



Craft show scheduled Saturday

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People are urged to plan their holiday shopping at the 16th annual Craft Show on Saturday. The doors to the St. Francis Grade School will open at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, shoppers will be amazed at the array of items filling the gym as well as the hall. Spilling into the cafeteria, the PTA book fair will be held and lunch will be served.

"The response has been outstanding," said Bonnie Zwegardt, coordinator, "and there are many of the same vendors as well as new vendors."

"We're full!" said Tammy Grice, coordinator.

The gym and hallway are completely full, she said. There will be lots to see as well as buy. Plan to do your Christmas shopping early.

Some of the items include: denim jackets and vests, crochet items, Christmas decorations, handmade leather items, quilts, doll cradles and bedding, handmade lamps, honey, fall arrangements, jewelry, wood items, silk

arrangements, homemade pies, cookies, dinner rolls, salsa, embroidery items, handmade soap and handbags, leaded and fused glass items, original oil paintings, pecans and much more.

There are also specialty vendor booths including Premier Designs Jewelry, Pampered Chef and Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants.

Throughout the day, there will be door prizes drawn.

Check the ad elsewhere in this issue.

Lunch served

The ABC Preschool staff and parents will be serving chili and chicken noodle soups from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. They will also be holding a bake sale. Money raised will be used to help with the preschool expenses.

PTA book fair

Teaming up with the Craft Show is the St. Francis PTA. Members will be holding their annual book fair in the cafeteria. This is the PTA's main money-making project and the money goes to help the school and students.



THE FALL MUSIC PROGRAM at the St. Francis Grade School was performed by kindergarten through third

grade students on Thursday evening.

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LOUANNE ISERNHAGEN and her husband Glenn water plants outside their rural home. Mrs. Isernhagen has recent-

ly had an article printed in *The Wall Street Journal*.

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Rural St. Francis woman's work published in *Wall Street Journal*

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Few people can say they have had an article published in *The Wall Street Journal* however, a St. Francis woman is one of those few.

Louanne Isernhagen, on Monday, had her article, "Finding Serenity on the Plains in Kansas," published. It appeared in the special retirement section called "Next."

Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen retired to the Isernhagen homestead following his retirement as pastor of a Lutheran Church in Colorado. Mrs. Isernhagen said the part where she talked about the area not being for everyone,

mentioning "winds, rodents and rattlesnakes" was one of the parts that caught the editor's attention.

The *Journal* article tells about their move to Northwestern Kansas, the comparisons to their life in Colorado and the trials they faced. Mrs. Isernhagen then goes on to tell how she and Glenn became involved with the community and how they helped make a difference.

How it came about

Writing for *The Journal* came about last year when they were having taxes figured at a Colorado office.

"It was really a fluke," Mrs. Isernhagen said.

She picked up *The Wall Street Journal*, noting that was the only

reading material she saw handy in the office. She read an essay in the issue and thought it was so good.

She wrote the editor's e-mail address down and later wrote to the editor and asked if *The Journal* was interested in free-lance material. She received the reply, "sometimes."

Mrs. Isernhagen sent several ideas but didn't have a response. She then sent a story about playing with the Swingin' Seniors at the Good Samaritan Village nursing home. The editor said he couldn't use this article but thought she had talent.

In May she sent the essay about their retirement in remote Kansas. This time, the editor liked it. She said there was a lot of correspond-

ing and editing but it was worth it in the end.

The editor asked for photos. She said she sent several and three were used.

"You just never know (what will happen) until you try," she said.

Mrs. Isernhagen has had articles published in the *Kansas Magazine*, *Kansas Traveler* and Lutheran magazines. For a year and one-half, she wrote a weekly column for the *Longmont Times*. Each was a human interest story on volunteers and the work they did.

Will there be more articles in *The Wall Street Journal*?

Mrs. Isernhagen said the editor told her he would like to work with her again.

Former St. Francis coach honored

A former St. Francis resident, teacher and coach was inducted into the Colorado Mesa University 2011 Hall of Honor.



Kirkham

Stephen Kirkham was head women's basketball coach for 16 years at Colorado Mesa University (then Mesa State College) and he retired as the women's basketball coach with the most wins in both the school's and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference history.

Coach Kirkham led the Mavericks to four Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships, seven consecutive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference West Division Championships and one Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament Title.

Under his guidance the team recorded 15 winning seasons, advancing to 10 consecutive conference Shootout Tournaments. During Kirkham's tenure, his teams also set the league records for 10 consecutive winning seasons and his 2002 team was the first Rocky

Mountain Athletic Conference team to host an NCAA Regional Tournament.

In 2002, his team led the nation in field goal percentage defense at 33 percent and in 1999 his team led the nation in rebound margin at +13.5. All of his teams combined still hold 28 institutional records.

He coached 46 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference players, three All-Americans, one Regional Player of the Year and two District Players of the Year. He also coached Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Mesa State Hall of Fame honoree, Tonya Stites. In his 16 years at the helm, he had a 100 percent senior graduation rate and numerous National Academic Top 25 teams.

Coach Kirkham was also instrumental with increasing female participation in the University's basketball Camps from 800 campers to more than 2,000.

Currently he is the athletic director at UC-Colorado Springs. He and his wife, Coleen, have two children, Heath and Abby, and three grandchildren.

Steve started his coaching career in St. Francis and is the son-in-law of Larry and Pat Brunow.

Time changes Sunday morning

St. Francis has already experienced the first snow, falling on Oct. 26. Up to that date, it had been a beautiful fall with the exception of some wind but very little rain.

While it is not the official start of winter, the days will seem much shorter as Daylight Saving Time will come to an end shortly.

The clocks will turn back an hour on Sunday, which means the evenings will seem longer throughout the winter, as the sun sets earlier.

Under federal law, daylight time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Three years ago, law makers added several weeks in the spring and one in the fall, specifically so trick-or-treating will have some daylight.

Clocks need to be turned back at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, but most people will either set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when they get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep.