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Farm show held Nov. 16 and 17

The McCook Farm and Ranch Expo returns to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds next Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16 and 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 producers' breakfast at 7:30 a.m. next Wednesday, sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Archer Petroleum, Hometown Family Radio, Kugler, Pepsi, Nebraska Bull Service, Kleins Motor Electric, Cappel Sales, Eugene Koch Pioneer Seeds, the 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."

Exhibits will 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 more, Mr. Dale said.

This year, the expo will feature a working Ranch Horse Sale at 6 p.m. Wednesday, sponsored by Z Tags North America. Many area FFA chapters will bring a project that will be auctioned off, with all proceeds going back to the chapters.

Scott Daily Horse Training will be on display, as featured on RFD-TV. Mr. Daily will be showing his "low-stress" training techniques both days. The trainer says he believes in building trust between horse and rider. His appearance is sponsored by Vap Construction.

There will be park-and-drive zero turn mower demonstrations in front of the Kiplinger Arena, sponsored by Kurtzer's Walker Mowers.

Rodeo athletes this year include professional bull fighter Quirt Hunt, world champion steer wrestler Dean Gorsuch and world champion bareback rider Will Lowe, along with Miss Rodeo Nebraska. They will be at the expo both days, signing autographs along with rodeo queens from the

area. Drawings will include tickets to the Tri-City Storm Hockey team. A beer garden will be offered. Corporate sponsors include Plains Equipment Group, Hometown Family Radio and the American Hat Co.

"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 fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O Streets.

For information, contact Darren or Tana Dale at (866) 685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net

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hunt will be on Saturday along with other activities. On Sunday, a "bonus" hunt will be held.

"Congratulations to Jude and Payton," said Lisa Gibson, teacher. "What an exciting opportunity for Jude and Payton who both love to hunt to get the chance to hunt with Gov. Brownback."

Hunting
By Jude Faulkender

Here I was on my first hunt with my grandpa and my dad. I was sweating so much due to the nervousness of shooting the pheasant mixed with the actual heat of the day. We were walking through the field with the heat beating down on us; so excited, yet so nervous about the entire situation.



Faulkender

Grandpa and dad were so silent I was shocked. All of a sudden, I saw a flash of feathers directly ahead of me. I pulled my 12 gauge up to my shoulder. Its weight was heavy to my smaller body. I got the gun up just as the bird was about 25 yards away. Then I pulled the trigger and the whole situation felt like it was in slow motion. The bird fell like a sack of potatoes.

I love to hunt many animals such as dove, deer, turkey, and of course pheasants. Pheasant hunting is my favorite because you can almost step on a pheasant and then it flies. That thrill is like none other in the world.

My name is Jude Faulkender of Saint Francis, Kan. I attend St. Francis Community Schools and participate in all junior high sports available. I have hunted since I got my Hunter's Safety

Certificate at the age 11. I would like to participate in the pheasant hunt because I love competition and I love hunting. It would also be a fun opportunity to meet the governor.

Hunting
By Peyton Beims

For many years I have loved pheasant hunting. I have hunted in many different places. I have gone out in the snow, rain, and blistering sun to hunt for pheasants. The thing I believe I like most is walking through the mile long fields following dogs.



Beims

I enjoy pheasant hunting with many people around. Last year we had about 20 people or more and four pickups. We had so many people that when we were going through a field a guy fell out of the pickup's box.

I also pheasant hunt because usually on opening weekend we have friends come from all around. They come from Colorado, New York, and Wyoming. Some others come from surrounding towns.

I want to win this hunt because I have always wanted to meet the governor. I think it will be a fun experience to go hunting with a famous person like him. If I win this contest, it would be very exciting.

When I heard that the governor was hunting, I didn't think it sounded right. I have always thought when they did they went to European shoots and things like that. I usually would have thought the governor wouldn't do something like that, but apparently I was wrong.

Attorney requests moving office

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners opened, the minutes and bills were approved and the first executive session was called. It was one of five called during the meeting on Oct. 31.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, called for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. With her call for the private session, Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked for an additional 5 minutes with Mrs. Gilliland. No decision was made upon coming out of the session.

Mr. Beikman later called for another 5 minutes, Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, called for 10 minutes and Ryan Murran, emergency manager, called for 10 minutes - all were for personnel.

