

Sandhills Elementary gets creative with pumpkins



SANDHILLS SCHOOL PHOTO

The Sandhills Kindergarten with their pumpkin creations, l-r: Jose Melendez, Jr., Holt Jensen, Harper Zutavern, Talon Scheer, and Tessa Glidden.

Sandhills Public Schools Kindergarten through fourth grade students participated in a pumpkin book report project.

Students were given one week to choose a book and decorate a pumpkin that resembled his or her favorite storybook character. They were asked to write a short book report, and bring in their chosen book to display

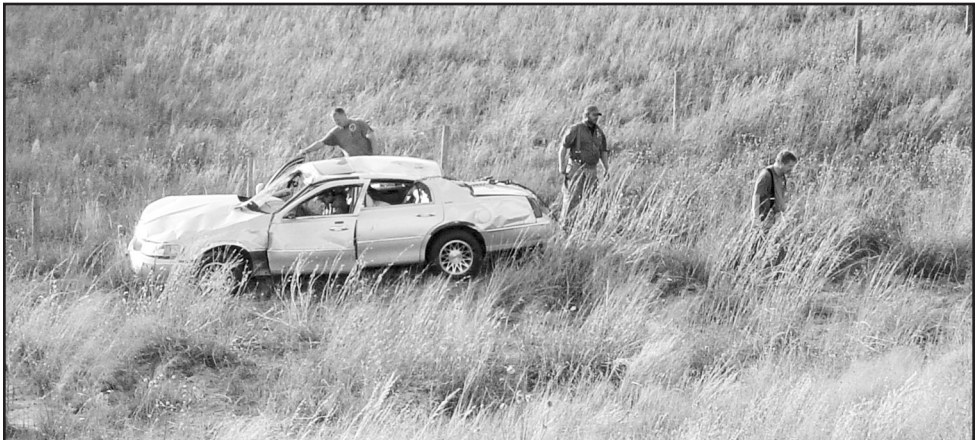
with their pumpkins.

Students were very excited to extend their learning with this fun fall reading project, which concludes when they verbally share their book reports and take their pumpkins home.

See more pumpkin pictures inside this issue on page 6.

Accidents in two counties involve same vehicle, drivers

Criminal charges filed in Thomas County Court



THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT PHOTO

Thomas County Volunteer Fire & Rescue personnel assist a motorist and passenger following a one vehicle roll-over accident south of Thedford on Highway 83 Friday, October 20.

Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson and Thomas County Sheriff, G.J. Eng were both called to accidents Friday, October 20, involving the same individuals and vehicle, only a few miles apart in their respective counties.

Sheriff Carson reports a call coming in at approximately 2:30 p.m. Sheriff Carson and Stapleton Fire and Rescue were dispatched to mile marker 117, approximately five miles north of Stapleton on U.S. Highway 83.

Donna Marie Koertge of Utah was northbound when she stated she fell asleep at the wheel. The car went into the west

ditch causing the driver to wake up. She then over-corrected the vehicle, which spun 180 degrees and went into the east ditch. No injuries were reported and she and her passenger, James Allen Koertge, Jr. refused ambulance service. The rear passenger tire was repaired and the couple continued northbound.

Thomas County Sheriff G.J. Eng stated he and Thedford Fire and Rescue were called out at approximately 4:48 p.m. to a single vehicle roll-over at mile marker 141 on U.S. Highway 83 in Thomas County.

Two victims were

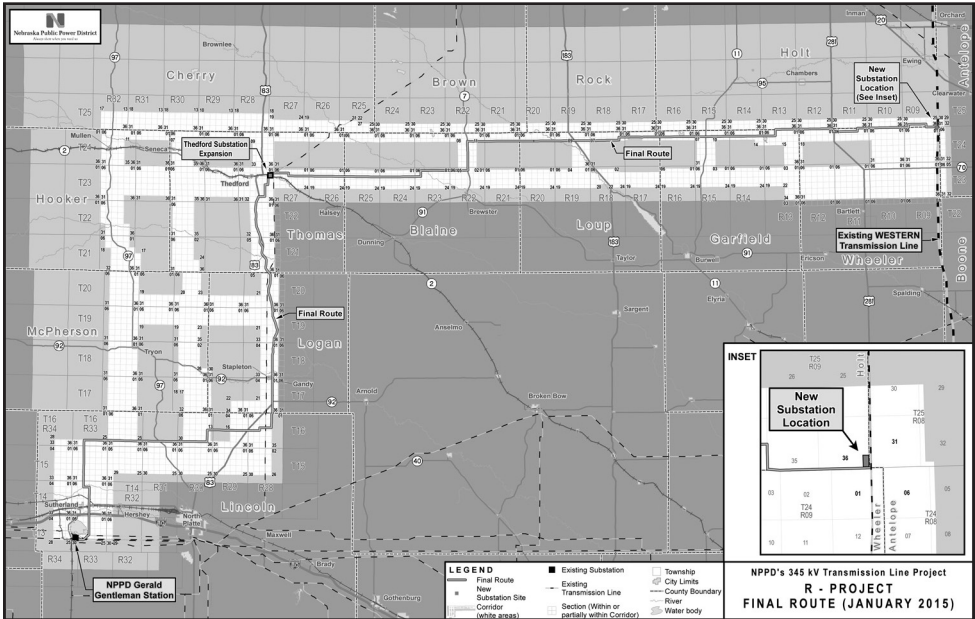
trapped inside a silver Lincoln town car. Stapleton Fire & Rescue responded with mutual aid.

