

Library hosts book signing

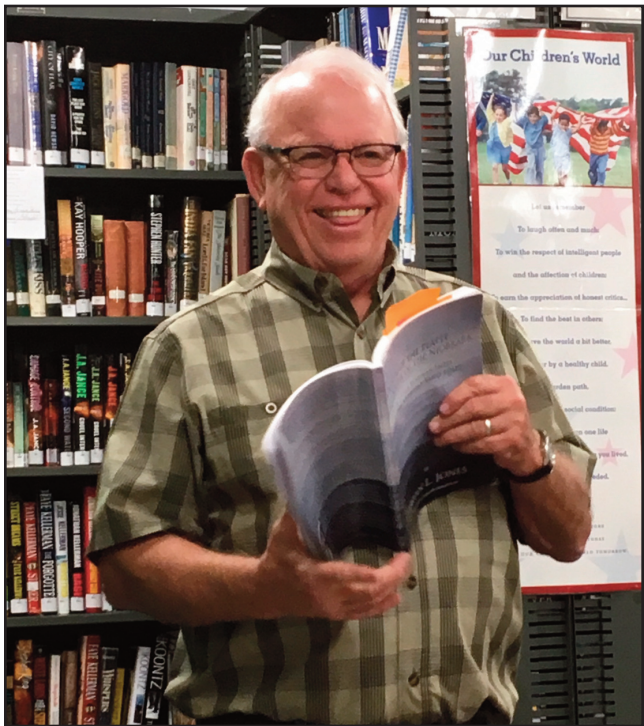
Author Bryan L. Jones was in Thedford to promote his newest book, “North of the Platte, South of the Niobrara,” as the Thomas County Library hosted a book signing event, Tuesday, September 24.

Filled with adventurous writing, sharp scrutiny, meticulous and audacious use of language, Jones’ book winds its subjects the way the rivers and creeks of the Great Plains twist around humps of prairie grass, ranches and rock outcroppings.

Jones said his goal was to create a fresh understanding of the Nebraska Sandhills from the inside.

The book features Ted Turner and other newcomers, the Sandoz family and other old-timers, and a considerable chunk of local history.

Jones was born in Central City, and grew up in Neligh, Chappell and Geneva. He studied at Roosevelt University in Chicago, the University of New Orleans, University of Nebraska at Kearney and Middlebury Bread loaf School of English in



SADIE TRIMBLE

Bryan Jones spoke to a good number of people who turned out for his recent book signing at the Logan County Library. He was also in Thedford at the Thomas County Library.

Vermont. He taught school for three decades and spent 11 years operating a stocker-feeder operation.

His essays, articles, short fiction and poetry have

appeared in numerous publications and magazines.

A copy of his latest book may be checked out from the local library. Books may be purchased online.

Annual Foundation Banquet set for November 23

The Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund board has announced this year’s event will be Saturday, November 23, beginning with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. CT. The banquet will be served at 6:00 p.m. CT and an auction will follow.

No tickets will be sold or paid for at the door that night. People attending will need to present their ticket with their name on it for admittance and the tickets will be utilized for drawings. Tickets are \$40.00 a plate.

This year’s theme will be “Make A Deal” and there will be a cash cube where one lucky person will be allowed to catch as many bills as they can in a certain amount of time. There will be a cash give-away where \$1,500 will be given to seven players.

Dailey First In Light Iron At Youth Championships

Emily Eilers of Wayne hit 35 of 40 targets to win the overall championship Sept. 28 at the Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational at Pressey Wildlife Management Area south of Broken Bow.

High Boy winner Gavin Carrizales of Scottsbluff had the second-highest score of the day at 34. High Girl winner Megan Vrbka of Staplehurst had a 33.

The overall team championship went to Western Nebraska Shooting Sports 4-H team of Scottsbluff, which hit 119 of 160 targets. Team members are Carrizales, Austin Rahmig, Danika Bohl and Laney Bohl.

