

Hoyt Featured Artist

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The Thedford Art Guild is proud to host Kyle Hoyt, K-12 art instructor for the Mullen Public Schools, as our guest artist for the month of November at the Thedford Art Gallery, located across from the courthouse on Highway 2 in Thedford.

Hoyt's show features works in several different mediums including batik, watercolor, ink and watercolor wash, as well as pottery in several specialized styles – including naked raku, saggar, horsehair over colored glaze, and acrylic glazing. Hoyt also included three pieces from another Hoyt artist, his daughter Gracie.

A life-long Sandhills resident, Hoyt lives outside of Mullen with his wife, Denise, and their three daughters, Gracie, Izzy and Sadie, who are following in his artistic footsteps.

Hoyt's love of art began while attending the Red Mill Country School in Cherry County, under the tutelage of Gayle Neal, and his interest in clay, and art in general, was further cemented under the guidance of art instructor Dustin Stephenson at Mullen High School, from which he graduated, in 1996.

Hoyt earned his undergraduate degree in art ed-



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Kyle Hoyt, pictured with some of his pieces that will be on display at the Thedford Art Gallery through the month of November. He works in several mediums including horsehair, acrylic glazing and saggar, to name a few. Stop in and see all the work on display by local artists at the Thedford Art Gallery.

ucation at Chadron State University and went on to earn his Master of Art Education with an emphasis on classroom, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

He does most of his work from a studio based at his home, where he also collaborates on craft pieces with his family.

Hoyt is multi-faceted, keeping busy not only with family, teaching and his art, but also by giving private guitar lessons,

coaching the Mullen Marksmen, a shooting club in the 4-H program, and serving as a board member for both the Mullen Arts Center and the Hooker County Fair.

His work is part of collections throughout the United States, as well as around the world.

Hoyt's show will be up throughout the month of November and he has already sold several of his pieces.

Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition and Nebraska Extension, Team Up to Host 2018 Traveling Road Show

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition (NGLC) -Nebraska Extension joint Traveling Road Show appearing at eight locations across Nebraska. This year's speaker is Dr. Jason Rowntree, associate professor of Animal Science at Michigan State University. Jason is the faculty coordinator for Lake City and UPREC AgBioResearch and Extension Centers which is also the first accredited farm to become an accredited hub for Holistic Management working with the Savory Institute. He has obtained more than \$2 million in funding to study how grazing livestock can improve land and mitigate climate change by capturing carbon and providing other ecosystem services.

Specifically Dr. Rowntree has three primary areas of research and outreach interest: 1) improving energy efficiency at the farm level through properly managed grazing and integrated cropping systems; 2) understanding the impact of grazing systems on GHG flux and 3) development of pasture-based local beef production systems. His laboratory is also beginning to conduct more research on the impacts of management on healthfulness of beef. He is currently developing a genetic beef cattle base using Red Angus to provide grass finishing genetics to the upper Midwest. In the first five years they have marketed over 400 head of beef cattle into grass finishing markets.



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As an affiliate of the Center for Regional Food Systems, he strives to increase local food systems that strengthen local communities. In this role, he also recently developed a local beef model on Michigan State University campus that sources 60% of the total needed beef from campus sources. Jason is the scientific advisor and an accredited Holistic Management Educator for the Savory Institute and is an advisor of Standard Soil, a startup corporation that aims to meet the nation's growing demand for grass-finished beef while restoring the ecosystems they manage. He is past chair of the Grassfed Exchange, a leading U.S. grass-fed beef educational organization. Jason and his wife Cara have three children. They have a small 10 acre farm that allows for his family to raise grass finished beef, pastured poultry and eggs for their friends and church family. As a family they homeschool and are passionate about

the outdoors spending their time fly fishing and hunting in beautiful north Michigan.

Presentation topics will include:

- Changes from a conventional cow-calf research facility to a lower input grazing and grass finishing operation
- Impacts of grazing management on the land
- Impact of grass finishing strategies on cattle, forage and carcass performance
- Changes in industry attitudes towards beef grass finishing
- Future considerations and direction of grazing management and the market place

The cost of \$15 covers the cost of the meal. NGLC will pick up the cost of all student registrations. Must pre-register by November 9 to reserve a meal. Call the Extension office corresponding to your choice of location. Registrations will be taken until full.

