

San Francisco Author Returns To Nebraska Roots



Helen White, left, curator of the Thomas Co. Historical Society Museum introduces Bev Scott, author from San Francisco, CA prior to her presentation at the Thomas Co. Library in Thedford.

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San Francisco author, Bev Scott has returned to her Nebraska roots for book readings of her new book, “Sarah’s Secret: A Western Tale of Betrayal and Forgiveness.” Scott traveled to seven states to research her family’s history.

“I began this journey some 25 years ago at the National Archives in Washington, researching information on my grandfather, a civil war veteran. It was on the back burner while I pursued my career and raised a family. I traveled to Thedford several years ago to see where my great-grandparents were buried and hopefully gain more insight. Helen White, museum curator, was very helpful. When the book was complete and launched early last

year – fiction based on some of the facts I garnered while doing research, I reconnected with White and Terri Licking, secretary of the Thomas County Historical Society. Terri had contacts from one end of the state to the other, so she ‘introduced’ me via emails and I took the scheduling from there.”

Scott not only did readings from her book, but explained how she researched her genealogy and gave tips.

“The National Archives is a great place to start. It had many depositions from family relating to my grandfather, who had a storied past.”

She traveled to Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Wyoming in her genealogical search.

“I lived in Scottsbluff for a few years as a child so it was good to kick-off my

book readings at Gering, across the river from Scottsbluff in western Nebraska.”

From there, Scott went to Alliance, Mullen, Thedford, Broken Bow, Omaha and Lincoln, in a whirlwind week. She and her spouse had time to do more research, even having a semblance of a family reunion during her time in Broken Bow.

“The Russell and Moody sides of my family lived in Custer County, so I was able to meet several of them at the Custer County Museum in Broken Bow the night I was there.”

Scott also gave tips on self-publishing. One can learn more about the author and her first self-published novel, “Sarah’s Secret” at www.bevscott.com.

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Dollar General Opens Up East Of Thedford



The newly opened Dollar General store on the east side of Thedford is now open for business.

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A national chain store opened its doors last week east of Thedford. Located at the junction of U.S. 83 north and Nebraska Highway 2 (the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway), Dollar General with headquarters in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, held a soft opening for its latest store.

Thedford will join 14,000 nationwide stores and more are being planned.

Halsey native, Kristie Giles, has been hired as general manager. Her commute is less than 20 miles to work versus over an hour when she would travel to Broken Bow. There are nine employees from Dunning to Mullen.

The hours will be seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

“We will have weekly specials, and during holiday weekends we will have a three-day weekend special. Of course, we will be closed on major holidays, such as Christmas,” Giles said.

Giles has lived near Thedford all her life and



Customers patiently waiting as the new employees learn how to run the registers at the newly opened business.

she knows the concerns many locals have about this national chain store affecting businesses of the locally owned grocery store, Ewoldt’s Grocery which is a mile and a half to the west.

“I am a local and I know what Ewoldt’s has and what is has meant to the community, but I think we can compliment each other,” she said.

This was a seemingly canned sentiment that was also expressed from one of the contractors during the building process who was interviewed earlier.

“We do not carry fresh produce and our meat too is packaged, not fresh,” she said. “If we don’t have it, I will send them up to Ewoldt’s.”

Time will tell whether this newest offering for consumer’s dollars will benefit or be a detriment to Ewoldt’s Grocery, a locally owned, family business that has been a staple in the grocery business and a community supporter for three generations, first in Stapleton, and since 2001 in Thedford.

First Blood Drive Of School Year Reaches Quota

The First American Red Cross Blood drive of the school year was held on Monday, September 17, 2018. The quota of 54 units was reached and the most double red donations at Thedford to date with seven.

The next red cross blood drive will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pictured at right is junior, Kirsten Milam, she was a first time donor. We wish to thank Kirsten and everyone who came to support a great cause!



THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTO

Steckel Honored For Years Of Service To Region 26



COURTESY PHOTO

Donna Steckel receives an award for 40 years of 911 Emergency Dispatch service at Region 26 in Taylor, NE. Attending the awards banquet in Grand Island are pictured from left - Region 26 Staff members: Virginia Michalski, Linda Lewis, Libby Burk, Caitlyn Czaplowski, Greeley Co Sheriff/Dave Weeks, Region 26 Council Member/Diana Hurlburt, Jo Donner, Del Black, Donna Steckel, Garfield Co Sheriff/Larry Donner, Tom Black, Thomas Co Sheriff/Gary Eng, Lisa Eng, Region 26 Director/Alma Beland.

November 1977 marks the date that Donna Steckel started her career at Region 26 Council in Taylor, Nebraska as an emergency dispatcher taking 911 calls, dispatching Fire Departments, Rescue Squads and Law Enforcement to help those in need or danger. Monday, September 24th Donna was honored in Grand Island at the Nebraska Emergency Services Communications Association’s banquet

where she received her 40 year pin. It was an extra special evening for Donna as her parents from Wyoming were able to attend, as well as co-workers, several sheriffs and their wives.

As you can imagine, in a 40-year time span Donna has seen a lot of changes in the workplace. The counties that Donna has served throughout the years are; Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Hooker, Logan, Loup, McPherson,

Sherman, Valley and Wheeler. She has “broke in” several officers in radio etiquette and if they were on duty she needed to know where they were and often reminded them “You may know where you are, God may know where you are, but if your dispatcher doesn’t know where you are then you and God better be on real good terms”. One big

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