

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

Local dealership hires a new addition to their business

By Casey McCormick 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.

Yost Ford-Mercury of St. Francis Alma and got to experience working the land.

noticed a surplus of abandoned love with the Kehlbeck-Wilkins 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 said. "neat, lakeside community," but he

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In 1996 he bought a farmstead in yearned for something different.

He noticed a property for sale west of Bird City. After meeting As well as farming, Mr. Hahn with realitor Ryan Shay he fell in 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

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Emergency loans available for losses due to drought

ture 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 he able to obtain credit from a commercial lender.

Farm Service Agency will con-

The U.S. Department of Agricul-sider each loan application on its own loan from other sources. Up to \$5,000 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 Agricul-

ture 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 at the U.S. Department of Agriculture 10,000 people, and be unable to get a Service Center for more details.

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



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

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 esting program on her trip to the Holy scholarship, had been presented a gift Land and a quick journey of the life of money. President Kellner thanks of Jesus, telling how the Bethlehem all who helped make Pancake Day a success.

report requested by the District Governor.

Carl Williams was welcomed as a new member, and was sponsored by Jan. 23. Rueben Schultz.

Pastor Truman presented an interstory and Lord's Prayer are taken for granted. She told how Jesus had hu-Milton Lampe reported on a club man temptations, his last week on earth, and how he put God's will above his own.

The next meeting will be held on

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.

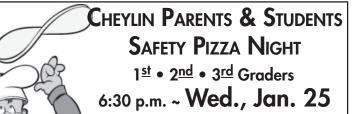
After, Edna, and her sister, Thelma Fox of Prescott, Ariz., returned to Veena's home where the three sisters visited into the night.

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.

Betty Jean Winston spent Thurs- home. day in Ellsworth where she helped Jean Winston celebrate her 17th birthday with dinner and birthday a weekend guest of Billy and Karen cake. She also attend an Ellsworth Krien. Karen Zogelman, also of C-team basketball game where J.J., Emporia, was a Friday overnight a freshman, played. She was a guest guest but left the next day to attend in the Dan and Cindy Winston a wedding in Colorado Springs.

SAFETY PIZZA NIGHT 1st • 2nd • 3rd Graders

Sue Ella Touslee, Emporia, was



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

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



Cheylin Cafeteria ~ Bird City Topic: A Personal Safety Curriculum Speaker: Roxy Cabral NW Regional Prevention Center



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DINNER THEATRE ~ Dawn Lucas, Chr.

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Watch this paper for further details about the HILLTOP GENERAL STORE as we progress to the opening date. **Owner/Operator: Normer Rodney Neitzel**