



The St. Francis Singers, pictured, is led by Louanne Isernhagen. The singers and the Once Again Band entertained for the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development annual meeting held Thursday in St. Francis.

Annual meeting held in St. Francis

By Karen Krien

There were approximately 50 people from the eight counties making up the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Council present at the annual meeting held in St. Francis on Thursday, Oct. 12. The meeting is held in Cheyenne County every seven years.

The Western Prairie District includes the counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Wallace and Logan.

During the meal, the guests were entertained by the Once Again Band and the St. Francis Singers. President Sandy Rodgers gave introductions and a review of the budget.

The council was formed 15 years ago because there was a need for the rural Kansas communities to locate and acquire funds and other resources to improve the

quality of life for their citizens.

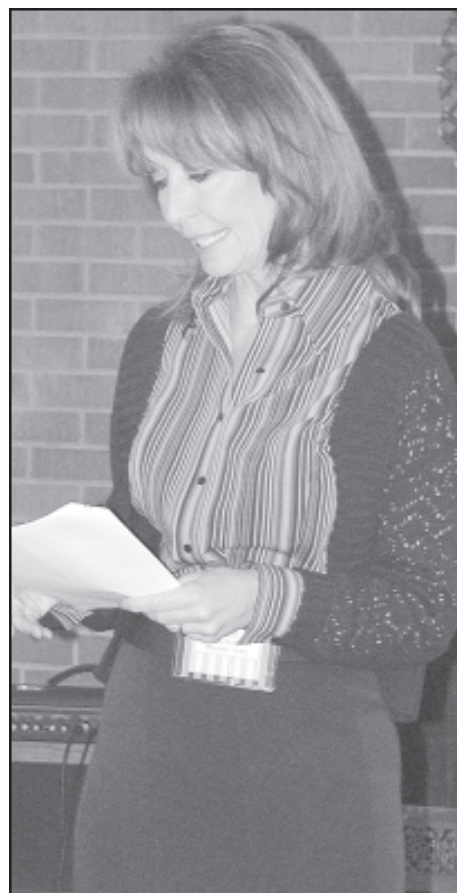
Cheyenne County is one of the seven-county hub Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization and this is possibly the most visible project to residents. The recycling hub is reducing the cost of solid waste, accessing affordable transportation and increasing marketing.

The council has assisted Cheyenne County in grant writing, fundraising, foundation workshops, day camps for Girl Scouts, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, the fairgrounds grandstand, the farmers market and the Republican River Riparian Project, just to name a few.

Members of the Cheyenne County Advisory Committee are Rodney Bracelin, Elmer Kellner, Martin Burton, Terry Miller, Carol Redding, Jo Hagny, Roger Orth, Scott Schultz and Marcia Hickert.



MAYOR SCOTT SCHULTZ welcomed the group to the St. Francis.



PRESIDENT SANDY RODGERS presided over the meeting.



ELMER KELLNER, Cheyenne County representative to the council, introduced himself and his wife Dorothy.

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are labeled and have been placed in the post office, senior center, Hilltop General Store, St. Francis Super's and the Methodist Thrift Store.

On Friday, there will be boxes at each of the gates at the St. Francis vs Leoti football game on Greene Field. Saintry fans are asked to bring a sack of items to support the troops overseas while supporting the Saintry Indians.

Nationwide event

Make a Difference Day is a nationwide event designed to mobilize volunteers all over the United States. It will be held on Oct. 28. In 2005, over 3 million people across the nation came out and volunteered. Our Make A Difference Day events will involve Operation Sup-

porting Our Soldiers and its volunteers packing and sealing boxes full of goodies to send to troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait and Qatar.

"If you would like to help the group reach their goal, whether by monetary donation or collection of items to send, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the project or visit the website," said Hulda Dorsch, Cheyenne County chairman of the Supporting Our Soldiers Operation.

"If you know of a soldier that you would like to receive a Christmas/holiday box please give me their name and address to include on the mailing list."

Mrs. Dorsch's phone number is 785-734-2792.

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are set up for two years. Next year, St. Francis will play in District 14 with Atwood-Rawlins County, Leoti-Wichita County and Syracuse — the same schools as the football team plays this year.

The other 2A northwest Kansas schools will be playing in District 13. This includes Hoxie, Oakley, Quinter and WaKeeney-Trego Community.

Even if the St. Francis enrollment causes the school to go to 1A, the football team will still be playing these teams in 2007 and 2008.

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those in the appraiser's office, to the ambulance personnel had worked together to develop the 911 addressing.

"Cheyenne County has an incredible courthouse staff!" he said. Commissioner Jane Brubaker remarked that it helps when the county has a sheriff who is working hard to get along with others.



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