

Cemetery Tour In Thedford

Tragedy happens, lives cut short before their time. Those young lives and others will be retold at the Hillcrest Cemetery tour on Sunday, October 14 at Thedford.

Please come to the Hillcrest Chapel at 2:00. Refreshments will be at the Chapel after the event. A

golf cart will be available for those that cannot walk long distances.

This event is sponsored by the Thomas Co. Historical Society and is free of charge, but donations to help maintain the museum will be welcomed. Lifetime membership

into the Thomas Co. Historical Society is \$50.00.

Volume 2 of the Pictorial History of the Sandhills will be for sale at a cost of \$35.00.

For more information contact Museum curator, Helen White, 308-645-2489.

Dailey Top In Light Iron Sighted Firearm

Seventy-two competitors and 17 teams competed in the 2018 Nebraska Youth Small Bore Silhouette Invitational held Saturday, September 29, at the Pressey Wildlife Management Area south of Broken Bow.

The event was open to all Hunter Education graduates who have not yet graduated from high school. It is an annual event held since 1977, making it Nebraska's longest running organized youth shooting sports event. It is organized and hosted each year by the Nebraska Game & Parks Foundation, as well as many local and regional volunteers and supporters. This year's safe and successful event was only marred by a cold, blustery day that provided a definite challenge to the young competitors.

Many local youth competed in this event with a number of individual and teams placing for awards. James Simpson of Wayne scored a 35 and was the State Champion. Sadye Glendy, Broken Bow, shot



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Members of the second place open team were, back row, l-r: Matthew Dailey and Andrea Meyer. Front row, l-r: Austin Rahmig and Danika Boyl.

a 34 and was High Girl. Cabe Schluckebier, Seward, shot a 33 and was High Boy.

Matthew Dailey, Thedford shot a 15 and was first in the Light Iron Sighted Firearm division. Andrea Meyer of Staple-

ton shot a 13.

Matthew and Andrea were part of the second place Open Team. They scored a 92. The other two team members were Danika Boyl of Mitchell and Austin Rahmig of Gering.

Two Sandhills Seniors Nominated For Believers & Achievers

U.S. Bank and the Nebraska School Activities Association are proud to announce the 2018-19 Believers and Achievers.

Beginning in October and continuing through March, 48 Nebraska high school seniors will be honored as Believers & Achievers. From those 48 finalists, eight will receive \$500 scholarships from U.S. Bank to the college or university of their choice at a scholarship banquet to be held on April 28, 2019.

These students will be recognized at NSAA State Championships throughout the 2018-19 activities year and on posters sent to all NSAA member schools and U.S. Bank branches throughout the state.

All of the students nominated for the Believers & Achievers awards program represent the very best of Nebraska's high schools. All nominees this year are outstanding leaders within their schools and communities.



Jacy Hafer



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Carlie Collier

Therefore, all of the students nominated will be recognized.

Area students recognized for this award included:

Arnold - Leighton Bubak (finalist).

Arthur County - Kyla Wykert (finalist) and Audrey Worthing.

McPherson County - Aubrey Schultis (finalist). Medicine Valley - Sydney Veldhuizen and Alissa Cottrell.

Mullen - Brandon Peters and Haley Jones.

Maywood - Jayden Widener and Paige Wood. North Platte - Peyton Negley and Avery Munson.

North Platte St. Patrick's - Calli Groseth and Cassandra Brown.

Paxton - Bennett Perlinger and Aidon Perlinger.

Sandhills - Carlie Collier and Jacy Hafer.

Stapleton - Tammie Gaites.

Sutherland - Colin Hoatson and Erica Hopping.

Valentine - Caleb Long and Mercy Maunu.

Clean Diesel Rebate Applications Accepted Through December 15

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's 2018 Clean Diesel Rebate Program is now accepting applications for two types of rebate - diesel refuse truck replacements and agricultural irrigation pump diesel engine replacements. Applications must be submitted to NDEQ by December 15, 2018 to be considered. NDEQ established the Nebraska Clean Diesel Program in 2008 to distribute funding received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of reducing diesel emissions and improving air quality in the state. The number of rebates offered in each category listed below may be subject to change, depending on the number of applications received in each category. Rebates will be offered for:

Diesel Refuse Truck Replacements - Funding will assist public and private refuse haulers with the early replacement of diesel refuse trucks with new, cleaner trucks. The

new trucks may be powered by diesel engines or by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) engines that comply with stricter nitrogen oxide emission standards. NDEQ will reimburse 35% of the cost of a new CNG-fueled refuse truck up to a maximum of \$110,000, or 25% of the cost of a new diesel truck up to a maximum of \$70,000. NDEQ anticipates funding five refuse truck replacements. Individual applicants may apply for a rebate for up to two trucks.

Agricultural Irrigation Pump Diesel Engine Replacement - Funding will assist farmers with the replacement of irrigation pump diesel engines with electric equipment. Diesel engines may be replaced with an electric motor to power a surface pump or by connecting an existing submersible pump directly to the electric grid. NDEQ will reimburse 60% of the cost of the electrical equipment, installation, and required electric line extension up to a maxi-

mum of \$20,000. NDEQ anticipates funding twenty irrigation engine rebates.

