

# Awards presented last week at Bureau's annual meeting

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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 Ostmeier, 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 present were Connie Holzwarth, agency manager, Tanya Workman, marketing assistant, Alisa Rath, county coordinator, and Craig Cooper, district administrator.

Along with Mr. Douthit were

Farm Bureau board members Ryan Culwell, vice-president, Shawna Blanka, secretary-treasurer; board members, Roger Zwegardt, Todd Neitzel and Clayton Janicke, and Jeanne Dunn, woman's chair.



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 DaProne was one of many that met Monday at the Legion hall.

Photo courtesy of American Legion Auxiliary

## Neck coolers made for soldiers

Ladies from the American Legion 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.

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as well as work day," Mrs. Dorsch said.

Serger, sewing, filling with crystals and sewing again — a lot of work — the ladies were able to make

58 coolers.

"I know that the coolers will be appreciated by our servicemen and servicewomen who are fighting for our freedoms," Mrs. Dorsch said.

## Club Clip

### 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 6-year-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 monument has the Post 18's Riders' symbol etched on it. Gunner made an impact on all of the riders as well as they did on him. Mrs. Gordon also brought pictures and her motorcycle Rider's vest. She and her husband belonged to a Rider's club in Denver before moving to McDonald. Now they belong to one in Garden City.

Joy read about an Australian dentist who wrote "What Is An American?" He wrote this in response to a poster offering a reward to anyone who killed any American. He very clearly showed that Americans are from all nationalities, different backgrounds, different religious beliefs - but mainly of them have a spirit of Freedom.

Wanda read an article about the "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 general orders was printed in the Army regulations.

On Oct. 15, all of the items for the Support Our Soldiers need to be in 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 members have sent before. Anyone who can help is welcome to join them.

Bingo will be starting on Oct. 6. After the meeting, refreshments served by Hulda Dorsch, president, were enjoyed. The next meeting will be on Oct. 5. Anyone who is eligible is welcome to attend as members get ready for the events that are planned for the coming year.

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

## 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.

"This war may not be popular 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 reach her at the following website [www.operationsupportoursoldiers.org](http://www.operationsupportoursoldiers.org) and [operationsos@gmail.com](mailto:operationsos@gmail.com).

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

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