

Farmers can now apply for crop loss assistance

"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 cov-

ering 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 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 result 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.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS are given by the County Health Nurse, Susan Roelfs, and her assistant Rita Keecker, left. Center, Wilma Lampe stops by to have her blood pressure taken.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

ORDINANCE

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discussed, was between \$25 to \$100. It would not be charged except for repeat offenders and the fine would help the city to enforce the law.

Those needing to get out for groceries, medical or work would not be affected. If fined, the offense would not be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles and so would not affect insurance.

Insurance

The council approved insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The policy will be basically the same as last year with \$500 deductible for single and \$1,000 for family. The policy will carry a prescription drug plan with a deductible of \$15 for generic prescriptions and \$45 for name brand prescriptions.

The council has budgeted \$220,000 for insurance and it is estimated the policy will cost approximately \$200,000. Last year the city paid \$177,000.

Employees will also have the option of a flex-plan which will enable them to have tax-free funds put into the plan to be used for medical, eye glasses, dentist and such expenses which their insurance did not pay.

Economic Development

Councilman Roger Jensen up-

dated the council on the progress of the Cheyenne Incentive Association (CIA). He told the council that the next meeting would be held at the city hall board room on March 1.

The group is gearing up for the upcoming forum to be held March 30 and 31. The forum will begin in Atwood for the Youth Fair and then travel to St. Francis for a meeting and supper. March 31, Darryl Birkenfeld, Ph.D., executive director, Ogallala Commons, will hold a forum with anyone interested in strengthening their communities.

Superintendent report

Councilman Dale Weeks will be attending the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) meeting the end of March. Those undecided if they will attend were Superintendent Landenberger and Councilman Rodney Bracelin.

Superintendent Landenberger noted that the street from the county shop to Yost Ford Mercury had been closed due to ruts. He also noted that, with several days of snow and ice freezing and melting, there has been a lot of asphalt damage to the streets.

The council approved for the courthouse to make the handicap drive and drive-through. The

council stipulated that no concrete be laid because of a sewer main location.

Police report

Chief Troy Gardner reported that last Monday Sara Clogston had attended a class in Colby for the Kansas State Patrol accident reporting software. The department will be using this software.

Chief Gardner told the council that \$200,000 in grant money for the 911 emergency system has been approved. He noted that the funds would only cover the hardware and equipment for the system, and that the three entities (cities of St. Francis and Bird City, and the county) would need to decide how the funds for the personnel would be divided. St. Francis has supplied the majority of the personnel wages to this point.

Other business

In other business:
• Superintendent Landenberger reported that he was working on finding the information needed to have Sawhill Park put on the Historical Registry.

• The council approved payment of \$11,964 to Penn Buildings for the remodeling of the city hall meeting room.



STUDENTS

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rial Cartoon; and Elizabeth Gienger-Feature Writing.

Third place: Amanda Nipps-News Writing; and Kate Marin-Layout/Double Page Spread.

Honorable mention: Mindy Cooper-Infographics; Danielle Flemming-Feature Writing; Mac Frewen-Infographics; Amy Hilt-Yearbook Copy Writing; Meg Rice-Newspaper Sports Writing; Lauren Ross-Theme Development/Graphics; Addie Swihart-Cutline Writing; Alecia Zimbelman-Editing, Headline Writing; Heather Hnizdil-Lay-

out/Double Page Spread; Chance Hobrock-Editorial Cartoon; Dara Loyd-Theme Development/Graphics; and Joni Pevler- Yearbook Copy Writing.

As Mrs. Day said earlier, sweepstakes awards are no longer given at regionals but, if they were, the teams standings would have been: Saint Francis-48; Hill City-38; Kinsley-34; Lucas-Luray-22; Natoma-21; Satanta-19; Lincoln-14; Otis-Bison-13; Claflin-12; Ellis-8; Cimmaron-6; Grinnell-2; Hoxie-2; and Logan-1

BEDS

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will also be delivering babies.

