, Chuck Colson, Joe McCain, Khalil Albasri.

Interment was in Grace Cemetery, McDonald.



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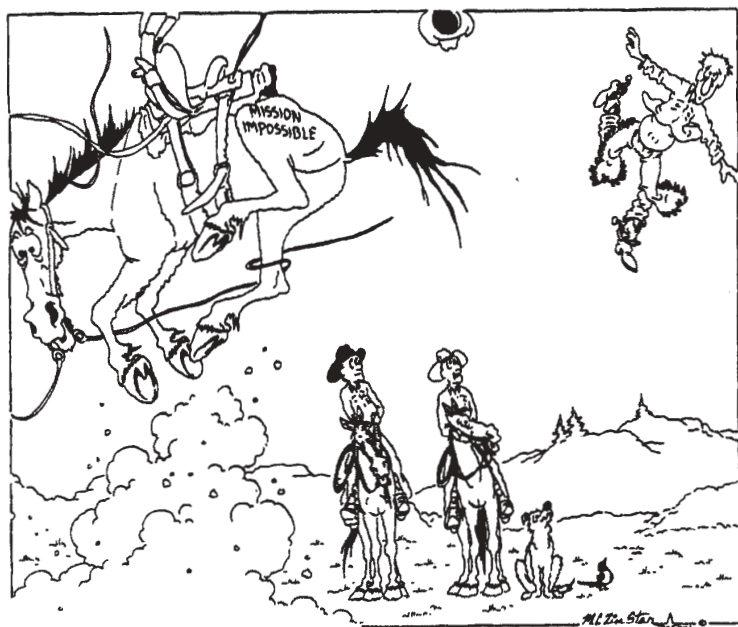
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