



LOYD WILSON, standing, and his wife Sandy have leased the St. Francis Livestock Auction. On Jan. 11, they had a \$1 million sale at the barn.

\$1 million cattle sale is recorded

By Karen Krien

Early every Wednesday, farmers and ranchers began arriving at the St. Francis Livestock Auction for the weekly sale. Last week, there were many producers as well as buyers as over 1,300 cattle were sold, making for a \$1 million sale.

Lloyd and Sandy Wilson, Imperial, leased the sale barn a little over three months ago after Skip and Betty Petersen retired. The Wilsons have been in the livestock auction business for 25 years and before that, they lived north of Levant where they bought and sold cattle.

The Wilsons thought that the Imperial Livestock Auction and St. Francis Livestock Auction businesses would work well together and have found it to be true.

"We have buyers from Imperial coming down to St. Francis on Wednesday and, on Fridays, there are buyers from St. Francis attending the Imperial sale," Mr. Wilson said. "Both markets are working hand in hand."

The St. Francis sale averages between 500 and 700 head a week but there are the bigger

sales like the Jan. 11 sale.

"We found the community people and local cattlemen were anxious to have a sale barn," Mr. Wilson said. "We are real pleased with the response."

He said that the businesses in town also seem eager to help and knew that having the sale barn in town is important.

There will be many of the familiar faces seen each Wednesday and many of the former employees are still there.

Jim Dunn, St. Francis, is the field representative as well as the brand inspector. Rocky Hayes, Atwood, is the field representative for the Rawlins County area as well as the auctioneer. If farmers have cattle they are planning to sell, they can either call the sale barn or contact one of these field representatives.

Robin Witzel, St. Francis, helps at the auctions on Wednesdays and also throughout the week when the Wilsons are in Imperial.

"She is our business manager when we aren't there," Mr. Wilson said.

Mrs. Wilson is in charge of the business office. Rikki Rueb and Jacque Zwegardt, along with the Wilson's daughter, Julie Rigel, are

there to help the buyers and sellers.

Those helping in the yard are: Jerdene Barnhart, Darrel Zwegardt, Gary Grice, Lester Horinek, Gabe Horinek, Ron Johnson, Brenda Nelsen, Bob Zwegardt, Royce Roberts, Edward Morris, Butch Ewing, Adam Arensdorf, Troy Burr and Richard Walter.

Rosie Bierig runs the sale barn cafe.

"A good cafe is a real asset to a sale barn and Rosie has a good cafe with good food," Mr. Wilson said.

Sale days

Sale day in St. Francis starts at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the auction barn on U.S. 36.

The Imperial sale starts at 1 p.m. mountain time on Fridays. A horse sale is held at 5 p.m. mountain time on the first Saturday of the month. The Imperial sale barn is located on the southeast side of the city on U.S. 34.

"Some weeks we have three sales," Mr. Wilson said.

Future plans

Mr. Wilson said the St. Francis sale barn was in good shape with nice pens when they leased it but they have added seven feed-and-

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SANDY WILSON is concentrating at one of the recent sales.

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Public input wanted

By Karen Krien

Implementing a physical numbering address system will be the topic of the 7 p.m. public meeting on Monday at the courthouse in St. Francis.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners along with law officials, postal personnel, firemen, city supervisors and councils, along with the emergency manager, will be discussing implementation, the costs and work involved.

In recent weeks, it has come to the attention of the commissioners that some of the residents would like to see a more advanced system which would help emergency medical technicians and law enforcement locate different homes in the county.

Gary Rogers, county emergency manager, has been involved with Sherman and Rawlins counties' upgrades of the system. There will also be other input from different officials who have been gathering facts and information.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the physical numbering system in Cheyenne County should plan to attend the Monday meeting.

Temps are like spring

The weather in northwest Kansas has been warm with temps as high as 71. However, the wind has made the temperatures feel much cooler.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Jan. 10	59	22	
Jan. 11	71	27	
Jan. 12	46	26	
Jan. 13	51	24	
Jan. 14	68	24	
Jan. 15	69	29	
Jan. 16	44	15	

Penny horse is gone

For around 50 years, the mechanical pony at the grocery store has been entertaining children. Parents who rode the horse as a child were now letting their children ride.

But, no more. The horse, which for the last 50 years has cost only a penny for several minutes of riding entertainment, was taken out by the present owners of the grocery store.

Maybe it will be back. The owners did not return the telephone call.

Daffodil Days help raise funds for fighting cancer

Spring is early this year and so is the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days.

The daffodil is the first flower of spring and is the perennial American Cancer Society symbol of hope for cancer patients throughout the community.

"Daffodil orders are now being accepted for the Cancer Society's annual fund-raiser," said Ericka Wieck, coordinator.

The money raised during Daffodil Days supports the Society's research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

The fresh-cut flowers, in bunches of 10, may be ordered in advance. This year also marks the addition of Flowers R. Hope, the second in a series of special Boys Bears designed exclusively for Daffodil

Days. Flowers R. Hope, a 12-inch, oatmeal-colored bear, can be ordered as part of the Bear and a Bunch. The Cheer Bouquet comes with an official American Cancer Society Daffodil Days glass vase and a bunch of 10 daffodils.

For more information about prices, see the word ad on the classified page.

To place an order, call Ms. Wieck at 785-332-2552. Flowers may also be purchased at the Cheyenne County Courthouse, city hall, Bankwest, First National Bank, Koinonia Coffee House, Cheyenne County Hospital or the Windmill Restaurant. The last day to place an advanced order is Feb. 26. Daffodils will be delivered the week of March 6-13.

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH donated the Christmas Eve offering of \$800 to the Cheyenne County Hospice organizations. Standing is Carol Wolters, church secretary. Oth-

ers at the m meeting were Edie Walter, June Henderson, Donna Northrup, Dulcie Henderson and Clarence Iliff.

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