

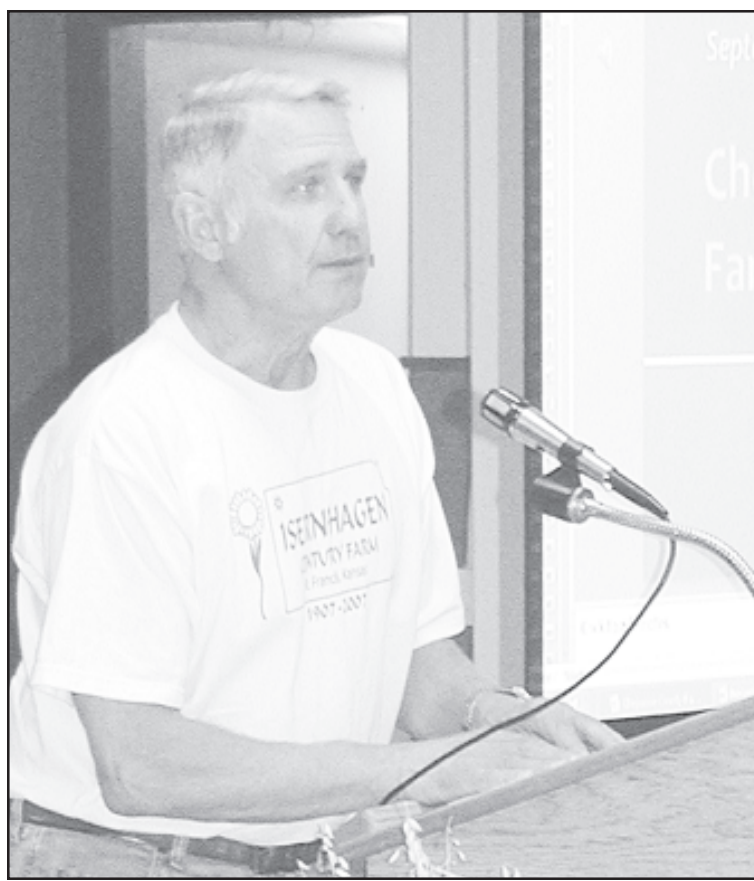
Farm families announced

By Casey McCormick

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The Cheyenne County Farm Bureau held their 2007 annual meeting at the St. Francis Community High School on the evening of Sept. 11. Awards were presented and the guest speaker was Mike Matson of the Kansas Farm Bureau.



Glenn Matson



GLENNISERNHAGEN gives a talk about his farm at the Farm Bureau annual meeting. The Isernhagen's were awarded Century Family Farm award. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Louann Isernhagen were recognized as the Century Farm Family. The Cheyenne County Farm Family award was given to Shawn and Shawna Blanka and their sons, Shakotah and Shadryn.

Three kids were present as Safety Poster winners. Kenan Reeh, Allie Frisbie and Rachel Keltz, all Cheylin students. They received backpacks for their posters.

Steve Douthit, president of the Farm Bureau Board, led the meeting and introduced the speaker.

"This is an exciting time for Cheyenne County, with the opening of the dairy and recent visit of the governor," Mr. Matson said. "Other counties are jealous."

His speech focused on rural development. Counties, such as Cheyenne he said, needed to focus on four components to succeed: youth retention, wealth retention, fostering entrepreneurship and leadership development.

Mr. Matson felt that these com-

ponents could grow in rural areas with the leadership of local Farm Bureau boards.

He also commended Representative John Faber and Senator Ralph Ostmeier, who were both present, for their work in representing the county.

Other Farm Bureau members present were Connie Holzwarth, agency manager, Tanya Workman,

marketing assistant, Alisa Rath, county coordinator, and Craig Cooper, district administrator.

Along with Mr. Douthit were Farm Bureau board members Ryan Culwell, vice-president, Shawna Blanca, secretary-treasurer; board members, Roger Zwegardt, Todd Neitzel and Clayton Janicke, and Jeanne Dunn, woman's chair.



BARB PARKER talks to Kelly Robbins and David Flyer, who are with the Child Advocacy Center. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Mobil unit cares for children

By Karen Krien
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Cheyenne County has less population than many but, even in the small communities, children suffer sexual abuse. It is a fact that child molesters are not strangers. In more than 90 percent of sexual abuse cases, the child and the child's family know and trust the abuser.

