

McDonald News

Brian and Connie Sabatka, and Marlene Johnson were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Chris and Dana Howard and family of Bird City. Eleanor Swihart and Joan Tongish traveled to St. Francis Friday and attended the Art Walk

and barbecue there with Shirley and Bruce Swihart. Blake Waters of Basehor was a weekend guest of Fred and Lavina Waters. Joan Tongish, Eleanor Swihart and Betty Lewis enjoyed a trip to McCook Saturday.

South of McDonald News

By Sandy Binning
The community expresses its sympathy to Rita Officer and family in the loss of her mother, Betty Dewey of Ellinwood. The younger Shay grandchildren, Reid, Rayden, Rhett, Ronan and Ryder were Thursday and Friday overnight guests of Grandpa Joe and

Grandma Charlene Kramer. Kelly and Tayten Dewey were participants in the Benkelman Swim Tournament Saturday. JB and Ada Lee Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Craig and Diane Cox. Devon and Trinity Crayton are guests this week at the Binning Ranch.



CANCER SURVIVORS take a lap around Sawhill Park during the Relay for Life event held a couple of weeks ago.

County relay for life held at Saintry park

On June 8, the Cheyenne County Relay for Life began its all-night festivities at Sawhill Park to honor the survivors and remember those who lost their fight with cancer.

It was a beautiful evening, said Betty Loudon, one of the coordinators. The park was decorated with many banners proclaiming "Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back." The large banner over the starting line for the walkers read, "Hope Starts Here!" The evening was a culmination of caring volunteers, all working together to help find a cure for the dreaded cancer. Several teams were in the park to be sure that at least one team member was on the track every hour from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. They walked through the night into the darkness, and then after midnight, they walked toward the dawn and toward the cure of cancer.

A free-will barbecue was held with the survivors as guests. Pam Bolin, Hobo Snack Shack, served the meal. The Cheyenne Shrine Club had their Candy Wagon in place and served pop, water, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy. All proceeds from both vendors were donated back to Relay.

After a welcome by Pat Rose, chairman, Chad Miller gave a thrilling rendition of the national anthem. The survivor's lap started at 7 p.m.

"We celebrate each of their survivals and show those in the grip of cancer that there is hope and that they can walk with us next Relay," Mrs. Loudon said.

The second lap was for the survivors and their caregivers. Purple carnations, donated by RoseMary Bierig, owner of Classic Rose, were given to each survivor. The committee including Ms. Rose, Vicki Coates, Mrs. Loudon, John Finley, Christy Wurm, Tammy Grice, Allison Grice, Crystal Schultz, Bridgette Antholz, Cara Hunt, Bailey Merklin, Nikki Rose, Dale Rose, Ginger and Dusti Chadwick and Brandee Sassee, were introduced.

The survivor talk was given by Brandee Sassee, who has gone through three different bouts with cancer, told that she made it because she had such a great support group and her desire to overcome it. Two songs were sung by Christina Stafford and

Taylor Kinzer. The annual auction was lively and conducted by Skip and Betty Petersen and their daughter, Robin. Many interesting theme baskets, homemade articles and flower baskets were sold to the crowd in the band shell.

Music in the park was provided by Randy Smestad. Each year he donates his time and talent to the Relay.

Tammy and Allison Grice and many volunteers had placed and lit hundreds of luminaria all over the block-square park.

"It is always a thrill to stroll through the area and look for the names of the loved ones in whose honor and memory the luminaria was purchased for. Mrs. Loudon and Mrs. Grice read the list of those honored people. Pat Rose, with the assistance of her son, Dale, gave a very meaningful end to the service by depicting a table with an empty chair and place setting, so that we will

never forget those who lost their struggle, but through events like the Relay, can give home to those who still struggle with cancer.

As the dawn rose and the campsites were cleared, a closing prayer was offered by Hoagie Carmichael and a breakfast was provided to the teams and staff who had stayed all night.

The event would not be possible if it were not for the many corporate sponsors, the volunteers, the teams, the city crew that helps get the park ready and the people who bought luminarias as well as The Herald office that sold luminarias, said Ms. Rose.

Our final date for the 2013 Relay is in August so if team members come by or you see those "cute" pink flamingos in your yard, you can still help us out for our final total! Cheyenne County has one of the top Relays in the state - one we can be very proud of, Ms. Rose concluded.

Introducing

Two-year-old Avery Winter of Andale announces she has a baby brother named Noah Alexander born on May 28, 2013, at 11:13 a.m. He tipped the scales at 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20-inches long. Noah was born at Via-Christi in Wichita.

His parents are Brandon and Amanda Winter, Andale. Noah's maternal grandparents are George and Kathy Banister of McDonald. Paternal grandparents are Oran and Debbie Winter of Andale.



Noah Winter

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Jane Perkins, Park City; Roger Sawyer, Bailey, Colo.; Don Helton, Pueblo, Colo.; Jason Moore, Levant; Vada Burkhalter, Bird City; Kay McFee, Bird City; Mrs. Kay Davis, Broomfield, Colo.; Kathy Hertel, Bird City.

Bird City News

Weekend guests of Hulda Dorsch were her granddaughter, Erika Dorsch of Newton and friend Kyle of Hesston. Erika is a recent graduate of Hesston College and is a registered nurse employed at the Newton Hospital.



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