

2005 FARM FAMILY



Darrell Nelson, Ag Chairman, presents Aware to Duane Kimle

Duane Kimle was born on his aunt and uncle's farm in rural Adams County near Holstein on October 18, 1933, to Emil and Florence Kimle

The Kimle family farm in Section 29, 1 1/2 miles east of the Adams/Kearney county line was

purchased by Duane's grandparents, Gottlieb and Lena Kimle, in 1924. Emil Kimle, Duane's father, lived on this farm and in 1932 brought his bride there to make their home.

Duane and his sister, Jean, grew up on this farm and attended Shiloh country school, District 38 which was a K-8 school. This school was in Section 20, only 1/2 mile to the west of their home. Duane started Kenesaw High School in 1947 and graduated in 1951.

In 1955 he married LaDonna Nielsen from Minden. They recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They made their first home in a house on the Kimle family farm next to Emil and Florence. There their first two children, Mark and Marcia were born.

In those early years Duane worked in Hastings doing construction work and working on the family farm in the evenings and on weekends. In 1956 he began instead to do construction on the side and farm full time, working for his father and renting 80 acres next to the family farm. He made his first land purchase in 1957, buying 160 acres west of Kenesaw. The 1960's saw more land purchases buying farms and 4 pieces of ground. Duane and LaDonna moved to one of these farms in Section 22, Wanda Township. Duane remodeled the house before the family moved into it. Their youngest child, Marlin, was born a few years after this move.



Duane & Darrel (Center) with Duane's sons Mark (Left) and Marlin (Right)

In the 1970's and 80's Duane leveled over 1000 acres, converting dryland pieces of ground to gravity irrigation.

Gradually, others have started farming with Duane. Oldest son, Mark, started in 1978. John, his son-in-law, farmed with the family from 1982-1986. Youngest son, Marlin, started in 1989.

The farm operation now includes over 2000 acres with Duane, Mark, and Marlin each having his own ground but sharing equipment and various labor tasks. In earlier years, it was wheat and milo that were the crops of choice; but, since the mid 1990's, it has been corn and soybeans. Since the late 1990's Duane and his sons have been developing some of their gravity irrigation into pivot irrigation. Presently, they are putting up two more pivots, both for economical and conservation reasons.

Duane and LaDonna have five grandchildren, one born barely a week before attending the Kiwanis celebration with the family. Their daughter Marcia has recently moved back to Nebraska, living in Tecumseh where her husband, John, is a pastor.

They attend church at St Paul's Lutheran in Kenesaw where Duane has served as a trustee and currently belongs to the Fellowship group.

They now live in Section 35 of Kenesaw township where Duane continues to farm with Mark and Marlin with no retirement date in mind.

Duane notes that all his accomplishments are thanks to the good and gracious hand of the lord.

We are proud to recognize Duane and his family as our Farm Family of the Year.



BOARD MEETING

Please pay attention board members. The December board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 12:00 pm at the OK Café.



AKTION CLUB Christmas Caroling, Soup, Bingo!!

Meet Dec 12th, 5:00 pm at Zion Lutheran

Meetings are every 2nd & 4th Monday

Plan to attend all!

PROGRAM NOTES

Oct 13th—Larry Mohlman and Joe Bell were excited to share information with us about the program



"Celebrate Recovery". Both had found that overcoming addiction did not lead them to the inner peace and true joy of living that they have found in the program founded 14 years ago by John Baker and Rick Warren (author of the book "The Purpose Driven Life"). "Celebrate Recovery" is a ministry that is fellowship focused and uses 12 recovery principles based on the Beatitudes. It is open to folks dealing with all types of addictions which are unhealed, unmet or unresolved. These may include Overworking, Alcohol/Drugs, Grief Abuse, Codependency, Insecurity, Overeating, Divorce, Sexual addictions, Depression and many, many

others from which a person would want to be free in order to come to peace, serenity, joy, and a stronger personal relationship with God and others. The program is currently changing hearts, changing lives, and changing families in over 3,500 churches in a confidential, safe environment. Call Larry at 463-4101 or Joe at 463-4967 for more information or to start a program in your church.

Oct 20th—Dwayne Strasheim presented this year's Dean Wier Kiwanis Scholarship to Jake Dean. Jake is a Hastings College senior from Broadwater which is 45 miles east of Scotts Bluff. He graduated from Bridgeport High School and comes from a family of 4 boys. The scholarship is given to a senior picked by Kiwanis members at Hastings College who choose from a list of seniors with a GPA of 3.5 and above and may have a need. Jake is majoring in Business Education and will graduate in the fall and student teach in the spring. Congratulations, Jake!

