

McCook Farm and Ranch expo returns in November

With record crop yields the last two years in Southwest Nebraska, Northwest Kansas, and Northeast Colorado, the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo is the place to be. The Expo will return to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 17 and 18.

The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 7 p.m. the first day and 4 p.m. the second. Admission and parking are free.

To kick things off, there will be a free producer's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Come join us for some great food and friendly faces, said

Darren Dale, show manager.

This event is sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Vap Construction, Hometown Family Radio, Kugler, Pepsi, KRVN and Nebraska Bull Service.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and ranching practices and technology," Mr. Dale said. "We are expecting 350 vendors from 20 states, Canada and Australia."

Exhibitors include displays for farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural services, irrigation manufacturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges, govern-

mental services, home services, furniture and art galleries and much, much more.

This year the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo will feature live cattle handling demonstrations by Tom Noffsinger, DVM on Wednesday. The cattle handling presentation will include applications of low-stress handling concepts. This is a dimension of management that enables caregivers to have positive effects on cattle health and performance.

Our goal, Mr. Dale said, will be to encourage caregivers to understand more about cattle in order to apply handling concepts during calving, new cattle acclimation, processing, pen riding and sick cattle management. This event is sponsored by Heartland Cattle Company.

"Entertainment to the MAX," world renowned Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association act of the year featuring Max Reynolds, will be trick roping both days of the show. Reynolds is brought to the show by McCook National Bank and Vap Construction.

Also featured at the expo will be Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Michelle Boeshart. Fans are urged to come out to see her and get an autograph.

She will be at the expo both days signing autographs along with other rodeo queens from the area. There will be several drawings at the expo including tickets to the Tri-City Storm Hockey and a beer garden to quench that thirst. Corporate sponsors for the expo include Southwest Implement, Hometown Family Radio and the American Hat Company.

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

The Red Willow County Fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O streets.

For more information, contact Darren or Tana Dale at 866-685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.mccookfarm-ranchexpo.net.



DON DELMONTE and his horse, Rico, travel thru St. Francis on their way to Los Angeles.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Saddling up for a cause

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Don DelMonte left St. Francis early Monday morning riding Rico, his Tennessee Walker, headed for Los Angeles. Like so many people who run or ride bikes, they are going for a cause.

Mr. DelMonte saddled up and is riding for suicide and child abuse awareness and prevention through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. He said his niece had committed suicide 7 years ago and he was abused as a child.

Mr. DelMonte said he is bipolar and has post-traumatic stress disorder. He said he has tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide seven times.

The ride, which will total about 4,700-miles round trip, started in Lexington, Ky., on March 5. He had bought the 3-year-old stallion about a year ago and trained him. Mr. DelMonte said Rico is eager to please and easy to ride so they have been working well together.

About a month ago, he stayed at the Norcarutur home of Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Rico had broken a front hoof and it was determined that he could not continue until the hoof could be mended. A farrier repaired the shoe and hoof but Rico just wasn't acting right.

All he wanted to do was lay down and didn't want to get up. Worry turned into real concern as the day wore on. That evening, there was no question that Rico was sick.

A vet was called and he said that the horse had colic, or as he called it, a "twisted gut." After a tube was put into the horse's stomach, a gallon of mineral oil was poured in and he was given a muscle re-

laxant. He also got two liters of hydrating fluids intravenously. After being seriously ill, Rico and his rider made it to Cheyenne County where he stayed with several families, then at the Empire Motel.

Mr. DelMonte boarded the horse for awhile and went back to Lexington where he helped with the Eaton Horse Sale. His job, he said, was to get the horses ready and to groom them.

Working with horses is in his blood. From the time he was 5 years old, he wanted to ride. He was 18 years old when he bought his first horse, a palomino gelding.

Los Angeles is still a long ways away. Mr. DelMonte plans to follow U.S. 36 as far as he can. As he rode, he has made many friends and acquaintances.

Kansas, he said, has wonderful people. "They are awesome!"

When he started, he was on a mission but his attitude has changed and he as decided to make the ride an "adventure - a journey." Riding about 15 to 30 miles a day. He has made arrangement to stay with a childhood friend in Parachute, Colo., for a few days.

Because he is heading into cold, winter weather before he reaches California, he figures he will "over winter" at a ranch and work as a ranch hand.

When the ride is over, Mr. DelMonte plans to settle in Belleville, where he will raise Tennessee Walkers and train them to be cutting horses. He said there is a market for this type of horse.

Mr. DelMonte suggested that everyone read "Electroboby," written but Andy Behrman. Mr. Behrman battles with manic depression, often referred to as bipolar, tells about his experiences. Electroboby is expected to be made into a movie in the spring.

Mr. DelMonte's ride has been sponsored by Circle Y Saddles, Yoakum, Texas, and Hallway Feeds, Lexington.

He had picked up a new sponsor the other day when he needed some traveling gear. "Have Saddle, Will Travel Incorporated," owned by Don and Marie West, donated \$300 in bright, red gear.

Those wanting to donate money to the cause can contact the American Foundation for Suicide, Saddle up for Suicide Prevention or go to dondelmonte@yahoo.com.



MAGDALENA "TOOTS" PAXTON cuts the ribbon at the Memorial Garden dedication.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Nursing home welcomes garden

St. Francis Village was packed to capacity on Sunday evening, Sept. 26, as residents and families...some from as far away as Colorado Springs...were hosted to the annual Founder's Day Fall Potluck

put on by the activities and dietary departments.

Administrator Jeff Paulsen greeted the attendees and led a reflection on the life of Rev. August "Dad" Hoeger, who founded the Good Samaritan Society in Arthur, N.D., in 1922. The Village provided smoked beef barbecue prepared for everybody's enjoyment by Doug Ross, while the abundance of delicious salads and desserts brought from home again testified to the community's discriminating palates.

It was a full evening of friends meeting friends at the Village, with live music fol-

lowing supper provided by Don Love on guitar and vocals, Dawn Petty on string instruments and vocals, and Randy Smestad on bass guitar.

In addition, the new Memorial Garden area on the south side of the building was dedicated to Village residents and their families and thanks expressed to the Lord for making it possible.

The garden area received a makeover this year by Troy Porter and his crew.

See if you can locate Troy's Rocky Mountain Azaleas, Mr. Paulsen challenged. Magdalena Paxton cut the ribbon to conclude the dedication ceremony. Following a tour of the garden, those in attendance made a hasty retreat inside due to the chilly autumn air.

Club Clip

Hospital Guild

Ten members of the Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the office of Dr. Tim Poling on Monday, Oct. 4. Tim and his staff gave a very informative talk about Velscope which will detect early mouth cancer, Lumineers which is a porcelain shield bonded to your teeth and snap-on which can replace lost teeth, close space between teeth, etc.

The group then joined at the senior center where a business meeting was conducted by Eileen Nolan, president. The treasurer, Dolores Kincheloe, informed the members that \$750 was given to the hospital to be used in the obstetric ward.

Following the meeting, the hostesses, Anita Miller and Betty Loudon served cake and coffee from a fall-decorated table.

Bridal Shower Luncheon for
Dani Lohman
(Bride-elect of Brian Holzwarth)

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