

# Riley reunion has large turnout

The Riley Reunion held on August 4th, was attended by thirty-seven participants. Those in attendance were: Leo and Mary Riley, Vickie Riley, Susie Riley and children Brianna and Tyron, and friend Wrenzus from Dublin, N.C., Evan Riley and friend, and Evan's grandson Brandon from Brush, Colo. Evan's daughter Lisa Sherman and son from Hastings, Neb., and his son Jeff and Josh Riley from Wichita Falls, Tx., Shirley Riley Statley from Bird City, her son Allen Statley and grandson Braxton from Brookings S.D., Shirley's grandson Daniel and wife Erika and baby Hope Horan from Madison S.D., Allen G. Statley, Bird City, Charles Statley from Oberlin, daughter Kayla Statley from Oberlin and friend Jody Holman from Brush, Colo., Carrie Poss and friend and grandson Jerame from Brush, Colo., Ralinda Hindricks from Evans, Colo. and friend Michele from Greeley Colo., Leo Riley Jr., and friend Teresa and son Ben and Teresa Benarel, Chris and Kimberly and their three children.



REGISTRATION FOR CHEYLIN was last Wednesday. Counselor Angie Chmielewski was helping Andrea Millinger register her daughters, Loren and Sarah, for fourth and sixth grade.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Club Clips

Red Hat Mamas' Bonnie Burr, Marlene Young, Vernetta Haack, Joan Tongish, Ana Antholz, Edna Roesener, Phyllis Wingfield, Rita Officer, Betty Lewis, Linda Carroll, Carol Mears, and Florence Antholz were treated to a day adventure at Goodland by Queen Mother Margaret Voorhies. Lunch was enjoyed at the newly opened Westport Grill and Ice Cream Shoppe. The afternoon was spent at the National Weather Service. Not only was the tour educational, it was spiced with entertainment by the staff members.

## McDonald news

**By Sandy Binning**  
 Wednesday supper guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Patty Leach, and Kandi Moore, Gabrielle and Michael. Captain Nathan Waters and his wife Erin of North Carolina, Michael and Sara Beardsley and daughter Adylynn of Chicago, and Blake and Kathern Waters of Basehor were weekend guests of Fred and Lavina Waters. They were here to attend the wedding of Cameron Penny. Rita Officer, Lois Morelock, Marlene Johnson, Joan Tongish, and Eleanor Swihart were among those attending the reception at the home of Roland and Linda Lorimer for Galene and Sherry and their grandchildren Friday evening. Eleanor Swihart treated Karlyne Atchison to Sunday dinner at the Bird City Diner. Saturday morning, Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Craig and Jerri Antholz, Quinton and Mindy Crow, wand Tiffany Antholz all traveled to Manhattan to attend the wedding of Stephanie Hubbard and Derek Resenbeck. Sunday noon, they all enjoyed dinner at the home of Clint and Jenny Antholz and children. Hal and Becky Antholz, CJ and Cristi also joined the family there.

# The Gardener

During the past 30 years or so, I've had a lot of fun writing and talking on the radio about zucchini. It seems as though zucchini has always been the butt of hundreds of jokes, mainly because of its profuse production ability. You plant a couple of hills of the stuff and you are guaranteed to grow enough for your family, and most of the families in your block or neighborhood. Plant more than two hills and you have real trouble.

Strangely enough, there are people who seem to enjoy eating zucchini, despite the obvious fact that it has little or no taste. I see quite a bit of it being sold at the Farmer's Market and buyers don't seem bothered whether the things are 6-inches long or 16- inches long. And I have yet to hear zucchini lovers offer an understandable description of its taste without adding six or seven different spices or other

accompaniments. I admit to growing a little of it. I enjoy slipping some of it into unsuspecting friend's cars, or dropping off a sack full on their front porch when they're not home. Some of my friends have learned over the years to keep their cars locked during the period of zucchini production. A neighbor of mine used to tell his friends how to know when zucchini season was in full swing. He said that they should watch the ditches along the road near my home for vines that were growing from the zucchini that people had thrown out of their cars after visiting my place. That wasn't true of course because zucchini doesn't grow on a vine. It multiplies on a big-leaved bushy plant with no vining capability. Mr friend, the late Bill Gray and I were helping to judge a pie baking contest at the county fair one time. The pies were passed down the line from judge to judge who would each cut a small slice and taste it. Bill passed me an apple pie which I proceeded to taste, and when my mouth was full, he leaned over and whispered that it was not an apple pie; it was a mock apple. It was zucchini! Well, there was nothing I could do but swallow the mouthful because all the lady contestants

were sitting out front, intently watching. Bill thought it was funny. Then there was the guy who discovered a rather useful idea for utilizing zucchini. He peeled it, chopped it up, and put enough pulp into a plastic bag so that it would fit snugly into a shoe he had purchased that was just a little too tight. He forced the bag into the shoe carefully and placed the shoe in the freezer for a day or two. He then removed the shoe, allowed it and the zucchini bag to thaw, and bingo! The shoe had expanded enough that it fit perfectly. I assume he also repeated the process with the other shoe. One spring, a friend of mine bought a dozen very small cantaloupe plants at the store, and at the correct time, stuffed them in the ground in his garden. Alas! The plants had been mislabeled. They were zucchini plants! Imagine the sorrow when the plants matured and went into production. A large sign went up in the front yard. ZUCCHINI FOR SALE...\$1 PER CORD. Wonderful, wonderful zucchini! Our gardens would be dull without it.

# Resident questioning trees being trimmed

Bird City resident Peggy Horinek was in attendance at the Aug. 5 city council meeting with questions on tree trimming. A commercial tree service has been trimming trees, and they had trimmed her trees when she felt they were not causing any problem to lines or hazardous conditions. She wanted clarification as to who is responsible for paying for the tree trimming. Ms. Horinek said that she checked into the city and county ordinance on trees, which states the owner has to be previously notified of the hazards. She did not receive any notification that her trees needing trimmed, nor did they present any hazards. When

she saw her trees being trimmed, she approached the tree service workers to ask why they were trimming without notifying her, and that the trees were not causing any interference with lines or hazards. "They aren't now," they said, "but they will need to be trimmed in the future." She did not feel she was responsible for the payment of the service under these circumstances. Hal Sager agreed with her. He had checked her trees out before the trimmers came, and they were not presenting any problem. He said he would talk to the tree service and find out why they felt a need to trim hers.



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