

## Red Cross needs blood

The Red Cross is looking for blood donors from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the American Legion hall located on 111 W. Bressler, Bird City.

The race for points is on as Red Cross Racing revs up for the 2010 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

Red Cross racing members can get points for a variety of activities, including giving blood and/or platelets and recruiting other blood donors. Those points may be exchanged for prizes such as duffle bags, gardening sets, laptop computer holders and other exciting merchandise.

Fans are urged to enter the Ready, Set, Give and Win Sweepstakes by logging on to redcrossracing.com and clicking on the Sweepstakes icon on the track.

Two lucky grand prize winners will receive the following: VIP trip for two as 'Honorary Pit Crew Members' to a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race. Guests will have the experience of a lifetime as guests of the No. 16 3M/American Red Cross Team. The trip experience also includes roundtrip air travel, two night's accommodations, tours with meet and greets at the race and more!

For the third year in a row, Greg Biffle, driver of the No. 16 3M Ford Fusion, is raising awareness about the ongoing need for blood donations; especially from type O donors like him.

"I'm proud to be associated within the NASCAR community as the American Red Cross driver and a blood donor. I give blood because it's easy to do and helps support the community," said Mr. Biffle.



GREGOR BURR is getting ready for Halloween.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Auxiliary to celebrate 90th birthday

The American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating their 90th birthday on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

"The community, along with all Legion and Auxiliary members, former Girls' and Boys' State participants are welcome to celebrate with Legion Auxiliary members on this 90th anniversary," said Hulda Dorsch, president of the Auxiliary. "A special dinner and program has been planned for Saturday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. This will be your special way of celebrating with the Auxiliary for God and country, to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States."

Patriotism is a personal commitment for members of the American Legion Auxiliary. They place great importance on community involvement and responsible citizenship. More than 20 nationwide programs receive support and financial aid from their organization.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world, with nearly one million members. Affiliated with The American Legion and chartered by Congress in 1920, the Auxiliary is a veterans' service organization with members in nearly 10,000 American communities. The organization sponsors volunteer

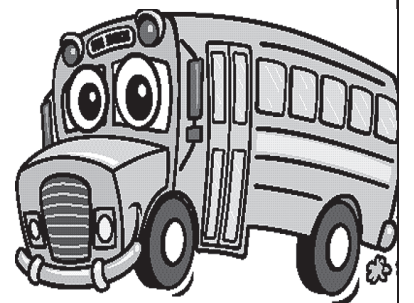
programs on the national and local levels, focusing on three major areas: veterans, young people and the community.

The Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace and continues to stand firmly behind America today, as it did when the organization was first founded.

Initially, the Auxiliary was organized by concerned women who took on the day-to-day responsibilities of life when their male family members went across the sea during World War I. Aware of the many fatherless families and the needs of returning veterans, Auxiliary women vowed to continue their supportive roles when the veterans of World War I founded The American Legion in 1919. Auxiliary members today are wives, members, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of these courageous veterans. Some members are veterans themselves.

The services of the Auxiliary directly and indirectly touch the lives of all Americans. With the philosophy of "Service, not Self", the American Legion Auxiliary develops a strong spirit of volunteerism in its members, who have joined together in the fellowship of giving to others.

### Bus is going to Natoma



## Annual Cheyenne County trail ride set for Sunday

By Karen Krien

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The 20th Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday. The ride, which will last about 2.5 hours, will start at the Jeter Isely's farm, northeast of Wheeler. To get to the Isely's, go 4 miles east on U.S. 36, 6 miles north on Rd. 23, then 1/2-mile west on Rd. T.

The ride is always planned for the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and the trees are turning colors.

Last year, the ride was postponed

to the following Sunday because of the weather. If there is inclement weather this year on Oct. 10, the ride will move to Sunday, Oct. 17.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this ride will be a little easier terrain and ideal for kids. The highlight will be the top of "Morris hill" where the riders will be able to see for miles in all directions. Mr. Cooper said there will also be a water break on top of the hill.

St. Jude

Those on the ride will be able

to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Barbecue following

After the ride, there will be a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Joe Hoffman, 785-332-2154, Todd Krien, 785-332-3246 or Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646.

## Expo to return to Willow County

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, KRNV 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 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.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net.



THRIFT STORE IS OPEN — Sue Evans takes time off from the diner to shop with Cindy Burr.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

## Thrift store ready for reopening

Ten-one-ten marks the date of the 2nd Beginnings Thrift Shop reopening. After three years of operating in the building on Bird Avenue Bird City Century II Development Association, the owners of the building did a face lift to winterize the structure. In the process Cindy Burr gained a lot of open space, an office, and a more private dressing room for trying on clothes.

The 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store is a non-profit store staffed by volunteers and Bonnie Burr was the volunteer helping Cindy on opening day. Bonnie's grandchildren Gregor and Guinevere Burr were there to help Bonnie and had lots of fun entertaining the shoppers and advertising for the Halloween costumes. Gregor was dressed as a Zombie and ended up keeping his costume

for Halloween.

Opening day was a busy day, with customers off and on all day long. Cindy estimates 67 customers checked out the new items and store remodeling. One mother was driving down US 36, and her daughter reminded her they had to stop and check out the new store. Kent Voorhies is one of the Bird City farmers who lost most of his crops during the hail storm and, with no crops to harvest and lots of free time, he decided to stop by looking for items to add to his collections.

When Cindy closed the store, she got rid of a lot of items that had been around for a long time. As a result, some customers were disappointed from the lack of certain things. Cindy would appreciate donations for the following items; men's jeans, boys and girls' size 7-18 clothing

and shoes, also toys of all kinds. The store does take furniture and other various items of value on a consignment basis.

Operating from only customers donations of clothing and various other items donated, Cindy gives too many other non-profit organizations, some of these are, the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Special Olympics, Cheylin Foundation Funds at Century II, Boy Scouts, the Cheylin junior class, and various other organizations.

Mrs. Burr commended the Cheylin junior class who helped move everything out of the building so everything could happen, and to the Boy Scouts who helped to move everything back into the store. She said she could not have made it without their help.