

Club Clips

McDonald Seniors

After missing both the January and February meeting due to icy roads, the McDonald Senior Citizens held their March 5 meeting on a beautiful warm day. There were 36 seniors and Health Nurse, Debbie Rummel to enjoy the lovely day and the delicious meal.

Joan Tongish, President welcomed everyone and recognized March birthdays and anniversaries.

Owen Wingfield read a poem and led the prayer. The tables were decorated by Phyllis Wingfield in a St. Patrick's Day theme, with a Leprechaun for all.

Iris McIntosh thanked all who had helped with Norman's funeral dinner, and everything else that people in the community had done.

Following dinner, Ray Johnson

called the Bingo game, with the blackout prize being won by Neva DeGood.

Joan Tongish conducted a short business meeting, reminding each one of the information given out by the health nurse.

Marlene Johnson read the December meeting minutes and updated the treasurer's report. Joan mentioned that LouAnn Horschem would like to talk at the April meeting about Osteoporosis. Ray updated the Memorial Plaque with some engraved names.

Committees for April are: Poem; ray Johnson, Bingo; Leonard Vyzourek. Prizes; Betty Lewis, and kitchen help; LaVina Waters, Em Threlkel, and Eleanor Swihart.

Cheylin Booster Club

The Cheylin Booster Club met Feb. 27 at the High School Library. Those in attendance were; Darci Kehlbeck, Neva Lou Holub, Caroline Marshall, Laurie Leonard, Loren White, Anita Pochop, Rob Jensen, and Melinda Basnett.

Topics for the evenings discussion included providing rolls and juice for the band and vocal trip on April 19. Caroline agreed to be in charge of organizing volunteers for the snacks.

Booster club purchased a new DVD player for the Cougar Bus. The group discussed putting together a party for students in all spring activities. A date and time

will be determined at a later date. A reminder was given that the Awards banquet is scheduled for May 17 and Booster club is responsible for the event.

The big topic of the meeting was the After Prom Party. Ideas were submitted, senior gifts were discussed, members will begin raising funds and report back to the group at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. All senior parents are encouraged to come. Decisions for After Prom Party will need to be made at this meeting, and everyone's help is appreciated.



McDONALD EQUITY MANAGER Brian Sabatka (center) looks on as the backhoe digs out a larger hole for the new scale.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Severe Weather Week began Monday

The week of March 12 through 16 has been proclaimed as Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Each week, the National Weather Service teams up with state and local emergency management officials to raise public awareness to the hazards and how to be prepared in case of severe weather.

On Tuesday, a tornado drill took place at 1:30 a.m. with a test tornado warning sounded. Cheylin Schools held a drill when the warning sounded. The St. Francis school students were on spring break.

In a typical year, the months of March and April bring an increasing number of severe weather events to the state. People are urged to think about what they will do when severe

weather threatens.

Last year was another year where the number of tornadoes (92) far exceeded the average of 55. In 2005, a record 135 tornadoes occurred across the state. In addition, numerous severe thunderstorms caused millions of dollars in damage to property and

crops by damaging winds, large hail and torrential rainfall.

With the 92 tornadoes, there were no deaths and 18 people were injured. On Aug. 7, a F1 tornado hit Colby, damaging an area by the interstate. On June 16, two F1 tornadoes were reported around

Goodland.

The National Weather Service reports that Kansans live with the threat of severe weather year round. Families should practice their severe weather safety plan at home, work, school or other public locations.



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