

# Agriculture show on for next week

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Plans are being made for the second McCook Farm and Ranch Expo, coming to McCook on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 18 and 19. Held at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds, the expo starts at 9 a.m. both days and ends at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 and 4 p.m. on Nov. 19. Admission and parking are free.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and technology practices, said Darren Dale, show manager. We are expecting 300 vendors from 20 states and Canada."

Exhibitors include displays from farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural service, irrigation manufacturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges, governmental ser-

VICES, home services, furniture and art galleries. Expo attendees will be able to meet Will Lowe, three-time Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association world champion bareback rider, who will sign autographs both days. Pig races will be held throughout both days.

Corporate sponsors for the expo include Southwest Implement and Hometown Family Radio.

Last year, the parking lot counts showed vehicles from 37 Nebraska counties, 20 Kansas counties, 13 Colorado counties and 10 other states, Mr. Dale said.

The fairgrounds are in north central McCook near West Fifth and O Streets. For more information, contact Darren and Tana Dale, 866-685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.mccookfarmdranchexpo.net.

## Gifts go to needy kids

Operation Christmas Child's shoe box gift collection is underway in St. Francis. Headed by Janelle Glidewell, Operation Christmas Child drop-off site coordinator, is hoping that St. Francis families will help in collecting 250 shoe-box gifts by Thanksgiving.

The St. Francis community, she said, is a picture of compassion in action—as families are working hard to collect many gift-filled shoe boxes.

Operation Christmas Child is a kids-helping-kids project that uses these simple gifts to let hurting children know that they are loved and not forgotten.

It is a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, and is the world's largest Christmas project.

Kids, families, schools, churches

and community groups participate by filling shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, candy and a letter of encouragement. The shoe boxes are then hand-delivered to hurting children around the world using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, helicopters, boats, camels, even dog sleds.

"Our small effort right now can impact a child's life forever," Mrs. Glidewell, said. National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23. It will be held at the First Baptist Church, 420 S. Scott, the local relay center for Operation Christmas Child. Call 332-2959 for further information.

Operation Christmas Child is underway right now, Mrs. Glidewell said, and St. Francis families hope to collect 250 shoe box gifts for children suffering from poverty, war, disease, famine and natural disaster.



**GETTING INTO THE holiday spirit.** John Finley was looking for gift ideas at the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce sponsored Craft Show. It was held last Saturday at the elementary school.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Stores participate in annual contest

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The Christmas season is almost here and people will be asking when the participating businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets.



Because of those businesses who chose to join with the holiday promotion, there will be some lucky people taking home money to help during the Christmas season. Each time a shopper spends \$10 in a participating business, they will get a ticket and that \$10 is spent in St. Francis, not in surrounding towns.

Look for those businesses encouraging people to shop at home by participating in Christmas On Us on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Businesses wanting to participate can still do so and their picture will appear in next week's issue. Contact The Herald office, 332-3162.

There will be a \$1,000 grand prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will still be the eight \$50 drawings throughout the season. Like last year, each Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will

appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers is matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the next week's Herald.

Starting Thursday, Nov. 19, there will be tickets in participating businesses. Buy \$10 in merchandise and the shopper will receive a ticket. This is also a great time to pay that bill before the new year and get extra tickets for the drawing.

By Dec. 15, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners and 11 in-store prizes. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, they will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on Monday, Dec. 14.

**Happy 2nd Birthday Jaxon!**

**We love you!**

**ABC Preschool Auction**  
**Friday, Nov. 20**  
**7 p.m.**  
St. Francis High School Cafeteria  
Chili, Hot Dog and Nacho Feed will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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**Annual Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, Nov. 14**  
Opens 8 a.m. MT  
Benkelman Grade School Gym  
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For information call 308-423-5223

**Cold Weather Is Here!**

**Don't get out of your car to fill it up! Full service is available at the south pumps!**

*Don't forget to have your antifreeze checked.*

**Quote of the Week: Only in America... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.**

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**Early Deadline**

The week of Thanksgiving, The Herald and Times will be coming out early so everyone will have their paper which will include the Treasure Hunt numbers.

**Articles and Ads Deadline is Friday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. for the Nov. 26 paper.**

**The Saint Francis Herald**  
*Bird City Times*

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210 W. 1st • 332-2104  
**Thurs., Nov. 19**  
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211  
Colby (p.m.)  
CSMC, 175 S. Range  
462-3332  
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.  
462-7511  
**Fri., Nov. 20**  
Atwood - All Day

**Wedding Registry**

**Samantha Zwegardt & Cody Raile**

**Wedding Nov. 28**

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**Sun., Nov. 15, 1-5 p.m. Central**

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