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Veterans honored with two observances



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Veterans who attended and were honored at the Thedford Veterans Day program were, back row, l-r: Virgil Uhrmacher, John Paul ‘JP’ Morris, Terry Higgins, John Bryant, Marvin Blauvelt, Bobbi Scott, Jerry Linn and Alan Haumann. Front row, l-r: Dan DeNaeyer, Dean Figard, Julie Schaeffer and Miles Maseberg

Due to the cold, the oldest veteran, Dave Haumann, 97, was unable to attend. It was the first program he has missed.

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Veterans were honored in Thedford on Veterans Day with a potluck dinner at noon at the Steidley-Kayton American Legion Post 230. Sunday, November 11, 2018, marked the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918. The Thedford Post was chartered in 1920.

“There was a good number of people on hand and plenty of food,” said Vada Haumann, who just celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this month. She is a member of the Post’s Auxiliary and her husband, Dave, 97, and a WW II veteran, is the oldest living member of the post. The couple still live in their home.

Students and staff at Thedford Public Schools honored veterans, Monday, November 12. Thomas County veterans, Jerry Linn and John Bryant, posted the colors. The pre-kindergartners led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The five kindergartners from Thedford and Goose Creek schools were given American flags by Legion Auxiliary member, Dixie Hoffman. Choirs from all the grades interspersed songs throughout the program.

An area veteran is invited to speak every year. This year, Sergeant Bobbi (Tropf) Scott gave a very



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Sergeant Bobbi Scott was the keynote speaker for the program.

inspirational message on her time in the U.S. military. She began her presentation by having fun with a play on words.

“My husband, Brigham, would have loved to join, but vet (veterinarian) studies is time consuming. When asked who the vet in the house is, we can say we both are. I am the veteran, he is the other vet.”

Brigham and Bobbi have two young daughters and have called Thedford home the last six years.

Bobbi grew up in Champion, Nebraska, a little village of 20 or so by Imperial. In the military everyone has a nickname. Her last name is Tropf,

pronounced troph – so it wasn’t long before she was the Trofy (Trophy) from Champion.

She included students in her timeline of how she got into the service by asking where certain grades were. She went to the second graders because that was the time she was told by a boy in her class she couldn’t join the Army because she was a girl.

“Do not let anyone tell you, you can’t do things.” She served as one of the first female 50 cal gunners on convoy security missions for Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was at Camp Addar in Tallili,

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Christmas tree cutting permits went on sale November 19

Christmas tree cutting permits will go on sale beginning Monday, November 19, at two of the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands (NNFG) District Offices: the Pine Ridge and Bessey Ranger Districts in Chadron and Halsey, respectively. The permits entitle the purchaser to harvest one ponderosa pine or Eastern red cedar, measuring up to 15 feet tall. Maps will be available with the permits to identify selected areas for tree harvest for each of the Ranger Districts.

The permits cost \$10 and are available at the following locations:

Supervisor’s Office/Pine Ridge Ranger District, 125 N. Main Street in Chadron, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST, Monday-Friday (excludes Federal holidays) 308-432-0300

Bessey Ranger District, 40637 River Loop Road in Halsey, Nebraska, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday-Friday, 308-533-2257.

Ewoldt’s Grocery, 608 Court Street in Thedford, Nebraska, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CST, Monday-Saturday and 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST Sunday, 308-

645-2235, <https://www.ewoldtsgrocery.com/>

Norm’s Auto, 41615 Highway 2 in Dunning, Nebraska, Call for hours, 308-538-2263

The Forest Service is the official featured agency to celebrate the White House’s Every Kid in a Park Initiative for November and December. As part of this celebration, free Christmas tree tags will be offered to 4th graders who present a valid voucher or an interagency 4th grade pass. Vouchers may be obtained at the Every Kid in a Park website: <https://everykidinapark.gov/>. To obtain the voucher, visit the website, click on the “Get your pass” button and follow the instructions. Print out the paper voucher and bring it with you. When 4th graders come into the office for their free permits, they are also issued a commemorative, hard plastic permit as a keepsake.

Each permit includes cutting guidelines, travel recommendations, and a free motorized vehicle

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Herefords Celebrated in Mullen

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The Hooker County Community Center, located on the fairgrounds west of Mullen, was the site of Hereford Crossroads (HC) Reception #4 last month.

Approximately 50 were in attendance. Attendees were greeted after registering, by the metal replica of Golden Design 14. The bull has greeted all those attending every year since the inception of Hereford Crossroads receptions. Those in attendance also got a chuckle of the coloring of “Herfy” by the Mullen elementary students, under the tutelage of Kyle Hoyt, Mullen art instructor. Sixty-four colored sheets, many not your typical Hereford colors, adorned the windows.

“History of our early days, when Herefords dotted the landscape of the Sandhills in the 50’s to 70’s is being thrown away. Because of this we formed a committee four years ago to help preserve what we can. Our first HC was in Thedford in 2015. Alliance was the destination in 2016, and last year it was held in Taylor,” said Gerri Monahan, Lincoln. She along with Richard Brown, Lincoln, Linda Teahon, Dunning, Ken Stephens, Valentine, Dale Spencer, Brewster, and Dixie Hoffman and Terri Licking, Thedford, now have a new moniker that includes a 501c3 status for Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage.

The Hereford Crossroads Receptions have always been a ‘family reunion’ of sorts, giving past and present Hereford breeders an opportunity to go down memory lane, and at the same time make new memories and new friends.

In 2015, and every year since, the committee also decided to begin a Ne-

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The 2018 herd sire inducted this year was a polled Hereford bull raised and shown by Orville Kuhlmann. It was immortalized in charcoal by 17-year-old artist, Wade Lawrence (left). Pictured l-r are: Ernie, Anthony, and Kevin, three generations of Kuhlmanns accepting the award.



LINDA TEAHON PHOTO

Earl Monahan had four generations represented to accept his induction poster into the Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame.



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The Mousel family from the Cambridge area, where the Mousel Brothers began their Hereford ranching operation. They accept the poster for induction into the NE Hereford Hall of Fame.

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The area schools annual Christmas programs have been scheduled.

Sandhills K-12 grade program will be held Thursday, December 6, in Dunning. The snow date will be Monday, December 10.

The Thedford Elementary Christmas program is set for Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Thedford High School.

The Thedford High School program will be Monday, December 17 at the high school with the snow date set for December 18.