Thedford rescue transported the two victims to Great Plains Health in North Platte. The driver, Donna Marie Koertge was later flown to Denver.

Sheriff G.J. Eng applied for, and was granted a search warrant for two containers located in the vehicle. Marijuana less than one ounce, drug paraphernalia, and 2,607 pharmaceutical pills were located in these two containers.

Criminal charges have been filed in Thomas County Court.

Opposition To Wind Turbines, R-Project Mounts



The R-Project line map taken from the NPPD Website cuts right through the heart of the Sandhills and into protected and endangered species habitat and migration paths.

Story By:
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Criticism and concern over the controversial Nebraska Public Power District's transmission line that will cut through the heart of the Nebraska sandhills continues to mount. Over 100 people, including two Nebraska state senators and one state senator's aid, were on hand for a session with U.S. Fish & Wildlife representatives at the Thomas County Fair Building, Wednesday evening, Octo-

November at the Thedford Life Center

There will be no carry-in dinner at the Thedford Life Center on Tuesday, November 7, so that everyone may enjoy soup and pie at the UCC Church.

There will be a regular potluck on November 21. We will not do a turkey dinner since this is Thanksgiving week.

Come to the Life Center and see what is going on. Everyone is welcome.

ber 25. NPPD plans to construct a 345,000-volt transmission line from NPPD's Gerald Gentleman Station near Sutherland to a new substation to be sited adjacent to NPPD's existing substation east of Thedford. The line will go up U.S. Highway 83 to Thedford and then proceed east and connect to a second substation to be sited in Holt County. NPPD held three rounds of public open house meetings, as well as additional meetings for interested parties. Eight public hearings were held in November 2014, at which time people sought out information and ex-

pressed concern over the route. Public testimony against the project route has continued. NPPD contends the 225-mile long line will alleviate congestion, increase reliability, and allow for wind power development. It will cross seven different rivers and numerous wetland areas.

The estimated cost for the R-Project line is estimated at \$365 million. Financing those costs will come through the sale of bonds in the market. NPPD is a member of the Southwest Power Pool and cost of construction of high-voltage transmission

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Veterans To Be Honored

Thedford Public Schools will honor local veterans on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the annual Veteran's Day Program at the Thedford High School Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend and help the students acknowledge and honor our veterans.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #230 will hold their annual Veteran's Day potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 12th at 12:30 p.m. at the legion building. The Shamrocks will provide musical entertainment and Michelle Hunt will give a report on her Girl State adventure.

2nd Annual Gymkhana in the Hills

The second annual "Gymkhana in the Hills" was held October 7 in Thedford. Participants came from Brownlee, Seneca, Hastings, Lincoln, Ord, Ithaca, Thedford, and Fort Pierre, SD. The arena was a little wet, but with help from T.J. Sabatka and Clinton Harvey, things mostly dried up by 1:00 when the events were scheduled to start.

Age groups were Pre-juniors (5-8), Juniors (9-12), Seniors (13-20), Adults (21-35), Super Seniors (36-50), and Jack Benny (51 & over).

The single events were: Turn & Burn, Golfette, Flags, Hitch & Go, Barrels, Keyhole, Poles, Bowtie, and Reverse Keyhole. Team events included: Pair Barrels, Flying W, Ribbon Race, and a "Secret Race" in which the pattern was not revealed until the time of the event.

Results were as follows:

Turn & Burn
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison.

Seniors - 1. Maranda Osienger; 2. Tawny Harvey
Adult - 1. Tanya Osienger; 2. Clay Allen; 3. Bobbi Scott.

Golfette
Pre-junior - 1. Easton McMillin.
Juniors - 1, Owen Blumenstock,

Flags
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison; 2. Trey Osienger
Juniors - 1. Owen Blumenstock

Adult - 1. Tanya Osienger; 2. Adam Wimer; 3. Bobbi Scott

Hitch & Go
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison



COURTESY PHOTO

All-Around winners at the second annual Gymkhana were, l-r: Hayden Morrison and Bobbie Scott. Also pictured is Riatta, Bobbie's daughter.

Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott; 2. Clay Allen; 3. Tanya Osienger

Barrels
Pre-junior - 1. Prent Parker; 2. Easton McMillin; 3. Trey Osienger

Juniors - 1. Mariah Osienger; 2. Owen Blumenstock
Seniors - 1. Kaylin Parker; 2. Maranda Osienger; 3. Tawny Harvey

Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott; 2. Emily Draz; 3. Adam Wimer

Super Seniors - 1. Jaime Parker

Keyhole
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison
Seniors - 1. Maranda Osienger

Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott

Poles
Pre-junior - 1. Trey Osienger

Juniors - 1. Mariah Osienger

Seniors - 1. Kaylin Parker; 2. Maranda Osienger

Osienger
Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott; 2. Britta Robinson; 3. Emily Draz

Bowtie
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison

Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott
Reverse Keyhole
Pre-junior - 1. Hayden Morrison

Adult - 1. Bobbi Scott

Pair Barrels
1. Tawny Harvey/Leslie Harvey; 2. Emily Draz/Britta Robinson

Flying W
1. Tanya Osienger/Clay Allen; 2. Kaylin Parker/Barry Sell; 3. Tawny Harvey/Lacey Sabatka

Secret Race

1. Maranda Osienger/Tanya Osienger; 2. Tawny Harvey/Lacey Sabatka

Ribbon Race

1. Kaylin Parker/Barry Sel; 2. Tawny Harvey/Leslie Harvey

There was a tie for all-

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