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EXTENSION APPRECIATION DAY was held Monday in member, talk to Dan O'Brien, northwest area Extension dithe basement of the courthouse. Tye Faulkender, Cheyenne rector. Mr. O'Brien was presented Cheyenne County Ex-County Extension Director, left, and Betty Petersen, board tension appreciation award for 2006. Staff photo by Karen Krien

Day care provider workshop helps babysitters, others

Have you ever considered opening a day care facility but didn't know how to begin? Do you babysit children on a regular basis and worry that you might be providing "illegal care" according to Kansas state reulations? Do you currently operate a licensed or registered day care facility and have questions about how to comply with state regulations?

Plan to attend a workshop at the Cheyenne County Health Department on Tuesday. The new child care facility surveyor will be present to answer any questions people might have about the state regulations and to help child care people better prepare for their annual survey visits. A child care provider orien-

tation will be held from 5:30 to 6:30; pizza and pop will be served between 6:30 and 7; and a question and answer session will run from 7 to 8.

Those planning to attend should contact to the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 or by e-mail to nebollig@ruraltel.net by Friday so the instructors will know how much pizza to order, and so they can plan for enough handouts for all participants.

There is no cost to attend this workshop, and these hours will count toward the inservice requirement for license renewal. Those with questions should email Nancy Bollig at nebollig@ruraltel.net or contact her by phone at 785-743-6348.

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Extension Notes

Tye Faulkender Extension Director

Ag Profitability Conference set

The 2007 Ag Profitability con- ers with risk and return assessference will be held on Thursday, ment of alternative methods for Dec. 7, at the Colby Community College Student Union, 1255 S. Range, Colby. Those planning on attending must register by Dec. 1.

The first session begins at 9:30. There will be a lunch break at 12:10. The afternoon sessions begin at 1:15. The wrap-up question and answer session with Dana Belshe, Doug Musick and other presenters begins at 3 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include: • Renewable fuels situation and energy outlook.

- Cropland leasing arrangements.
- Economics of auto guidance.
- Cattle outlook.
- Grain outlook.
- Farm transition tax issues. • Water quality trading experi-
- ment. • Economics of no-till.
- · Land values and buying prin-
- ciples. • Family business transitions.
- Family workforce and employee management.
 - There are seven speakers. Mike Woolverton specializes in

crops and livestock.

Rodney Jones research and extension programs include economic evaluation of various cattle feeding and grazing strategies, as well as swine and sheep production alternatives.

Mark Wood with the Kansas Farm Management Association will discuss some of the income and estate tax issues that can come into play when a farm family transitions from one generation to another.

Craig Smith, an Extension associate at K-State, is part of a research group evaluating water quality trading, a market-based approach to maintaining or improving water quality, giving crop producers the opportunity to generate income by selling "water quality credits" for adopting certain cropping practices.

• Sarah Fogleman serves as the southeast Kansas area economist and provides educational programs on a variety of farm management related topics. She is nationally known for her expertise in grain marketing and international human resources management on farms and ranches. Registration includes lunch. For more information or to regiskets, the economics of precision ter, call Dana Belshe, 785-890-4880, or Tye Faulkender, 785-332-3171.

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Ag Talk With Jeanne Jeanne Falk **K-State**

Bt events in corn

Insect control in corn is an important part of successful corn production. Corn genetics play a huge role in this. There are several competing types of Bt events for corn on the market now, both for corn borer and corn rootworm control. This is especially important for fields with corn on corn. For corn borer (CB), there is YieldGuard Corn Borer, Herculex I, and Agrisure CB (which still carries the YieldGuard trademark). Rootworm (RM) product

names are YieldGuard Rootworm, Herculex RW, and Agrisure RW.

The YieldGuard and Herculex events are being used by several seed companies. The Agrisure Bt events are used in Syngenta Seeds: NK brand, Garst and Golden Harvest. There are also stacked versions that combine corn borer and rootworm control. They include YieldGuard Plus and Herculex EXTRA. Agrisure



Agronomist

CBRW is another type of stacked corn, which is set for probable release in 2008.

So, how do these Bt events compare based on individual species of insects?

For European corn borer and southwestern corn borer, all three corn borer types of Bt provide good resistance. All three types give some suppression of the corn earworm. Only Herculex I offers control of black cutworm, which is not as much of a problem in northwest Kansas as in other parts of the state. Herculex I also claims control of fall armyworm and western bean cutworm.

In conclusion, crop rotation can aid in providing control for corn borers and rootworms. However, irrigation circles or other fields that have corn on corn can greatly benefit from choosing a hybrid that addresses the insect pressure that is present in the field.



GIRL SCOUTS Emily Elfers, left, and Kattie Jenik were ringing the Salvation Army bells on Friday night.

Staff photo by Karen Krien

Salvation Army collecting funds

It is holiday time and bells will Christmas promotions." soon be ringing across the nation as the Salvation Army kettles will be Jenik said. seen and bells will be heard.

In the Nov. 23 issues of The Her- the county unit are credited to the ald and Times were envelopes which people can use to send donations to the Salvation Army fund.

"If you miss them and still want to give, donations can be sent to Salvation Army, PO Box 462, St. Francis, 67756, or can be brought to me at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse."

Dolores Jenik, Salvation Army secretary for Cheyenne County, said she is always looking for to help man the kettles as well as new ideas such as playing instruments or singing while at manning the kettles.

contact me at 785-332-8810 or county residents with their heating 785-332-3471," she said. "The kettles will be out during the

"Please watch for them," Mrs.

Only donations made directly to Cheyenne County unit budget.

'So please give locally.'

In the past six years, Mrs. Jenik has tracked the assistance given in Cheyenne County. There have been 151 people (32 transients and 119 residences) totaling \$8,593 in assistance. The amount paid from state assistance was \$1,677 with \$6,916 coming from the local unit budget and grant money received.

Assistance from the Salvation people, clubs and/or organizations Army can be used for a wide variety of purposes. To name a few: groceries, medicine/doctor, clothing and utilities. There are specific programs like: Heat Share where donations "Anyone wanting to help can made specifically to this programaids costs through the winter.