

Old Fashioned Christmas A Success In Thedford



Sandhills Singers, approximately two dozen young people under the direction of Bobi Wakley, brave the cold to bring some holiday music to the crowd prior to the lighting of the tree.

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An Old-Fashioned Christmas in downtown Thedford was held Friday, December 9, to help get shoppers in the Christmas Spirit. The weather, cold with a brisk wind, made it feel like it was indeed Christmas time.

To add to the theme 'Old-Fashioned', a history question was asked about the previous occupants of some of the locations where vendors sold their wares. Sale items included many hand-crafted home décor, quilted wall hangings, fresh baked goods as well as home based businesses of Scentsy, Mary Kay, and 31 Gifts, to name a few. Consolidated Communications was also on hand with specials.

The following are the locations and the questions asked, along with the answers.

1. Current Location of the Amazing Grace Church

Question - In this location you could get your Christmas Cheer. Who was one of the owners? Answer - Bus Sevier

2. Current Location of Ewoldt's Grocery

Question - This location was once a service station.

Who owned it? Answer - Johnson's

3. Current Location of The Thedford Art Guild

Question - The Art Gallery was once the home of which Thedford High School teacher? Answer - Lynn Schwier

4. Current Location of the Sargent Insurance Agency

Question - In 1925, this building was built for what business? Answer - Stevenson's Grocery Store

5. Current Location of the American Legion Hall

Question - Before this was the legion hall, what business was located on this property? Answer - A bank

6. Current Location of the Country Salon

Question - When this was a shoe shop, who owned it? Answer - Harry Yockum

7. Current Location of Seneca Lodge #284, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Question - Before this was a Masonic Lodge, it was a grocery store. Who owned it? Answer - Harry Yockum

8. Current Location of Call's Garage

Question - Homesteaders really needed this business if they were to

succeed. What was it? Answer - Coble Implement

Winners received a club certificate for \$10 to be used at area businesses. The Sandhills Singers, under the direction of Bobi Wakley, performed prior to the official lighting of the community's Christmas tree. This year's tree was on the south side of the courthouse. If you need entertainment at your event, do not hesitate to call Bobi at 775-275-0654.

Thedford Community Development Corporation is the umbrella for the Thedford Service Club. Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month at the Life Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. Besides this event, the club helped sponsor the TRAN ride that overnighted at the fairgrounds in June, as well as the many activities during the Thomas County fair in July. New community members are greeted with a welcome letter and \$20 club certificate. Anyone wishing to help improve our community is welcome to come to the meetings. For more information contact Russell Licking, Jay Jones or Alice Hodges.

Cherry County commissioners deny wind farm permit

Cherry County Board of Commissioners met in special session Monday, December 19, to discuss and act on the conditional use permit application submitted by BSH Kilgore, LLC.

Over 50 people were in attendance and due to the large crowd, the meeting was moved to the Cherry County Courtroom.

Cherry County Commissioners, Mark Adamson and Tanya Storer were present and Jim Van Winkle was absent.

Commissioner Adamson stated the Cherry County Commissioners have historically given due deference to the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Board forwarded Conditional Use Permit application #01-16 with a recommendation to disapprove. The CUP application submitted to the Commissioners includes numerous material changes that have not

been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board, which is critical, specifically in light of the fact that the burden of inspection for this permit is limited to only 2 of the 3 elected commissioners.

In addition, it has been determined that the requirements set forth in the Cherry County Zoning regulations have not been fully satisfied. Requirement #7 asks for "Documentation of land ownership or legal control of the property."

This CUP application lists the legal descriptions of the project property was owned by Taylor G. and Kerri Adamson, Broken Box Company, Mark and Janelle Johnson, Krawski & Johnson, Inc., the Board of Educational Lands & Funds of the State of Nebraska, Rocking J Taylor Company, and Rothleutner Family Limited Partnership and states that Bluestem Sandhills has the following easements on the project

area: Construction Easement, Access Easement, Preoperating Phase & Meteorological Equipment Easement, Operating Phase Easement, Wind Turbines Easement, Transmission Easement, Substations Easement, Easement for other Wind Energy Facilities, Wind Nonobstruction Easement, Noise and Flicker Easement and Overhang Easement.

Upon request of a copy of said easements, Cherry County was provided with a memorandum of agreement for the above stated easements, by and between Cherry County Wind, LLC and landowners, with the exception of Rothleutner Family Limited Partnership, for which no MOA or other evidence of participation was provided. This is extremely troubling as the application included that eight of the proposed towers are to be located on

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Information needed in vandalism case

The Thomas County Sheriff is seeking information about criminal mischief that took place recently at the Seneca Cemetery. Approximately \$200.00 damage was done to white vinyl fencing at the cemetery.

Anyone having information should contact Sheriff Gary Eng at 308-645-2418.

BNSF train clips pickup

Blaine County Sheriff, Tim Sierks, investigated a pickup-train accident that occurred Tuesday, December 27, at approximately 3:00 p.m.

