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Frenchman Valley Coop, headquartered in Imperial, will celebrate 100 years of coops in Chase County during their annual meeting Saturday night.

The event will be held at the Chase County Schools commons area beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The annual financial report will follow supper.

Featured guest speaker for the evening will be Olympic gold medal bobsledder Curt Tomasevich.

Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative started in 1912 as a grain cooperative under the name Farmers Equity Union.

The name was later changed to Imperial Equity Exchange.

In 1927, Imperial Co-op Oil was organized.

In 1968, both coops merged and officially became known as Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative, Inc.

Today, FVC's service area now stretches from eastern Wyoming on the west to McCook on the east.