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Families Honored At Blaine County Fair



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The Moody Family of Purdum, receiving their Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor award. Pictured l-r: Cheryl Moody, Mike Moody, Rylyn Moody, Sherry Mulligan, Russ DeNaeyer and Pam Moody.

Dunning - Organizers of Blaine County Fair activities were pleased with the turnout inspite of unfavorable weather conditions. The 4-H barrel race on Friday night, August 3, had to be stopped after only a handful of competitors rode as storm clouds dumped rain, halting the event.

Blaine County celebrated many milestones during this year's fair. The Sandhills Heritage Museum board celebrated the Home State Bank building's Centennial with cake on Saturday, August 4. The old bank has been transformed into a museum of memorabilia, as well as having an area dedicated to the Hereford breed. The community center celebrated 80 years of service, first as a school gymnasium, and now as an event center for all kinds of activities including the fair barbecue and dance.

Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor awards were presented to the Moody family of Purdum for their dedication and service to the upkeep of the Purdum Cemetery and other aspects of the community over the years. Jason Coffman of Dunning also received a Good Neighbor award. Jason helps senior citizens of his community with lawn mowing, snow removal,



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Jason and Stephanie Coffman with the Good Neighbor Award. They were nominated by the Sandhills Heritage Museum board members.

and other odd jobs. He also helped with restoration efforts at the museum.

Dignitaries on hand to help the county conclude their fair at the Saturday barbecue were Miss Rodeo Nebraska, "Lady in Waiting," Eva Oliver of Merriman. She was crowned at this year's Nebraska Days rodeo in North Platte in June. She will compete for the national title in 2019 after a year of preparation. Miss Rodeo Teen Nebraska

2018, Rebel Sjeklocha of Hayes Center, was also crowned at Nebraska Days. She is already fulfilling her duties by attending events and rodeos across the state.

District 43 State Senator, Tom Brewer, was in attendance and thanked the community for inviting him to attend.

Earlier in the day, Congressman Adrian Smith, three of his staff members, including Sallie Atkins, his agriculture director from Halsey,

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L-r: Dennis and Dixie Hoffman, Linda Teahon, Dr. Lance Jones and Lila Churchill accepting the gift of bound volumes of almost 60 years of American Hereford Journals.

Thedford School News Briefs

Thedford Public Schools will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" reception on Tuesday, Aug. 28, starting at 5:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Mr. Dahlberg, Mr. Christen and Mr. Cronk will be

available from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. to meet parents and community members before the volleyball game. Refreshments will be provided during this time.

Vickie Harris, with the

Nebraska Humanities, will make a presentation on the Black settlement at Brownlee on Friday, August 24, in the Old Gym at the High School. This will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Morris wins National Bowling Title

The 2018 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships recently concluded at Reno, Nevada. The event held at the National Bowling Stadium recognized 12 champions from 11 states.

Nearly 400 bowlers from across the United States and Canada laced up at the 78-land venue and competed in one of two divisions - Open and Women's - and six age classifications (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and above).

Competitors bowled a pair of three-game qualifying blocks over two days to determine the six players in each division who would advance to the medal round. The six qualifiers from each division were determined by total pinfall, including handicap.

Pinfall was dropped for the medal round, but bowlers were awarded bonus pins based on their qualifying position (50 bonus pins for first, 40 pins for second, etc.).

Josephine Morris of Thedford took advantage of her bonus pins for the 70-74 age division win.

Morris posted the third-highest series (685) in her age group, but her bonus pins helped her edge Phyllis Franklin of Paducah, Kentucky, 735-731, to claim the title.

