

Trade show set in McCook

The McCook Farm and Ranch Expo is back. The Expo is returning 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, governmental 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 Dr. 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 Cowboys 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.mccookfarmandranchempo.net



CRAFT FAIR — Angie Berens will have a variety of soaps, handbags and aprons on display Saturday at the high school. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Vendor sells soaps, jams at craft show on Saturday

Those looking for handmade soaps, jams, jellies, hand-dipped candles and handbags, then head for the St. Francis Craft Show at the grade school on Saturday.

Angie Berens' "Offerings LLC" has a variety of soaps, ranging anywhere from Grandma's Old Fashioned to a Grapefruit Loofah soap. True soap starts with natural oils, butters, or fats, not chemicals like a "detergent" bar. Since our skin absorbs what we put on it, it made more sense to apply something more natural rather than more chemicals, so Mrs. Berens started to make homemade soaps. Each is unique, some look good enough eat and almost all have a delightful fragrance.

Mrs. Berens then added glycerin bars as well as lip balm and lotion bars and new fragrances to the Offerings' line. Just for the holidays, there are unique soaps in the shapes of snowflakes, Christmas trees and gingerbread men.

One of the newest soaps is "Cleopatra's Bathing Bar." Cleopatra was known for milk and scented baths. The Cleopatra bar has a cream base with fragrances added.

Packaged gift items include several soaps or other items sitting in a wooden soap dish. However, people can purchase the items they want for

is very lightly scented with lavender, so light it is barely perceptible.

Grandma's Old Fashioned Soap is just like Grandma used to make with a touch of Borax added for its water softening properties. Other than that, Mrs. Berens said, it's made with simple lard. There are so many uses for this soap, she said. I use one in the laundry as a stain stick, simply wet the area, rub this soap into the stain, let it sit for a minute or two, scrub and toss in the washer. Others have said it's good to clean bugs off the windshield, or as a general household cleaning bar. And, yes, it can use it on the body too, but it isn't our top recommended soap for that purpose. No doubt, she said, you will get really clean though!

Grapefruit Loofah is a favorite of many. The soap has pure, expensive grapefruit essential oil added for the strong fragrance. With the loofah in the middle, it almost looks like the fruit! The loofah provides a vigorous exfoliation for the roughest patches.

Lotion bars are becoming more and more popular. Made without water, these bars are a mix of decadent ingredients. The beeswax base combines with cocoa butter, shea butter, almond oil, sunflower oil, a bit of vitamin E oil and then the fra-

grance. The handcrafted bars are approximately 1.5 ounces and fit in a flat tin that is easy to open and close and fit almost anywhere.

Available fragrances include honey and shea butter; oatmeal, milk and honey; peach nectar; cucumber melon; apricot freesia; and unscented.

Giving soaps and lotions for a gift is great because the giver doesn't need to worry about a size or what the person needs. There are soaps for men, women and children.

The Offerings line of products can be also be bought at Prairie Rose in St. Francis and Goodland. Or, go to www.offeringsllc.com.

Handbags and Aprons

The handbags are lovingly made by our own Aunt Wilma, Mrs. Berens said. She puts her special touches into every bag. They can be used as purses, beach or swim bags, book bags, music holders, business bags, make up cases - whatever your imagination can dream up. Each is special and is lined with inside pockets. Aprons will also be available for young and old.

Stop by the Craft Show on Saturday and see how Mrs. Berens' "Offerings" can help with your Christmas giving.



FLORIS RAILE drops in her ballot Tuesday morning.

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Right to bear arms
Yes - 951, No - 56

Mentally ill right to vote

Yes - 622, No - 404

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Buser Yes-409, No-394



Ward Cassidy

Kansas House of Representatives 120th District

Thank you Cheyenne County!
Thank you for your votes, your financial contributions, the signs in the yards and your encouragement.

I will do my best to "Stand Up for Northwest Kansas" in Topeka during the 2011 legislative session.

Ad paid for by Cassidy for Representative, Michael Day, treasurer

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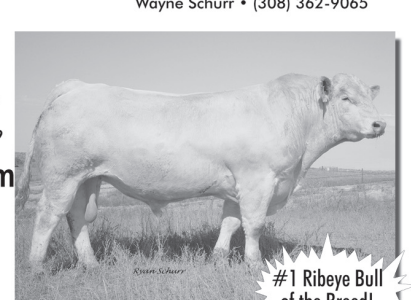
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