

Nebraska Supreme Court Justices Make Stop In Thedford



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Chief Justice, Mike Heavican, presents Thomas, Logan, McPherson and Hooker Counties Clerk Magistrate, Brenda Cochran, with an “Above and Beyond Award” for her exemplary service to rural Nebraska.

An eleven hundred mile trip involving stops in 24 counties is on the agenda for this year’s Chief Justice Summer Tour. Each year Chief Justice Heavican dedicates several days to traveling to court-houses outside the Lincoln area to meet with judicial branch staff, tour courtrooms, and learn about individual projects. Again this year, several associate judges of the Supreme Court are joining the tour that will take them on a trek through Nebraska’s central corridor. During the courthouse tours, the Chief Justice and fellow justices will meet with various county board members, lawyers, and community leaders to thank them for their dedication to their local courts and the judicial system.

According to Heavican, the purpose of the summer tour is to elicit feedback on ways to improve the court system.

“It is important for us to get feedback from our local court staff, from judges, from community members, and from lawyers as to how certain

programs are working, and what we might be able to do better for a particular community or in our statewide programs.”

As a complement to the Chief Justice’s tour, the Supreme Court Attorney Services Division is offering free continuing legal education seminars in Hastings and O’Neill. Nebraska Probation Administration will host a reception for probation service providers during the O’Neill event.

While in Thomas County, Chief Justice Heavican presented Clerk Magistrate, Brenda Cochran with an “Above and Beyond Award”. This was awarded to Brenda for all she does in servicing the four counties in her area.

Justices as well as other staff from the State of Nebraska Judicial Branch were available to answer questions to help improve their services to the rural Nebraska court system.

The Supreme Court consists of a Chief Justice and six associate justices. The Chief Justice, who represents the state at large, is appointed by the Governor from a statewide list



The Thomas County Courthouse in Thedford was one of the stops on the Chief Justice Summer Tour. The Chief Justice and five Associate Justices met with Thomas County Officials and had lunch in the courtroom. Pictured above are, l-r: Associate Justice, John Freudenberg; Associate Justice, Stephanie Stacy; Thomas County Sheriff, Gary Eng; Chief Justice, Mike Heavican; Associate Justice, William Cassel; Thomas County Clerk, Lorissa Hartman; Thomas County Treasurer, Andrea Thomas; Clerk Magistrate, Brenda Cochran; Associate Justice, Jeffrey Funke; and Associate Justice, Jonathan Papik.

of candidates selected by a judicial nominating commission. The six remaining associate justices are chosen by the same judicial nominating commission procedure but each represents one of six districts. These judicial districts are approximately equal in population and are redistricted by the Legislature after each census.

The Supreme Court’s basic responsibilities are to hear appeals and provide administrative leadership for the state judicial system. The Supreme Court has the authority to be the original court in which a case is heard under certain circumstances.

The Supreme Court also hears all appellate cases regarding the death penalty, the sentence of life imprisonment, or constitutional questions. Upon the granting of a petition for further review, a Court of Appeals case is moved to the Supreme Court for review.

Besides appeals, the Supreme Court is respon-

sible for the regulation of the practice of law in Nebraska. The Supreme Court handles the admission of attorneys to the Nebraska State Bar Association, as well as attorney

discipline. This membership is mandatory in order to practice law within the state. Another responsibility of the Supreme Court includes the monitoring and ap-

pointment of attorneys to serve on local committees of inquiry, as well as state committees on discipline and professional responsibility.

Locals Exhibit At The Annual Thomas Co. Fair



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Open Class Exhibits, along with 4-H entries, were judged and displayed during the 2019 Thomas County Fair at Thedford.

The Thomas County Open Class exhibits were on display and judged during the annual Thomas County Fair, July 22-28, 2019.

2019 Thomas County Fair open class exhibitor results:

ADULTS
Audrey Jones
First Place - White bread; Cinnamon rolls; Pecan Rolls; Crescent Rolls; Bars-Lemon; Cake-Bundt; Lettuce; Radish; Phlox; Rose; Petunia; Flower (Other); Dinner Rolls; Raised Doughnuts; Buns; Cookies-Ginger; Banana Bread; Squash; Beets; Rhubarb; Photo-Animal; Photo-Picture Story; Zinnia; Bachelor’s Button; Begonia.
Second Place - Horseradish; Photo-Insects; Photo-Scenery; Photo-People; Potted Plants; Baby Quilt; Photo-Birds.
Third Place - Choke-cherry Butter.

Bridget Licking
First Place - Photo-End of Day; Photo-Buddies.
Connie Broweleit
First Place - Cookies-Chocolate Chip; Bars-Million Dollar Pecan.

Diane Andersen
First Place - Jelly-Chokecherry; Pickles-Bread & Butter; Canned Meat-Beef.
Second Place - Juice Elderberry; Juice Tomato; Canned Tomatoes; Pickled Beets.

