



SIGNING UP FOR PRIZES at the Farm Bureau annual meeting is Tracy Neitzel, Cotter and Colton.
Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Members attend county meeting

By Karen Krien
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Todd and Tracy Neitzel and boys were announced as the Cheyenne County Farm Family of the Year at the annual Farm Bureau meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

A small crowd attended the meeting and enjoyed the meal at the St. Francis high school cafeteria.

Guest speaker Charlie Sargent, with the state Farm Bureau, reviewed the years of the organization, going back to the grassroots. He noted that in the 1850s, the country's greatest wealth was considered the rural areas. By the 1870s, there had been a change and the urban areas were considered the country's greatest wealth. That had been the start of the industrial revolution.

Cheyenne County became involved with Farm Bureau in 1919. At that time, they were among the other 38 Farm Bureau counties.

He said that the organization has played a big part getting the Extension service, horse harnesses (when there was a shortage) and bringing electricity through the Rural Electrification Act (REA).

In the 1930 Dust Bowl days, people joined the organization, working through tough times.

In the 1950s, a Cheyenne County farmer suggested giving food to poor countries. Mr. Sargent said the farmers have a "think tank" and that is their tractor which they spend many hours in and have time to think.

He encouraged those there to be



FAMILY OF THE YEAR — The Todd Neitzel family receives the sign from Farm Bureau. Clayton Janicke presented the award to Todd Neitzel.

supportive of each other and help each other.

Winning the safety poster contest were Jordan Janicke, Reece Leonard and Eddie Frisbie, all of Bird City.

Election of board members was held. Those elected were Dan Sowers, Samantha Zweggardt and Shawna Blanka. There is still one position left unfilled. Those at-

tending the state annual meeting as voting delegates will be Shawna Blanka, Ron Zweggardt, Shawn Blanka. Alternates are Noel and Alisa Rath.

Beecher Island Reunion starts Sept. 13 morning

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The 109th annual Beecher Island Reunion will be underway on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Mark Mahlberg, one of the coordinators, recommends that people start their day by having a hearty breakfast served up by the Idalia Bicentennial Family Community Education Club.

There will be a lot of things to see and do.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club will have quilts on display in the old Sunday school building.

"Stop in and see some fine handiwork and purchase a chance for a quilt," Mr. Mahlberg said.

The black-powder shoot begins at 9 a.m. The shoot is sponsored by the Idalia Gun Club and it draws some of the finest shots from all around. There will also be knife and tomahawk events in that area.

At 1 p.m., the games begin! "There is something for all ages," Mr. Mahlberg said.

Events include foot races, sack races, cow-chip throwing and egg tossing. Cash prizes are awarded to all the winners in all age groups.

The final contest of the afternoon is the "world famous" dry-land turtle races. Turtles must be registered and registration starts at 1 p.m.

Throughout the day, the Wray Lions Club will be serving concessions.

Saturday evening

The evening show begins at 7 p.m. This year, the featured entertainment will be Judy Coder and "Pride of the Prairie." The band is led by Ms. Coder, the 2001 Western Music Association International Yodeling champion. It is a four-piece band based in Topeka.

"All are outstanding musicians," said Mr. Mohlberg. "This will be a good show and no one will want to miss it."

Sunday events

Sunday starts with a pancake breakfast served by the Idalia Lions Club.

At 9:45, Boy Scouts will perform the flag raising ceremony. Sunday church services will begin at 10 a.m. with speaker Phil Mitchell.

Greg Carlin and the Shadow Riders will provide the music.

The afternoon show starts at

1 p.m. with music from The Akers. They will sing and play violins with a variety of styles. The Beecher program will include folk patriotic and sacred music. They will also play a medley from the movie "Dances With Wolves."

The singing of the traditional song "Arickaree" will follow.

Next up will be the history presentation.

The drawing for the Helping Hand Club quilt and craft baskets will finish up the day.

Cleanup

Cleanup day will be Sept. 9. The work starts at 8 a.m. Volunteers need to bring a broom.

Club plans kick-off for youth Bible study

The AWANA Club of the First Baptist Church will begin the year with a hot dog supper, games and meet your teacher night on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the park behind the courthouse. Please bring your children at 6:30 and pick them up at 7:30 p.m. New and old clubbers from 3-years-old through eighth grade are welcome to kick off the new year together.

The club will be meeting each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 420 South Scott Street. There are classes for the following age groups:

Cubbies: 3- (as of Sept. 1) to 5-year olds.

Sparks: Kindergarten through second grade.

Chicks for Christ: Third and fourth grade girls.

Hollow Heads: Third and fourth grade boys.

Gal Pals: Fifth and sixth grade girls.

Powerful Pioneers: Fifth and sixth grade boys.

Trek Bible Study: Junior-senior high group.

As a reminder, if school is dismissed early on Wednesday, or there is no school on Wednesday, there will be no AWANA meeting. Activities that are planned for the upcoming year includes Bible lessons on the 10 com-

mandments; scripture memorization, games, crafts, music and mission studies.

Further information may be obtained by calling 332-3921 or 332-2959.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown of Charleston, W.V., were Saturday to Monday guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Harper of Benkelman and the Browns and Northrups were Saturday supper guests of Debra and George Harper.

Donna and Norvin Northrup and Debra Harper attended the 60th wedding anniversary open house for Don and Lois Fredrickson in Oberlin on Saturday afternoon.

Betty Jean Winston spent Aug. 20 and 21st in Topeka with Dan Winston, who was working there that week. Leigh Legere of Overland Park joined them for lunch on Wednesday.



You're Invited



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