Awards presented last week at Bureau's annual meeting

By Casey McCormick scmccormick@nwkansas.com The Cheyenne County Farm Bureau held their 2007 annual meeting at the St. Francis Community High School on the evening of Sept. 11. Awards were presented and the guest speaker was Mike Matson of the Kansas Farm Bureau.

Glenn and Louann Isernhagen were recognized as the Century Farm Family. The Cheyenne County Farm Family award was given to Shawn and Shawna Blanka and their sons, Shakotah and Shadryn.

Three kids were present as Safety Poster winners. Kenan Reeh, Allie Frisbie and Rachel Keltz, all Cheylin students. They received backpacks for their posters.

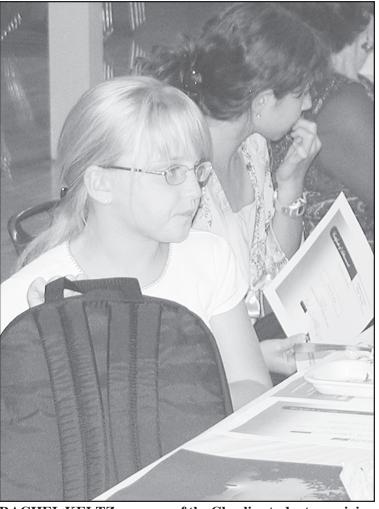
Steve Douthit, president of the Farm Bureau Board, led the meeting and introduced the speaker.

"This is an exciting time for Cheyenne County, with the opening of the dairy and recent visit of the governor," Mr. Matson said. "Other counties are jealous."

His speech focused on rural development. Counties, such as Cheyenne he said, needed to focus on four components to succeed: youth retention, wealth retention, fostering entrepreneurship and leadership development.

Mr. Matson felt that these components could grow in rural areas with the leadership of local Farm Bureau boards.

He also commended Representative John Faber and Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, who were both present, for their work in representing the county.



RACHEL KELTZ, was one of the Cheylin students receiving a backpack for her safety poster. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Other Farm Bureau members Farm Bureau board members present were Connie Holzwarth, Ryan Culwell, vice-president, agency manager, Tanya Workman, Shawna Blanka, secretary-treamarketing assistant, Alisa Rath, surer; board members, Roger county coordinator, and Craig Coo- Zweygardt, Todd Neitzel and per, district administrator.

Clayton Janicke, and Jeanne Along with Mr. Douthit were Dunn, woman's chair.

On Oct. 15, all of the items for the

for packaging to go overseas. On

Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. the ladies from

the auxiliary will get together to sew

some more of the neck coolers that

The next meeting will be on Oct.

5. Anyone who is eligible is wel-

come to attend as members get ready

for the events that are planned for the

Army regulations.



American Legion Auxiliary

September

The American Legion Auxiliary held their meeting on Sept. 7 at the American Legion Hall. There were 12 members present.

For the program, Rose Gordon shared an article from *The Dispatch* Magazine about a Kansas American Legion Riders Group helping a 6year-old boy, Gunner Shultz, who was battling for his life with a brain tumor. The Post 18 American Legion Riders helped raise money to offset the cost of his medical expenses, but the bond went deeper than that. They helped him win a trophy with his bicycle, made him an honorary Legion Rider, took him for rides on their motorcycles and conducted another fundraiser for the family. Gunner died on May 9 and his cemetery monu-

can?" He wrote this in response to a eral orders was printed in the poster offering a reward to anyone who killed any American. He very clearly showed that Americans are Support Our Soldiers need to be in from all nationalities, different backgrounds, different religious beliefs - but mainly of them have a spirit of Freedom.

Wanda read an article about the the members have sent before. Any-"Story of Taps." This music, which is very familiar, is played at different events - mostly funerals or Memorial Day Services. Each time people hear it, a hush falls over the crowd. The music and words were written in July, 1862, by General Butterfield and his brigade bugler. Shortly after it was written, it became the new "Lights Out" among Union forces and by gen- coming year.

them.

were enjoyed.



LADIES FROM the American Legion Auxiliary Unit have been busy making neck coolers to send overseas to the soldiers. The project is part of the Support Our Soldiers program. Above, Hollis DaPron was one of many that met Monday at the Legion hall.

Photo courtesry of American Legion Auxiliary **Neck coolers made for soldiers**

said.

Ladies from the American Le- as well as work day," Mrs. Dorsch 58 coolers. gion Auxiliary Unit met Monday at the Legion hall and spent the day working on neck coolers to go to the SOS (Support Our Soldiers) program. The coolers will be used by the servicemen to help keep them cool while they are in the desert.

Carol Peters, Hollis DaPron, Hulda Dorsch, Joy Anderegg, Carol Marsh, Rose Gordon and Wanda Dowdy were busy ladies as they worked on the project.

"We had a great day of fellowship



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch joined served by Hulda Dorsch, president, friends and family at the John and Michelle Fabrizius home in Colby to help their daughter, Abigail celebrate her first birthday.

work - the ladies were able to make our freedoms," Mrs. Dorsch said.

"I know that the coolers will be Serging, sewing, filling with crysappreciated by our servicemen and tals and sewing again - a lot of servicewomen who are fighting for

Three-week campaign planned for this year

The Support Our Soldiers (SOS) program will have a three-week campaign only this year.

'We are hoping to involve more children by coloring pictures and writing a message to our soldiers," Hulda Dorsch, Cheyenne County Chairman, said.

with some of you but remember that our military has been able to keep the terrorist away from us for the past six years and they will win."

The new location for packing will be in Hays at the Army Reserve building, where Melanie Elliott is doing a great job.

People who want to see just what is happening with her work can reached her at the following website www.operationsupport "This war may not be popular orusoldiers.org and operationsos @gmail.com.

'Let's make this the best year ever by supporting our soldiers in this way," Mrs. Dorsch said.



