

Winners Announced In Veterans Day Coloring Contest



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Thedford Elementary winners in the Creative Printers Veterans Day coloring contest were, back row, l-r: Whitley Rasmussen, Mariah Osienger, Brooklynn DeNaeyer and James Reiser. Front row, l-r: Paisley Ray, Vinny Johnson, Mary Licking and Maciel Vargas.

Over 200 entries were submitted for the Veterans Day coloring contest sponsored by Creative Printers in Stapleton.

A picture was published in the November 8 issue of the *Thomas County Herald* in the special Veterans Day supplement. Newspapers were distributed to students at Stapleton, Thedford, Sandhills, and McPherson County Schools, and elementary students were encouraged to color the picture and read their newspaper that included information on Veterans Day.

Winners at Thedford and Sandhills schools were recently announced. The overall winner at Thedford elementary was Mary Licking, first grader, and overall winner at Sandhills elementary was Kallan Cox, fourth grader. Each overall winner received \$30.00, a free one year subscription, and certificate.

First place class winners were awarded a free one-year subscription and certificate. Second and third place winners received recognition certificates.

Class winners at Thed-

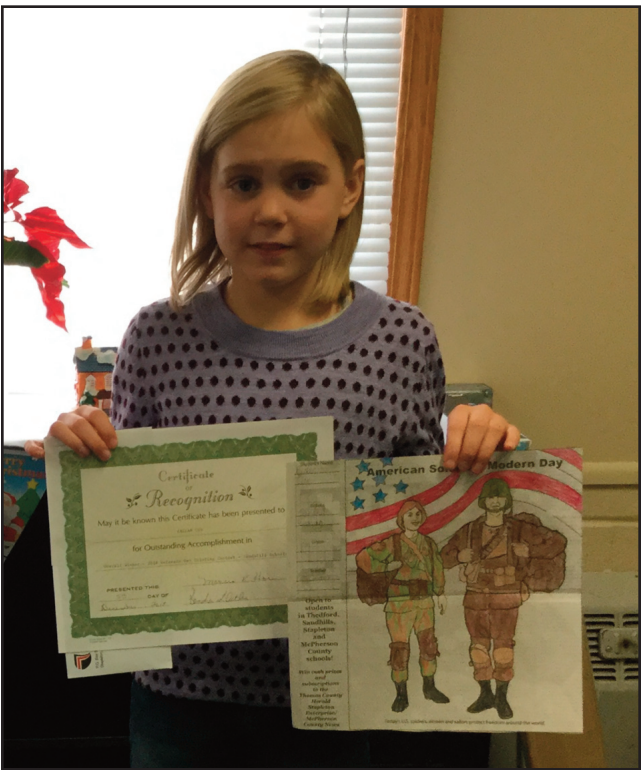
ford elementary were: Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Grit Licking; 2. Hope McIntosh; 3. Elsa Walker.

Kindergarten: 1. Paisley

Ray; 2. Vinny Johnson.

First Grade: 1. Maciel Vargas.

Fifth Grade: 1. Brooklynn DeNaeyer; 2. Whitley



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Sandhills Elementary overall winner in the Creative Printers Veterans Day coloring contest was Kallan Cox, a fourth grader.

Local Student Wins Conservation Poster Contest with Creative Art

The Upper Loup Natural Resources District (NRD) is pleased to announce that Brooke Milam of Thedford High School is the state winner of the 7-9th grade category in the NACD Poster Contest. Brooke has been awarded a first place certificate and a \$25 Visa gift card! Her poster will be sent on to the national competition held in Washington D.C. This year's contest theme was, "Watersheds-



Our Water, Our Home." Students were asked to

create a poster that reflected what watersheds meant to them and their homes. This contest aims to get youth thinking about the importance of conserving our natural resources with also the opportunity to win monetary prizes! All grade levels from K-12th are able to participate in the contest with a winner chosen from each category ranging from K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.



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Sandhills Elementary winners in the Creative Printers Veterans Day coloring contest were, l-r: Brody Schipporeit, Paizley Zutavern, Sophia Glidden, Tessa Glidden and Charlie Smith.

Rasmussen; 3. James Reiser.

Sixth Grade: 1. Mariah Osienger.

Class winners at Sandhills elementary were:

Kindergarten: 1. Charlie Smith; 2. Saije Bray; 3. Hazen Clark.

First Grade: 1. Tessa Glidden; 2. Jose Melendez; 3. Holt Jensen.

Second Grade: 1. Sophia Glidden; 2. Braydyn Hickman; 3. Cesar Chavez.

Third Grade: 1. Paizley Zutavern; 2. Mason Suttum; 3. Mattee Zutavern.

Fourth Grade: 1. Brody Schipporeit; 2. Ember Chavez; 3. Thatcher Teahon.

Fifth Grade: 1. Rylyn



CELESTE ROGERS PHOTO

Sandhills Elementary fifth and sixth grade winners in the Veterans Day contest were, l-r: Rylyn Moody and Emily Chavez.

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Farmers and Ranchers Adopt Policy Positions, Elect State Leaders at Nebraska Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Convention

Farmers and ranchers from across the state set Nebraska Farm Bureau (NEFB) policy positions for the coming year and elected four individuals to the organization's Board of Directors during the NEFB Annual Meeting and Convention held Dec. 2-4 in Kearney. NEFB is Nebraska's largest general farming organization, representing the interests of farmers and ranchers who produce virtually every agricultural commodity in Nebraska.

"It's clear property taxes remain a top priority for our members. We spent considerable time discussing the importance of solving our state's property tax problem, but our delegates also covered a wide range of other policy issues that impact their operations," said Steve Nelson, Nebraska Farm Bureau president.

Among the policy resolutions adopted was support for the continued availability and use of dicamba herbicide for use on dicamba tolerant crops. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released new label directions for dicamba use in response to concerns about dicamba drift. Delegates also shared support for continued education efforts on proper dicamba application.

Protections for farm and ranch operations were also addressed by the delegate body in calls for strengthening private property and nuisance laws for agriculture. The resolutions seek to ensure existing Nebraska farms



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Members of Thomas County Farm Bureau attended the Nebraska Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Convention in Kearney, Dec. 3 and 4. Pictured from left are Bailey Porter, Desarae Porter and Austin Horn, all of Thedford.



Members of Blaine County Farm Bureau attended the Nebraska Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and Convention in Kearney, Dec. 3 and 4. Pictured from left to right are Chester Smith of Elsmere; Andra Smith of Elsmere; Kathie Martindale of Brewster; and Paige Martindale of Brewster.

and ranches would continue to have the flexibility to change their operations as needed into the future without loss of private property rights and nuisance protections. "Delegates also supported a resolution to prevent plant-based and

lab-produced protein makers from using the word 'meat' or other 'meat' related terms from describing their products. With the lab-produced protein products entering

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Thomas County officials were among those attending a conference December 12-14 at Kearney.

The annual conference, attended by approximately 800 county officials is part of a continuing education and leadership development series sponsored by the NACO.

Those attending from were: Lorissa Hartman, clerk; Andrea Thomas, treasurer; Pam Moody & John Seeley, commissioners; Lloyd Smith, highway superintendent/surveyor; Carol Conard, weed superintendent.