

Club Clips

Town and Country Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club met on Wednesday, March 12 at the McDonald Senior Center. Ten members answered roll call naming their favorite sunflower.

Betty Knapp had a reading and then led members in prayer. Minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted as read.

Margie Hubbard reported that she had purchased a "Frontier Elm" tree to be planted in the McDonald Cemetery on April 9 for Arbor Day. Cheylin fourth grade students will help plant the tree and will give the program. Jim Strine, District Forrester from Hays has been invited to attend. Each member is to bring two dozen cookies for lunch.

The 50th anniversary of the club will be celebrated on June

22. The program and entertainment was discussed.

Bill Schaff made 12 wood ornaments to be used in the barrels on Main Street for Christmas decorations. It was moved to reimburse him for the materials he used.

Margie Hubbard gave a very informative program on "Sunflowers." They were used as early as 1,000 B.C. for religious symbols. There are 2,400 species - the largest of any plant. They have the ability to follow the sun while growing in the fields.

Hostess was Vera Kacirek with Margie Hubbard as co-hostess.

The April 9 meeting will begin at the McDonald Cemetery at 1:30 p.m., and then go to the Senior Center for the program, lesson and lunch.

Red Hat Mamas

The St. Patrick's Day sun shown brightly as nine members and two guests of the Red Hat Mamas braved the spring snow and met at the lovely country home of Vernetta Haack near Bird City. The ladies were delighted over the beautifully set tables with an Easter theme. Vernetta, with the assistance of Carrie Magnani, served a delicious brunch featuring four different breakfast casseroles and coffee cakes.

Vernetta presented a brief

overview of how she started with a doll and buggy from her early childhood and added to her collection of antique dolls and some of the construction that went into making the dolls. Some of the dolls dated back to the 1800s. The tour through her home was a step back in time, a time when all dolls were dressed elaborately and were a treasured toy.

It was such a fun day and those attending thanked Vernetta for sharing her collection.

Knights offering two college scholarships

The Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus are offering two scholarships to graduating seniors. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$250 to be used their sophomore year of college.

The scholarship applications may be picked up at the superintendent's office at both St. Francis and Cheylin. All applications need to be returned to the superintendent's office by

May 1.

The applications will be judged by a panel consisting of Knights of Columbus members. The winner of each scholarship will be announced during graduation ceremonies. The winners will receive the money prior to their sophomore year of college to help them when a lot of other scholarships they receive their freshman year are no longer available.



SENIOR CENTER MARCH birthdays, left to right; Delbert Powell, Linda Query, Betty Bock, Ada Connett, Dee Dorsch, Irene Kehlbeck, Meta Dankenburg, Norm Dorsch and Rich Brubaker.

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Easter Dinner and afternoon guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Bob and Phyllis Cass, George, Dixie, Hannah, and Hudson Louderbaugh, Dave, Sylvia, and Shayla Hubbard, Stacy, Leif, and Zahara Brown, Dawn Petty, Ron Johnson, Darrell Johnson, Greg and Susan Moyer, and Roy and Jnel Hubbard.

Roy and Jnel Hubbard of Elwood, Neb., were Friday through Sunday guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Linda Dewey was an Easter weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. Easter dinner and afternoon guests of Ote, Ellen, and Linda were Junior and Dee Dewey, Laura Craig of Almena, Craig Morton, and Tom, Kelly, Tayten, and Tru Dewey.

Monday overnight guests of Bethel Goltl were Bob and Janice Arke of York, Neb. Tuesday afternoon Bethel, Bob, Janice, and Elaine Johnson went to Atwood and attended aunt, Hattie Toth's 97th birthday party.

Wednesday afternoon workers at Bethel Goltl's home were Owen and Brynn Waters.

Bethel Goltl participated in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at St. John Lutheran

Church in Bird City.

Bethel Goltl attended Frieda Black's 90th birthday party Friday and was a Sunday Easter dinner guest of Don and Barbra Krantz.

Amanda Banister came home Wednesday for her spring Bbreak. On Saturday two nursing students from Ireland arrived at the Banister home. They were Frankie Denny, and Linda Davies of Bangor, Ireland. The George Banister family

and the nursing students enjoyed supper at Big Eds and the girls were overnight guests. Sunday additional Easter dinner guests at the Banister home were Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, and uncle, Donnie Banister. Amanda and the girls left for Topeka after lunch. David left for school in Salina Sunday afternoon.

George and Kathy Banister visited Kathy's mother, Laurene

Dickman in Quinter Sunday evening. They also got to visit with Steve and Diane Heiman who were in Quinter also.

Josh Johnson was a guest of his parents Friday through Easter Sunday.

Easter Dinner and afternoon guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Randy and Melissa Regier and family, Evelyn Regier, Ratha Lee Loker, and Scott Bandy.

Noxious weed can look deceiving

Bindweed can take over a field. In Cheyenne County, it is considered a "noxious weed." With a pretty flower and green leaves above the ground, it is deceptive as its root system spreads out sprouting up plants all over a field.

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, says managing field bindweed means controlling the root system. A plant and its massive root system have come from only one seed in about 6 months.

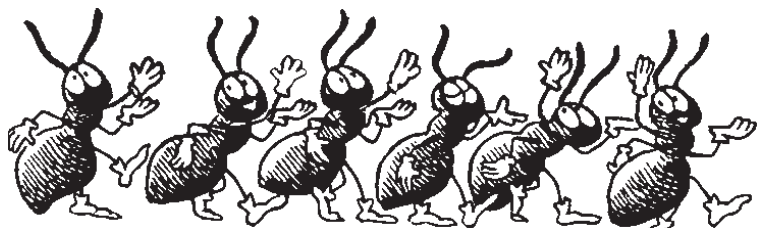
"In a test, the single seed can produce over 900 feet of total root

length and start 141 new shoots," he said.

Canada thistle and burragweed have primarily the same root structure as all three are perennials. They don't need seed to survive.

"They can produce new plants from root shoots that grow horizontally 12-to 15 feet, placing a bud every 1/5 to 2 inches.

"It is imperative that, after spraying patches of these noxious weeds, tillage equipment should stay clear for at least that farming season," he said. "It takes a long time for a chemical to transfer to that many feet of root."

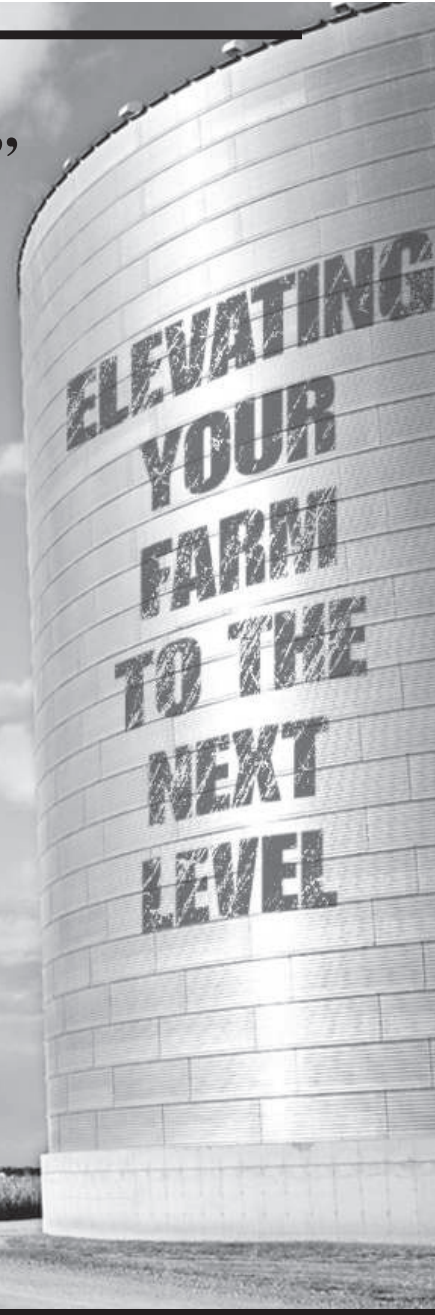


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