

# Old Fashioned Christmas Celebrated In Thedford



Santa and Mrs. Claus made their annual stop in Thedford to get any last minute wishes from the area children and give them treats. The children of BJ and Andrea Thomas are pictured giving Old Saint Nick their Christmas lists. They are, l-r: Beckett, Claire and Jace Thomas.



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Carver Abbott is pictured with his team that he gave rides with during the Thedford Old Fashioned Christmas held on Friday, December 6, in Thedford. Vendors were set up with many Christmas shopping ideas. The elementary students participated in a drawing contest with their local works displayed around town.

The Eastern Star Ladies served soup and the Thedford Service Club held buck drawings. A pancake feed was also held at the Life Center and the tree lighting took place on the Courthouse lawn at dark. The Amazing Grace Church had movies after school and the Nebraska Free Masons Child Identification Program (CHIP) was held at the United Church of Christ in Thedford during the festivities in Thedford.



Pictured with the inflatable snowman in front of the Thedford American Legion Hall were l-r: Luke McIntosh, Maciel Andersen, and Caleb Clark.



Cheryl Uhrmacher is pictured in front of her stand of Premier Jewelry. She was just one of the many vendors on hand for the Old Fashioned Christmas.

# Rath Attends 2019 National 4-H Congress



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Tyler Rath, fifth from the left in the back row, was among youth from the state of Nebraska attending the 2019 National 4-H Congress: Go Beyond.

# Hamiltons Named To NC Hall Of Fame

Nebraska Cattlemen recognized three very deserving individuals for the Hall of Fame and Industry Service Awards on December 5, 2019 during the Annual Convention and Trade Show in Kearney. The individuals were selected based on their continuous dedication and contribution to the beef cattle industry. The Industry Service award recognizes those for their outstanding service to the Nebraska beef industry through their dedication and commitment to helping shape and provide for the beef industry. The 2019 Industry Service award winner was Dr. Dale Grotelueschen. Most recently Dr. Grotelueschen was the Director of the University of Nebraska's Great Plains Veterinary Education Center,

prior to that he spent years with Pfizer animal health and the UNL Panhandle Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Dale is also currently the chair of the Cattle Health and Wellbeing Committee for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Throughout his dedicated years to the beef cattle industry he has published vital research papers on subjects related to BVD and has extensive knowledge and experience with beef quality assurance and disease prevention. The Hall of Fame award highlights Nebraska Cattlemen members who exemplify an ongoing commitment to the beef cattle industry. Presented only once annually this

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## Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all our readers and their families. We appreciate each and every one of you for supporting your local hometown paper. Join us in 2020 for even more events happening in our area!

National 4-H Congress took place this year from November 29 until December 3, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. State Delegates are selected based upon their academic achievements, 4-H accomplishments, community involvement and future endeavors. Each State selects a certain number of individuals to attend and represent their State. The Delegate must submit an application and go through a selection and interview process. The State of Nebraska selected 26 total Delegates, including three alternates, to attend the 2019 National 4-H Congress. Tyler D. Rath, Hastings College Sophomore currently studying for a Dual Major in Physics and Aerospace Engineering, was selected to represent Nebraska and Thomas County 4-H. Selected State Delegates participated in state-of-the-art educational workshops and got to experience world renowned speakers such as: Sonny Perdue, the United States Secretary of Agriculture; John Beede, an Everest climber, global adventurer, entrepreneur, author, humanitarian, and keynote speaker; Mason McClintock, Alumnus of Georgia 4-H; Kelly L. Loeffler, Chief Executive Officer of Bakkt and Co-owner of WNBA Atlanta Dream;

Brenda Reid, Media and Community Relations Manager for Publix Super Markets' Atlanta Division; Emmanuel "Manny" Ohonme, Founder of Samaritan's Feet; and Dan Clark, CEO of a multi-million dollar corporation, an internationally recognized Speaker, Entertainer, Songwriter/Recording Artist and New York Times Best Selling Author. Each speaker addressed the 4-H State Delegates and encouraged them to seek out possibilities, make their dreams a reality, remember the importance of American agriculture, be original and an exceptional individual. In addition to these activities, the Delegates spent a day devoting their time to Community Service. Tyler volunteered to tend to landscaping tasks at the Piedmont Park

Conservancy. They also choose a tour of the city to experience. Tyler chose "Heroes of Our City" in which he visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change and the Carter Presidential Center. Four-H has been an asset and has given him the skills and knowledge to take on the world in whatever direction God may lead him. "The greatest contribution of 4-H to my life, has been its ability in enabling me to pioneer new frontiers, whether it be becoming a better leader, or serving my community in a greater way. 4-H has brought beckoning new worlds within reach," Tyler stated. Congratulations to Tyler D. Rath on his successful 4-H Career and his numerous accomplishments.