

Dinner theater planned

"Dress in your finery on Tuesday, Nov. 23, and make your appearance at the Royal Court of King Henry VIII and Queen Anne as they entertain you royally," said Debbie Fiala, St. Francis high school music instructor.

"Medieval Merriment was last presented five years ago, so I have decided to bring it back this year."

The advanced music class, high school vocal and band classes are pooling their talents to produce this evening of food and fun. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, representative of a medieval castle, when each guest will be introduced with royal fanfare.

Each course of the meal will be presented with fanfare and entertainment between courses. Wassail, salad, bread and cheese, "bouquet of leek" soup, steamed vegetables, roasted fowl (chicken) on wild rice and 'blackbird pie' will be on the menu. A variety of musical numbers will entertain the royal guests and the Court Jester will be on hand to amuse all with his antics.

King Henry VIII will be portrayed by Logan Whitmore and Jacquelyn Ketzner will play one of his six wives, Anne Boleyn. The Court Jester is Brandon Keeker. Other members of the Royal Court include Fabienne Baudet, Robbie



MEDIEVAL MERRIMENT — Jacquelyn Ketzner, and Logan Whitmore rehearse for the upcoming play.

Herman, Ross Nicklos, Stephanie Perry, Trevor Reed, Taylor Archibald, Tilyn Bell, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Krissy Harris, Lane Hoffman, Audrey Hoyes, Bailey Merklin, Ally Northrup, Lennin Olivares, Trista Orth, Hannah Rider, Christina Schoenrogge, Sarah Whitmore, Jacob Butler, Gaten Cooper, Gavin Cooper, Wyatt Landenberger, Tyler Lee, Sam Reed, Isaac Schiltz, Mason

Schiltz, Kelsey Whitney, Brock Zwegardt and Ty Zwegardt.

"Be on your best behavior as the King's executioner, dressed in full garb and carrying a hatchet, will be on duty watching for those using bad manners," Mrs. Fiala said.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for this royal feast. They are available at First National Bank or Bankwest. See ad in this issue.

Farm and ranch expo show to be held 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.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net

Fun shoot kicks off fall hunting season

By Casey McCormick
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The Cheyenne County Wildlife Association is kicking off the fall hunting season with a Fun Shoot. Held at the Wildlife Gun Club, it will be on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m.

Mike Grover, a member of the organization, hopes for a big turnout.

"This shoot is open to the public and will have games for all ages," Mr. Grover said.

Some of the events will be a wobble trap, an Annie Oak-

ley, Five Shots, Wolf Hunts, Pot Shoots and more.

The Wildlife Association is providing the targets and facility.

For more information, contact Mr. Grover at Republican Valley Auto Supply at 785-332-2138. The gun club can be found by going south on River/Road 14 about a half mile, then turn east on the old country club road (look for the Cheyenne County Wildlife sign.)

"Warm up and make sure your gun shoots straight," Mr. Grover said.

Final sign-up date is Dec. 1

The final date to purchase Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for all grasses including native grass, alfalfa, clover, mixed rorage and oats is Dec. 1.

Crops eligible for Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county. The application and service fee is \$250 per crop, up to \$750 per county, and not to exceed a total of \$1875

per producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties.

The application and service fee must be filed by Dec. 1. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees.

Reminder: In order to be eligible for the permanent disaster programs you must purchase Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage.

Thrift store celebrates fifth year

The St. Francis United Methodist Thrift Store celebrated the fifth anniversary of their downtown location by inviting volunteers to a dinner at Riverside Recreation. Seventy-five people enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.

The tables were decorated with items from the store. Sheets of fabric for tablecloths, distilled water jugs filled with fresh flowers which were donated by Rose Mary Bierig at Prairie Rose Floral (distilled water used in the steamers), strips of price stickers and other items.

Rev. Morita Truman had com-

pliled a trivia quiz with questions about the store, and people won fun prizes (also items from the store) based on the number of correct answers.

Each person received a listing of where the \$184,000 in donations were made by the store in the last 5 years. Much of the money goes to local projects, but it also reaches around the nation and the world. The store has paid nearly \$20,000 in sales tax from its' receipts.

"We have volunteers from all around the community, not just the

Methodist Church," said Sherry Schultz, coordinator. "We always welcome more, as there is a tremendous amount of work to do. It is rewarding and fun, so come join us! (Guys, too!) There are no paid employees."

Almost all the supplies are purchased locally, and all the improvements made to the store have been done by local contractors.

It has been an amazing journey for the Thrift Store, Mrs. Schultz said, and none of it would be possible without volunteers, donations of items to sell and our customers!!

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Dark Harbor By Stuart Woods

In Dark Harbor, Maine, Stone Barrington discovers a picturesque town where the shocking deaths of three people have cast a long shadow over this island haven, a locale as mysterious as it is exclusive.

Stone Barrington hasn't heard from his cousin, Dick Stone, in years, though he has fond memories of a teenager summer spent at his house in Maine. But then the CIA's Lance Cabot interrupts an otherwise pleasant meal

at Elaine's with news of Dick's death, apparently by his own hand. It seems that Dick Stone, a quiet family man who doubled as a CIA agent, methodically executed his wife, daughter, and then himself, or did he?

With the help of his ex-partner, Dino, and his friend Holy Barker, Stone must piece together the elusive facts of his cousin's life and death as a CIA operative. Dark Harbor offers us the perfect mix of sexy intrigue and swift suspense that legions of fans have come to expect from master storyteller Stuart Woods.

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