The 89 competitors fired 40 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition with a rifle unsupported and off hand at steel silhouette targets. Each shot 10 shots at targets that were 43, 66, 84 and 109 yards in distance. The annual event is open to all Hunter Education graduates who are at least 11 years old and have not graduated high school.

The results are:
Individual Awards
State Champion – Emily Eilers, Wayne, 35 of 40

High Girl – 1. Megan Vrbka, Staplehurst, 33; 2. Danika Bohl, Mitchell, 30; 3. Lilly Hanley, Lincoln, 30

High Boy – 1. Gavin Carrizales, Scottsbluff, 34; 2. Wyatt Hebbert, Ashby, 33; 3. Braden Hiser, Seward, 33

Class B – 1. James Simpson, Wayne, 33; 2. Cort West, Merna, 30; 3. Ethan Wooldrik, West Point, 30
Light Scope – 1. Colby Harris, Broken Bow, 28; 2. Troy Kirkpatrick, Broken Bow, 27; 3. Shawn Zellmer, Pierce, 27

Senior Division – 1. Andrew Borgelt, Wisner, 29; 2. Nicklaus Busse, St. Paul, 29; 3. Kaitlynn Pavel, York, 29

Unclassified – 1. Laney Bohl, Mitchell, 27; 2. Courtney Kastens, Anselmo, 25; 3. Blake Schroeder, Kearney
Heavy Scope – 1. Sadye Glendy, Broken Bow, 27; 2. Dylan Glendy, Broken Bow, 27; 3. Risken Dawson, O’Neill, 27

Junior Division – 1. Austin Rahmig, Gering, 28; 2. Andrew Enns, Holmesville, 28; 3. Taggett Nilsen, Hazard, 27

Light Iron – 1. Matthew Dailey, Thedford, 17; 2. Tanner Kudera, Battle

Creek, 14; 3. Ethan Pepiernik, Ord, 10
Novice Division – 1. Jacee Christian, Omaha, 16

Novice Light Scope – 1. Joel Finney, Merna, 11
Heavy Iron – 1. McKenna Darby, Pleasanton, 22

Novice Light Iron – 1. Matthew Koelling, Ord, 9
Team Awards

Overall High Score – Western Nebraska Shooting Sports, Scottsbluff (Austin Rahmig, Danika Bohl, Gavin Carrizales, Laney Bohl), 119 of 160

4-H Division – 1. 10X, Seward (Braden Hiser, Cabe Schluckebier, Megan Vrbka, Zack Vrbka), 113; 2. Cumming County Sharpshooters, 104; 3. Wayne County Sharp Shooters, 98

School Division – 1. 50-50 Glendy Homeschool Academy, Broken Bow (Bereket Glendy, Dylan Glendy, Eyerusalem Glendy, Sadye Glendy) 91; 2. Anselmo-Merna, 91; 3. Litchfield No. 2, 51

Open Division – 1. Open No. 1 (Kaitlynn Pavel, Wyatt Anderson, Wyatt Benzel, Wyatt Hebbert), 85; 2. Spectacular Shooters, 85; 3. Custer County, 83

Need great, short supply

*The need is great and the supply is short.
Your volunteer spirit is needed!*

The Thedford Volunteer rescue squad currently has 10 EMT’s. One lives in Halsey, one in Seneca, one in Purdum, one in Brownlee, one works in North Platte, and one works out of state three weeks/month.

There are two drivers and two that can occasionally help out.

If no personnel are available to respond to a 911 call, mutual aid from Mullen, Stapleton, or Valentine will be called.

An EMT class will begin in the middle of October and finish in May 2020. Class dates and times will be determined by the participants.



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Thedford Volunteer rescue squad is looking for volunteers to help keep their services available to the public.

Partial tuition reimbursement will be received after an EMT license is obtained.

For more information on how you can help,

please call Loren Eaton at 402-322-0579, Shirley Hanna at 308-748-2233, Pat Neben at 308-345-2365, or Jim Mills at 308-645-9087.

