

Noninsured crop disaster deadline set for March 15

Bill R. Fuller, state executive director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency, reminds producers that March 15 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. March 15 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop

per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline. This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop. In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with FSA

within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer. Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for 3 years, not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible. Interested producers shall contact their local Farm Service Agency at the USDA Service Center prior to the March 15 application closing date to obtain NAP coverage.



PARALYZING BLIZZARD again hit the Tri-County area Saturday, leaving several highways closed both west and east bound. *Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

Emergency loans now being accepted for winter storm damage

"Farmers in Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to severe winter storms occurring from Dec. 19 to Jan. 1 may now apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans," said the agency's Farm Loan Manager Patty Eckhardt.

Applications for assistance will be accepted by the agency until Sept. 24.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at a 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," she said.

Farm Service Agency loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

The agency's loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating a and living expenses," Ms. Eckhardt said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be unable to get credit elsewhere, and must have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least a 30-percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise may have a

qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100-percent of qualifying losses. Loan availability is limited to \$500,000, less the outstanding principal balance of any and all prior emergency loans.

Ms. Eckhardt asked that those farmers needing farm credit as a re-

sult of a severe winter storm, which occurred in December, and who think they are eligible for Farm Service Agency assistance should make their applications at the county office at 210 W. 10th, Goodland between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (mountain time), Monday through Friday.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

February birthdays were celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at The Frosty Mug. The usual crowd of women were present for the lunch and the social time.

The group of McDonald domino players enjoyed the Sunday afternoon get-together at the home of Owen and Phyllis Wingfield.

Warren McIntosh of Palm City Beach, Flor. was a Thursday overnight guest of Norman and Iris McIntosh. He was a Thursday visitor of Owen and Phyllis Wingfield.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Thursday morning visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Sunday evening visitors of Lynn and Rita Officer.

On Tuesday evening the Banister family celebrated Kent

Banister's birthday at The Frosty Mug. Family members who enjoyed the evening were; Kent and Joan Banister, Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, George, Kathy, and Debi Banister, and Jim Banister.

Betty Lewis accompanied Alan Pickett to Greeley, Colo. on Thurs-

day to attend the memorial services for Carol Pickett. She came home with Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Tuesday evening supper guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka at the Frosty Mug to celebrate Laddie and Vera's Feb. 13 birthday.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Dan and Pam Thomas attended the Regional Wrestling Tournament at Norton Friday and Saturday. Alex placed 1st in the Heavy Weight Division defeating last year's 2nd place state winner, Wilger of St. Francis. Team champion was Norton with 221.5 points, 2nd place was Scott City with 159 points, and

3rd place was St. Francis with 129 points. State Tournament will be in Hays this weekend, February 23 and 24.

Chuck and Dianna Brandt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin were weekend guests of Lynn and Rita Officer.

George and Debbie Banister traveled to Hays Friday to see David. They returned home that evening.

News from the Past

40 years ago - 1966

The newly equipped rural fire trucks are expected to be ready the first of February.

Angus calves were delivered last week to 4-H'ers participating in the Catch It - Feed It contest. Seven members were fortunate enough to catch a calf at the fair rodeos. Calves were secured through Everett Eggers of Bird City. Among those receiving a calf was Vernon Shahan.

Joanne Maring was one of the winners in the junior division of the state Make It Yourself With Wool contest.

Miss Pat Willcockson recently began her position as the new Cheyenne County Home Extension agent.

Roseanna Hopp, senior, recently was informed that she has been selected to represent Bird City High School on the 1966-67

McCall's Teen Fashion Board.

Nine FFA boys attended the District Public Speaking Contest at Norton. Terry Burr was one of five boys who qualified for State in the Advanced Division.

Bird City residents John T. Hendricks and Dale E. Linin have been awarded the rank of platoon sergeant by the Army ROTC department at Kansas State University.

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For nearly three years, our two local papers have graciously carried this column. This is the last one I'll write, as I'm retiring [again].

I appreciate the support from county residents; please continue to support upcoming efforts by the Cheyenne County Development Corporation. The board will soon be interviewing applicants for the coordinator's position. Feel free to contact Kim Zweygardt, 332-2487, to discuss Cheyenne County development.

