

Expo returns to McCook fairgrounds on Oct. 16

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. 16-17.

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 Nov. 16. Come join us for some great food and friendly faces. This event is sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Archer Petroleum, Hometown Family Radio, Kugler, Pepsi, Nebraska Bull Service, Kleins Motor Electric, Cappel Sales, Eugene Koch Pioneer Seeds, Chief Hotel and Restaurant, Arickaree Ranch Supply, Cowboy Up Tack, Grosch Irrigation and Farmers Magazine.

"It's a great place to come

see the newest and latest in farming and ranching practices and technology," said Darren Dale, show manager. "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 a working Ranch Horse Sale on Wednesday the 16th starting at 6:00 p.m. The sale will showcase the best performance horses for sale in the state that will be sold to the highest bidder. This event is sponsored by Z Tags North America. Along with the horse sale many local FFA Chapters will be making a project that will be auctioned off with all proceeds going back to that chapter.

Scott Daily Horse Training will be displayed this year at the expo. Mr. Daily has been featured on RFD-TV. He will be showcasing his low stress horse training techniques both days at the expo. Mr. Daily has been around horses most of his life. His love for horses and desire to train them began in 4-H while he was growing up in Inola, Okla. Mr. Daily started training horses about 15 years ago. After many years of working with challenging colts and horses, Mr. Daily has developed and perfected his own techniques. Mr. Daily believes in building trust between horse and rider. Scott Daily Horse Training is sponsored by Vap Construction.

There will be park and drive zero turn mower demonstrations in front of the Kiplinger Arena. They will be brought to you by Kurtzer's Walker Mowers.

We have a great line up of Rodeo Athletes this year, including Professional Bull Fighter Quirt Hunt, World Champion Steer Wrestler Dean Gorsuch, World Champion Bareback rider Will Lowe, along with Miss Rodeo Nebraska. They 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. McCook is in the center of rich farmland and cattle feedlots in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

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



BARB GERDES hangs up a flier on the bulletin board for the annual craft fair.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

Holiday craft fair planned

It is craft time in Bird City again. Be sure to stop by the American Legion Hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, to purchase your holiday gifts and goodies.

We are sold out again this year with 27 vendors, said Barb Gerdes, coordinator. It is a great way to find new friends and crafters.

Most of the consignors, she said, are back for another year. Several new faces have been added this year, as well. There are vendors coming from Colorado, Southwestern and Central Kansas and Nebraska, along with the local crafters.

Among the local crafters is Lily Ruth Edmonston. Some of the regulars are Kathy Hertel and her daughter, Lyn and granddaughters, Amanda and Amy. Kathy has her knitted dish cloths and crochet afghans. This year she will be putting together sets with her towels making them great gift ideas.

New items are woven rugs, cloth/insulated hot pads, jewelry, hair bows, shadow boxes and wreaths. Along with these are the popular cloth books by Lily Ruth, baked goods by Barb Cooper and homemade jams and jellies by Linda Schneider.

Also coming is Romona Herman and her double-knit rugs and Kate

Koeteewu is coming all the way from Denver with some shadow boxes. The shadow boxes can be made to order with your own pins, medals or any memorabilia. She can do wonders with any memorabilia item.

Opal Zimmerman from Quinter comes every year with her dish towels and scrubbies, and says she just enjoys the people. Maxine Wright from Atwood will have bags and Nonie Daily will have baked potato bags. There will be a good variety of items to choose from.

Most all the booths this year contain handmade items.

"I have tried to keep it as much crafts as possible," Mrs. Gerdes said. "There is a lot of variety that the vendors bring into the community. It is a great time to get ideas for Thanksgiving and Christmas without having to spend a lot. It also shows off all the talent we have in this area."

"We will once again have the Kids Korner. It is a great way for kids to find 'their crafts' and keep busy while mom shops."

The Kids Korner, Mrs. Gerdes said, has gone over really well in the past four years of having it. The kids can glue, color, use markers and make all kinds of things. All of which is theirs to take home.

The cost of the Kids Korner is \$5 and they can make as many crafty things as possible. The cost goes to the workers for keeping an eye on the kids as well as replenishing the supplies for next year.

In addition to the great items on sale, Mrs. Gerdes wants everyone to know that Tina Sager will have lunch available for the shoppers' convenience. The food is always a good way to socialize for lunch. Mrs. Sager puts on a lunch meal. Every year there are breakfast burritos or cinnamon rolls for those who come in early to set up and soups for lunch.

Also, outside the building will be a trailer with popcorn. This will be something new and different for the show, since we can't move the trailer inside.

"I try to keep everyone as comfortable and happy as possible," Mrs. Gerdes said. "I have had a lot of help from others, like, Leah Rambat and Jesse Smith with the Kids Korner, also my daughter and granddaughters."

She even gets her husband in the act by helping put up the tables the day before.

Anyone who has put on a show knows it is a lot of hard work but very satisfying when it is all done.

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Could your town be a winner this time? Only if you stand up and cheer!

Last spring, tiny Grand Marais, Mich., (population 300), topped the "Reader's Digest We Hear You America" competition by racking up more "cheers" (or online votes) than any other town in the nation. The community on the shore of Lake Superior is putting its winnings toward restoring its harbor as a safe haven for storm-tossed commercial and recreational vessels.

Over half the towns in the United States participated by voting online for their town to win. In total, the "Reader's Digest We Hear You America" campaign donated \$7.5 million in cash and promotional support to local communities across the country, providing needed funds and recognition for important

civic initiatives.

This fall, "Reader's Digest We Hear You America" returns starting Nov. 16. The winning towns will again receive cash and promotional support, including being part of Reader's Digest's annual "Best of America" issue in May.

It's easy to participate: starting Nov. 16 you just give a "cheer" for your town by going to wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com.

At that web address, you'll also find a "We Hear You America" community where you can check your town's ranking in the voting, and share with us what makes your town so terrific. Each participating town will get its own page on the "Reader's Digest We Hear You America" website, and you can even play our Best of America online game.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	7/1/2011			9/30/2011
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
General	\$464,241.04	\$272,595.57	\$641,507.91	\$95,328.70
Road & Bridge	\$622,885.59	\$88,178.85	\$188,902.53	\$522,161.91
Bridge Building	\$52,967.49	\$1,888.57	\$1,662.61	\$53,193.45
Noxious Weed	\$15,955.11	\$2,132.55	\$14,275.54	\$3,812.12
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$13,513.60	\$976.37	\$7,381.79	\$7,108.18
Hospital	\$25,364.62	\$87,909.26	\$90,068.59	\$23,205.29
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$4,565.93	\$8,633.50	\$4,952.66	\$8,246.77
Attorney Fund	\$844.50	\$126.00	\$74.50	\$896.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,209,069.58	\$462,440.67	\$948,826.13	\$722,684.12

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

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Cheyenne County Clerk



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