



Valerie Kaup, county coordinator, (left to right), listens to Jeanne Schields, Sherman County Farm Bureau president, tell about some of the projects their county did to Noel Rath, Cheyenne County president and Shawn Blanka Cheyenne County vice-president.

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Sherman Farm Bureau wins award

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Sherman County came home with the top award, the President's Award, at the 82nd annual Kansas Farm Bureau meeting held in Wichita, Nov. 17-18.

The award was announced at the Recognition and Awards banquet held on Saturday evening. Jeannie Schields, Sherman County Farm Bureau Board president, accepted the award on behalf of the board. Other counties that were finalists for the President's Award were Brown, Douglas, Franklin and Osage.

Sherman County Committees had seven gold stars presented including: Membership, Farm Bureau Women, Communications, Policy Marketing, Natural and Environmental Resources, Safety and Health and the Young Farmer and Rancher committees.

Chuck Thomas, representing Sherman County, received Farm Bureau's "Best in Marketing" and Chuck Redlin received the award in "Membership."

One of the events in the marketing area was to form an alliance to market feed products. From this event a hay alliance was established with several

counties participating and an exploratory committee for dairy has been formed. These activities bring the citizens together for the betterment of the community.

A net gain of voting members was achieved this year which aided Sherman County in receiving the membership award.

The committee had a booth at the expo and unpaid members were contacted explaining benefits that Farm Bureau could bring to them if they became members and the benefit to the community.

Local businesses were also contacted and, by becoming a member, each received a sign that displayed the slogan, "We Support Agriculture. Member of the Sherman County Farm Bureau Association."

During the banquet Congressman Jerry Moran and Kelly Lenz received the Distinguished Service to Agriculture awards.

"I have a great respect for Kansas Farm Bureau," said Congressman Moran.

He said he admires the organization for the policies they work with by starting them on the ground level and working their way up.

Family tradition is important and he said he is proud of his family.

"Preserving our way of life (farmers and ranchers) is important to me," said Moran.

The task in Congress which he will not give up on is that Kansas' way of life is worth fighting for.

"Do Americans care who produces their food?" he asked

"The farmers and the communities they live in care," Moran said.

"The farmers need to come to pay bills, buy food, send children to school and college just as anyone else does," he said. "The communities care because that is how their main streets survive. It needs to matter to everyone because this country can't rely on another country to feed the people.

"There are few occupations left where families can work side by side," said Moran. "Farmers are next to nature as they deal closely with life and death, see the wonders created daily and are connected to the land."

Congressman Moran concluded that everyone should set down at the Thanksgiving table and pray for the farm families. He also left with this phrase, "Remain optimistic, no guarantee in life but an opportunity."

matters of record

Goodland Accidents

Nov. 13 — At 7:45 a.m., Mathew L. Hoagland, driving a '74 Ford pickup, turned south on Cherry from Eighth, when he lost control, slid on the ice to the west side of the street and hit a parked '87 Mercury, owned by Kenneth Ray.

Thursday — At 5:45 p.m., Tina M. Gould reported that an unknown vehicle hit the passenger rear fender of her '95 Ford, while it was parked at Wal-Mart.

Saturday — At 7:38 a.m., Tracy A. Winchester, driving a '97 Saturn, and Jeremy R. Stefan, driving a '98 Pontiac, arrived at the intersection of Seventh and Washington at the same time. Winchester's vehicle hit Stefan's vehicle.

At 8:50 a.m., Archie E. Wicke reported that an unknown vehicle hit his '97 Ford, while it was parked at Wal-Mart.

At 3:54 p.m., Luke E Guinn, driving a 2000 Pontiac, pulled up and parked his vehicle near 11th and Main. A '99 Ford, owned by Helen N. Dobbs, was parked next to his vehicle. A passenger in the rear of Guinn's vehicle opened the door and let it hit the Dobbs' vehicle.

Sunday — At 10:14 a.m., James A. Dirks, driving a '96 Ford, had backed from his driveway at 803 College and was about to drive forward when Terry A. Ross, driving an '83 Ford van, backed from his driveway at 804 College and hit the Dirks' vehicle.

Monday — At 12:15 p.m., Joel M. Pfeifer, driving a '91 Mitsubishi, and Justin M. Sauvage, driving a '91 Chevrolet pickup, were backing from parking spaces at 15th and Harrison, but didn't see each other and collided.

Sherman County Traffic

Nov. 9 — Jessie J. Dilka, 18, Good-

land, disobeying stop sign, \$74.

Nov. 13 — Dale R. Gauvin, 23, Bristol, Conn., speeding 85/70, \$74.

Will C. Boykins, 30, Utica, Miss., no single state registration sticker, \$64.

Ronniece S. Holmes, 23, Denver, speeding 90/70, \$84.

