

New 4-H Assistant Starts Duties In CSA

Amanda Davis of Hyannis, is the new 4-H Extension Assistant for the Central Sandhills Extension Area. Davis began her new role on August 12, 2019, and will serve Grant, Blaine, Hooker and Thomas counties. She will be based out of the Thomas County Extension Office. Davis is a United States Army veteran and has worked as a 4-H Agent with K-State Research and Extension, and the University of Missouri Extension. Davis said, "Getting to work with the youth and their families has become a passion of mine through 4-H. It is very rewarding personally and professionally to see youth grow and acquire life skills through the 4-H program."

Davis has been living in the Sandhills region for two years. Her husband Tim, is the Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor in Hyannis. Davis has two children, Kaylee and Cash, who attend Hyannis Area Schools and they are active members of Grant County 4-H with project interests focusing in livestock.



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Dr. Kelly Anderson Receives Top General Dentist Award

Dr. Kelly Anderson, owner/dentist at Sandhills Family Dental, was recently recognized as a Top General Dentist by Top Doctor Awards 2019. The selection was based on patient's experience with treatment at Sandhills Family Dental. Dr. Kelly received a commemorative plaque in recognition of this distinction.

"This distinction is well deserved for Dr. Kelly. Our loyal patients have definitely played a huge part in Sandhills Family Dental getting recognition on a larger scale. We really appreciate all the positive reviews! They truly do make a big difference," said Janeen Arens, Office Manager, Sandhills Family Dental.

"We are so lucky to have patients who believe in the value of treatment we are providing and a team that makes the dream work!" said Kelly Anderson, Owner/Dentist, Sandhills Family Dental.



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Winners Crowned At 2019 Nebraska's "Biggest Little Rodeo"

Another year is in the books for Nebraska's Biggest Little Rodeo. After the two-day performance at the Logan County Fairgrounds near Stapleton on Friday, August 16 and Saturday August 17, the winners in each of the events have been crowned.

Complete results for the rodeo are:
Barebacks - 1. Gauge McBride, 77, \$493.45; 2. Nick Schwedhelm, 74, \$370.09; 3. Tanner Rupprecht, 72, \$246.75; 4. Rob Keeney, 69, \$123.36
Steer Wrestling - 1/2. Kris Rasmussen & Travis Kester, 6.1, \$619.85 each; 3. Landon Siverston, 6.2, \$444.42; 4. Reed Kraeger, 7.5, \$327.47; 5. Ben Robinson, 7.7, \$210.52; 6. Chad Vancampen, 7.9, \$116.95
Breakaway - 1. Brittini McCully, 2.9, \$818.58; 2. Katie Haythorn, 3.2, \$677.45; 3. Brook Jamison, 5.2, \$536.31; 4/5. Haley Brown & Shania Macomber, 5.4, \$324.61 each; 6. Kelley Haythorn, 5.5, \$141.14
Saddle Bronc - 1. Derek Kenner, 76, \$1,026.36
Calf Roping - 1. Miles Garwood, 9.9, \$538.08; 2. Lane Day, 10.4, \$445.31; 3. Austin Hurlburt, 10.6, \$352.53; 4. Travis Lymber, 11.6, \$259.76; 5. Tyler Kimmel, 11.7, \$166.99; 6. Cameron Jensen, 12.2, \$92.77
45 & Over Calf Roping - 1. Arden Garwood, 13.0, \$304.00; 2. Terry Graff, 14.0, \$228.00; 3/4. Carl Fordyce & Joe Kimmel, 14.2, \$114.00 each
Team Roping (money per man) - 1. Cooper & Tucker White, 6.2, \$529.51; 2. Seth Swanson & Lane Kennedy, 6.6, \$438.21; 3. Cord Haythorn & Tel Schaack, 6.9, \$346.92; 4. Troy Hermelbracht & Quincy Opela, 7.7, \$255.62; 5. Andy Knott & Todd Hollenbeck, 8.7, \$164.33; 6. Jason & Coy Johnston, 8.8, \$91.29
Mixed Team Roping (money per man) - 1. Pam & Todd Hollenbeck, 7.5, \$393.81; 2. Jenny & Jason Johnston, 11.2, \$328.18; 3. Shayley & Sha Griffin, 14.8, \$262.54; 4. Becca Kartak & Brady Graff, 17.5, \$196.91; 5. Kelley Haythorn & Tel Schaack, 17.8, \$131.27
Barrel Racing - 1/2. Carla Jensen & Katie Loughran, 17.50, \$638.16 each; 3. Ginalee Sinner, 17.51, \$457.55; 4. Dori Hollenbeck, 17.72, \$337.14; 5. Carrie Sutton, 17.78, \$216.73; 6. Pam Hollenbeck, 17.83, \$120.41
Bull Riding - 1. Coby Jacobson, 74, \$888.18

