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Forty-Six Units Of Life Saving Blood Collected



THEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thedford High School students helping to check in donors at Thedford High School were, l-r: Cailyn Jameson, Caity Hesseltine, Cauy Pokorny and Marlee Taylor.

The Red Cross Blood Drive was held Monday, December 18, at Thedford High School. Forty-six units were collected, which means 138 lives were saved by the

donors that took time from their busy lives to give blood. The next Blood Drive will be Wednesday, February 21, at Thedford High School.

This is the Senior Class Scholarship Blood Drive. Please plan now to come out and support the Seniors and help save lives!



Kalee Jepsen was a first time donor at the blood drive.

Upcoming Private Pesticide Trainings

Private Pesticide Trainings are just around the corner. They will be held in January and February for our area. Certification for private pesticide is needed for ag landowners buying and applying restricted use pesticides on their land. Private applicators do not charge for applying chemicals and apply them to their or their boss's farms and ranches. Not sure if you use restricted use pesticides? A list of restricted use pesticides can be viewed at the UNL Pesticide website at pested.unl.edu. Call the CSA Extension Office (308-645-2267) to register for these local trainings to ensure enough materials are brought, or so we can call you if the weather is bad and the training is postponed. Local Private Pesticide Trainings (in the Central Sandhills Area): Wednesday, January 17, Grant County Courthouse Basement in Hyannis 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, Hooker County Library in Mullen from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, January 25,

Thomas County Courthouse in Thedford 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, Open Bible Church in Dunning, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, Blaine County Courthouse in Brewster, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. To receive your Private Pesticide License, you will complete two steps. Step 1: You must complete a Private Pesticide Training (\$40). Once you have completed a training, you will receive an invoice for your license (\$25) from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA). Step 2: After paying the invoice you will receive your license in the mail. Your license number and expiration date can also be viewed on the UNL Pesticide website. Your license will be good for 3 years. If your license will expire in 2018, the NDA will send you a bar-coded letter in December. Please bring this bar-coded letter with you to the training. For more information or to register at any of the locations above, contact the Central Sandhills Area Extension Office at 308-645-2267.

tension Office at 308.645.2267 or email bjohnston3@unl.edu. What do you do if you miss the local private pesticide training? Check for another training in Nebraska at the UNL Pesticide website at <http://pested.unl.edu/private-license>. You may also complete a self-study or online training, cost is \$60, plus the license fee of \$25 from the NDA. Any applicator that charges for applying pesticides (such as custom farmers, golf course employees, county weed su-

perintendent, lawn care businesses) are required to get a commercial or noncommercial license. A list of commercial and non-commercial trainings can be acquired at your local extension office or at the UNL Pesticide website. The closest commercial training would be in North Platte, Ainsworth, and Valentine. For more information or to register at any of the locations above, contact the Central Sandhills Area Extension Office at 308-645-2267.



Aaron Nelson giving the gift of life as a first time donor.

Eighth Graders Carry On Pillow Tradition



THEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL PHOTOS

Nobody can remember for sure when the tradition started, but everyone seems to agree that Ida Paxton started it. The giving of a handmade pillow to the Thedford Kindergartners during the annual Elementary Christmas program is alive and well, thanks to Mrs. Gift and the Thedford Eighth graders. The Elementary program was held Monday, December 11, at the high school. See inside this issue for more pictures from the Thedford Elementary and High School Christmas programs.

Pictured above: Thedford Eighth graders who made pillows for the Thedford Kindergarten class, back row eighth graders: Cash Reynolds, Drew McIntosh, Cylee Jameson, Dane Pokorny, Seth Scranton, Parker Ballenger and Maranda Osienger. Front row kindergarten, l-r: Vinney Johnson, Luke McIntosh, Misty Parker, Emerson Pettit, Mary Licking, Grady Licking, Maciel Vargas, Trevor Dykstra, Meyiah Burton and Danica Burk.

Story Time At Thomas County Library



COURTESY PHOTO

The kids during the morning Story Time doing a learning activity, pictured, (starting with striped shirt and running clockwise): Hayden Hoffman Cinch Reiser Ariata Scott, Gavin Connell, Heston Licking, Kennedy Hoffman and Hope McIntosh.

With 2017 coming to a close, the Thomas County Library has been full of kids every Monday morning for Story Time. The students listened to stories, played games and also did a little school work on most days. They have learned about colors, shapes, and numbers. In 2018, the children will start to learn about letters. It is hoped that more children, ages 0-4,

from the community will come and join the group on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On December 18, 2017, a Christmas Party was held and the kids were allowed to wear their pajamas and watched the movie Paw Patrol Pups Save Christmas. They also made ornaments and listened to the story "Santa is Coming to Nebraska."



Thedford Preschoolers singing and ringing bells during "Ring the Bells", pictured above, l-r: Douglas Ridings, Elsa Walker, Paisley Ray, Saije Bray, Kennedy Hoffman, Cinch Reiser, Tailey Koubek, Lachlan Stephens and Hailey Burk.