Daniel M. Lillard, 23, Chicago, Ill., speeding 90/70, \$84.

Nicole M. Roletter, 20, N. Babylon, N.Y., speeding 88/70, \$80.

Edgar N. Baca, 23, Pontiac, Mich., speeding 84/70, \$72.

Stefanie L. Gresty, 29, St. Francis, speeding 78/65, \$70.,

Nov. 14 — Parker C. Lesage, 19, Hill City, speeding 86/70, \$76.

Nov. 15 — Jeffrey Kuerschner, 20, Colorado Springs, speeding 88/70, \$80.

Thursday — William E. Randall IV, 21, Boulder, Colo., speeding 88/70, \$80.

Ricky D. Wiedmaier, 30, Kirbyville, Mo., speeding 85/70, \$75.

Tuffy C.N. Williams III, 17, Lees Summit, Mo., speeding 90/70, \$84.

Luz Mercedes Squezada, 29, Denver, speeding 94/70, \$96.

Musarrat R. Husaini, 38, Breckenridge, Colo., speeding 92/70, \$90.

Friday — Jennifer Viera, 21, Aurora, Colo., speeding 96/70, \$102.

Monday — James K. Paladino, 51, Goodland, transporting open container, \$268.

Hope A. O'Neal, 23, Morristown, Ariz., speeding 80/55, \$99.

Scott W. Payne, 29, Kennesaw, Ga., 2400 overweight, \$129.

Alicia Frias, 56, Alhambra, Calif., 2900 overweight, \$104.

Frederick E. Carte, 48, Ashland, Ky., 3600 overweight, \$189.

Casey Joe Renner, 34, Cheyenne Wells, Colo., speeding 91/70, \$87.

John E. Lepsch, 44, Thornton, Colo., 3200 overweight, \$169.

Adam N. Davis, 48, Columbus, Ohio, no single state registration sticker, \$64.

Goodland Police Report

Nov. 14 — At 6 p.m., Theresa R. Calkins reported that her credit card and checkbook were taken from 621 W. 11th between 3:30 and 6:05 p.m. on Nov. 7, \$10.

At 5:30 p.m., James D. Oss reported that he had been the victim of assault at 620 Main between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 15 — At 6:55 a.m., Jacqueline Schmidt reported that numerous jewelry items and three checks were taken from 1205 Cattletail between noon on Nov. 11 and 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, \$1,850.

At 3:59 p.m., Fabian Ledesma was arrested for disorderly conduct against Christina Ledesma at 320 Grand.

Friday — At 12:22 a.m., Presto Inc., 2417 Commerce Road, reported a gas skip that occurred between 12:05 and 12:22 a.m., \$5.

Sunday — At 12:04 a.m., Orlando S. Gonzalez reported that he had been the victim of battery and disorderly conduct at Fifth and Kansas between 11:35 p.m. on Saturday and 12:04 a.m. on Sunday.

At 2:34 a.m., Melesio Hernandez was arrested for driving under the influence, no proof of liability insurance and speeding on K-27 near I-70.

Monday — At 7:28 p.m., Presto Inc., 2417 Commerce Road, reported a gas skip, \$26.

Marriage License

Wilbur Carl Tiede, Goodland, and Hazel Elaine Babst, Winona.

Highway patrol seizes marijuana

GODDARD (AP) — Federal prosecutors filed felony drug charges against the driver of the truck that was carrying the largest amount of marijuana ever seized by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Raymond A. Arrieta, 31, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was charged Monday with one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

He is scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Wichita on Wednesday.

A 20-year-old Pomona, Calif., man who also was in the truck was not

charged as of Tuesday.

The patrol seized nearly 3,383 pounds of marijuana Sunday morning after a routine truck inspection along U.S. 54 near Goddard.

The patrol said a state trooper spotted a tractor-trailer parked along the highway and stopped to talk to the two men aboard.

Highway Patrol Lt. Alan Stoecklein said the trooper thought the truck might be having mechanical problems. But the trooper became suspicious when he noticed that the tanker was not displaying any of the

placards that are normally used to document liquids being transported on the highways.

After getting permission from the men, Stoecklein said, the trooper climbed aboard the tanker and looked inside one of the hatches.

"He saw there were duffel bags inside the tanks and marijuana inside duffel bags," Stoecklein said. "Two of the three compartments were full" of marijuana.

The marijuana was valued at about \$2.3 million, patrol spokesman Mark Engholm said.

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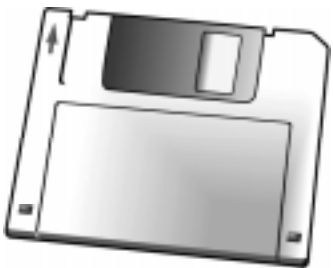
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