



# Limited staff in service agency

There will be a limited staff in Kansas Farm Service Agency Offices Oct. 21 through Oct. 24.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) was recently enacted. The federal Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is responsible for implementing many of the commodity, livestock, conservation, disaster, and credit programs in the new Farm Bill.

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency announced all Kansas Farm Service Agency farm program employees will attend Farm Bill Training on Oct. 21 through Oct. 24. A state-wide Farm Bill training will ensure that all Kansas agency employees receive the same training to better serve Kansas farmers and ranchers.

All permanent Farm Program staff will attend this training; however, your local county office will remain open on Oct. 21 through Oct. 24, but will be staffed with temporary employees, County Committee members, or other Agency staff. These employees will have limited knowledge of the agency's farm programs and services, and limited resources. The computers for farm programs will remain off and payments will not be issued during this time. Issues that arise during this time will be promptly addressed by staff when they return to the office on Oct. 27. Farm loan staff will be available at certain county offices to address any farm loan issues.

Any questions pertaining to staff availability during that week should be forwarded to the County Executive Director at the local Service Center.

"We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all our customers," Mr. Fuller said. "Soon after this training, Farm Service Agency County Offices will conduct Farm Bill Informational Meetings to ensure Kansas farmers and ranchers are knowledgeable of new program policies and eligibility criteria."



**ROLLOVER**— Emergency crews were called out to Highways 27 and 36 to the hospital where he was treated and released. No other information where a dump truck carrying sand missed the turn. The driver was taken was available.

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien.*

# Handmade items available at show

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For nearly 25 years, Lily Ruth Edmonston has been setting her craft booth up for the Craft Show held annually in Bird City, and maybe the oldest attending vendor of the show that started in the late 1980s.

Mrs. Edmonston's love for making handmade items began in the 1930s during her early teen years. Born and raised in Bird City, her mother, Mary Edna Gipe, taught her the art of crocheting and embroidery.

Mrs. Gipe started her young daughter crocheting dish towels, chair sets and vanity sets.

"The chair sets were three piece doilies, one piece went over the back of the chair and two smaller pieces over each arm," said Mrs. Edmonston.

Her first experiences with sell-

ing her crafts started in Colorado Springs during the time she was attending a business college to learn to be a secretary. When she found that secretarial work did not suit her, Mrs. Edmonston found work at a local cafeteria and during her work breaks, started making aprons and selling them.

Today, at 83, she has been making and selling craft items for 70 years and still sets up her own booth. She is busy with St. Francis Farmer's Market, the Antique Engine and Thresher Show in Bird City, Gun Show in Colby, U.S. 36 statewide yard sale, and Beecher Island flea market.

Over the years, Mrs. Edmonston has added few new items to her display, but she continues to offer her cloth books and Christmas ornaments that she has found customers returning for repeatedly.

The Craft Show begins on Sat-



**CRAFT FAIR** — Vernetta Haack looks over all the handmade crafts Lily Ruth Edmonston had to offer last year.

urday in the Bird City American Legion Hall. Along with Lily Ruth

crafts, attendees get the opportu-

nity to browse and purchase hand-crafted, baked, and many other items from talented vendors who

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### Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer diagnosed in women but screening and early detection can help identify cancer in its early stages when the disease is most treatable. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In Kansas in 2005 per Kansas Department of Health and Environment statistics, 1,848 cases of female breast cancer were diagnosed and 398 women died of the disease from 2002 to 2006. According to the American Cancer Society, in 2008, it is estimated 182,460 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and 40,500 will die from the disease in the United States.

There are three ways to screen for the disease. The first way is mammogram. This is an X-ray of the breast. It is the best method to detect breast cancer early. Regular mammograms should begin at the age of 40 and be done every 1 or 2 years. Mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer by detecting cancer at an early, highly treatable stage.

The second way is through clinical breast exam. This is an examination by a doctor to feel for lumps

or other changes in the breasts and should be used for women in their 20s and 30s.

The third way is by breast self-exam. This can be done by a woman on a monthly basis to self-check for change in the size and shape of the breast or under the arm. Beginning in their 20s, women should conduct monthly breast self exams.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women regardless of race or ethnicity. The Cheyenne County Health Department promotes breast cancer screening for all women and provides services for age appropriate, low income, uninsured women through the Early Detection Works program. This program provides clinical breast exams and mammograms for those that qualify. For more information on this program contact the Health Department at 332-2381.



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