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Many Items Added To Museum Displays

Members of the Thomas County Historical Society recently worked on the upstairs displays in the museum. They used many of the trophies, plaques, and red and white sports uniforms given to them by Thedford High School.

There were many more trophies than they had room to display, so those will be available for the taking at the June 16 Alumni banquet. Anyone attending the banquet can select one or more of the trophies to take with them. There are many ideas online for repurposing trophies into useful articles. Some ideas are table centerpieces, wine bottle tops, book ends, and hooks on coat racks.

The Historical Society encourages the public to visit the museum during open hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the summer.

Julie Bain wins National Leadership award

Julie Bain, Bessey District Ranger for the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands (NNFG), was the 2018 recipient of the prestigious Grassland Leadership Award from the National Grassland Managers Council. This award recognizes a Forest Service employee who has gone above and beyond their position to promote National Grasslands to such a degree that their energy and leadership is influencing others. Selection was based on Bain's achievements in land stewardship, ability to collaborate with all grassland users and her enthusiasm for exciting others to excellence.

Bain came to the Bessey Ranger District in 2015 and has been instrumental in enacting grazing and conservation measures that beneficially impacted both the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest and the Bessey Ranger District, an area of approximately 175,000 acres of sandhills mixed grasslands.

Nominated by her employees, Bain is recognized as an innovative and active leader who rolls up her shirt sleeves and works shoulder-to-shoulder with employees and permittees, whether from horseback working

Heart now located at Art Gallery

TERRI LICKING

"Western Gothic: Big Skies and Big Hearts," has been installed at the Thedford Art Gallery. Roberta Barnes of Halsey was involved in four of the 89 hearts painted last year for the 150th birthday of Nebraska. Finished hearts were auctioned off in October to benefit the Sadie Dog Fund and Lead Up (formerly Boys Hope, Girls Hope).

The Broken Bow art instructor assisted one of her students on a heart and Barnes worked on a solo heart in the classroom. The third heart was a collaborative effort from artists Paul Loomer, retired Broken Bow art instructor, and Tresa Haney, Oconto ranch wife. The three are members of the Wild Rose Gallery of Broken Bow.

Roberta's fourth heart was a commissioned piece by the Nebraska by Heart committee to honor Clayton Anderson, Nebraska's astronaut. She completed this heart at home in two weeks.

All four hearts were taken to Rod's Body and Paint Shop in Broken Bow and given a power coat of weather resistant sealant. This was done prior to taking the hearts to Lincoln where they were displayed from May until auction time in October.

The heart completed by Roberta's student now sits on the northeast side of the square in Broken Bow. The collaborative heart, dedicated to photographer, Solomon Butcher, is now located in front of the Custer County Historical Society museum in Broken Bow.

Roberta's solo heart entitled "Western Gothic: Big Skies and Big Hearts" came home to Thomas County.



Artist, Roberta Barnes, cuts the ribbon at the dedication of her heart at the Thedford Art Gallery. Pictured with her are, l-r: Terri Licking, member both of the Thedford Art Guild and the Thomas Co. Visitor's Committee; Tom Witt, member of the Visitor's Committee and Paula Rhian, treasurer of the Thedford Art Guild.

TERRI LICKING PHOTOS

Roberta wrote the following narrative about the heart:

"Nebraska has many diverse regions. One of the larger areas of Nebraska, the Sandhills, encompasses the north and west central regions of the state. I think of this region as one of Nebraska's best-kept secrets. Most travelers speed along I-80 and never get a chance to experience the splendor of the Sandhills.

The Sandhills region embraces a culture all its own. It's the beginning of the west where the cowboy way of life is common to all who live there. Many ranches are managed and operated by a team: the husband and

wife. They work side-by-side through the good times and the bad times.

The front side of the heart parallels the concepts expressed in Grant Wood's American Gothic. The ranching couple is saddled up in front of the barn ready for the day's work. On the backside, the day is represented through an early morning scene of moving cattle to new pastureland. The base of the sculpture highlights the livestock brands from the Sandhills region.

I have two possible titles for the piece. The first is Western Gothic, which, as mentioned earlier, relates to Grant Wood's American Gothic. The second possible choice is Big Skies and Big Hearts, be-

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The backside of the heart depicts a spring cattle drive with a baby calf hidden in the grass.

Saddles Awarded To Thedford High School Rodeo All-Around Winners



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The 2018 Thedford High School All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl are pictured above with the saddles they received for their efforts. Cameron Jensen of Bingham, left, was the All-Around Cowboy, and Lexie Lowery of Burwell was the All-Around Cowgirl this year.



COURTESY PHOTO

Julie Bain, Bessey District Ranger for the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands, with her leadership award.

cattle, or lighting a prescribed fire treatment. She is active in the community and works with many partners, including school groups, non-profits, volunteers and other state and federal agencies.

Recently Bain leveraged the budget with grant funds to introduce mobile solar units for water delivery in pastures to assure consistent, reliable water sources and to overcome shortages. She was also

successful in securing grant funds to proactively address eastern red cedar invasion with prescribed fire treatments to "keep grasslands grass."

The National Grasslands Leadership Award was announced last week at the National Grasslands Managers Meeting in Clayton, New Mexico. Bain's employees helped her celebrate with a surprise barbecue and congratulatory party.