



THE FARM/RANCH Award was presented to Feikert Farms. Bruce and Sharon Feikert accepted the award. Not pictured are Ruben and Darlene Feikert also of Feikert Farms.

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ACCEPTING THE Wildlife Habitat award are Tim and Joanna Kraus. A slide show was being given while the awards were being handed out and explaining how even weeds are beneficial to the wildlife.

Conservation District holds 59th meeting and dinner

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The Cheyenne County Conservation District held its 59th meeting and awards dinner at the Bird City Legion Hall last Thursday.

Members and local residents enjoyed a dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, rolls and poke

cake prepared and served by Deanna Nelsen and Avis Hazuka. Spencer Schlepp, chairman, welcomed the crowd and Lonnie Willis, treasurer, said grace before dinner.

The walls were lined with posters submitted by kindergartners through sixth graders from St. Francis and Cheylin elementary schools. Later in the evening

winners were announced. Roger Orth, vice-chairman, gave the annual report including the finalized guidelines for the Herman Antholz Memorial Scholarship. Starting this year, the District will sponsor one scholarship for a college junior or senior who is a resident of Cheyenne County and majoring in agriculture or wildlife.

Clint Bursch headed up the elections with Roger Orth and Randy Rueb keeping their seats for another three years.

As the crowd finished their meals the award presentation began. Randy Rueb, Myra Hyde and Roger Orth started with the elementary poster awards.

This year's coloring contest winners were: kindergarten - Jesse Baxter, first place, Kattie Wurm, second; Kobe Tice, third; Doyle Easter, honorable mention; first grade - Cassidy Busse, first; Isaiah Lee, second; Audrey Meyer, third; Kaylynn Hendricks, Jack Luke and Dakota Morris, honorable mention; second grade - Leigh Brown, first; Granite Block, second; Yordi Gutierrez, third; Destiny Clemans, Josie and Jesie Frisbie, honorable mention

Tim and Joanna Kraus. During the presentation of the Kansas Bankers Awards, a slideshow of each farm with Joe Leibbrandt, extension office, explaining each slide, telling that wildlife, even weeds, are beneficial.

After all the awards were given out, the drawing for door prizes began. Prizes were given out in envelopes, but a couple of the prizes were "wrench bouquets" that had been center pieces on the tables. There was \$500 in door prizes, furnished by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

With all the prizes and awards out, Mr. Schlepp gave recognition to the sponsors of the evening's meal, First National Bank, Bird City, and St. Francis, Bankwest and Western State Bank and also to all the volunteers that helped out in the preparations.

Behind the Scenes

Bring a broom, dustrag, hammer or mop and join the fun! Tuesday, March 10, is "work day" at the Cheyenne County Museum. Work will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. At 3:30, after the dust settles, the Historical Society board will meet.

The Museum will open at 2 p.m. on April 1. From April through September, the museum hours will be 2 to 5 Wednesday through Friday and on Sunday afternoons.

Thanks to Margaret's coaching, Stan and I are beginning to "learn the ropes." We've visited several museums around the state recently so we know that the Cheyenne

County Museum stands right up there with the best of them!

The Historical Society plans a festive open house for Sunday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m. Mark your calendars.

We were in Salina on Saturday for the Kansas Barn Alliance board meeting. The Alliance urges barn owners to consider painting a sesquicentennial sunflower on their barn in honor of Kansas' 150 years of statehood in 2011. It would be great to drive around Cheyenne County and see sesquicentennial barns. Go to the Barn Alliance website for more details. www.kansasbarnalliance.org.

By Janet Carman



org. Anyone with interest should call us at 332-3569.

The Kansas Sampler Foundation announces two upcoming events. The first is the We Kan! "Relentless for Rural Conference" which will be held on March 24 at the Webster Conference Center near Salina. According to Marci Penner, "This year we're going to concentrate on helping your community take advantage of the new rural tourism initiative. Every conference session provides tools or a road map that will help bring the world to your door step. Yes, really!"

The second event is the Kansas Sampler Festival in Concordia the first weekend in May. Check out www.kansassampler.org for information on both events.

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