Move county attorney office

Mrs. Gilliland asked for the commissioners' opinion on moving the county attorney office back to Milliken Law Office. Karan Thadani, assistant county attorney, had interviewed a number of applicants for the secretary job which had recently been vacated by Danille Gardner.

There had been some good applicants, Mrs. Gilliland said. But, they agreed that there wasn't enough business coming through the office to justify keeping the courthouse office.

The commissioners talked about the matter, finally deciding that closing the attorney's office would save money. However, before they made a decision, they would wait until the Nov. 15 meeting to see if there is any feed back from the public.

Mrs. Gilliland said she had received

correspondence from Tyler Howard's attorney, Mathew J. Gist. He is threatening to file a lawsuit concerning his termination from the Cheyenne County Dispatch office and because the county had not paid the correct overtime. There was no further discussion on the matter.

Trainings for noxious weed supervisor

The commissioners talked to Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, concerning his own business of spraying lawns. Mr. Beikman said he had been approached by several people asking if the county was paying for Mr. Lohr's training which he was using for his own personal business?

Mr. Beikman said that they did not want to discourage him because he was doing an excellent job. Dale Patton, commissioners, backed the statement up by saying the Cherry Creek aerial spraying he had organized last fall was outstanding.

Mr. Lohr pointed out that the turf workshop he had attended was to help him when he was spraying the cemeteries which are buffalo grass.

The commissioners agreed that he not attend any more workshops or trainings until the beginning of the year. Mr. Lohr asked, if he paid for the mileage, any fees and meals connected with meetings, would the county pay for an 8-hour day. The commissioners agreed.

Emergency manager's report

Ryan Murray, emergency management director, asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with no decisions being made when coming out of the session.

Mr. Murray said all emergency

responders will be issued identification cards so that the Federal Emergency Management Agency can track response from different entities.

He said he was concerned about the ice buildup on the north side of the emergency building on U.S. 36. Gutters, he said, have been purchased but are not installed.

There are heaters in the cement on the north side of the building but is ran by a boiler. Andy Beikman, commissioner, suggested that Mr. Murray talk to J.R. Landenberger to see if someone from the city to have the boiler tested so it can be fired up and ready when needed.

Developmental Services representatives

Representatives from the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas talked about the service, Jerry Michaud, president, and Ruth Land, administrative assistant, showed how much the service had helped county residents.

They said funding had been cut but these residents still needed help. They were hoping that the county will continue to fund the service. No decisions were made.

In other business

In other business:

• Through the Rural Opportunity Zone, Dustin Dunn was approved to receive student loan payments from the state of Kansas and Cheyenne County. The state and county will each pay \$1,500.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Coverage applicaiton deadline set for Dec. 1

The final date to purchase Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for alfalfa, clover, mixed forage, oats, and all grasses, including native grass, is Dec. 1. Crops eligible for these benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county. The application and service fee is \$250 per crop, up to \$750 per county, and not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per

producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties.

The application and service fee must be filed by Dec. 1. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees.

Reminder: In order to be eligible for the permanent disaster programs, farmers must purchase the crop disaster program insurance coverage.

— Lines From the Library —

By Pat Leibbrandt

St. Francis Public Librarian

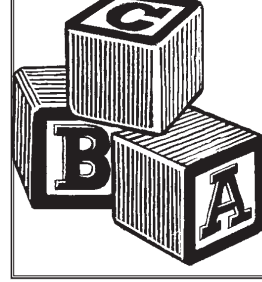
We have the following new books at the library. *Prey* - By Linda Howard; *New York to Dallas* - By J.D. Robb; *Kill me if you can* - By James Patterson; *The Journey* - By Wanda Brunstetter; *Burnt Mountain* - By Anne Rivers Siddons; *Shock Wave* - By John Sanford; *An Angel for Christmas* - By Heather Graham; *1225 Christmas Tree Lane* - By Debbie Macomber; *Christmas at Timber-*

woods - By Fern Michaels; *Son of Stone* - By Stuart Woods; *The Mercy* - By Beverly Lewis; *Lethal* - By Sandra Brown; *The Best of Me* - By Nicholas Sparks. *The Lincoln Lawyer* - Book on CD - By Michael Connelly; and *The Last Song* - Book on CD - By Nicholas Sparks.

The following DVDs have arrived at the library. *Soul Surfer*; *Facing the Giants*; *Secretariat*; *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

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