



**WITH THE WEATHER WARMING UP, Demi Shahan heads out on his tractor to do some work around the community.**  
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

# Family reunion enjoyed by 70 members on May 24

May 24 turned out to be a gorgeous day as 70 family members of the Lee and Bertha (Banister) Hallagin clan gathered for lunch at noon at the Hallagin reunion held at the McDonald Senior Citizen's Center.

Ruby Waddill and Goldie Nygaard, the two remaining members from the first generation of 11, were in attendance and also sister-in-law Blanch Hallagin.

Walter and Ida Hallagin's daughters, Lela Rose (Heaton) Loucks, and Avis (Snook) Foster, their children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, plus Betty Jo Hartpence (Jim Hallagin's daughter) were the host family. Lela Rose, who was also celebrating her 80th birthday, is the oldest of the remaining Hallagin grandchildren.

All enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner with sloppy joes and sandwiches furnished by the host family.

The theme was crafts and tables were set with quilted table runners, all made by Myrth Knoche, Lela Rose's oldest daughter, which were later given as door prizes.

The afternoon brought a lot of visiting and several games of bingo. Bingo prizes were hand-crafted items either made by, or brought by the host family and also white elephant items from others.

Special recognition was made to Brenda Nygaard, who keeps all of the Hallagin names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses current and she

sends out the notices for each year's family reunion. Brenda is Goldie Nygaard's daughter-in-law.

Guests also included the Amelia Banister family and Don Banister. Marion Hallagin's family furnished cool refreshing root-beer floats before the day was adjourned.

Elmer Hallagin's family will host next year's reunion! Same time, same place.

## Club Clips

### American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Friday with 12 members present.

For the program, there were some very thought-provoking articles read. One was read by Mary Dorsch. It was about how to be prepared for a terrorist attack.

The plan calls for food, water, clothes for three days as well as battery-operated radio, extra batteries, first aid supplies, bed rolls, medicine and a plan of where to go and meet family members in case of an attack. It was mentioned it would be good to have the same plan in case of tornadoes.

There was another article read about how some organizations had collected soccer balls and were sending them to the children in Iraq and Afghanistan. Wanda Dowdy read a letter from her son-in-law, who is now serving in Afghanistan. He told about how he was leading a group of Afghanis and how they had pushed through five ambushes to aid the ANA.

Joy Anderegg read the final article called "The Veteran." It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag.

It is the veteran, who serves under the Flag.

After the meeting, refreshments were prepared by Hulda Dorsch. It was a special time of fellowship.

Next meeting will be in August. There will be a notice in the paper regarding the date and time of the meeting. Rose Gordon, Joy Anderegg and Wanda Dowdy will be in charge of the meeting. A brunch is planned for the day.

### McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, June 4, with 11 members present. Reports were accepted as read. Ray Johnson reported that he had hauled one truck and a trailer load of trash from the McDonald Clean-up.

Barbara Cooper and the McDonald Lions plan to serve a lunch for the Bikers Across Kansas on Saturday.

July 20 at 7:30 p.m. was set for the Ice Cream Social in the City Park. Kay Miller will be in charge of getting talent numbers for the evening. Bruce Nickel will be in charge of the public address system. Norman Davis will be asked to be the master of ceremonies. All members are to bring desserts and ice-cream toppings.

A motion was made to buy a tank of gas for Ray Johnson for hauling the trash to Atwood.

Lois Johnson will contact Antique Directory.com to see about advertising the Highway 36 Garage sale in September.

# Bikers visit in Bird City

Recently Bike Across Kansas started their 450-mile bicycle ride at the Colorado state line across Kansas.

One of their stops was made at the Wesleyan Church on Highway 36 in Bird City.

The cyclists were treated to "Suzie Sizzlers" made by Susan Chomor and a variety of beverages and power snacks.

Other stops in Bird City were the United Methodist Church and the Heritage Corner Café.

Many of the participants from



**TAKING A BREAK FROM THE RIDE, father and son, Lee and Austin Engler from Wichita, along with mother and son, Sherri and Matt Mckee from Salina complimented the chef for the "Suzie Sizzler" hamburgers.**  
Photo courtesy of Pam Steven

various neighboring states had time to rest and chat with the locals before moving on to the

next stop in McDonald.

Pam Stevens, one of the volunteers at Wesleyan, had an

opportunity to chat with one of the cyclist, Don Williams of Pratt, Kan. He mentioned that he knew Arlan Wamhoff, a Cheylin graduate back in 1966 and that he was happy to be a part of this great event.

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Are you interested in knowing what the Garden Club has done in the community for 50 years? If you are, please attend the 50th anniversary party for the McDonald Garden Club Sunday, June 22 at the McDonald Senior Center. Party starts at 2 p.m. with the program beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Joan Tongish attended the Memorial service for Dan Smith at St. John's Church on Sunday afternoon.

Phyllis Wilkinson was a Wednesday visitor of Jim and Ruby Tracy.

Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children were Sunday dinner and supper guests of Kenny and Pauline Micek. They were Sunday evening visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Sunday afternoon reception for Dr. Baskar and his wife held in Atwood.

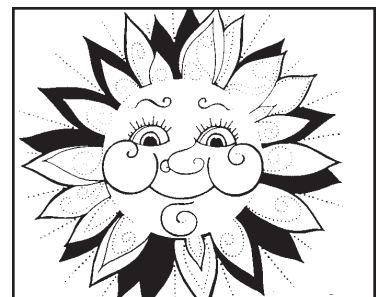
Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Father's Day supper guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka at the Colby Cafe.

Jerry, Betty and Brenda Knapp entertained on Father's Day for Stan and Becky Purvis and family.

Eleanor Swihart was a Sunday supper and overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart in St. Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Demecelli of Canon City, left on Monday morning after spending several days visiting Ratha Lea Loker.

They did a lot of yard work for Ratha Lea. Lynn and Rita Officer were visitors during the Demecelli visit.



## Cost-Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne County Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 9 - July 3, 2008 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Fencing, Windbreaks, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems, Irrigation Water Conveyance Pipelines, Irrigation Water Management Incentives, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Residue Management Incentives, Spring Developments, Failing Septic System Replacement and Abandoned Well Plugging.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50%-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2008.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

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