

Wildcat golf concludes season at state tournament



Members of the Louisburg state golf team (from left) are Ian Kirkpatrick, Nick Lancaster, A.J. Arriola, Sam Wheeler and Jackson Olson.

NEWTON – It wasn't the ending the Louisburg boys golf team had hoped for, but the Wildcats had a chance to end their season as team.

Five Wildcats competed in the Class 4A state tournament on May 23 at Sand Creek Station in Newton, but they couldn't build on the momentum that had created the week before at regionals.

Louisburg was shut out of the medals and none of the Wildcats were able to earn a spot in the second day of competition.

That second day was eventually cancelled due to inclement weather, so all the scores from day one became the final results.

A pair of seniors led the Wildcats as A.J. Arriola and Sam Wheeler finished as the team's top two golfers. Arriola carded a 97 to take 59th overall, while Wheeler finished with a 98 and came in 66th.

Junior Jackson Olson was one stroke behind Wheeler with a 99. Senior Ian Kirkpatrick carded a 103 and junior Nick Lancaster rounded out the Wildcat team with a 105.

The week prior, the Wildcats qualified for the state

tournament for the third consecutive season and Arriola and Olson both recorded top five finishes.

Chanute's Drayton Cleaver won the individual state title with a 74. Bishop Miege won the team crown with a 324 and Wellington was second with a 328.