

Annual meeting is held

By Karen Krien

The annual Cheyenne County Farm Bureau meeting was held Monday evening at the high school in St. Francis. There were approximately 75 people enjoying a steak dinner and speakers.

Mike and Jo Rogers were presented the Natural Resources Award, which recognizes farmers who use environmental protective measures and conservation practices. The Noel Rath family was the Cheyenne County Farm Family.

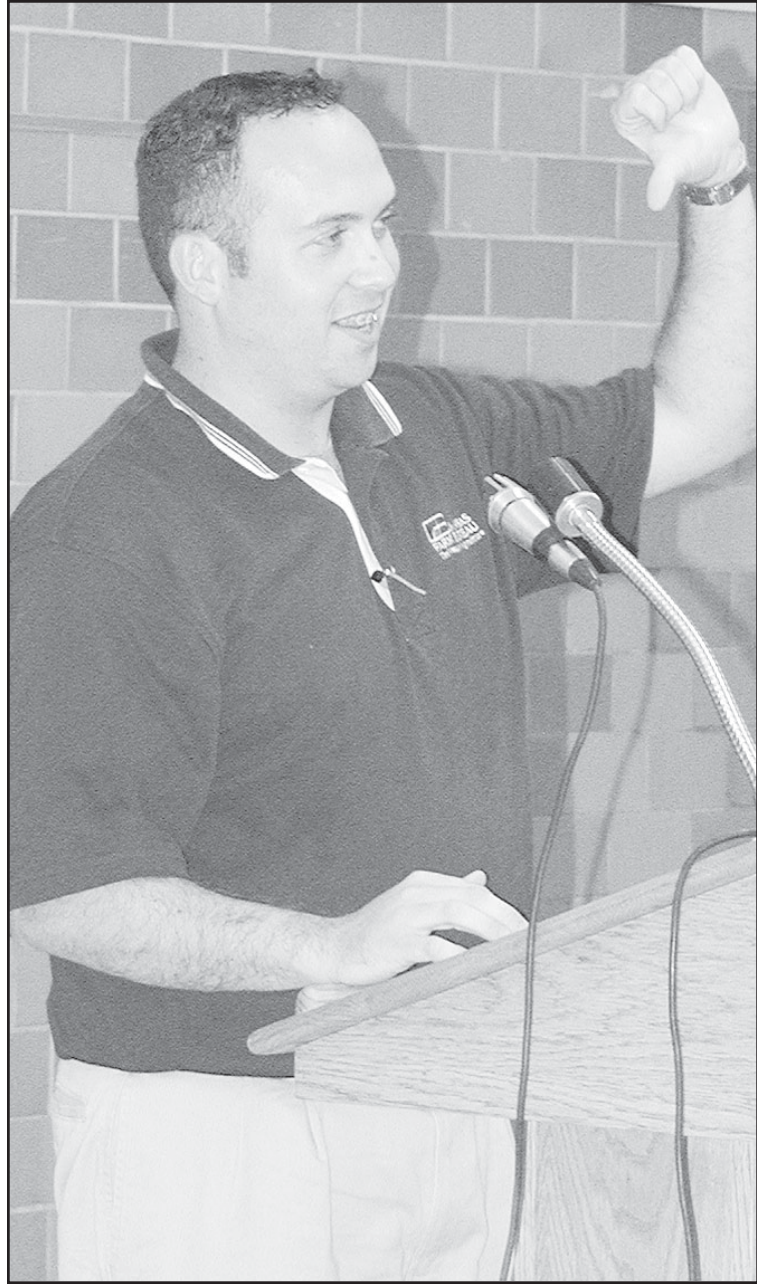
Farm Bureau sponsored Samantha Zwegardt and Margo Douthit at Leadership of America and they told about their experiences in Great Bend and some of the activities.

Jeanne Dunn told about the trip she, her husband Jim and their daughter Jandy, were able to take through Farm Bureau and the California Farm Bureau. The Dunns were the 2003 Farm family and they were recognized at the state level. Mrs. Dunn said she hoped that the Rath family would also be able to enjoy such a trip.

John Finley, Cheyenne County, is on the state Farm Bureau Membership Committee. He reminded those present that the organization's memberships provide the benefits of an accident policy. Each time a membership is paid on time, it increases the benefits on the policy. He also told that there is a collegian Farm Bureau Chapter in Colby and those students attending Colby Community College are encouraged to join.

Safety poster winners were three Cheyenne students: Teryn Carmichael, Reese Leonard and Jessie Smith. Jessie was also a state winner.

Jeff Sutton, Safety and Ag education manager for Kansas Farm Bureau, talked about the different farming environments in Georgia where he worked for five years with Farm Bureau. He said instead of wheat, corn and cattle, Georgia



JEFF SUTTON, Safety and Ag education manager recently spoke at the annual Farm Bureau meeting.

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farmers raised peanuts, pecans and alligators.

He encouraged farmers to start thinking about the 2007 Farm Bill and what they want to see. Then talk to state and Farm Bureau representatives

"We need to educate non-ag people," he said. "There are less farmers, thus less farm kids and many of them don't know about agriculture.

"Many kids think that the milk they pour on their cereal comes from the grocery store — Not from a dairy cow."

He said that U.S. farmers are the most efficient farmers in the world.

The people in the United States spend 10 percent on food while in England, 20 percent is spent on food. Mexico spends 26 percent for food and India spends 51 percent.

He brought a game that he plays with children at the state fair. The wheel has a number of different farming subjects. The wheel is spun and the contestant is given the chance to win a prize if they can answer the question.

Bruce Roelfs answered a question about wheat and Donna Zimbelman answered one on farm safety. Each won a Farm Bureau mug.