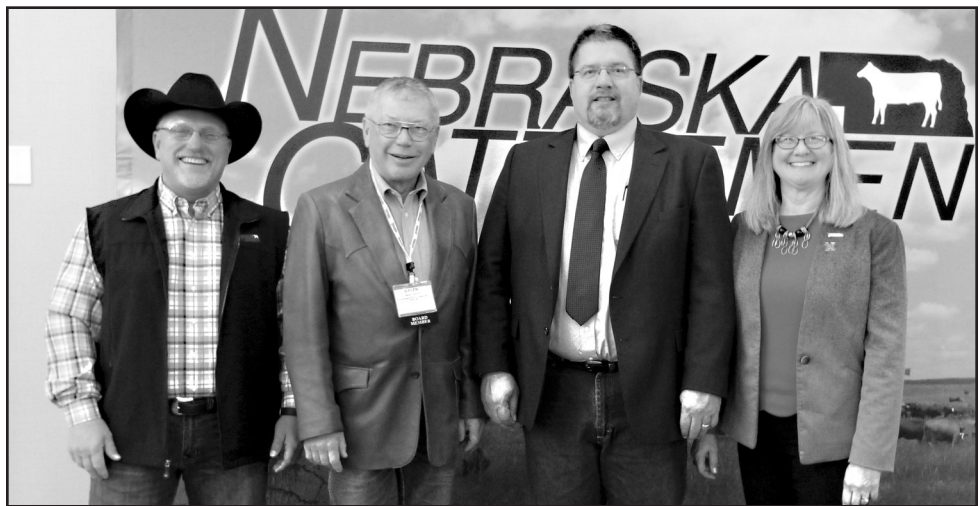
A Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train clipped the front end of a 1992 pickup driven by Jim Reiter, 82, of Dunning, at the

west railroad crossing and Karney Street in Dunning.

The impact flipped the pickup around and Reiter received minor injuries. The pickup was estimated as a total loss.

The train was able to come to a stop down the track.

Nebraska Cattlemen Convention Held In Kearney



Pictured above are the Nebraska Cattlemen officers, l-r: Mike Drinnin, vice-president; Galen Frenzen, president-elect; Troy Stowater, president; Barb Cooksley, immediate past president and chairman of the nominations committee,

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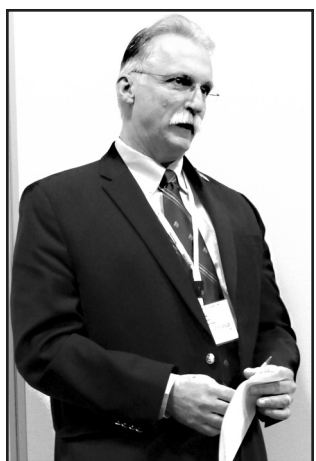
The Younes Convention Center, Kearney, saw 600 register for the annual year-end Nebraska Cattlemen convention, held in early December. Trade show, committee meetings, awards, national updates and passing the reins of leadership were all part of this year ending gathering. Though prices have declined, the general mood was overwhelmingly optimistic due to Trump's election.

The convention began for the ten producers selected for the 2017 Young Cattlemen's College on Tuesday, December 6. YCC is a two-year leadership program for young producers. "The next generation of Nebraska Cattlemen will ensure Nebraska remains the global epicenter of the beef industry," said NC

Executive Vice President Pete McClymont. "Our Young Cattlemen's Conference delivers a strong foundation of industry knowledge and provides the tools these producers need to build a successful future."

Selectees include - Kate Benjamin, Lakeside; Tabatha Cornelius, Ainsworth; Troy Caruthers, Kimball; Steven Fish, Norfolk; Alex Heine, Lincoln; Jacob Hopwood, Holdrege; Erin Laborie, Beaver City; Andy Reigle, Humphrey; Sara Van Newkirk, Oshkosh; and Heath Weichel, Lexington.

Committee meetings were held throughout the two days, and included the council meetings for Cow/CalF, Farmer/Stockman and Seedstock. Committee meetings on Animal Health and Nutrition, Brand and Property



New executive director of the Nebraska Brand Committee - William 'Bill' Bunce.

Rights, Education and Research, Marketing and Commerce, Natural Resources and Environment, Taxation, and Member Services were also held. The committees

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Thomas County Officials Honor Stan Pettit



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Thomas County officials pictured at the retirement party honoring Stan Pettit on Tuesday, December 20. Back row, l-r: County Attorney, Warren Arganbright; Commissioner, John Seeley; Sheriff, Gary Eng; Assistant County Clerk, Sarah Horn; Commissioner, Lewis Herbaugh. Front row, l-r: County Clerk, Lorissa Hartman; Sheriff's dispatcher, Lisa Eng; Deputy Treasurer, Melissa Smith; Stan Pettit, Treasurer, Andrea Thomas,

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M Coyotes basketball game. The t-shirt fund raiser will go to support the 20th Annual Cattlemen's Ball. Contact Thedford or Sandhills High Schools to order shirts