

Local Showman Exhibits In Ak-Sar-Ben Calf Challenge



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Chase Rath of Thedford is pictured with his steer “Ferdinand,” which he raised and exhibited this year.

Chase Rath of Thedford, exhibited in the 2018 Ak-sar-ben 4-H Livestock Show Calf Challenge. Chase is a Junior in High School and is home-schooled. He belongs to the local 4-H Club, the Thomas County Achievers. His steer is named, Ferdinand, named after the bull in the children’s book that would rather smell flowers than fight in bullfights.

This is the second year that Thedford has been represented at Aksarben in the Calf Challenge. Last year’s local recipients were Tyler Rath and Jen-tri Sherman.

The Calf Challenge consists of an application process, Skill-a-thon, interview and raising a steer. The Skill-a-thon tests the youth’s knowledge of the beef industry, as well as cattle as a whole, including meat cut identification and breeds.

Once the skill-a-thon phase is completed, the

chosen Calf Challenge recipient receives a steer to raise. A donor contributes the steers to Ak-sar-ben and in November, the youth must pick up their steer at West Point, Nebraska. This year’s donor was Hellbusch Cattle Co. of Creston, Nebraska. Each youth is also designated a sponsor to communicate with throughout the year until showtime. The sponsor can be someone in the industry, a businessman, Aksarben alumni or 4-H alumni.

The production phase includes raising the steer and formulating a record book. This record book includes feed and veterinary records, financial estimates, sponsor correspondence and a short essay portion regarding raising the steer during the year up to show. The record book is turned in at show time and is included in the point system, which also

includes Showmanship, Market Beef Class and Sponsor Interaction.

Chase showed Ferdinand at the 2018 Thomas County Fair as Grand Champion Market Beef and at the 2018 Aksarben Livestock Show held September 27 thru September 30 in Grand Island. He was one of 14 exhibitors competing in the Calf Challenge.

The Aksarben Calf Challenge is an incredible experience for youth to be involved in. Youth are able to experience the competitive show atmosphere that is Aksarben, but also get a chance to learn real world lessons in the beef industry.

Congratulations to Chase Rath on his outstanding accomplishment.

For more information about the Aksarben Calf Challenge, contact Shelby Leonhard at sleonhard@showaksarben.com.

Quilt rich in local history to be displayed in Valentine

A quilt made from 48 blocks by families in the Brownlee and surrounding area will be on display Wednesday, October 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Mid Plains Community College in Valentine. Refreshments will be served.

The Brownlee Women’s Club is sponsoring the showing.

The quilt is made up of blocks representing flowers of the 48 states. It is thought the embroidering and blocks were done sometime in the 1930’s to early 1940’s, prior to Alaska and Hawaii becoming the 49th and 50th states.

Mabel (Hickman) Pearson had the blocks in her possession and upon her death, her daughter Genie Sullivan made them into a quilt.

Genie’s son, Greg, will be donating the quilt to the Cherry County Historical Society on October 24, at the quilt show.

Some of the names on the quilt blocks include Lee, Tate, Sherman, Hickman, Belville, Wendler, Pedersen, Pound, Hanna, Richman, Reiser, and Eater, along with others who were living in the area. Those in the area who have other family heirlooms to share are asked to bring them to the quilt showing.



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This 48-block quilt will be donated to the Cherry County Historical Society after a showing of the quilt Wednesday, October 24, at Mid Plains Community College in Valentine.



This block features the Iowa state flower, the prairie rose, and was embroidered by Mrs. R.S. Lee.

Sandhills FBLA to host blood drive, Halloween party

Sandhills FBLA will be holding a blood drive, Wednesday, October 24, at Sandhills High School in Dunning. The bloodmobile will run from noon until 6:00 p.m. For an appointment call the school at 308-538-2224 or Celeste Rogers at 308-854-3236. All donors who come to give blood during the month of October will automatically be entered to win one of five \$500.00 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants. FBLA will also hold their Halloween party on Sunday, October 28.

Sandhills Family Dental Celebrates 5 Years With A Halloween Open House



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Sandhills Family Dental of Valentine staff is celebrating five years of business with an Open House on October 31. The Open house has many festivities planned, so stop in and say “Hi” and join in on the fun.

Sandhills Family Dental is hosting an open house on October 31, 2018 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm to celebrate five years of business! This event is open to the public and will take place at Sandhills Family Dental’s Valentine office at 275 N. Main Street.

The open house will follow the Main Street trick-or-treating festivities. Sandhills Family Dental will provide a complimentary supper for the event. There will also be coupons, give-aways, games, and prizes.

“We are so excited to host this event! We really want this to be a big celebration so we decided that Halloween would be

the perfect evening since the community will already be out and about for the Main Street trick-or-treating! We’ve got yummy food & lots of fun games and freebies planned. Looking forward to celebrating 5 years!” said Janeen Arens, Office Manager, Sandhills Family Dental

Kelly Anderson, Owner/Dentist said, “We love being a part of the Sandhills and Valentine community and we want to celebrate five years of service with our patients and the people in our community who have made it all possible! Stop by, eat, and have some fun! We would love to see

you!”

Sandhills Family Dental is owned by Dr.’s Adam and Kelly Anderson. They have been in business in Valentine since May of 2013. In addition to their Valentine location, they are serving the Mullen, NE area with a satellite office that they operate on Tuesday’s. Dr.’s Kelly and Adam and their staff strive to provide the very highest standard of dental care in a comfortable and friendly environment where patients truly feel like family. For more information, visit their website at www.sandhillsfamilydental.com or call the office at 402-376-1942.

Thistle Control During October

Bruce Anderson,
Nebraska Extension
Forage Specialist

As October starts to arrive, our thoughts naturally turn towards crop harvest. But don’t forget, it’s also thistle time again. Even if they are hard to see, this is the time to control them.

Timing is everything. That’s particularly true with thistle control. And October to early November is one of the best times to use herbicides.

Did you have thistles this year? If so, walk out in those infected areas this week. Look close. I’ll bet you find many thistle seedlings. Most thistle

seedlings this fall will be small, in a flat, rosette growth form, and they are very sensitive now to certain herbicides. So spray this fall and thistles will not be a big problem next year.

Several herbicides are effective and recommended for thistle control. Several newer herbicides like ForeFront, Milestone, and Chaparral work very well. Two other very effective herbicides are Tordon 22K and Grazon. Be careful with all these herbicides, but especially Tordon and Grazon, since they also can kill woody plants, including trees you might want to keep. 2,4-D also works well while it’s warm, but you will get

better thistle control by using a little less 2,4-D and adding a small amount of dicamba to the mix.

Other herbicides also can control thistles in pastures - like Redeem, Cimarron, and Curtail. No matter which weed killer you use, though, be sure to read and follow label instructions, and be sure to spray on time.

Next year, avoid overgrazing your pastures so your grass stands get thicker and compete with any new weeds or thistle seedlings.

Give some thought now to thistle control during October and November. Your pastures can be cleaner next spring.

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- Notice of Organization Prairie Feed Supply, LLC

Obituary

- David E. Hora

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News Briefs

The annual Turkey Dinner & Bazaar at the Seneca Auditorium in Seneca, will be held Sunday, October 28, 2018. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. MT.

There will be baked goods for sale, as well as jars of horseradish made by the Seneca Women’s Fellowship.

The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 & under. Children 4 & under eat free. The dinner is hosted by the Seneca UCC Fellowship.