

# Nominations needed for Farm Service Committee

The election of responsible agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Farm Service Agency's relationship with farmers and ranchers goes back to the 1930s. At that time, Congress set up a unique system under which Federal farm programs were to be administered locally. Farmers and ranchers who are eligible to participate in these programs elect a three-to-five-person County Committee, which reviews county office operations and makes some of the decisions on how to apply the programs. This grassroots approach gives farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how federal actions affect their communities and their individual operations. After more than 60 years, it remains a cornerstone of farm Service Agency's effort to preserve and promote American agriculture.

It is extremely important that the members of a Federal Service Agency County Committee are representative of all the farmers and ranchers in the county, including women and minorities.

Those eligible to participate in a local Farm Service Agency program may be nominated for the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may

nominate candidates. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee. The form includes a statement that the candidate agrees to serve if elected. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at local Farm Service Agency offices and on-line at <http://forms.sc.gov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.

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Committee elections forms, fact sheets and reports may also be found on-line at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>.

Nomination forms for the 2004 election must be postmarked or received by close of business in the local Farm Service Agency office by Sept. 3.



LIONS CLUB CALENDARS are now on sale. Mary Morrow, (left) the St. Francis' Lions Club newest member, shows Carol Redding last year's calendar. The Lions are also selling magnetic ribbons supporting the U.S. troops.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Club members working to sell calendars before Aug. 23 deadline

The St. Francis Lions Club is winding down its Community Calendar sales. The calendar lists the birthdays, anniversaries and in-memory names in the calendar squares. Active military people will be listed free.

The St. Francis Lions Club members have been calling on people, going door-to-door. There are many

people who list their entire families on the calendars and others who prefer to just purchase the calendar. Whatever, the project, which is a service to the community as well as a fundraiser for the club, allows people to be listed for very little.

"We have contacted a lot of people but we know there are probably some

that we have unintentionally missed," Elmer Keller, Lions member, said.

People have until Aug. 23 to get on the calendar. If someone has not been contacted, call any Lions member or call Elmer Kellner, 785-332-2950, Milton Lampe, 785-332-3119 or Norman Morrow, 785-332-3424.



Rodney and Bette Partch

## Card shower planned for 60th anniversary

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Rodney and Bette Partch on Sept. 6, their children and grandchildren are holding a card shower to help them cel-

brate the occasion.

Address greetings to them at P.O. Box 513; 210 E. Bressler; Bird City, KS 67731.

## Occasion

### Duncan family reunion

The 2004 Duncan family reunion was held in St. Francis on Aug. 6 and 7. The family gathered in force to celebrate the 100th year wedding anniversary of Ed and Lettie Duncan. A total of 95 attended. The celebration was full of visiting, laughter, and lots of reminiscing.

The reunion was held at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant meeting room where everyone had a wonderful time.

The family really enjoyed the parade and other fair activities.

Those attending from Colorado were: Ray Glaser, Chuck, Sandy, Ashlee and Elie Glaser, Keith and Sharon Jones, Kris, Laurie, Heather, Ben, Megan, Lindsey Jones, Lyle and Betty Lukas, Nancy and Dwight Rockwell, Dean and Lola McCormick, David, Debra and April Shuck, Matt Duncan, Kristal Len Smull Griffith, Andrew and Tessa Wood.

Kansas residents attending include: Tim and Linda Duncan, W.H. and Verda Smull, Tom and Sandy Smull, Matt and Trista Smull, Chris, Jill, Cade and Hanna

Bracelin, Larry and Cindy Smull, Melissa, James, Lena and Geylne Cook, George Odracke, Pat and Janet Duncan, Darlene Burr, Richard Burr, Belinda Boyson, Nick, Heather and Jayden Boyson, Trisha, Gary, McKayla, McKenzie and Keigan Taylor, Paul, Chris, Justin and Bre Smull, Ray and Phyllis Reade, Michael Shane Duncan, Doug, Dede, Rebecca and Alex Trumble.

Attending from Connecticut were: Bob and Doris Dallon, Diane, Jennifer and Brian Skelly, Linda, Steve and Shane Gordon.

Others attending were Don and Kelly Glaser and Bob Swetnam from Washington; Glenn and Kathryn Duncan, Mary Kreber and Marge Stoeber from South Dakota; Dan and Jeanette Duncan from Kentucky; Stephanie Gordon from Washington, D.C.; Fred and Roberta Neilsen from New Mexico; Jean and Daniel Maloney from Alaska; Ike and Shirley Gorman from Missouri and Joe Carath and Danielle Jones from Texas.

## Farm Bureau dinner scheduled Aug. 30

The Cheyenne County Farm Bureau annual meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30, at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria.

This year's speaker is Mike Erhart with Western Plains Energy. Mr. Erhart will be talking about how the ethanol plant near Oakley came about and what is happening today.

Shawn and Shawna Blanka, Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers, are on the state committee. One of the community-wide programs is to promote using the local food pantry. The pounds, dollars and number of volunteer hours are

totalled into three separate categories. These figures are turned in to the state committee and the state will compete nationally.

Through the Harvest For All program, everyone coming to the annual meeting is asked to bring canned or boxed items.

Reva Pownell, Food Pantry coordinator, said the Pantry is very low and many items are needed. She said she was completely out of boxed pudding and jello.

"This way the Farm Bureau and young farmers are helping the communities and those in need," said Mrs. Blanka.



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