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Rain and cold weather last weekend did little to dampen the spirit of the Catholic Newman Center for its annual hole-in-one competition at the Rock Pile Driving Range.

The hole-in-one competition was a huge success for the Newman Center, but they also claimed three prize baskets and a case of golf balls.

Petre said it was good that his shots were up and down. "My shots were fairly close to the green, and I did not have a good shot in the same field. I was just able to get the ball on the green, but I was not able to finish it," Petre said.

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The Newman Center hosted an event last weekend at the Rock Pile Driving Range. The tournament was hosted as a fundraiser for the Catholic Newman Center, which made approximately $4,300 from the event.

The Newman Center offered a prize of $500,000 or a new car for a hole in one. Only 23 qualified for the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, Petre shot slightly left of the hole, but his final shot was good. Only 10 qualified for the final round with a chance to win $500,000. All of the drivers shot well, but one car or $500,000 was still available.

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