



GLORIA BRACELIN talks to Tammy Schumacher, representative from Eagle Communications, during the meeting.

Election takes place at annual meeting

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Sherry Schultz was elected to the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce board during the annual meeting Monday evening, Feb. 1. She replaces Sharon Barnhart.

Raquel Grover, president, introduced special guests, Chuck and Diane Kribs and Tammy Schumacher. The Kribs are the co-directors of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation and Ms. Shoemaker represented Eagle Communications.

Mr. Kribs said he is very optimistic and expects some ground breaking this year. In March, he said businesses will be visited to conduct a county-wide business retention and expansion study (Brees). This, he said, will give a good profile of the business community, what is needed and wanted to make businesses grow.

Ms. Shoemaker reported that Eagle will be implementing wireless phone service which will be available throughout Cheyenne County.

"Eagle strives to be better tomorrow than today," she said.

Roger Jensen, member, asked about the Chamber's special account, \$8,520, and what projects are being planned for the money. Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, said it is designated for playground equipment for the city park (north of the courthouse). The bright colored playground equipment already

in the park was purchased by the Chamber.

Mrs. Schultz suggested that business owners and employees be encouraged to keep their sidewalks swept. She said it helped make Main Street look so much nicer. That brought up the subject of the city street sweeper. Mr. Jensen, who is also a council member, said that he would look into why the streets are not being swept twice a month.

Lea Keller said that she had recently been to an Extension program which showed how different towns had beautified their Main Street. She said one town had used emptied mineral tubs for planters. Some were at different heights, others were painted and all were planted with flowers. She said by using the tubs which are free, it would be fairly inexpensive to put color on Main Street. She referred to the planters in front of Shay Realty and how pretty they were.

Mr. Jensen said there are city ordinances about putting planters on Main Street and, if the Chamber and/or businesses decided to go this route, they would need to check with the city council first.

Projects sponsored by the Chamber are the Easter Egg Hunt, Ladies Salad Luncheon, the Car Show, Relay For Life, fair parade, teachers' appreciation, craft show, Christmas Opening, Christmas drawings and coloring contest.

Club Clip

Plum Creek 4-H Club

The annual Plum Creek meeting was held on Jan. 20. President CJ Douthit called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by "what is your New Year's resolution?"

There were 15 members present and one leader.

The club is planning on doing a skit this year and they are also providing the concessions for 3-of-3 basketball on Saturday, March 28.

The talks that were given were by Kim Voeller on acupuncture and Kaycee Williams talked about the new president, Barack Obama.

The club also sang the song "Row Your Boat" lead by Kim Voeller. For the game, members played "duck, duck, goose", lead by Kaycee Williams. Then CJ Douthit closed the meeting by saying the 4-H Pledge.

The next meeting will be Feb. 18.

Thomas Douthit, reporter

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

On Jan. 7, the meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was called to order by Grady Brunk. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Reagan Beims and the 4-H Pledge was lead by Christina Schoenrogge. What is your New Year's resolution? was the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A thank you note from the Texas Hurricane Relief fund was read. The treasurer's report was given by Jude Faulkender. Laura Brunk gave the club a report on the club's fun day and it was discussed that the club go see *David Copperfield* in Denver.

There was no council report. Tye Faulkender, club leader, presented the club with a plaque for winning the light parade. He announced that the club will keep it until the next light parade. There was no old business.

Under new business, the club moved and seconded to do a model meeting at 4-H County Days.

A safety project talk on Carbon Dioxide was given by Gavin Cooper, Gaten Cooper, Laura Brunk, Grady Brunk and Garrett Brunk.

A project talk called "Leading the Herd" was given by Jandy Dunn. Jake Faulkender chose the game snake tag for the recreation. The meeting was adjourned.

Payton Beims, reporter



Through the Eyes of our Family
2009

WHEELER EQUITY picture chosen for calendar cover. The photo was taken by Bob DeAragon.

Photo chosen for calendar

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The son of a St. Francis resident has one of his favorite photos printed on a calendar cover.

Bob DeAragon, son of ErvaGene DeAragon, is the head estimator of Orange County Printing in Irvine, Calif. Each year, the company designs and produces a calendar to give to their clients and prospects. And, each year, the

design and style is different.

This year, the employees were asked to submit their favorite photos. Mr. DeAragon had two photos which were printed in the calendar.

He said the photo (shown) was taken in July, 1985 when he and his wife, Ann, visited his grandmother Hazel and husband, Arlie Smith on their farm. I never forgot the one shot I took of the Wheeler

Equity Exchange elevator at sunset, he said, adding that he was surprised when it was chosen for the cover.

The other photo was the lava flow into the Pacific on the big island of Hawaii. For those wanting to see the entire calendar, Mr. DeAragon sent calendars to The Herald, Wheeler Equity, Cheyenne County Museum and the Senior Center.

Obituary

Laurene Kay Crabtree Rohn

March 9, 1944 - Jan. 3, 2009

Laurene Kay Crabtree Rohn was born March 9, 1944, in St. Francis, Kan., the daughter of Kenneth (KC) and Adah Wall Crabtree. She died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, in Lincoln County, Colo., as a result of a highway accident.



Name

She grew up with her brothers in the South Fork community and later moved

into St. Francis. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1962.

Laurene was a retired employee of Southwestern Bell and a former Laidlaw bus driver for Lawrence public schools. She graduated from Bartlesville Wesleyan College, now Oklahoma Wesleyan University, after her retirement.

She was a member of Lawrence Wesleyan Church, Telephone Pioneers and Bird City Wesleyan Community Church.

She married Donald Rohn on Feb. 20, 1965, in Colby. They di-

vorced.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Rohn, Lawrence, and Teresa Rohn-Penn, Albuquerque, N.M.; son-in-law, Dion Penn; two brothers, Larry Crabtree, Lenexa, and Jerry Crabtree, Arvada, Colo.; and seven grandchildren: Chris Sullivan, Miranda Rohn, Maggie Rohn, Colby Rohn-Penn, Tatiana Rohn-Penn, Joshua Penn, Sharya Penn.

A memorial service was held at Lawrence Wesleyan Church on Jan. 6. Burial was private.



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