Officers voted on the Farm Bureau Board were Todd Neitzel, Ryan Culwell, Steve Douthit and Jeanne Dunn. State meeting delegates will be Shawna Blanka, Jeanne Dunn and Roger Zwegardt. Alternates are Shawn Blanka, Jim Dunn and Melissa Zwegardt.

Door prizes were won by Noel Rath, a year's membership; Mike Rogers, Thomas Douthit, Dale Neitzel, Mary Dorsch, Chloris Krien, Mary Rath, Ilone Ketter, Bud Houtman, Arrilla Zimbelman and Donna Zimbelman.

Couple exchanges vows in double-ring ceremony

Keely Witt of Oberlin and Chris Wilson of Kearney, Neb., were married at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, in a garden wedding at the James and Kimberly Witt farm, rural Oberlin. Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. Jonathan Hoesch of Kearney.

Parents of the bride are James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin; and the late Julie Witt. Her grandparents are Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; and Larry and Carolyn Schultz, St. Francis. Her great-grandmothers are Iris Wurm, Oberlin; E. J. Query, Bird City; and Martha Schultz, St. Francis.

The bridegroom's parents are Charles and Sandy Kincaid, Norton. His grandparents are Evalyn Wilson, WaKeeney, and the late Vernon Wilson; Louise Swank, Colby, and the late Clair Swank.

The altar table was made by the bride's great-grandfather, the late Edward Schultz. Two purple and four white roses were included in the altar decorations in memory of the late Julie Witt, Jesse Mowry, Vernon Wilson, Sharon Smith, Darrin Kincaid, and Clair Swank, then were given to their respective spouses, mother and family.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, chose a floor-length strapless Cinderella cut-satin gown fashioned with embroidered leaves and swirl on the bodice and a full satin skirt. She wore a long, white veil.

Candlelighters were James and Kimberly Witt, and Charles and Sandy Kincaid, parents of the couple.

Mary Olson, cousin of the bride, was pianist and accompanied Sarah Olson, also cousin of the bride, as she sang "I Cross My Heart" and "Me and You." Rex Olson, uncle of the bride, read scripture.



Chris and Keely Wilson

Megan Howe and Sarah Olson, cousins of the bride, were maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Shellie Hughes, and Ashley Witt, sister of the bride. Whitney Witt, sister of the bride, was flower girl.

Kurtis Campbell served as best man. Groomsmen were Tyler Witt, brother of the bride, and Dustin Sjo and Josh Brunzell, cousins of the groom. Triton Frye, cousin of the groom was ringbearer.

Ushers were Ryan Schultz and Kyle Schultz, uncles of the bride; and Dustin Pretauer and Justin Frye,

cousins of the groom. A reception, dinner and dance followed at The Gateway in Oberlin with music by Music Express with Kent Ploussard and Stan McEvoy.

The bride is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she is majoring in history. The groom is assistant manager of Pizza Hut in Kearney.

After a honeymoon to Colorado, they are making their home at 1701 W. 35th St., Apt. A 200, Kearney, Neb., 67749.

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Carl and Connie Williams. Stopping by to visit also included Ruben and Valjean Schultz.

Saturday evening visitors of Raymond and Dorine Zimbelman were Drew Doggett of Kansas City and Sheila Davis of Denver.

Fred and Marsha Magley and Helene Landenberger attended the 125th anniversary celebration of the town of Atwood, Saturday. Some of the many events were a melodrama and beard contest of which the Magley cousins participated in. Namely Don and Emm Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson. Helene Landenberger and grand-

daughter, Teagan, spent Labor Day weekend with Junior and Sandy Magley of Bird City. Center Day was attended by all.

Over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3 through Sept. 5, Milton and Betty Lampe, Debbie Grizzell of Macksville, Travis Grizzell of Hays and Sara Laird of Hoisington visited Kyle Grizzell of Laramie, Wyo., attending Wyotech college there.

Debbie Grizzell of Macksville, Travis Grizzell of Hays and Sara Laird of Hoisington were Friday overnight guests of Milton and Betty Lampe.

Obituary

Dean H. Mueller

July 23, 1926 - Aug. 29, 2005

Longtime Wray, Colo., resident Dean H. Mueller, 79, died Monday, Aug. 29, 2005, at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was born July 23, 1926, near Bird City, Kan., the son of Johann Dietrich Mueller and Bertha (Haack) Mueller. He graduated from high school in Bird City in 1944.

He served his country in the United States Army from 1944 through 1949. When he returned after his service, he farmed in north-west Kansas.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Richard Eugene Mueller; four brothers, Iron, Elmer, Lester and Glen; and five sisters, Viola Mullins, Ella Talmon, Elsie

Nichols, Eva Reinke and Frances Meyer.

Surviving family includes six children, Randolph Mueller of Denver, Colo.; Roxanna Campbell and her husband, Dennis of Arapahoe, Colo.; Rodney Mueller of California, Robin Griebel and her husband, Roger of Hays, Renee Zerger of Burlington, Colo.; Regina Mueller of Bird City; four grandchildren, Maggie McKinley, Matthew Campbell, Abigail Campbell, Tyler Zerger and his wife, Melissa; three great-grandchildren, Zachary McKinley, Xavier Zerger and Mercedes Zerger; and two sisters, Lola Cooper of Goodland, Lucille Scrivner and her husband, Wayne of Denver.

The funeral was held Thursday, Sept. 1, at Koons Chapel in Goodland with Dr. Chet Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Bird City Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials may be designated to Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch, P.O. Box 606, Shelbina, Mo 63468, and may be mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.



Mueller

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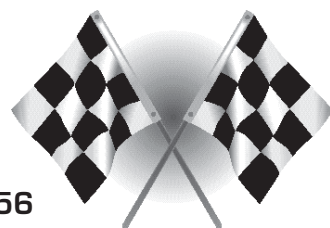
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