

Successful Superheroes of the Sandhills

Rosalea Gift

What a day! What a wonderful crowd showed up to help raise some money for the Sandhills Cancer Fundraiser and to enjoy themselves while doing just that. We had bridge players—more than we’ve ever had before. It just keeps getting bigger. The ladies came early and played until late.

This year people could buy a pink T-shirt. It’s hard to believe that this is our 6th year and the first time we used the color pink for our T-shirts. They were a popular item and we only packed six of them to be used for something next year.

Cauy Pokorny put the 3 x 3 basketball on his Instagram and Gage Haake got to manage ten teams that day. Jacey Nutter brought some of his college buddies and they put themselves in the winner’s circle. Second place was a Mullen team consisting of Lane Edis, Ty Spies, Alex Harms, and Cade Connell. Third place was won by Skeeter Connell, Russell Licking, Tyson and Casey Stengel, and Dane Pokorny.

The 5 K had more than 40 people running. There were several kids of all ages competing. Dayle Haake won first, Brady Dahlberg won second, and Laney Dahlberg took third. All the people who won placings from 1st-3rd were given prizes.

Students 7th-12th sold over 697 Runzas. The students pre-sold Runzas and then Keith Richardson came from the Broken Bow Runza Hut and



THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Superheroes of the Sandhills Cancer Fundraiser was held Sunday, April 14, at Thedford High School. Pictured above are some of the ladies who came out for the bridge tournament at the school. This was the largest number of bridge players since tournament began.

made Runzas all afternoon so people could have fresh ones. We really appreciate his giving up his Sunday to do this for us.

Kalee Jepsen was in charge of the silent auction tables. There were lots of really nice items. The one that got the most attention was the complete meal made by Darci Lee. She had two huge aged steaks, a vegetable, a casserole, homemade rolls, etc. which went for \$400.

We had a couple of new contests this year—corn hole and water pong. People were too busy doing the other activities that they didn’t get to these games. We may try them again next year.

It was a great day. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we got to send a sizeable check to the Sandhill’s Cancer Fund, Inc. We thank

everyone for coming and supporting us in this endeavor. Please, if you know of someone who has cancer, contact Rosalea Gift and she will get a simple form for you to

fill out and send to Ainsworth. The directors of the Cancer Fund will send you a check to help with medical expenses, food, travel, medication, motel rooms, etc.



The top three placers in the 5K were, l-r: Dayle Haake, first; Brady Dahlberg, second; Laney Dahlberg, third.



Winners of the 3 on 3 basketball tournament were, l-r: Thomas Tews, Gage Haney, Jacey Nutter and Austin Anthony.



Second place winners of the 3 on 3 basketball tournament were, l-r: Lane Edis, Ty Spies, Alex Harms and Cade Connell.



Those taking third in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament were, l-r: Skeeter Connell, Russell Licking, Tyson Stengel, Casey Stengel and Dane Pokorny.

Six Injured In Two Car Accident



THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thedford Fire & Rescue, Stapleton Fire & Rescue and Thomas County Sheriff, Gary Eng, were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident, Wednesday, May 8, at approximately 3:00 p.m. A nearly head-on two-vehicle accident occurred on the loop between the viaduct and Highway 2 about a half

mile east of Thedford on U.S. Highway 83.

Hannah Clark, 20, of Mount Vernon, South Dakota, was eastbound and driving on the wrong side of the highway in a 2015 Mazda. The vehicle hit a westbound 2018 Suburban driven by Rex Blackwell, 66, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Thedford and Stapleton rescue personnel transported six patients with injuries ranging from minor to moderate to Great Plains Health in North Platte.

Both vehicles were estimated as total losses. Thomas County Sheriff Eng investigated the accident.

THS Senior Is “Best of the Best”

Thedford High School senior, Cailyn Jameson, daughter of Richard and Tammi Jameson of Thedford, was one of 16 honored by the *North Platte Telegraph* in partnership with Mid-Plains Community College as the area’s “best of the best.”

Academic All-Stars were selected from across the area and represent some of the brightest and most accomplished students of 2018-19.

North Platte Mayor Dwight Livingston was the keynote speaker at the ceremony and said he was impressed with youth in North Platte and surrounding communities. He added challenges this generation faces are difficult.

Cailyn recognized Mrs. Rosalea Gift, THS FCS teacher, as being the most influential teacher and credited her for her academic success.

Other All-Stars and their high schools were:

Hannah Anderson, Gothenburg; Cassandra Brown, North Platte St. Patrick; Nathaniel Franz, North Platte St. Patrick; Colin Hoatson, Sutherland; Maxon Frey, Stapleton; Jordyn Kenkel, Ogallala; Emma Krab, Ogallala; Ainsley Nichols, North Platte; Bennett Perlinger, Paxton; Brandon Peters, Mullen; Sydney Veldhuizen, Medicine Valley; Macey Widick, Brady; Ellana Willis, Callaway; and Paige Wood, Maywood.



Scenic Byway Scholarships

The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway is pleased to announce the winners of two scholarships in the amount of \$250 each. This is the ninth year the scholarships were offered and 26 well-qualified applicants from all areas of the Byway applied. The winners are BaiLee McMillan from Millburn and Marlee Taylor from Thedford.

BaiLee is a senior at Anselmo/Merna High School and plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Veterinary Science. She hopes to obtain her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and return to the heart of cattle country as a mixed practice veteri-

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