



Fontanelle dealer Michael Dorn (above left) talks to Rural Fire Board member Jerry Bauman about the grant received for upgrading a county rural fire truck. Dorn, a rural fireman, explains to Bauman (right photo), what has to be done to bring the pumper up to grade to be considered a "Class A" pumper under the ISO insurance standards. Dorn applied for the grants through a Fontanelle program to give \$4,000 to the rural fire board, \$1,000 to Genesis Food Bank and another \$4,000 to the Sherman County Community Services board for the home owned carnival.

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\$9,000 donated to rural fire board, Genesis

A total of \$9,000 was handed out last week to representatives of the Sherman County Rural Fire board, Sherman County Community Services – the home owned carnival group and the Genesis Food Bank on behalf of Fontanelle Hybrids and the local dealer.

Michael Dorn, area stalkholder, applied for the money through the Fontanelle Stalkholder Dealers program "Fontanelle Offering Communities Understanding Support," (F.O.C.U.S.).

Dorn and Kurt Wilson, district sales manager presented a check for \$4,000 last Tuesday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds to members

of the Sherman County Community Services home owned carnival board to help with their continued work on the carnival rides.

Aaron and Steve Duell along with Dick Hayden, Matt Hall and Brad Schick were present to receive the giant check and the smaller real one.

A similar giant check for \$5,000 was presented to Matt Hall and Jerry Bauman, a member of the Sherman County Rural Fire Board.

Dorn explained \$1,000 of the money given to the fire board would be donated to the Genesis Food Bank to spread the money out a bit more.

This is the first year for the Fontanelle grant program, and the two checks for Sherman County were part of a total of 53 grants being made. One other was given in Kansas to St. Peters School in Wichita.

The focus of the special grants is to help fund projects and programs to benefit the entire community.

Dorn, a member of the Goodland Rural Fire Department, said the money for the rural fire board will help purchase equipment for one of the county fire trucks to bring it up to be tested under the ISO insurance standards to be classified as a Class A pumper to help lower rural insurance rates for a portion of Sherman

County.

Dorn said the total cost of equipment to bring the fire truck up to the Class A standard is \$5,200, and the other \$1,200 will come from the rural fire board fund.

Dorn explained to Bauman what has to be added to the truck, and most of it is specific sized hose and some other equipment. Dorn thinks the added equipment can easily be stored in one of the built-in compartments on the truck. He said the fire truck is a pumper truck and with the added equipment and hose should be ready to be tested to be certified as a Class A pumper.

Dorn said he was glad to be able

to get the grants for the Sherman County organizations.

"As part of the Fontanelle team, I'm used to working with farmers to share localized data," he said. "This time the special grants allowed me to share money to help improve my community."

He said Fontanelle is a local brand, and the sales team and stalkholders live, work and farm in the communities where they sell seed.

"When we're not selling seed," said Steve Pike, Fontanelle general manager, "we serve our communities in many different ways, just like our farmers do. Our local organizations have a tremendous need, so

Fontanelle decided this year we should help support our dealer's desires to make a difference in their communities. Our dealers selected the projects they felt needed the grants because they know who is in need within their community."

In the first year more than 100 community and educational organizations submitted proposals.

The proposals came from every end of the Fremont, Neb., based company's sales territory extending from eastern Colorado to western Iowa.

Sherman County Farmer donates to 4-H Council

A Sherman County farmer was the county winner in the America's Farmers Grow Communities program sponsored by Monsanto, and the \$2,500 was donated to the Sherman County 4-H Council.

Steve Duell, who farms north of Ruleton, entered the contest last year and recently received a letter from Brett Bergemann, chairman of Monsanto Fund, saying Duell had been selected as the Sherman County winner in the program.

A check for \$2,500 was presented on Monday to Duell and to Kayler Reitcheck of the Sherman County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council was the charity Duell had designated to receive the money.

