

Gov. Ricketts to host town hall in Thedford

Governor Pete Ricketts announced that he would hold a town hall in Thedford on Wednesday, October 9th. The Governor invites the public to attend the town hall.

"Nebraskans are invited to join Governor Ricketts at his upcoming town hall in Thedford," said Taylor Gage, the Governor's Director of Strategic Communications. "This is a great opportunity to hear an update on how our state is growing, and also to make your voice heard."



The Governor looks forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can

move our state forward together."

The Governor will make remarks before taking questions. This event is open to the public.

Governor Ricketts' Town Hall meeting in Thedford will be held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. CT, at the Upper Loup NRD, 39252 NE-2, Thedford.

Any questions regarding the event should be directed to the Governor's Office at 402-471-2244.

First Annual Hills 2 Forest River Race Deemed A Success



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Calvin Hassel, Grand Island, finished in his canoe in a time of 4 hours 15 minutes 27 seconds. He is being given his participation clay medallion and his first place winner's medallion from SJSB treasurer, Charity Adams, on the left, and Cay Ewoldt of Sandhill River Trips.

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Nebraska has more miles of river than any other state. Thirty-three miles of the Middle Loup River west of Thedford, to the walking bridge over the river at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, was either kayaked or canoed by 40 adventurous men and women on Saturday, September 1, in the 1st annual Hills 2 Forest Middle Loup Kayak Race.

Cay and Stephanie Ewoldt, Lincoln, operate Sandhill River Trips out of Ewoldt's Grocery in Thedford. Cay's father, Allen and wife, Velma, own and manage the store, as well as take guests to and from the river. They, along with kayak race enthusiast, Brian Harmon of Omaha, organized the logistics of the race. The event was co-organizer by the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway Association. They worked on marketing and promotion aspects, as well as provided numerous volunteers that day.

All organizers were well pleased. The initial goal was 20 entries and the number totaled 40. Out-of-state communities represented included Denver, Colorado, and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Some of the Nebraska communities were Alliance, Omaha, Grand Island, Norfolk, Ericson, Shickley, Valentine, Broken Bow, and a local lady,



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Stephanie and Cay Ewoldt, handled the race logistics, waivers, and overseeing the keys for the numerous vehicles that were shuttled to the forest. They are pictured here with their dog Lucy.

Bobbi Scott, Thedford. The Shickley participant was a 2009 graduate from Thedford, and while Treva Nutter raced, her mother Linda held a garage sale in town where she grew up. Treva is now the K-12 physical education teacher at Shickley and an assistant coach in basketball. She also coaches track. Nutter and Scott completed the race in 6 hours 52 minutes and 6 hours 59 minutes, respectively.

Categories were men's kayak, women's kayak, and canoe.

Calvin Hassel, Grand Island, won the canoe division with a rowing machine finishing the

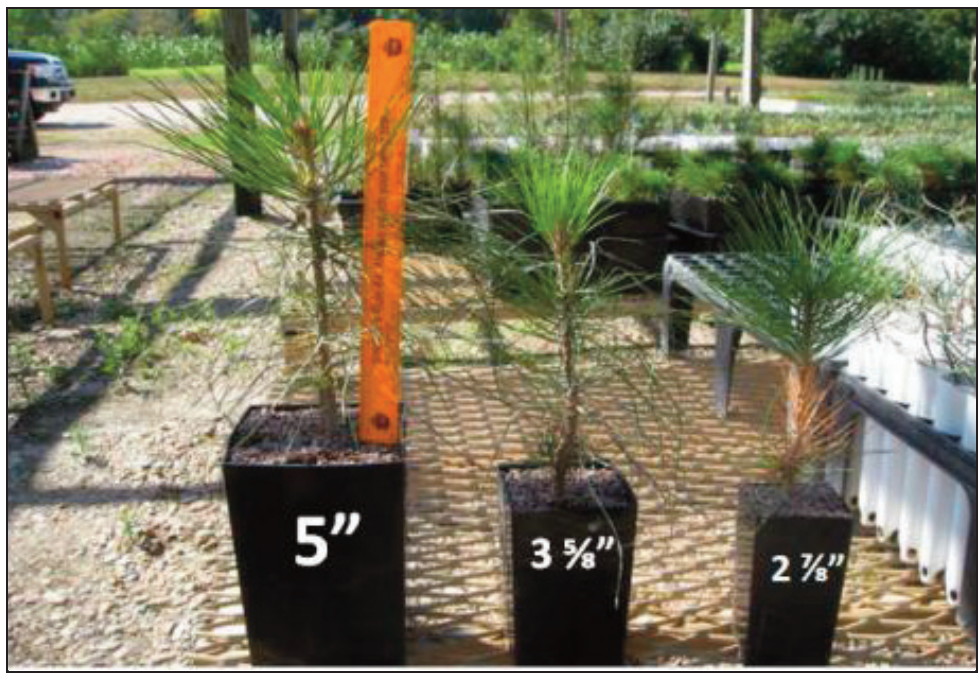
river in 4 hours, 15 minutes and 27 seconds. He was given his awards after he left the river as he was headed to the Niobrara river near Valentine to canoe that one later in the day.

