

# Holiday chorus is looking for singers

Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Singers from the entire Northwest Kansas area are invited to attend and participate in this large chorus of outstanding vocalists.

The chorus, under the direction of Neala Carmichael, will sing a selection of Christmas favorites including two favorites from last year's concert, "We Are His Gold" and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Some of the new music includes "Days of Elijah," "Angels Carol," a rousing gospel rendition of "Angels From the Realms of Glory," and others. The program will also include instrumental and vocal solos, medleys and readings.

Auditions are not required for this chorus, but Mrs. Carmichael asks that those participating be able to carry a tune and read and sing choral music.

Registration for all singers will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the church, followed by rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. Rehearsals will then be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each Sunday in November and through Dec. 12. Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church; and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church. The concert on Dec. 19 will be a benefit for the Food Pantry.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy and magnificence of the Christmas season," said Mrs. Carmichael. "Enjoy singing beautiful inspirational and seasonal music with this very large talented chorus."

"Your participation in this chorus is one of the best gifts you can give and an experience you will never forget."



**LAYING A PIPELINE**, Lester Baker and Joyce McArthur from Wray, Colo., work on a 21 mile gas line. The work is being done along Highway 36 from east of St. Francis to six mile north of Bird City. *Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.*

## Ladies prepare for veterans' holiday

November is a busy month for the American Legion Auxiliary for it is first of all the month members give thanks for blessings of family and friends and a time to remember the sacrifice of those who have served to keep this country free. As Americans celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11 there are other important things people can do to keep the country safe; including voting.

Whether you call it Armistice Day, or Veterans Day...remember those who have given so much so that citizens may all rejoice in the freedom and glory of this great land...America.

Secondly, there are lots of activities that some people can become a part of. First and foremost the homeless and hospitalized veterans and those men and women who are fighting

for this country's freedom, which is getting very fragile, have many needs including white socks. These needs which are posted in your communities need to be in by Saturday, Nov. 20. Also, members can and will connect with the assigned Kansas veteran's facility. A new pair of jeans or a hat, mittens can go a long way to a young veteran family that is struggling. The American Legion

Auxiliary and the Local 4-H try to make sure the dignity of veterans is maintained while the help they need is supplied. In the spirit of the great mission of "Service Not Self" do something extra this year...start a new family tradition and make the military a part of your holiday by a material or cash gift that you would give one of your family members so that they will in gratitude say "thanks for remembering us". People can do no less.



**ONE OF THE VENDORS** at last Saturday's craft show keeps busy making more items. The organizers were happy with the big turnout. *Times photo by Barb Gerdes*

## Agriculture expo returns to region

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

## Club Clip

### Go-Getters September

The Go-Getters met on Sept. 13, in the basement of the Lutheran Church. Roll call was answered to, "What is your favorite movie?" There were five members, two guests, and three adults present.

Members discussed and approved for Ivan Kemp and Joseph Augusta to sell lemonade as a fund raiser during the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt. Group pictures are going to be on Sept. 20. Meeting adjourned.

### Ivan Kemp, reporter October

The meeting was held in the basement of the Lutheran Church on Oct. 5. Roll call was answered to "What is your favorite ice cream." There were six members, 10 guests, and six adults present.

Members voted to repay Nina Isely for the soda on the 125th Celebration. They also decided to repay Linda Schneider for the lemonade stand and approved to accept the lemonade money of \$30.

Members voted to make banners this year for Christmas, but it was not decided where the members would take them.

Officers were elected, Celine Isely, president; Ivan Kemp, vice-president; Bradey Hansen, treasurer; Dominique Johnston, reporter/secretary; Joseph Augusta, historian and recreation leader; Echo Lennox and Destany Clemans, song leaders.

The Go-Getters will be the club in charge at the Achievement Banquet on Nov. 7.

Ivan Kemp, reporter

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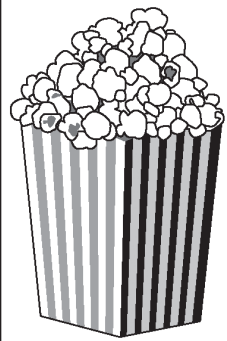
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