"It was great to get the money

for our 4-H Council," Duell said on Thursday. "The 4-H council has some ideas of how to use the money at the fairgrounds to make some improvements inside the Ag Building."

"This is a great deal and the second year we have been able to get the money as Michael Leonard was the county winner last year."

Duell said it is something Monsanto does every year, and would encourage other farmers in Sherman County and surrounding counties to enter when the program starts again in August.

The Monsanto Fund program supports organizations in rural communities to help make them a vibrant place to live, working and

raise a family, Bergemann said.

Nearly 50,000 farmers participated in growing their communities last year, Bergemann said. The next entry period will be Aug. 1 to Dec. 31, to continue to help grow rural communities, he said.

Entries for the program can be made online, visit www.growcommunities.com and enter during the Program Entry Period.

To enter the program by mail, call 1 (877) 267-3332 or go to www.growcommunities.com to print out the official rules and nomination form. Once completed, please mail to Eileen Jenson, 914 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO 63102 during the Program Entry Period.

A winner will be selected for each

eligible county for which at least one eligible entry is received from a farmer who resides or farms in the county. Monsanto will award each winner the right (an "Award") to select a Charity to receive a \$2,500 Grant. If Monsanto does not receive an entry for an eligible county, no Award, or Grant will be made.

The eligible counties in Kansas include: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barton, Bourbon, Brown, Butler, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Harvey, Haskell, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Kearny, Kiowa, Labette, Leaven-

worth, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Norton, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, Wichita and Wilson.

To be eligible the counties have either 30,000 acres of corn, soybeans or cotton or 30,000 acres of vegetables (defined as one or more of these: pepper; tomato; onion; broccoli; cucumber; melons; watermelons; spinach; squash; pumpkin; sweet corn; lettuce; peas; and gar-

den beans). Farmers have to be 21 or older and actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of row crops, 40 acres of open field vegetables or 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers, and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture (glasshouse, nethouse or plastic).

When a farmer enters the program they designate a charity for the money, and the charity must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt or a "unit of government."

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matters of record

VAM Rentals, LLC conveys and warrants to Rodney Dean Cody, Jr., Trustee and any successor Trustees of the Rodney Dean Cody, Jr. Family Trust, the E3' of Lot 20, all of Lots 21 and 22, Block 50 of subdivision of blocks to the original town of Goodland.

Adam R. Taylor and Lindsay S. Taylor to Charles J. Redlin and Janet A. Redlin, Lot 14, Block 4, Rosewood Addition to City of Goodland.

Tri-State Properties, LLP conveys and warrants to Robert Paul Simoneau and Michelle Lea Simo-

neau, Lot 5, Block 8, Rosewood Addition to City of Goodland, and a tract of land in SW corner of NE/4 of Sec. 18, T8S, R39W.

Rubi Dolls, Inc. conveys and warrants to Cowboy Corner Xpress, LLC, Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 16, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Dennis Korbelik quit claims to Dennis Korbelik and Denecey J. Ackerman, Lot 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 3, Kanorado Original Town of Kanorado; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 26, Rule's First Addition, Kanorado; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,

9 and 10, Block 2, Cody's Addition to City of Kanorado; Lot 7, 8, 9 and 10, E/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 26, Rule's First Addition, Kanorado; Block 24, Hartstine's Addition to Kanorado, AKA 412 Walnut.

Janis K. Still to Power Drive Supply, LLC, a tract in NW/4 of Sec. 29,

T8S, R42W.

Scott G. Angelos and Shelly P. Angelos to Drew D. Miller and Whitney J. Miller, a tract of land in W/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 31, T8S, R39W.

Michael J. Sieck and Teresa K. Sieck convey and warrant to Mark

William Sieck and Lacie Lynn Sieck, a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 29, T8S, R39W.

Alcohol and the Teenage Brain

Educational meeting for 6-8th grade, but everyone is welcome!

May 12, 2011 at 7 PM MT
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Ginger Chadwick and Dusti Chadwick: 785-890-2525

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Stop by GRMC
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