In preparation for Dr. Allard's arrival, Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant; Tenille Lee, director of nurses; and Brenda Hays, nursing staff supervisor and the obstetric manager; have been working with the architect on the changes necessary to turn two rooms into one birthing suite.

Administrator Lacy expects the rooms to be ready by the time Dr. Allard begins her practice at the hospital. He also noted that when the rooms are not being used for obstetrics, they can be used for patient rooms.

State income tax credits

State income tax credits are again being considered by the board. The tax gives residents and others paying state income tax a chance to help the hospital with different projects while paying their taxes.

There are two projects which could be funded with tax credits. They include the patient lifts for each room, \$70,000; and a cardiac monitoring system, \$120,000.

Budget

Last year, the hospital received a total of \$527,528 which included advalorem tax and sales tax (1 percent). The board agreed that the administrator, when he goes to the commissioners' meeting, should ask for \$525,000 which includes \$325,000 in advalorem tax and an estimated 1 percent sales tax of \$200,000.

In other business

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• Kari Gilliland, board member, told the board about the Cheyenne Initiative Association which is being organized. The group chose to network with other communities in the tri-state area to take immediate action in the four strategic areas advocated by the Home Town Competitiveness approach to rural community sustain ability. These areas include: mobilize and train local leaders for the task, capture and retain a portion of the wealth transfer in our county, energize entrepreneurship and attract young people to stay or move to our county. The organization is asking that certain organizations including the hospital donate \$100 to be used as support.... They expect to be off the ground and working for the good of the county within two years. The county will be working with Norton and Rawlins counties.

• Deana Grice, hospital employee, told about the maintenance department, how they cleaned, their schedule and the type of cleaner used. She said the new dryer which was recently purchased has been a great help. In December, the crew did 11,440 pounds of laundry; in 2006, they did 104,515 pounds of laundry. She said it was one of the hardest jobs she had ever done but was also the most rewarding job.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, in the clinic basement meeting room, St. Francis.

Resident recognized nationally

Adam Jones, St. Francis, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus AssociationSM for having a registered Angus cow included in the Association's 2007 PathfinderSM Report.

Only 2,324 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, said John Crouch, executive vice president of the association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The Pathfinder Program identifies

superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, said Bill Bowman, association director of performance programs.

More than 1.5 million eligible dams and more than 5 million weaning records were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Path-

finder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the report that is published annually by the association.

The 2007 Pathfinder Report lists 9,726 individual cows and 256 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal, and copies are available from the association. The reports appear on the Web site at www.angus.org.

Started in 1978, the Program recognizes outstanding breeders in the Angus Herd Improvement Records.

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won each time but at State, they went into overtime.

"I was so tired at the end of the match but so happy to win," he said.

Kelly said that the team won the championship that year and that was just as exciting as winning his match. That year, he and Rory Cahoj both placed first.

During his senior year, Kelly, wrestling at 155 pounds, was beat one time by Jim Hall from Lamar, Colo. Kelly said Hall was probably the toughest wrestler he ever met in high school.

While it has only been 29 years since Kelly graduated from high school, he has seen changes in wrestling starting with the number of matches kids wrestle in a year. He said he started wrestling in the third grade and they went to one kids tournament a year. Today, kids wrestle in tournaments starting after the first of the year and into the summer.

"Kids have more experience, the competition is tougher and there is strength training," he said.

Jordan Gienger

Jordan said he is proud to be a third-generation wrestler.

At 152 pounds, Jordan beat Jordan Myer from Sabetha, 5 to 6, to claim the State title.

"I felt fortunate and happy — actually overjoyed (winning State)," he said.

Jordan ended the season with a

33-1 record, losing only one time to a kid from Springfield at the Hays Prairie Classic Tournament.

He, along with Brennan Wilger, who wrestled 285 pounds, plans on going to Nationals in Pittsburgh, Pa., in March.

He is considering wrestling in college but still has several months before he has to make a decision.



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