In order to help these children, keeping them from being shuffled through police stations, doctors' offices and possibly courtrooms, the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center has been formed. There are locations in Sublette, Scott City and Colby but, what brings the Center to the child and his/her family is the mobile Child Advocacy Center.

The mobile unit was in St. Francis on Monday, Sept. 10, so people could tour it. Later, at the invitation of Elmer Kellner, David Flyer, therapist; and Kelly Robbins, former Kansas Bureau of Investigation officer, spoke to the Lions Club members.

The mobile unit has a room for the family to meet with the needed people to help them. Help includes interviews by professionally trained, experienced child interviewers. The interviews are objective, neutral, non-leading interviews that bear scrutiny from outside agencies. Recording equipment is used to decrease the number of child interviews, thus lessening the re-traumatization of the child.

Mr. Flyer said that through the advocacy, the child and family are supported from the very beginning of the child's disclosure, through the investigation and judicial phases and through recovery. It is a liaison between agencies, service providers and the family.

The advocacy works with law enforcement, social rehabilitation service, county attorneys, forensic interviewer, victim advocate, medi-

cal and mental health and others related to the case.

It is funded through donations, grants, federal and state. As a child leaves the bus, they are given a quilt and a travel bag. The quilts are made by volunteers and donated for the children.

Anyone wanting more information or feel the need for the advocacy can call 620-874-8555, 620-874-2272 or go to www.wkcac.com.

Training program

A sexual abuse prevention program will be offered in the future. The program is designed for those working with youth-serving organizations.

Child molesters are drawn to or-

ganizations that serve youth. When this happens, the costs are enormous. Children are hurt, the organization's reputation is tarnished and the financial loss can be devastating.

Whether people are involved with camps, clubs, church or school, it is their responsibility to know when a child is in danger.

Steward of Children is a prevention training program developed to train adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Those interested in taking the training or would like more information can call 843-965-5444; e-mail stewards@D2L.org or go to www.darkness2light.org.

911 system move is getting closer

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The move of the 911 system to the old sheriff's office in the courthouse was discussed with Craig Van Allen, sheriff, and Carl Gamblin, 911 dispatch supervisor, when the commissioners met on Friday.

They said they will need to be constructing work stations and run-

ning new electrical lines. The commissioners suggested that plans for the electrical work be drawn up so they can be put out for bids. The lines will need to be run through a generator and the equipment will also have a battery backup.

Sheriff Van Allen said some of the construction work can be done in-house rather than paying for a contractor.

Mrs. Gamblin said Jim O'Loughlin, Allied Information Solutions, the company which has been contracted to set up the equipment, is trying to get the equipment and lines in as quickly as possible. By the first of October, Mrs. Gamblin said she plans to start tak-

ing applications for dispatchers. Two dispatchers, now working for the city, will be coming over to the county but those who are new will be trained by Mrs. Gamblin. At the first of the year, there will be a state training class. She said there will also be some training when the equipment is installed.

Sheriff Van Allen asked for executive session to discuss personnel. When coming out, he asked to promote Cody Beeson, Bird City, to deputy sheriff, and John Lanz as a full-time officer. The sheriff said an internet agreement needs to be signed with Bird City City Council as the department needs to have a landline available at the city building.



Wilmont Klie

Birthday celebrated

Wilmot E. Klie celebrated his 80th birthday on Sept. 12 with a birthday gathering at the Diamond R with family and friends. He enjoyed all who attended his special day, which was planned by his daughter, Mindi and his son, Paul. Pastor David Butler also helped with the arrangements.

Junior varsity team loses in overtime

By Betty Jean Winston
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The junior varsity football team opened their season with a nail-biting contest with Goodland. The Cowboys won the game 36-34 in the second overtime, even though Adam Guthmiller and Drew Zwegardt had scored touchdowns during one of the overtimes.

"This was a game of two halves," Coach Ted Busse said. "Goodland dominated the first half and we dominated the second half."

"I was pleased with our effort in this game during the second half

and not so pleased with the first half. "We have many things to work on and we must continue to work hard at becoming better."

Scoring during the contest included:

Terrence Lamb scored on a 3-yard run.

Trent Kinen, scored on a 58-yard reception from Matt Raile; Zwegardt had a two-point conversion run.

Guthmiller scored on a 2-yard run; Kinen had a two-point conversion run.

Zwegardt scored on a 3-yard run.

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