



**THE WINNER IS!** With a little coaxing from her parents, Damion and Jean-Marie Gabaldon and the ever persuader lollipop, Isabelle draws Paula Groff as the winner of the "Light-house Stamp" print. Postmaster Sonja Weeden was present to help Isabelle.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Postmaster offers facts little know to the public

Sonya Weeden, Bird City Postmaster, has some little known facts about the post office.

- The postal services delivers to more than 136 million homes, businesses and post office boxes in every community, coast to coast — and it delivers express mail items every day of the year including Sundays and holidays. The service adds nearly 2 million new addresses each year to its delivery network — equivalent to the number of addresses in a city the size of Chicago.
- America's postal service employees sort, sequence and deliver 213 billion pieces of mail a year — nearly 703 million pieces per day.
- The postal service serves more than 7.5 million customers each day at one of more than 37,000 post offices. That is more outlets than McDonald's, 7-Eleven or Starbucks. And, each day, nearly 1 million people visit the postal service's award-winning website at usps.com where customers can do almost anything they can at the post office.
- The postal service operates a

transport and delivery fleet of more than 216,000 vehicles driving more than 1.2 billion miles each year. Each 1-cent increase in the price of fuel costs the service \$8 million annually.

- The postal service delivers tax dollars — it does not spend them. The service operates on the sale of its products and services. The only government funds received are reimbursements by Congress to provide free mail service for the blind and to keep certain postage prices below cost for nonprofit organizations.
- The postal service "is at the center of a \$900 billion mailing industry which employs 9 million people in such businesses as direct mail, paper manufactures and printers," reports *The Washington Post*.

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## Share the spirit by giving Thanksgiving dinners

Share the Holiday Spirit and save money on a delicious meal by purchasing a Thanksgiving dinner for your family or for families in your community. Especially during the holidays, people look for ways to stretch their food dollars. They also find themselves asking what they can do to help those that could use a helping hand.

Prairie Land Food is giving volunteers the opportunity to do both...stretch their food dollar and the opportunity to purchase a Thanksgiving dinner for a family in community.

Giving back to the community can help save money on a family's monthly grocery budget through the Prairie Land Food Organization. During the month of November Prairie Land Food has decided to do even more to help local families. In addition to the regular "Prairie Pak" they are also offering a "Holiday Pak."

November's "Prairie Pak" menu includes: ground beef (1 pound), Schwan's pepperoni pizza (2 - 8 ounces), chicken cordon bleu (20 ounces) flounder filets (1 pound), lean breakfast sausage (1 pound),

Philly sandwich steaks (12 ounce), plus fresh fruit and veggies - potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, celery, oranges, apples, bananas and a festive pie.

The "Holiday Pak" includes: 4 to 4 1/2 pound Gold Foil turkey breast (a boneless turkey breast equivalent to a 12-14 pound bird) and potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, celery, apples, oranges, bananas and a festive pie.

In addition to the Prairie Pak and Holiday Pak, they also offer a Meat Only Package (the meat only package includes all the meats in the "Prairie Pak"), and a fruit and veggie Pak (which includes all the fruits and veggies from the "Prairie Pak.")

Also offered in November is one special. This month's special is a 6 to 6 1/2 pound boneless honey cured ham.

Prairie Land Food is a not-for-profit/501c3 organization that believes in strengthening communities through volunteer service. Volunteer work is anything that someone does out of the kindness of their heart, that they do not get paid for. It can be as simple as being on a prayer chain, being a room mother at school, sharing your bountiful garden, taking time to sit and have a cup of coffee with an elderly neighbor or spending time with someone going through a rough time. Anytime that you make someone's day a little brighter will qualify you for the Prairie Land Food Program.

The next distribution date is Saturday, Nov. 17; place your order now through Nov. 5 by contacting Lee Nichols at 332-3581 or 332-6336 in St. Francis; Treva Henry at 734-2661, Bird City or Jonna Carman at 308-297-3276 in Haigler.

### Useless Facts

- Bathing suits known as bikinis take their name from an atoll in the Marchall Islands where the atomic bomb was tested.
- Some places near the earth's equator receive as much as 400 inches of rain each year.
- In 1893, Queen Isabella of Spain became the first woman to be featured on a U.S. commemorative coin.
- The official title of the Statue of Liberty is Libety Enlightening the World.

## Annual craft show set for Saturday

By Karen Krien

There will be crafts, food and flu shots from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the St. Francis Grade School.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, this is the 12th year for the show and every year, many of the same crafters return and new ones join. In conjunction with the Craft Show, there will be a quilt show at the grade school.

Coordinators Tammy Grice and Bonnie Zweygard are confident this will be one of the best shows and an ideal place to purchase Christmas gifts or add to the Christmas decor.

Some of the items include holiday and decorating crafts, herbs, paintings, metal, iron and wood crafts, baked goods as well as jellies and jams, scrapbooking and jewelry, just to name some. There are also a number of non-profit organizations selling different things to raise money.

"We expect a full gym and items will be displayed in the hallway," Mrs. Grice said. The Cheyenne County Health

Department will be on site to give information on healthy eating and will be offering flu shots. They must be paid for at the time.

Throughout the day, there will be door prizes drawn.

**Lunch served**  
The Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians will be serving a soup lunch including chili, cheesy potato soup, relishes and cinnamon rolls. All proceeds will go to the county technicians.

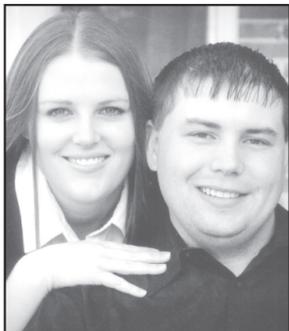
**Trade show**  
Also on Saturday, some of the small home businesses are holding a trade show at the senior citizens center on Main Street. This show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teri Richard, coordinator, said there will be four booths. Two Mary Kay dealers, Teri Richard and Joleen Dodd, will have one booth; Susan Dinkel will have Gourmet Homemade Foods booth; Robin Petersen will have a Southern Living at Home booth; and Heidi Straub will provide Avon Mark. For more information, contact Mrs. Richard, 785-332-2712.

## Couple plan wedding

Dennon Zimbelman of St. Francis and Drew Flemming of Manhattan are planning a Dec. 22 wedding at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.

Parents of the couple are Mark and Sue Zimbelman of St. Francis and Doug and Karen Flemming of Bird City.



Zimbelman-Flemming



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