Students organize blood drive



THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTOS

Stefani Niesen and Kat Kennedy of the Nebraska Cattleman’s Association, Sandhills Affiliate, served beef sandwiches to blood donors at the recent drive held at Thedford High School.

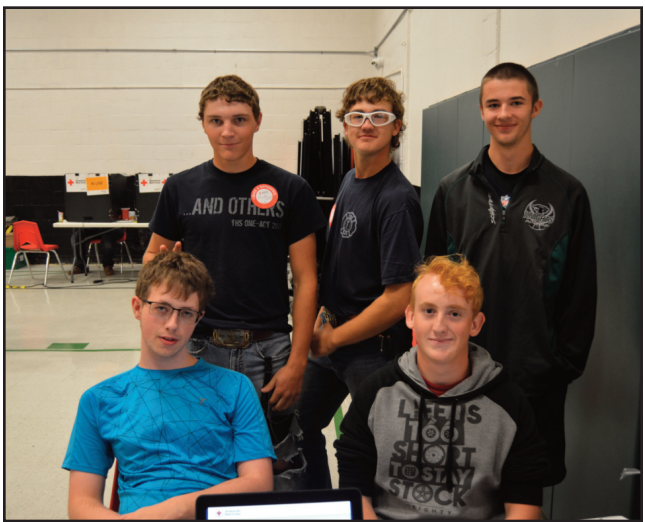
The American Red Cross Blood Drive was held Monday, September 30 at Thedford High School. “We were under our goal of 55 units, collecting 39 units and saving 117 lives,” stated senior sponsor, Jamie Taylor.

The drive was organized by five senior boys, Connor Burns, Shelton Andersen, Jakob Schaefer, Brandon Dahlgren and Jared Inman.

“Our first blood drive didn’t go as well as we hoped,” stated Connor Burns, “But we are hoping to go over our goal at the next drive.

There are three more blood drives planned for this school year - December 9, February 12 and April 15. The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Sandhills Affiliate is hoping that they can provide meals at each one of the drives.

“This is a great way for the high schools students to learn to organize a big event,” stated sponsor, Jamie Taylor. “They are involved in both the community and service, plus it offers a chance for local scholarships to Thedford seniors. The seniors help the Red Cross workers set up and tear down for the drive, and clean up after the drive. They also get a chance to enhance communication skills, because they call potential donors before the blood drive, reminding donors who have signed up, and interact with community members during the Blood Drive. This also gives our community members a chance to put a face with some of the students in our building that they might not get a chance to see,” concluded Taylor.



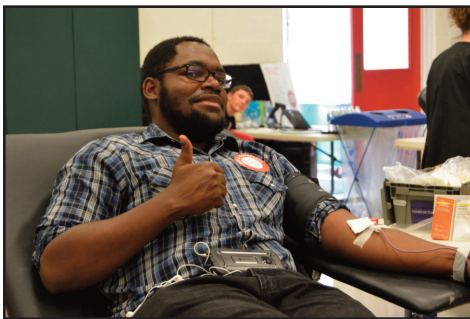
THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTOS

The senior boys assisting with the blood drive were, back row l-r: Brandon Dahlgren, Shelton Andersen and Jakob Schaefer. Front row, l-r: Jared Inman and Connor Burns.

Along with the blood drive, the 5th annual Healthy Heart Check-Up was held. The EMS staff at

Thedford Volunteer Rescue, with support from Great Plains Health and D. Todd Jensen, did a simple screening for any cardiac problems. These included: 12 Lead EKG, blood pressure and pulse check, non-fasting blood sugar testing, and a medical evaluation with Dr. Jensen, Physician Medical Director. This was free to everyone.

Plan now to attend the next blood drive on December 9 at Thedford High School. Watch for a reminder and times.



Thedford Public Schools music teacher, Clinton Albertus and Thedford High School student, Ariel Bryant donating blood at the recent drive.

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