Enrollment Up At Thedford Public Schools



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Enrollment is up and six new teachers have taken over duties at Thedford Public Schools as the 2019-20 term is now underway.

High school students in grades 7-12 began school Thursday, August 15, and the first day for elementary students was Wednesday, August 21.

Superintendent Blake Dahlberg said enrollment is up substantially from last year.

"We have 71 students in grades K-6. This compares to 52 on the last day of school," Superintendent Dahlberg said. "Preliminary figures show the high school, grades 7-12,

stands at 53 enrolled students. This is up slightly from last year."

Superintendent Dahlberg went on to say it was good to see enrollment numbers go up and opening days going very smoothly.

"Students and faculty are excited about the new school year," Superintendent Dahlberg added. "Everyone is looking forward to a great year of learning, sports, and extracurricular activities."

Six new teachers or on staff at Thedford. They include:

Mr. Clinton Albertus - K-12 music.
Mrs. Ashton Stewart -

6th grade math and English, 7th grade social students, and 7-12 novels/speech.

Mrs. Jessica Polt - 4th grade math and English, elementary art and computers, and 7th grade pre-algebra.

Miss Makenna Bunken - 3rd grade math and English, 3rd and 4th grade social students and science.

Dr. Joseph Hajda - Science.

Mrs. Courtney Benscoter - FCS.

Keep up-to-date of all Thedford School news by reading the school page each week in *The Herald* and visiting thedford-schools.org.



Smith announces deadline for military service academy nomination packets

Congressman Adrian Smith (R-NE) is currently accepting nomination packets for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, New York), U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland), U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Spring, Colorado), U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York), and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, Connecticut).

Residents of Nebraska's

3rd Congressional District, who are between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried, currently a U.S. citizen, and able to meet the basic fitness requirements of the academies are encouraged to consider applying. Completed nomination packets are due to the Grand Island office on September 30th, by 5:00 p.m. CT. The nature of the selection process excludes the ability to consider any nomination

packet, or additional support documentation not submitted by the deadline.

To learn more about the application process, please visit AdrianSmith.House.Gov/Service-Academy-Nominations

For more information about the Military Service Academies or their application process, please contact Smith's Grand Island office at 308-384-3900.

Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation Receives Grant to Provide Professional Development for Teachers

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation was awarded a grant from the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) to support the growth of agricultural literacy in pre-kindergarten-12th grade classrooms in Nebraska. Funding for the competitive grant program came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA). Nebraska's project titled,

"Learn, Then Do: A Phenomenon-Based Field Experience," develops a model for a writer's workshop for teachers to create Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) lessons using agriculture as the context for learning.

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation's Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom Program will provide Nebraska certified teachers from Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) a paid training opportunity

to develop lessons that support Nebraska's newly adopted science standards using real-life examples from Nebraska agriculture. A total of twenty teachers from LPS will be selected to pilot the program.

"This program will support LPS teachers in the shift of moving to the new Nebraska standards

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