



GOING OVER PAPER WORK — Jeanne Dunn left, goes over some papers with Amanda Milne.

Lady changes careers after serving as conservation district secretary

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Jeanne Dunn recently changed jobs, going from being the Cheyenne County Conservation District secretary and manager for 26 years to the new register of deeds. Mrs. Dunn started as the district secretary and manager the fall of 1986. In those 26 years, she said the changes were tremendous. Among those changes was the amount of paperwork that was prepared and filed. Today, she said, we have computers and copi-

ers that make multiple copies, front and back, with the click of the start button. She was there when there were new compliance requirements and conservation reserve program (CRP). There were copies to be made and, in those days, copies were made with carbon paper. Today, we not only have copiers but we can also scan documents and store them on computer drives. "Just the technology and the equipment has made the work easier and information is obtained

quicker," she said. She said she has had good boards to work with. Through the years, she worked with Joan Gienger, district conservationist, and Reuben Burr, soil conservation technician. When they retired, they were replaced with Bernadette Luncsford and Cale Rieger, and Mrs. Dunn said they were also good people to work with. The Farm Service Agency shares the same building with the Conservation Service. Mrs. Dunn said they worked well together and were always willing to help each other. Trees are one of the district's projects. In the early 90s, they sold over 10,000 trees. Farmers and ranchers were buying them for conservation reserve program wildlife plantings. Today, Cheyenne County is the Northwest Kansas Conservation District's hub for ordering and distributing trees.

Mrs. Dunn has been responsible for organizing the annual district conservation meeting, planning events including the poster contest and giving programs to school children. She also planned and implemented several different planting programs at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Mrs. Dunn said she will miss working in the district office as she looked forward to seeing landowners and operators. However, she is looking forward to meeting the people coming to the courthouse and taking over the register of deeds office. "It's going to be a great new learning experience," she concluded.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Willie Martin was the "go-to" man with his fountain of information for our community. Never was he too busy to not be available for assistance when called upon. Always with a positive attitude and a smile, he could be found at the Senior Center mornings and afternoons for coffee and a game of pool.

Joan Tongish was among those attending the after-church dinner at the Federated Church.

Louise Akers and Vicki Binning of Limon, Colo., were weekend guests of Fred and Lavina Waters. Rick and Kathy Frisbie and Jerry Binning joined them Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown of Wray, Colo., were Saturday evening guests of Ratha Lea Loker.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Tru Dewey wrestled in the Oberlin Tournament Sunday where he took first place in his weight class. Tayten was there cheering him on. Mom and Dad and Grandpa Craig and Grandma Barb were there also.

Amy and Brynn Waters were Saturday overnight guests of Bethel Goltl. They enjoyed supper at the farm Saturday evening and lunch at the Bird City Diner Sunday.

Woman retires after 29 years in register of deeds office

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Mary Morrow has worked in the Cheyenne County Register of Deeds office for the last 29 years. Before the election last year, she decided that she was going to retire.

The first 13 years in the register of deeds office, she served as the deputy under June Henderson. She was elected register of deeds in 1997 and decided to retire so she could enjoy spending time with her husband, Norman, and make some short trips.

Mrs. Morrow said she has enjoyed all 29 years. Time has gone so fast, she said. My youngest son, Derek started kindergarten the year I started.

"I met a lot of people including the local people that I might not have gotten to know by working in the office," she said.

During the oil/gas boom several years ago, she said it was a fun time. Often the office was packed with people. I learned a lot about oil and gas leasing and met a big cross section of people.

Through the years, there have been a lot of changes including changes in the types of documents and the way they were handled. One of the biggest changes was becoming computerized. Coming in the future is e-filing, she said. Many of the offices in the state are already e-filing and it won't be long until it will be done in Cheyenne County. However, she said,



MARY MORROW ties up any loose ends in her office before enjoying her retirement. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

this county is small and it isn't going to see the benefits that will be seen in larger counties.

She said she will miss seeing and talking to other register of deeds in the state. She said they were always there when help was needed — they were like family.

I have worked with terrific people including those in the courthouse, she said. In the future, she would like to work part-time in the office when the new register of deeds, Jeanne Dunn, needs help.

Drought emergency loans available

"Farmers in Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sherman, and Wallace counties, who suffered crop or livestock losses due to drought occurring Nov. 15 and continuing may now apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans," said Patricia Eckhardt, Farm Loan Manager. Applications for assistance will be accepted by the agency until Sept. 9.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," said Ms. Eckhardt. The current interest rate is 2.25 percent but is subject to monthly changes until the loan is approved.

Farm Service Agency's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, agency customer goals and our rural communities. Service extends beyond the typical loan, offering agency customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make your farm business thrive. At the Farm Service Agency, we want to be your lender of first opportunity to overcome these adverse weather conditions and

rebuild your operation to get back on track. The loan staff can refer customers to other public and commercial financing sources that can serve as a blend with agency's farm loan programs.

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

Farm Service Agency 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.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible should contact the Farm Service Agency County office in Goodland or call 785-899-3070 for additional information and how to apply.

Did You Know?

- Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to 20 children, several of whom became musicians.
- In French universities, freshmen are sometimes called bec jaune, or yellow beak, for their similarity to fledgling birds.

- When a lapwing's nest is threatened, the bird will limp and pretend to be hurt to lure its enemies away.
- Experts on Elizabethan cuisine contend the "funeral baked meals" Hamlet makes so much of were meat-pies.

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