

Story Time Hour A Big Hit



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“Story Time” celebrated Halloween with kids in costume, pictured l-r are: Maverick Schaeffer, RyDell Scott, Ariata Scott, Hayden Hoffman, Gavin Connell, BoDell Larsen, Myra Schaeffer, Julie Licking and Grit Licking.



Children painted handprint turkeys for Thanksgiving. Pictured with their masterpieces are, l-r: Julie Licking, Ariata Scott, RyDell Scott, Hayden Hoffman, Grit Licking, Hope McIntosh, Gavin Connell and Heston Licking.

The Thomas County Library has been holding Storytime Hour at the Library in Thedford. The children have been reading new and exciting

books, along with having lots of fun playing Bingo to learn their upper and lower case letters and their numbers. They celebrated Hal-

loween by wearing their costumes, and for Thanksgiving they made handprint turkeys.

Storytime is held every

Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Library in Thedford. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.



Thedford’s Old Fashioned Christmas

Be sure to be in Thedford, Friday, December 7, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for an “Old Fashioned Christmas.” Amazing Grace Church will have a movie, crafts, and games immediately after school. S’mores will be for sale and firepits will be available. Enjoy sleigh rides and live reindeer. Santa will be arriving at 5:00 p.m. Tree lighting on the courthouse square will take place at 6:00 p.m. There will be baked goods and candy for sale, and home-based businesses set up downtown Thedford. A pancake feed will be served at the Thedford Life Center. Pictures will be available by Bridget Licking of “With Love Photography.” The Thedford Art Gallery and museum will be open. Shop local. Support your community. Visit Thedford!

Community Benefit Fund Started

Terri Licking

For those attending the community church service the Sunday of fair, or the community Thanksgiving service, you know the offerings taken go to the benevolence fund. Overseen by members of the local churches, with Pastor Ron Maston of the Assembly of God Church as administrator, the benevolence fund is used to help travelers in need that come through our community.

Pastor Ron and members of the Thedford Service club came to realize these past few months, there were plenty of our own community members who have suffered debilitating strokes, accidents, and illnesses, in-

cluding cancer. Insurance does not cover the expenses incurred for mileage, lodging or meals for the extended treatments needed by these families.

A new account has been set up at Security First Bank, Thedford to help our own. Donations may be sent to Thomas Co. Benefit Fund, Security State Bank, P.O. Box 288, Thedford, NE 69166. The funds will be divided and given to those families who were contacted and said yes - they would appreciate the financial assistance. “This is not a hand-out, but a hands-up to our own residents. It will not cover much, but they will know we care for them,” said Virgil Uhrmacher, president of the Thedford Service Club.

Pearson Crowned Nebraska Hereford Queen

The Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Fonner Park, was the location for the annual gathering of Nebraska Hereford Association (NHA) members and guests, Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18. Nebraska Hereford Women (NHW) met in the Quilt room of the Pinnacle Bank Exposition building. Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage brought their display of the Golden Design 14 metal sculpture, and the eight posters of the inductees into the Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame. Many in attendance renewed history of Herefords in the state.

Since November 19, 2011, the Hereford Women of Nebraska are one entity. The Nebraska Pollettes, horned or polled, joined under one umbrella. President Trudy Nolles, Bassett, conducted the women’s business meeting.

Brett Nelson, Burwell, president of the Nebraska Hereford Association emceed the banquet. They held their meeting in the Nebraska Beef Pit room located across the hall from the Quilt room.

Several awards were handed out at the banquet, catered by Country Catering of Litchfield.

• Young Promoter Award went to Andrew and Caitlin Blessin of VR Bar Land and Livestock at Kenesaw.

• Heritage Award to TWJ



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Royalty crowned at the recent Nebraska Junior Hereford Association meeting were, l-r: Princess, Shyenenne Morgan, Bassett; 2019 NJHA Queen, Hannah Pearson, Valentine; 2018 NJHA Queen, Ralston Ripp, Kearney. Front row, NJHA Sweetheart, Kaisha Alber, Guide Rock.

Farms, William Claybaugh, Julie Claybaugh of Carroll.

• Commercial breeder to Monahan Cattle Co., Hyannis.

• Breeder of the year to Upstream Ranch, Taylor.

The NHW sold logo items, along with a silent auction during the banquet. The \$1,000 made at the auction will go towards scholarships and to fund the travels of the Nebraska Hereford queen.

Ralston Ripp, 2018 NJHA queen from Kearney, gave

her farewell address prior to transferring her NJHA banner to the 2019 NJHA queen, Hanna Pearson, Valentine.

Pearson is the 17-year-old daughter of Wade and Michelle Pearson, and is a senior at Thedford High School where she is active in FFA, FCCLA, one-acts, and other activities. Her grandmother is Connie Pearson of Broken Bow.

Hannah and her older brother, Seth, started

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The Hereford Women of Nebraska held there annual meeting recently and elected their board of directors for 2019. Pictured front row, l-r: President - Trudy Nolles, Bassett; Vice President-Kay Miigerl, Ravenna; Secretary-Sarah Nelson, Ord; Treasurer-Sarah Person, Hampton. Back row, l-r: Directors: Michelle Pearson, Thedford; Carol Priefert, Fairmont; Amber Morgan, Bassett; Afton Alber, Guide Rock and Carrie Ourada, Burwell. Trudy Nolles is also serving on the National Hereford Women’s board of directors.

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December is a very busy month at Thedford Public Schools.

The PreK-6th grade Christmas program will be held Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. The 7th through 12 Christmas program will be held December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Both will be held at Thedford High School. The snow date for the programs is December 18.

The THS Blood Drive will be held at the High School on Monday, December 17 from noon until 6:00 p.m. Come help them save lives!