Third Place: Juice Chokeberry; Canned Meat-Turkey.
Shirley Hanna
First Place - Crochet-Toy; Crochet-Hot Pad; Crochet-Baby Quilt; Flower-Other; Snap Dragon; Golden Glow; Marigold; Grape Jelly; Crab Apple Jelly; Blackberry Jam; Canned Pineapple; Canned Beef;

Crochet-Hat; Crochet-Baby Booties-Best of County Textile Art; Flower-Most unusual; Aster; Pansy; Petunia; Lily; Currant Jelly; Plum Jelly; Canned Peaches; Tomato Sauce; Canned Tomatoes.
Second Place - Canned Beans; Plum Jam.
Third Place - Peach Jam.

Deb Figard
First Place - Apricot Jam; Plum Butter.
Second Place - Choke-cherry Jelly; Chokecherry Juice; Canned Meat-Beef; Canned Tomatoes; Tomato Juice.
Third Place - Choke-cherry Juice; Canned Beans; Pickled Beets; Canned Meat-Turkey; Canned Apples; Canned Corn.

Terri Licking
First Place - Photo-Black & White; Photo-Colored.

Una Clausen
First Place - Geranium; Cucumbers; Photo-Flower.

Julie Bain
First Place - Embroidery-Tea Towel; Quilt-Long-horn-Best of County Quilt; Quilt- Patchwork Star.

Theresa Amos
First Place - Swiss Chard; Balloon Flower; Garden Flower Arrangement; Blooming Plant; Jalapeno Cheddar Scones; Beets; Dianthus; Bachelor’s Button; Sweet Potato Quick Bread.
Second Place - Tomatoes; Hot Peppers; Squash; Wild Flower Arrangement.

Lex Wilde
First Place - Wooden Craft; Acrylic Painting-Elk; Pencil drawing-Horsehead; Photo-Black & White.

Lan Wilde
First Place - Watercolor Painting; Photo; Puzzle Saddle.
Second Place - Watercolor Painting.

Shelton Andersen
First Place -Acrylic Painting on Jawbone.

Conner Burns
First Place - Coyote drawing in black & white.
Second Place - Stencil Airbrush painting; Color pencil drawing.

Grant Ahlstrom
First Place - Watercolor Painting.

Tucker Ballenger
First Place - Pencil Drawing.

Shayden Andersen
Second Place - Painted woodcraft.

Brandon Dahlgren
Second Place - Watercolor painting; Watercolor face painting.
Third Place - Chalk Boot drawing.

Booth
First Place - Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway
Thomas County Youth
Grady Licking
First Place - Crafts-Lego Castle; Crafts-Wooden Box.

Second Place - Crafts-Stepping Stones.
Katen Licking
First Place - Photo-Puss in Boots; Watercolor-Hummingbird.

Second Place - Crafts-Stepping Stones.
Whitley Rasmussen
Second Place - Girls Garment - Baseball Tee Shirt.

Shae Amos
First Place - Hot Peppers.

Zeb Wilde
First Place - Pastel drawing-Star; Drawing-Zentangle Initial.

Second Place - Pencil drawing-Horse; Scratch board Ink.

Nebraska’s Bree DeNaeyer Appointed to Cattlemen’s Beef Board

Bree DeNaeyer of Seneca, has been appointed to the Cattlemen’s Beef Promotion & Research Board (CBB). The CBB is responsible for guiding the national Beef Checkoff Program.

The CBB consists of 100 members, including domestic beef, dairy and veal producers, as well as importers of beef and beef products. Each Beef Board member is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture from nominations submitted by certified nominating organizations. The nominating organizations represent beef and dairy producers in each state or region. Thirty-seven states have individual members serving on the Board. The remainder of states are divided into three regions.

DeNaeyer ranches with her husband and children on their family ranch – the Flying D – in Cherry County, Nebraska. There, they run a commercial, red Angus, cow-calf herd and develop replacement heifers. A graduate of North Dakota State University, DeNaeyer later attended graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying ruminant nutrition. She has been a member of the Nebraska Cattlemen and the Sandhills Cattle Association since 2005, serving as a board member of the latter from 2016 to 2018.

“We’re very pleased to have Bree as a member of the Cattlemen’s Beef Board,” said Chuck Coffey, CBB Chairman. “As a producer herself, Bree understands the challenges and opportunities that all beef producers are facing today. Her involvement in the beef industry and her lifetime of agricultural experience make her a valuable resource for the CBB and the Beef Checkoff as we continue to pursue our primary goal – promoting beef.”

For more information about the Cattlemen’s Beef Board, the Beef Checkoff and its programs –promotion, research, foreign marketing, industry information, consumer information and safety – visit www.beefboard.org.



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