uilters work to warm homeless

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SIKESTON, Mo. (AP) — Quilters have found one more way to turn one man's trash into treasure.

For years, a group of women in Cape Girardeau has worked to construct "ugly quilts" or sleeping bags for the homeless and needy using worn, donated fabrics. And now members of the Bootheel Quilter's Guild, based in Sikeston, have joined the effort.

"This is something we heard about, and thought we would like to help do," said Alice Happe, a member who recently sat in on the action at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Cape Girardeau.

Member Darlene DeLong noted Brother's Keeper Quilt Group, for years. But when she read in a church bulletin they needed help assembling the quilts, she brought the idea to the guild.

"Five total members went, and we just had so much fun," said lot of people discard, we're actu-

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DeLong. "We all felt good when ally able to do something with it." we left.'

Now, group members have begun making their own "ugly quilts" and plan to add it to the list of outreach projects. Group members also have expressed an interest in attending more work days.

While guild members said they are happy to provide the talent needed to make the bags, they need help to provide all the materials. The sleeping bags are made entirely from clean, used or nocost fabrics. measuring 84- by 84inches. These can be old blankets, sheets, bedspreads and mattress pads. The results are dubbed "ugly quilts" because of the odd fabric used to make them, said Happe.

"We're always looking for any she's taken scrap material to the fabric donations, so we can make Cape Girardeau group, the My the quilts," she said, pointing out that the project provides a way for individuals to discard of old, tattered fabric.

"It's not something you have to go out and buy," said Happe. "While (the fabric) is something a

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an punched through a McDonald's drive-through a vandalism charge. She was released on a recogni-

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DeLong added: "It's a good way to help people with something you're not going to use anyway. With this, you can turn your throwaways into something good

and help others." She and Happe said donations of any clean fabric of any size is accepted. Even some clothing items can be used. Sometimes, they'll keep smaller swatches to make baby quilts, which guild members then donate to Birthright.

In addition to fabric, the group is also asking for old neck ties. "Two neck ties are sewn on the bag so the recipient can roll it up and take it wherever they go," explained Happe.

Each quilt also contains a gift bag with toiletries, which is rolled up into the quilt, and a message of hope and prayer, said Happe. She said any donations to fill the bags are also accepted.

all year, because it's such a good thing," said Happe.

"I just want to work on this

All quilts that are made are then

zance bond and ordered not to have contact with the

A manager at the McDonald's declined Monday to

which distributes them at homeless shelters and other areas where needed. The ugly quilts made here are given out in areas between St. Louis and Memphis, with southeast Missouri being the first priority, Happe said. "Our only purpose is to help the

given to the Cape Girardeau club,

homeless be warm until they can be helped or healed by others in our society," said Happe.

And with the economy in its current state, homelessness seems to be snowballing, said DeLong.

"There are a lot of people out of work," she said. "Soon after they lose their job, they don't have money to pay rent and then they're out on the streets without a place to live."

DeLong said the quilts just fill a basic need for those who are down and out. Making them is something easy she can do to help out.

"I feel good about myself by making these," Happe said, "and it's an easy gift, not something someone has to go out and buy, but something they likely have in their home and aren't using."

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Registration begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, with the program starting at 8:45. Industry and university speakers will present the latest information about new equipment, methods, economics and research related to precision agriculture. Commercial exhibits will be available, with time built into the day for farmers to talk with researchers, other producers and vendors.

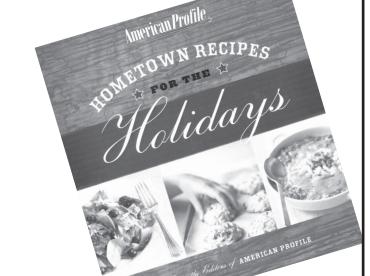
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> The conference, which ends at 11:30 a.m. Friday, will be followed by a two-hour Kansas Agriculture Research Association luncheon, with on-farm research reports to follow.

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