

Santa Makes Appearance In Thedford

The weather outside was cold, but everything was delightful, as the Thedford Service Club hosted their annual “Old Fashioned Christmas.” There were plenty of firepits located on Main Street to help keep shoppers warm. The new TC Sharp Shooters held a fundraiser and sold s’mores around the firepit at the Masonic Lodge. The Amazing Grace Church women did a great job of keeping 40 elementary students occupied until Santa’s arrival. They showed the movie, “The Star,” then divided the youth into three age groups and completed crafts and other activities. Thirteen home-based businesses brought their wares, which included homemade items - wreaths, baked goods, jams, jellies, table runners, and wall hangings. Make-up, jewelry and health aids were also available. The women of Eastern Star provided soup, sandwiches, and dessert bars at the Masonic Lodge, while the

Life Center held their annual pancake supper fundraiser. With Love Photography, the newest store in town, highlighted their offerings, as did the new Prairie Feed Supply, located in the former fire hall building. Santa arrived at the Masonic Lodge in grand style. Chris and Kim Abbott of Hyannis provided Santa’s transportation with their wagon and team of horses. Carver Abbott drove Dan and Duke, matching white Percherons. Alicia (Abbott) Clark of Thedford, was instrumental in getting her family involved. Youth enjoyed the wagon rides, and caroling as they went. Trivia questions were located at businesses and other places including the Life Center, Masonic Lodge, library, Art Gallery, museum, Ewoldt’s Grocery and Country Salon. Students decorated windows with their drawings. Winners from annual competitions will be announced in an upcoming issue.



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Santa arrived in Thedford in style, Friday, December 7. He was escorted to the Masonic Lodge in a wagon provided by the Abbott Family of Hyannis and pulled by Dan and Duke.



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Chase and Tyler Rath along with their shooting sports leader, Trista McMillin, are pictured here selling ingredients for s’mores for those doing their Christmas shopping in Thedford on Friday, December 7.



SHALEE MORRISON PHOTO

CoBurn Morrison, son of Steven and Shalee Morrison of Thedford, filled Santa and Mrs. Claus in on what his Christmas wishes were.



Christmas Extravaganza in Dunning



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The Community Hall in Dunning had 23 vendors during their Christmas Extravaganza on December 8.

Dunning held their annual Christmas Extravaganza in the community hall, Saturday, December 8. This was rescheduled due to the snowstorm the week before, but the

change in date did not dampen holiday shopping. Twenty-three vendors were on hand with items much like in Thedford the night before, with the addition of pot-

tery, wood carved items, and photographs. Santa also made an appearance. “Having the Sandhills-Thedford Knights playing basketball in town brought many shoppers.

It was a good day,” said Linda Teahon, Sandhills Heritage Museum board member. The museum was one of the benefactors of this annual shopping tradition.

Thedford’s Prairie Feed Supply up & running with all your livestock feed needs

Bobbi Scott

On October 1, 2018, Josh Call sold J.A.C. Feed to Pat Laird of Laird Feed in Gothenburg. With new ownership, this local business took on a new name, Prairie Feed Supply, creatively thought up by Pat’s wife, Barbara.

Pat lives in Gothenburg and has successfully owned and managed Laird Feed since 1997. Before becoming an entrepreneur in the feed industry, Pat worked on his family’s farm and ranch operation. He then became employed in the feed business as a sales manager for ten years. He has had over 31 years of service in the animal feed industry. He now has a sub-dealer in Arnold and is half owner of The Feed Bunk in Stapleton. Pat plans on making the trip to Thedford once a week while the business is starting up to get to know people in the community and make sure operations are running smoothly. Pat says, “The customer is the most important aspect to any business; that should be obvious but must never be forgotten.”

The changes didn’t stop with just the name. On November 16th, after some renovations to the old fire hall, Prairie Feed Supply was able to move out of their location at Haake 5 Cenex Station to 609 Walnut St. The fire hall was purchased by Josh Call and is now being leased to Prairie Feed Supply. Josh, founder of J.A.C. Feed, is still working with the Prairie Feed Supply team and is willing to answer any feed or mineral related questions.

Some things remain the same: quality feed and livestock supplies. You will still be greeted by the same friendly faces when you enter the doors. The Prairie Feed Supply team: Tess Chytka, usually accompanied by her two Bernese Mountain Dogs, Tilli and Frankie; Shalee Morrison and son, CoBurn; and Bobbi Scott with daughters Ariata and RyDell are always happy to help customers in this

family friendly store!

Tess Chytka is originally from Bridgeport, Nebraska. She received her associate’s degree in Veterinary Technology from Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska. Tess moved to Thedford in 2015 with her husband Mr. Bridger Chytka, Thedford’s Shop/Ag. Teacher and FFA Advisor. When she isn’t loading trucks at the bulk bins or helping customers at the store, you will most likely see Tess with a horse. Her passion is training horses with her husband through their business, Dunes Horsemanship, and she is always happy to help by day working for the local ranches throughout the community.

Shalee (Paxton) Morrison grew up in Thomas County. She graduated from McPherson County High School and continued her education at Mid Plains Community College in North Platte. Shalee, with husband Steven, lease a family ranch east of Thedford. They raise red angus cattle and have a superior line of quarter horses and Border Collie dogs. When Shalee’s not behind the desk, she can be caught behind a camera taking brilliant pictures of life in the sandhills!

Bobbi Scott was raised in Champion, NE on the Spear Circle Ranch. She served in the U.S. Military for nine years and received her BS degree in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska and her AS degree in Ag Business from Southeast Community College in Beatrice. Bobbi moved to Thedford in 2013 with her husband Dr. Brigham Scott, DVM at Cow Country Animal Clinic. The diverse agricultural backgrounds of these individuals make the Prairie Feed Supply Team a trusted resource for all animal nutrition needs.

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May you have a peace-filled and joyous holiday!