More information about the Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program, including rebate applications, can be found at NDEQ's Clean Diesel Program webpage: <http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/NCDGP>.

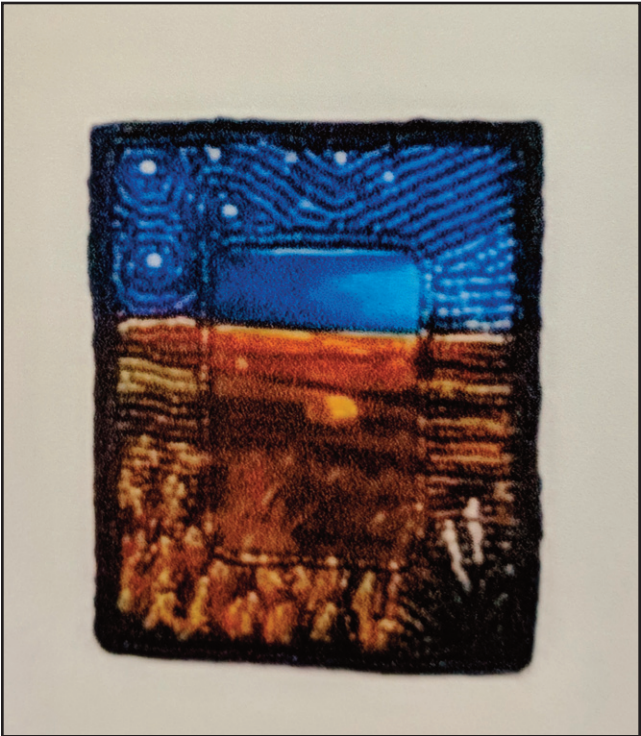
The Nebraska Clean Diesel Rebate Program is separate and distinct from the Nebraska Diesel Emission Mitigation Program funded by the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries. NDEQ has been designated to administer funds through this separate VW program, which is based on a federal court settlement. NDEQ has developed a mitigation plan to guide the use of these funds. For more information about Nebraska's program under the VW settlement, go to: <http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/AirVW>

Celebrating Local, State, and MONA Recognition

Story & Pictures By:
Rosalea Gift

Not long ago, a small town lady entered a local art show and found that she had won "Best of Show with her piece. The judge, Pat Schemmer stated she loved the detail and the creativity. The piece traveled with four other pieces to state where it won the state show. It was there that Dawn Bryant was honored to learn that the piece won at the state level and would travel around the state for a year. She attended a banquet for award winners and was even more surprised to learn that MONA (Museum of Nebraska Arts) had honored her piece by purchasing it so that it could become a part of their permanent collection.

To describe the piece is difficult as it's much prettier than the description. However, there are pictures at the Thedford Art Guild. Dawn said that she was inspired by Roberta Barnes's tapestries and started the piece about five years ago. She got tired of it and threw it



The tapestry-inspired piece by local artist Dawn Bryant has won state recognition.

into a drawer. She took it out years later with hopes of making a piece that she could enter in the local show. Dawn said she ripped out all the beading, and added the colored pencil painting on Shrink Fast. Then she extended it to add beading.

The whole piece measures 2 ½" by 3 ½".

Dawn is the Thedford Art Guild president and has created many pieces of beautiful jewelry. Stop in and look at the photo of her piece, check out the jewelry, and enjoy all the beautiful works by several artists.

Venison donation program hungry for cash

Donations of deer to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program are expected to rise dramatically this fall. On the other hand, cash donations to fund the program have plummeted.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is seeking cash donations to HHH so it can continue to feed Nebraskans in need. Each dollar donated provides two meals of ground venison.

"If each person buying a deer permit donated just \$1 each year, we'd have funds to pay for processing the 900 deer we expect could be donated," said Teresa Lombard, HHH coordinator for Game and Parks.

HHH, which was created by the Nebraska Legisla-

ture in 2012 with the passage of LB 928, is funded entirely by tax-deductible cash donations from hunters, businesses and individuals. HHH contracts with processors, who prepare and package ground venison from donated deer. Charitable organizations then pick up and distribute venison to Nebraskans.

Hunters who offer deer for donation pay no processing fee if it is accepted. But HHH might have to accept fewer deer because funds are lower, reducing the number of meals provided to Nebraskans in need.

More than 540,000 meals have been distributed since the program began.

"By making a cash dona-

tion, we can make sure that each deer a hunter wants to donate can be processed and more families in need can be fed," Lombard said. "The popularity of the program has resulted in an increase in processing costs that quickly outpaced the cash donations to pay for it."

The number of deer donated has grown from 213 in 2012 to 734 in 2017. Cash donations were \$104,441 the first year, but only \$39,689 in 2017. Cash donations typically are highest in October and November, but in 2017, donations in each of those months was a third of that from 2016.

For more information about or to make a cash donation, visit <http://outdoornebraska.gov/hhh>.

Notices

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- Quarterly Central Sandhills Area Extension Board Meeting Notice
- Thedford Board Of Education Accepting Sealed Bids
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The WCDHD's Immunization team will be at the Thomas County Library in Thedford on Thursday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

They will be offering flu shots for those six months of age and older, pediatric immunizations, adult immunizations, travel immunizations are available upon request and blood pressure checks.

For more information call them at 308-221-6831.