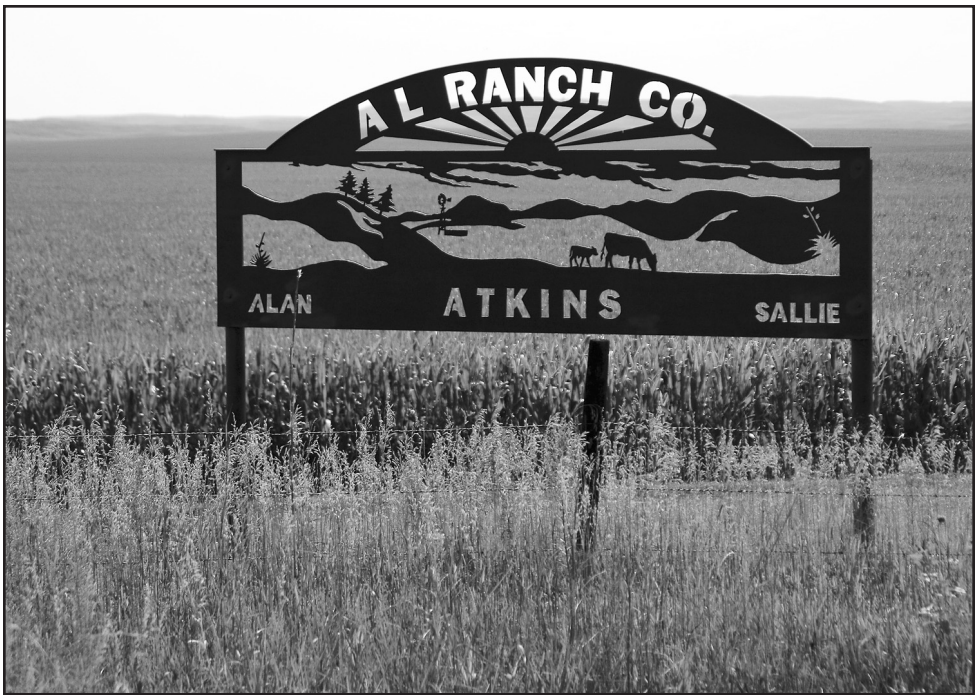
Competitors at the 2018 USBC Senior Championships earned their spots in the field through their state or province's senior tournaments.

Morris has bowled for over 50 years. She says bowling is her passion and she competes on a Monday mixed league at Hondo Lanes, Mullen.



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Atkins Ranch Hosts Inaugural PAC In The Pasture



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Halsey - AL Ranch, located north of Halsey, has welcomed guests from around the world and recently the ranch hosted the first ever 'PAC in the Pasture,' an effort to bring awareness and funds to the political action committee of the Nebraska Cattlemen.

"This was a great time to socialize with friends and fellow cattlemen, and share what the PAC has done for the state's cattle producers," Sallie Atkins said. She, along with her husband Al, daughters Tessa and Terra, and their husbands, Adam and Brandon, respectively, welcomed approximately 100 friends.

Sallie is the agricultural director for Congressman Smith. The Quittners' two children, 2-year-old son, Rex, and three-week-old daughter, Aspen, are the fourth generation on the family's ranch.

The evening began at 5:30 with a tantalizing steak supper and all the trimmings were provided

by Gregg and Dawn Malory, owners of the Chuckwagon 'n Jug restaurant in Mullen. NC staff was on hand to mingle, answer questions, and help serve the meal. Staff included Pete McClymont, NC Executive Vice-President, Laura Field, Vice-President of Legislative Affairs, and Jessica Herrman, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, all of Lincoln. Out-state staff included Melody Benjamin, Lakeside, Vice-President of Member Services, Bonita Lederer, Pierce, Director of Producer Education, and Mackenzie Johnston, Milburn, South Central Member Services Representative.

NC board members on hand included past NC president, Barb Cooksley, Anselmo; current President, Galen Frenzen, Fullerton, President-elect, Mike Drinnin, Clarks, Vice-chair for member services Region 2; Brenda Masek, Purdum; and for Region 7, Ed Klug, Columbus. Also present were

Steve Sunderman, Norfolk, chairman of the Marketing and Commerce Committee and serving as emcee, Jacob Mayer, Wahoo, vice-chairman for the Natural Resources and Environmental Committee of the NC. Also on hand was past president of the National Cattlemen Beef Association (NCBA), Craig Uden and his wife, Terri, from Elwood.

In addition to Nebraska Cattlemen, sponsors were Neogen GeneSeek Operations, headquartered in Lincoln, and Aurora Co-Op. Rick Pfortmiller, Neogen representative for Kansas and Nebraska, spoke briefly on the research being done at all five of their facilities to benefit beef genomics and DNA testing to help provide food and animal safety.

Several items were given for a silent auction to benefit the PAC. Donations were also taken. One live auction item was sold. It was a flag that flew over

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The Atkins family welcomes their guests, l-r: Terra Boyer, Al Atkins, Sallie Atkins, Tessa and Adam Quittner.