Second in the canoe entries was Marek Uliasz who paddleboarded it in 6 hours, 21 minutes.

Third place canoe was MJ Bosiljevac, Omaha. She was one of the hard luck winners. Right after she began she capsized at 7:40 a.m. when temperatures were in the low 60's. She was soaked until the sun came out and temper-

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Fall Trees Available



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Pictured above are the different size trees available for fall at the Bessey Nursery in Halsey.

Trees provide important benefits such as, protecting homes and livestock from inclement weather, helping to reduce heating and cooling costs, preventing soil erosion, and also providing wildlife habitat. Fall is a good time to reinforce windbreaks that may need updated with new trees. The soil is warmer now than in the spring, which will allow roots to become established before the snow

starts to accumulate. By planting in cooler weather, the root growth will be ready to take up water during the warm spring and summer temperatures. The ideal planting timeline is now through mid-October.

The Bessey Nursery has a variety of small potted trees and shrubs available to purchase for fall planting. The nursery has many species available

such as, Colorado Blue Spruce, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern Red Cedar and a variety of different broadleaf and shrub species as well. Container sizes available include: 2 7/8" for \$5.75, 3 5/8" for \$6.75, and 5" for \$8.75. For more information on the available species and container sizes that are not listed please contact the Upper Loup NRD at 308-645-2250.

Hereford Crossroads

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Members of Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage are planning their fifth Hereford Crossroads in Broken Bow on Saturday, October 12. The annual 'Hereford family reunion,' with past and present Hereford breeders of Nebraska, has been held since 2015.

"Herefords are what has made Nebraska the Beef State, and we want to preserve that history for present and future generations," stated Linda Teahon, of Dunning. Her parents, Donal and Pauline Clouse ranched by Purdum and had a joint Hereford bull sale for over 20 years with Spencer Herefords of Brewster.

Special events for HC#5 include a month-long Hereford display area in the Custer County Museum from September 5 to October 11. At HC#5, viewing of memorabilia from area Hereford breeders will be at the One Box Convention Center beginning at 3:00 p.m.



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Social hour at 5:00 p.m. with a cash bar, and dinner at 6:00 p.m. catered by Country Catering of Litchfield. The induction ceremony of the newest members into the Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame will close out the evening. Cost of the evening event is \$35. A block of rooms has been reserved at special rate for this event at the Cobblestone Inn connected to the convention center. Lodging is on your own.

If there is enough interest, a tour to Adams Land and Cattle on Friday, October 11 will begin at 2:00

p.m. RSVPs for this free tour must be in by October 4 to Terri Licking, via email at twlicking@ymail.com, HC#5/ALC in subject line please. The tour has limited seating, so get your name on the list. A bus has been reserved for the tour because of safety issues, constricting the number of vehicles allowed. The tour will begin from the One Box Convention Center parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on October 11, travel to the ALC office head-

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LINDA TEAHON PHOTO

Paddle boarding all the way, Marek Uliasz, did the race in 6 hours 21 minutes.