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 2-22

Team standings: Dundy Ag 19-9, Bankwest Alley Cats 17-11, Cheyenne Bowl 17-11, Wright Carpet 15-13, Jersey Maids 13-15, Mel's Gals 12-16, Stockman Strikers 11-17, Wray Meat Packing 11-17

High game (scratch): Kathy Blecha 205, Mary Bier 190, Terry Yost 188; (handicap): Blecha 240,

Erica Harlan 235, Bier 234

High series (scratch): Blecha 548, Yost 504, Jenny Wright 498; (handicap): Blecha 653, Karen McVey 621, Wright 618



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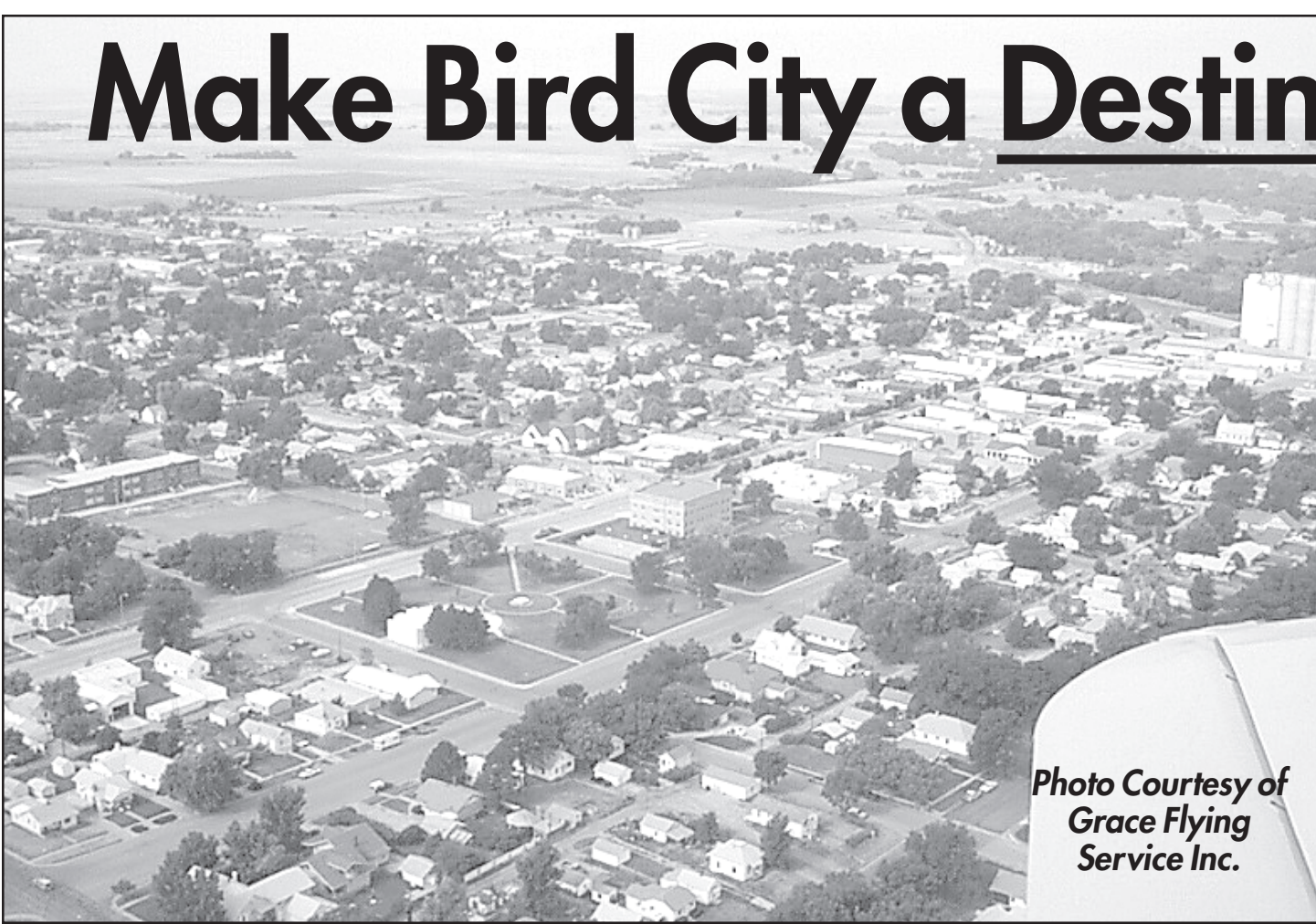


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