Oct 27th—Chief Larry Thoren believes strongly in activities which get officers out of the role of policing and into a one on one relationship with both kids and adults. One program which he is delighted with and proud of is "The Zone". This after school program for Middle School kids started shortly after Thoren came to Hastings in the basement of the YWCA. After the YW became too small they moved to the County Annex and are now in their 3rd year in the basement of the new Police Station. Dare Officers and other volunteers help run the Zone which operates under rules the kids helped to develop. All who participate are held accountable. They serve 40-45 kids a day and offer them a safe place to hang out to play games, study, and participate in activities that help them learn about and participate in the community around them. Some of the events and activities are the "Box Event for the Homeless" in which the kids spend Friday night before Thanksgiving living outside in a box, "Zone Dogs" which is an activity in cooperation with the Dog Shelter and dogs are used to teach kids dog training, "Time Zone" which is a newsletter the kids write, "Zone Bucks" which kids can earn for doing chores and getting good grades and can spend on field trips, and, of course, we all know that the Zone kids help with things like our Pancake Day. The Zone is financed through local contributions and grants. They are currently starting a program for High School kids that meets in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Nov 3rd—Great Strides Therapy Stables has opened in the Hastings area. They have 10 therapists on staff and serve all ages from pediatrics up. Horse therapy can provide benefits in posture, back strength, balance, range of motion, large and small motor skills, sensory skills and more. The horses reach folks with both physical and mental needs; for example, the horses consistently reach and benefit children with Autism and the reason is yet unknown. Those at the center received training in New Mexico and Colorado and they are American Physical Therapy Association certified.

Nov 17th—Jerry Haussler quit Hastings College three years ago only to find herself a year later completely immersed in writing a book. The idea for the book was conceived one night at "The Barrel" over dinner with the Schlachters and the Farrells. The idea was to write about entrepreneurs in Hastings who had assumed the risk and management of a business enterprise. The guidelines were that the business should be successful for a number of years and that the person or business would have gotten some award or special recognition. Jerri started with 75 names on a list and narrowed it down. In all, 41 people were featured. Four of them were women: Eileen Harmon, Georgene Allen, Sherri Mingery, and Ann Martin. Ralph Blackburn was the first to be interviewed. He was 99 at the time and is 102 now. Tim and Pat Boyd were the youngest. She had specific questions she put to everyone in the interviews. Then she allowed most to look at and edit what she wrote. She spent 850 hours writing and all together the book took two years to complete. "Entrepreneurs of Hastings" - what a wonderful legacy for our community!



Don't forget our special December events:

Dec 6-7: Reading is Fundamental at 10am at Head Start

Dec 8: Read—Eat—Treat at Head Start 11am & 12:15pm

Dec 12: Aktion Club Caroling at 5pm at Zion Lutheran

Dec 17: K-Mart Shopping Spree at 7:30am and Bell ringing 9am-8pm



December Calendar

(1) K of the Day: Linda Stark
 Greeters: Karen Kempf
 Invocation: Ron Veburg
 Program: Red Cross Katrina & Rita Relief Work
 Speaker: Randy Weaver

(8) HEAD START READING
 Location: Meet at Head Start Building
 123 N Marian Rd
 Times: 11:30-12:15 & 12:15-1:00

(15) K of the Day: Kathy Schultz
 Greeters: Tom Englehart
 Invocation: Karen Kempf
 Program: "I Christen Thee, Nebraska"
 Speaker: Monty McCord

(17) K-Mart Shopping Spree 7:30 am
 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: 9:00 am—8:00 pm

(22) K of the Day: Kathy Schultz
 Greeters: Leo Lemonds
 Invocation: Mike Johnson
 Program: Christmas Music
 Speaker: Tim Grothen



(24) Newsletter Deadline

(29) K of the Day: Kathy Schultz
 Greeters: TBA
 Invocation: TBA
 Program: Adoption
 Speakers: Briana Woodside, David & Glenda Buss

Happy Birthday

(4) Jim Karloff
 (6) Doug Nienhueser
 (7) Jacki Lemonds
 (27) Jim Heyen
 (27) Duane Johnson
 (28) Rob Lloyd



Anniversaries

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 TO GET MARRIED!!**



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KIWANIS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Duane Kimle Family

Front: Florence Kimle; 2nd row: Jill Kimle & 6 day old Kassandra Leigh,
 Duane Kimle, LaDonna Kimle, Mark Kimle, & Jean (Kimle) Powell;
 Back row: Marlin Kimle & Jack Powell