

Thomas County Officials Sworn In



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Clerk Magistrate, Brenda Cochran, swore in the newly elected and re-elected Thomas County Officials on Thursday morning, January 3, at the Thomas County Courthouse. Pictured above are those who were sworn in at the ceremony held in the Courtroom in Thedford. Back row, l-r: Re-elected Sheriff, Gary Eng; newly elected County Commissioner, Jim Purdum; re-elected County Commissioner, John Seeley; re-elected County Attorney, Kurt Arganbright. Front row, l-r: re-elected County Clerk, Lorissa Hartman; and re-elected County Treasurer, Andrea Thomas.

TACF banquet nets \$39,000



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of the Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee, pictured above, back row, l-r: Bailey Porter, Russell Licking, Jay Jones, Marcy Andersen and Jamie Taylor. Front row, l-r: Dixie Hoffman, Shirley McIntosh, Rose Gift, Desarae Porter and BJ Thomas.

The Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee (FAC) is pleased to report a very successful fundraising banquet was held November 17 and the event netted \$39,000. "Thank you to every business and every individual who contributed in any way to make this happen. There is no way we could experience this level of success without a caring community that is heavily involved in every aspect," the committee said.

One hundred eighty-four people enjoyed the prime rib dinner prepared by Sandhill's Corral. The menu included baked potatoes, rolls, cookies by Sandhill Oil, and an assortment of sal-

ads prepared by the TACF FAC members. Sandhill's Corral also provided drinks.

Balloons were offered this year for \$20 and \$40. Both were very popular and sold quickly for a combined total of \$1,200. Larger items included Masterhand Milling's two loads of cake and Harsh Mercantile, Bill Manning, and Prairie Feeds each donated a ton of mineral. Prints by Dave Price and Terry Redlin were a great addition. The assortment of guns are always big items and this year proved to be no different. Sandhill Oil donated a 6.5 millimeter Creedmoor, and Security First two gun safes that were paired with certificates for a 357 Magnum pistol

or a .22 LR.

Other items that the public liked included a cabin that sleeps eight people by the Bootleg Brewer, Taylor; Glidden's tanking trip for eight combined with rooms from Rodeway Inn; Isom's fishing trip on Merritt; detailing and oil change from Tehrani Motors; a gift certificate from Kinkader's Brewery combined with rooms at the Cobblestone in Broken Bow; and a beautiful Talmon's necklace. The list goes on and on, and the FAC members are extremely grateful for each and every item.

Two items that brought a lot of interest were the signs created using a

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First Time Donors Donate At Thedford Blood Drive

The Thedford blood drive was held on Monday, December 17 at Thedford High School. Forty donors were able to give blood. This will help save 120 lives.

Three first-time donors, Tucker Ballenger, Ariel Bryant and Rhiannon Painter, also gave blood that day.

Mark your calenders now for the next blood drive, which will be Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at Thedford High School. Come and give the gift of life.



JAMIE TAYLOR PHOTOS

Ariel Bryant



Rhiannon Painter



Tucker Ballenger



A large crowd was on hand to enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Sandhills Corral and bid on the many items offered for both the live and silent auction.

Leading Farm and Ranch Employees Seminar to be held in Scottsbluff

Finding, hiring and retaining quality employees is a major challenge for agricultural producers in

western Nebraska. Competition for the available workforce comes from area industries, and the labor market is tight.

A seminar designed to help agricultural employers learn techniques and leadership practices to help motivate and empower employees will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. Dr. Bob Milligan, Senior Consultant with Dairy Strategies LLC and Professor Emeritus from Cornell University, will lead the seminar.

Topics will include:

- Identifying the future direction of the operation and its workforce needs

- Developing position descriptions, performance expectations, and accountability

- Learning effective recruitment, interviewing, and hiring procedures
- Identifying employee training and development needs

Cost is \$50 per person and includes materials, breaks and the noon meal. Registration is requested by Jan. 23 to insure pre-meeting preparation material is available to participants.

To register for the seminar or for more information, please contact Aaron Berger, Nebraska Extension Educator at 308-235-3122 or aberger2@unl.edu.

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Area Moisture Report For 2018

Helen White of Thedford has been keeping the precipitation total for the area during 2018. This includes rain and snow melted down.

May was the wettest month with 8.35 inches recorded. Others also record and their amounts may be more or less than what she has recorded. Several people report their measurements to the NeRain Program and those amounts show 19-31 inches across locations

in Thomas County for 2018.

Most of these amounts are above the average for Thomas County. Older reports say the annual average for this area was 18-20 inches. In "An Atlas Of The Sandhills," a figure shows 20-23 inches as the average for 1951-1980.

Many remember how hot and dry 2012 was and Helen's measurement for that year was 12.9 inches of total moisture.