

## Things Were Hoppin’ In Halsey



The Halsey/Purdum Service Club sponsored their annual Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, April 20 in Halsey. Their were four sites for various age groups with around 150 Easter baskets given to an estimated 150 children following the hunt.

Pictured above is the “Big Bunny” winner of the day, eight-year-old Jordyn DeNaeyer of Thedford. She found the lucky egg with a note saying she had won the grand prize.

Beckett Thomas, pictured at right, was very happy to find the “Goose Egg” during the hunt.

### Graduations To Be Held May 11

Thedford and Sandhills Graduations will be held on Saturday, May 11.

Thedford High School’s 2019 Graduation will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Thedford High School in Thedford.

The Thedford Seniors will be honored on Thursday, May 9 at Baccalaureate at Amazing Grace Church in Thedford at 7:30 p.m.

Sandhills High School Seniors will graduate on Saturday, May 11,2019 at Sandhills High School in Dunning. Commencement exercises will get underway at 5:00 p.m.



**Watch Next Week’s Edition of the Thomas County Herald for The Sandhills & Thedford Senior Congratulations Pages Honoring the 2019 Graduates**

LINDA TEAHON PHOTOS

## Final Blood Drive Of School Year A Success



JAMIE TAYLOR

The final blood drive of this school year was held Monday, April 15, at Thedford High School. Sixty-seven units were collected to meet the goal. This means that 201 lives will be saved due to the great support of the Thedford school community. Pictured above are the three seniors who worked throughout the school year running the drives and calling on people to donate. Pictured l-r: Caity Hesseltine, Marlee Taylor and Cailyn Jameson.

## Smith’s Office Announces Staff Mobile Office Hours for May

Constituents of Third District Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE) are invited to meet with a representative of his office at mobile offices throughout the month of May in Trenton, Minden, Holdrege, Tryon, Niobrara, Ponca, Hartington, Stapleton, Cozad, South Sioux City, and Hebron.

At mobile offices, Third District residents can meet with one of Smith’s staff members who can assist with federal agencies, like FEMA or the USDA, relay concerns about federal issues, or assist in taking advantage of the services available through his office.

Smith, who has offices in Grand Island and Scottsbluff, will provide his mobile office and a staff member at the following times and locations:

Monday, May 6 - Hitchcock County Courthouse, 229 East D Street, Trenton, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CT

Tuesday, May 7 - Kearney County Courthouse, 424 N. Colorado Avenue, Minden, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT

Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce, 504 4th Avenue, Holdrege, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CT

Wednesday, May 8 - McPherson County Courthouse, 500 Anderson Street, Tryon, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CT

Thursday, May 9 - Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Headquarters, 2525 Woodbine Street, Niobrara, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CT

Tuesday, May 14 - Dixon County Courthouse, 302 3rd Street, Ponca, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CT

Cedar County Court-

house, 101 S. Broadway Avenue, Hartington, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CT

Wednesday, May 15 - Logan County Courthouse, 317 Main Street, Stapleton, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT

Thursday, May 16 - Cozad Area Chamber of Commerce, 135 W. 8th Street, Cozad, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT

Monday, May 20 - South Sioux City Office – Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT

Wednesday, May 22 - Thayer County Courthouse, 225 N. 4th Street, Hebron, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT

For additional information, please contact Smith’s Grand Island office at (308) 384-3900 or his Scottsbluff office at (308) 633-6333.

## Nebraska, Colorado & Wyoming are “Hail Alley” states

### Know what to do if you’re caught in a hailstorm

This area is entering into severe weather season and Cooperative Weather Observer, Deanna Brummet, who lives west of Stapleton, shares advice if you are caught in a hailstorm.

Motorists should stop driving and pull to a safe place so hail doesn’t break the windshield or any windows. Continuing to drive directly into a hailstorm can cause your windshield to break due to the speed of the vehicle plus the velocity of the hail and wind.

Keep your car angled so the hail is hitting the front of your car. Windshields are reinforced to withstand forward driving and pelting objects. Side windows and backglass are much more susceptible to breakage.

National Weather Service measurements of hail include:

- Pea size - 1/4” diameter.

- Small marble - 1/2” diameter

- Dime or penny - 3/4” diameter (considered severe)

- Nickel - 7/8” diameter

- Quarter - 1” diameter

- Half Dollar - 1 1/4” diameter

- Ping-pong ball or walnut - 1 1/2” diameter

- Golf ball - 1 3/4” diameter

- Hen egg - 2” diameter

- Tennis ball - 2 1/2” diameter

- Baseball - 2 3/4” diameter

- Tea cup - 3” diameter



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The “great white combine” made unwelcomed appearances again in 2018 with hail commonly one inch in diameter and larger on 18 different days. The largest hail report, measured at three inches in diameter, from a spotter along Highway 385 near mile marker 95, which is about seven miles northeast of Angora, on August 6.

Grapefruit - 4” diameter  
Softball - 4 1/2” diameter

The speed of hail falling when it strikes the ground varies by the diameter and shape of the stone. A hailstone of 0.39” falls at 20 mph. Stones of 3.1” fall at 110 mph. Speed also depends on the friction with air it is falling through, the motion of the wind, collision with raindrops or other hailstones, and melting as the stones fall through a warmer atmosphere.

The largest hailstone in Nebraska fell near Aurora, on June 2003. It was 7.0” in diameter and 18.74” in circumference. The next day a hailstone fell near Deshler that was 6.5” in diameter and 17.3” in circumference. One death was reported and two suffered injuries.

The largest hailstone in the United States fell in 2010 at Vivian, South Dakota. It was 7.9” in diameter and 18.62” in circumference. It weighed 1.9 pounds.

On June 5, 2015, one city block in Denver received hail for one and a half hours and it was 4’ deep. It took 30 dump trucks to remove it.

The states of Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming, are considered “hail alley” with the most hail storms in the nation.

Keriduo, Kenya has the most hail events at 50 days per year average. It hailed 132 days one year. It is close to the equator and at an elevation of 7,200 feet.

The heaviest hail stone was 2.25 pounds. It fell in Bangladesh in 1986.

(NOAA Information)

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