



NEW FACE at Yost Ford-Mercury, Roger Hahn, talks with owner Bob Yost, left.
Herald staff phot by Casey McCormick

Emergency loans available for losses due to drought

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service is making emergency loans available to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought in Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace counties. Eligible loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year.

Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current rate for these low interest loans is 3.75 percent. Producers must meet eligibility requirements and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender.

Farm Service Agency will con-

sider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Producers have until July 7 to apply for an emergency loan. Contact the Farm Service Agency office at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service center, or call (785) 899-3070, Ext. 26 for more details.

Rural youth loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency makes operating loans to youth 10 to 20 years old to establish and operate income producing projects. To qualify, the borrower must be a U.S. citizen, live in open country or a town of less than 10,000 people, and be unable to get a

loan from other sources. Up to \$5,000 can be used to finance income producing projects in conjunction with participation in 4-H, FFA or a similar club.

Some common projects include livestock and crop production, lawn and garden services, and repair shops. The funds may be used to buy livestock, equipment and supplies, and pay operating expenses for the project. Interest rates for these loans are determined periodically; however, when the loan is made, the interest rate is fixed.

Gain valuable business experience and contact the Farm Service Agency at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center for more details.

Local dealership hires a new addition to their business

By Casey McCormick

Yost Ford-Mercury of St. Francis has a new addition in the front offices. Roger Hahn has joined the team.

Mr. Hahn was a general contractor in Alma, Neb. who was looking for a smaller community in which to live. While driving along U.S. 36 he was drawn to Cheyenne County.

Originally from Galion, Ohio, Mr. Hahn's family moved to Denver in 1954. He later moved to Blair, Neb., but that town became too big for him.

"Blair lost the serenity of a small town," Mr. Hahn said.

In 1996 he bought a farmstead in Alma and got to experience working the land.

As well as farming, Mr. Hahn noticed a surplus of abandoned homes and boarding houses. Many of the structures were condemned. In 2000 he sold the farm and concentrated on redeveloping buildings.

One of his homes sold to the local doctor. Another was an old apartment building by the lake. This was converted into a single-family dwelling.

Mr. Hahn described Alma as a "neat, lakeside community," but he

yearned for something different.

He noticed a property for sale west of Bird City. After meeting with realtor Ryan Shay he fell in love with the Kehlbeck-Wilkins farm.

Being semi-retired, Mr. Hahn found a good fit selling vehicles for Yost Ford-Mercury.

Between work and his home, Mr. Hahn has the peaceful community he was looking for.

"You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy," Mr. Hahn said.



THEY'RE HERE — Joey McCormick and Lexi Hilt check out the Scalimations that were born last week to Ferguson and Freckles.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

St. Francis News

Sunday, Jan. 8, Sandra Fair and Audrey Evins drove their mother, Edna Roesener to Pueblo, Colo., for her sister, Veena Ives 80th surprise birthday party at the Rosario's Restaurant. A buffet lunch was enjoyed by at least 100 family members and friends.

Betty Jean Winston spent Thursday in Ellsworth where she helped Jean Winston celebrate her 17th birthday with dinner and birthday cake. She also attend an Ellsworth C-team basketball game where J.J., a freshman, played. She was a guest in the Dan and Cindy Winston

home.

Sue Ella Touslee, Emporia, was a weekend guest of Billy and Karen Krien. Karen Zogelman, also of Emporia, was a Friday overnight guest but left the next day to attend a wedding in Colorado Springs.

After, Edna, and her sister, Thelma Fox of Prescott, Ariz., returned to Veena's home where the three sisters visited into the night.

Next morning, Sandra, Audrey, Edna and her sister Thelma Fox, traveled to Denver for lunch with Nancy and Mun Behrens (Thelma's daughter, and her granddaughter, Wendy Lechuga, also Audrey's daughter, Amanda Evins Tauscher, joined them.

Edna and daughters returned to Kansas after lunch and a short visit.

CHEYLIN PARENTS & STUDENTS

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6:30 p.m. ~ **Wed., Jan. 25**

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Topic: A Personal Safety Curriculum
Speaker: Roxy Cabral
NW Regional Prevention Center

Student graduates

Southeast Community College, Southeast Community College, Lincoln campus, held their fall quarter graduation on Saturday, Dec. 17. The ceremony was held in the Activities Center on the Lincoln campus.

Chaylene Krieh of St. Francis received an associate of applied science degree in radiologic technology.

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PRODUCTION STAFF

Music - Talley Morrow	Choreographer - Teresa Porter
Scenery - Pat Confer	Hair Stylist/Makeup - Leisha Hilt
Wardrobe - Dara Carmichael, Chr. Leisha Hilt	Stage Managers - Troy Hilt, Dave Morrow
Sound - Bob Bell	Prompter - Sheryl Miller
Programs/Tickets/Flyers - Brenda Day & Desktop Publishing Classes	Stage Hands - Sara Miller, Aly Marin
Finances/Contracts - John Kite	Director - Elaine Kite

DINNER THEATRE ~ Dawn Lucas, Chr.

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Club Clip

Lions Club

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions Club was held on Monday, Jan. 6, at the Windmill Restaurant. President Dorothy Kellner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and John Bartlett offered the invocation. The attendance drawing was won by Pastor Morita Truman. There were 15 member and four guests, Pat Reed, Carol Williams, Donna Zimbelman and Pastor Truman, present.

Francis O'Leary reported that Mike Milne, recipient of this year's scholarship, had been presented a gift of money. President Kellner thanks all who helped make Pancake Day a success.

Milton Lampe reported on a club report requested by the District Governor.

Carl Williams was welcomed as a new member, and was sponsored by Rueben Schultz.

Pastor Truman presented an interesting program on her trip to the Holy Land and a quick journey of the life of Jesus, telling how the Bethlehem story and Lord's Prayer are taken for granted. She told how Jesus had human temptations, his last week on earth, and how he put God's will above his own.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 23.

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