

## Club Clips

### Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Club held their fall tour on Wednesday, Aug. 11. Nine members and one guest, Wilda Werner, met at the home of Margie Hubbard at 9 a.m. Margie has a big and beautiful yard with lots of annuals, plus perennial plantings and bushes and trees. Her pond adds beauty to her yard. She is not using her greenhouse this summer, but in the fall it will take in the tender plants.

When asked "How she takes care of such a big yard and still has time for other activities," she really didn't have an answer. From Margie's yard the group drove to McDonald to visit the yard of Kay Miller. Her plantings are all beautiful, and her pond adds a lot to her yard. She has some beautiful big trees, which shade her yard.

From Kay's house all drove to the yard of Susan McKain...another big yard with every kind of plant and trees.

All yards had beautiful lush lawns. With all the rain their lawns

were like a carpet.

Following the last tour all went to the firehouse for lunch and a business meeting. Before lunch Betty Knapp led every one in prayer. Margie had made several delicious foods for a brunch, which was enjoyed by all.

Margie called the business meeting to order. Roll was called, and all reports were accepted as read. The main item of business was the discussion about the fall meeting to be held in Jewell in September.

Margie read 'What to Do In August' It sounded like a lot of work!

Kay Miller announced that the McDonald Area Development will be participating in the Treasure Hunt in September.

Margie's beautiful arrangement featured big white cosmos with Russian sage for height and zinnias and rudbeckia for color.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be Sept. 8, at the firehouse. Helen Frisbie and Marlene Johnson will be hostesses.

### Cheylin Recreation Commission

The Cheylin Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, July 21, for their monthly meeting.

The main topic of discussion was the budget. The commission agreed to reduce the amount of money requested with the mill levy and use up some of the reserve available. The reserve had been available for emergency repairs at the swimming pool and since the commission is no longer responsible for the pool, they did not think that they needed to have that much in reserve.

Anthony Blair, the new physical education teacher, attended the meeting and had many good ideas for the commission.

"We appreciate you coming to the meeting with ideas and your enthusiasm" Laurie Leonard said. Mr. Blair will be leading an "end of

summer" sports mini camp. Soccer camp was held Aug. 2 and 3 and there will be badminton and tennis on Aug. 9 and 10.

"We want to expose the kids to some new sports that they may not play that often" said Belinda Serrano, clerk.

The commission hopes to get a dance class, aerobics and an after-school program going this fall. Flag football is also coming soon.

There have been two new picnic tables placed at the baseball field in McDonald. Rawlins County and the City of McDonald both assisted with a cost share towards the tables.

The commission will meet again on Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. in the high school library.



**PRACTICING IN PADS.** Members of the Cheylin football squad go through the drills. The Cougars open the season at home against Wauneta-Palisade on Friday, Sept. 3.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.*

## Across the County

### By Marty Fear

Hello Northwest Kansas! My name is Marty Fear. I was recently hired by the KSU Extension Service as the livestock extension agent in the Sunflower District for Cheyenne County. I plan to do a weekly news column and this is the first one! I will do my best to cover timely topics, upcoming event and new from Kansas State. So for this week, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about my background (if you have not already heard).

I grew up in west central Nebraska; close to Sutherland, on a farm and ranch. My family raises commercial cows and feeds about 1,000 head of calves. We grow mainly corn, have a few soybeans and put up alfalfa and hay.

Our farm is located in a valley between the North and South Platte rivers so we are able to utilize the rivers for irrigation The

Sand Hills are directly to the north and south of us.

Growing up, I was more interested in the livestock part of things and took an active role with the cattle. I have always been interested in livestock and became very active in 4-H.

I showed cattle and lambs at many county, state and national shows. The Denver Stock Show in January was a show that my family rarely missed showing at and over the years it became our family vacation.

Since my showing career has ended, I have managed to stay very active in the 4-H program. I have two older sisters who have kids that are now showing and have been very involved with them.

I have put on many showing and fitting camps to help area youth

and have assisted and coached 4-H livestock judging teams. I hope there is some interest in Cheyenne County to have an active livestock judging team next year.

I started my college career at Colby Community College with a livestock judging scholarship. After finishing at Colby, I went to Oklahoma State for the animal science program but also to continue judging.

Being on livestock judging teams has offered me many experiences that I may not have otherwise been offered. I was able to travel through out the U.S., meet a lot of friends and most importantly was able to learn.

I received my bachelors in animal science from Oklahoma State University and then continued my education at the University of

Nebraska and received my master in agricultural education. I had to learn to walk a fine line between being an Oklahoma State fan and still be Husker. (and now a Wildcat!)

I am looking forward to working with the extension staff and producers here in Cheyenne County and the Sunflower District. I hope that my experience and background in agriculture and the 4-H program can serve as an asset to both the community and the area youth.

If there are any questions or anything I can do to help please do not hesitate to contact me at 785-332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu. Again, I look forward to meeting everyone here in Northwest Kansas! Till next time-Marty.

## South of McDonald

### By Sandy Binning

David Banister returned to Kansas State at Salina Sunday evening.

Lynn and Rita Officer traveled to Seward Friday to move Rita's mother, Betty Dewey to an assisted living apartment in Ellinwood. Saturday evening they all attended the Ellsworth Rodeo where Alexi Regier, daughter of Randy and Melissa Regier of Monument, competed for and was crowned Rodeo Queen. The El-Kan Western Riders sponsored the

contest. Alexi received a saddle and a buckle. Lynn and Rita returned home Monday.

John Binning returned to Hays Saturday.

Amanda Winter was a Thursday evening supper guest of George and Kathy Banister. She was on her way to Georgetown, Colorado to run in the Health Marathon.

Diane Montgomery attended the Lindon Montgomery Family Reunion in Branson, Mo. last week.

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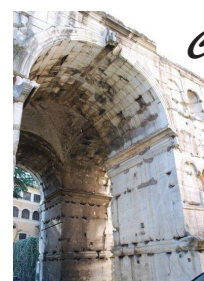
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