Monday, November 12, 2018 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Central time) Lifelong Learning Center, NE Community College, Norfolk, NE. Contact Ben Beckman, Nebraska Extension in Cedar County 402-254-6821; 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Central time) Loup County Ag Society Community Center, Taylor, NE. Contact Steve Niemeyer, Nebraska Extension in GLW Counties 308-546-4200

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Central time)

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Work To Update Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Beginning

Effort Being Led by the Upper Loup Natural Resources District

For every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, \$6 in post storm clean-up and rebuilding is saved, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Institute of National Building Scientist. Proactive hazard mitigation planning allows a community to take actions to reduce or eliminate threats from natural and man-made disasters. To help guide future hazard mitigation projects, the Upper Loup NRD is undertaking an effort to update their current Hazard Mitigation Plan, originally approved by FEMA in 2015. Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) are a requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, administered by FEMA, and once a community, county, or district is part of an approved plan they become eligible for up to a 75% cost share for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan.

Hazard Mitigation Plans are required to be updated on a five-year cycle and the NRD's HMP will expire in 2020.

A hazard mitigation plan is a publicly-guided document that identifies vulnerability to natural disasters such as flood, drought, earthquake, wildfire, winter storm, tornado/high wind storm, dam failure, etc. The plan sets goals, establishes mitigation alternatives, and prioritizes projects which may alleviate potential damages to property and provide protection when future disasters occur.

This planning effort is being guided by a Planning Team consisting of representatives from the NRD; county emergency management; Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR); and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Public input will be gathered throughout

the duration of the plan development through on-line tools and public meetings. All communities, counties, school districts, and taxing authorities within the NRD are eligible to participate.

The NRD has hired JEO Consulting Group, Inc. (JEO) to assist with the plan development over the next 12 to 18 months. This hazard mitigation plan update is funded by a FEMA planning grant. The cost is shared 75% through federal funding and 25% through a local match. For this plan update the Upper Loup NRD is providing the 25% local match.

For more information on this planning effort, contact Brooke Welsh at 402-435-3080 or by email at bwelsh@jeo.com, or contact Lexi Hingtgen at 308-645-2250 or by email at lhingtgen@upperloup-nrd.org.

Champions Named at 2018 American Royal ROV Show



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Angus enthusiasts gathered for the 2018 American Royal Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, October 27 in Kansas City, MO. Todd Herman, Harrod, Ohio, evaluated the 153 entries, which included 126 females, 25 bulls and two cow-calf pair.

WB Pendleton 708 PVF SWSN claimed grand champion and junior champion bull honors. Carter Ward, Plattsburg, MO, and Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, own the February 2017 son of Dameron Best In Class.

Austin Nowatzke, Michigan City, Indiana, owns

the reserve grand champion bull. BNWZ/SWNY Specialty 7200 is a February 2017 son of PVF Insight 0129. He first won reserve junior champion.

Seldom Rest Sandy 7046 won grand champion female for Chance Myers, Edmond, Oklahoma. The March 2017 daughter of EXAR Classen 1422B first won late junior champion.

EXAR Frontier Gal 2057 claimed reserve grand champion female for Alexis Koelling, Curryville, Mo. The October 2017 daughter of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B also won early senior calf cham-

pion.

K Bar D, Redmond, Oregon, and Silveira Bros., Firebaugh, California, own the grand champion cow-calf pair. Silveiras Princess 6358 is a June 2016 daughter of PVF Insight 0129. A May 2018 bull calf sired by K Bar D Smokin' Joe 27D is at side.

Bar S Pride 3695 won reserve grand champion cow-calf pair for Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, Kansas. She is the April 2013 daughter of B C Lookout 7024. A March 2018 heifer calf sired by BSF Hot Lotto 1401 completes the winning pair.

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Thedford will be having their Veteran's Day dinner on Sunday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Thedford.

Thedford Schools will have their annual program on Monday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the high school.

Sandhills Public Schools will hold their Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Halsey Elementary School.