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Featured artists at Thedford



TERRI LICKING PHOTOS

Two of the winners from this year's summer art show, l-r: Janette Duffield, Valentine and Linda Teahon, Dunning. The photo behind Linda won her an honorable mention in the show. Teahon is the featured artist for August and September at Security First Bank, Thedford

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One paints more than takes photos, while the other can paint, but prefers her medium to be photography.

One is a past member and one is a current member of the Thedford Art Guild. To see the works of either, one can walk across the courthouse square in Thedford and view the art on display for the month of August at the Thedford Art Gallery and Security 1st Bank.

Jennifer Rice of Mullen, a partner with her husband Alan on their ranch west of Mullen, is the featured artist at the Thedford Art Gallery. She enjoys painting scenes she views while working or vacationing. She has included photos and note cards for sale. Over the years, one statement heard many times, "If you can paint a horse, you are a gifted artist."

Jennifer is indeed a very gifted artist, as her horses, no matter the medium she uses, be it acrylic, colored pencil, or even scratchboard, are true to life. The fluidness of their muscles is captured by every stroke of her brush or pencil.

Linda Teahon, photographer, is the featured artist for August and September at Security 1st Bank. One of her jobs at the *Chadron Record* newspaper included taking photos. Now retired, she still calls Chadron home, along with Purdum and Dunning. Husband, Larry, stays fulltime in Chadron to work. She and their son, Tyler, are restoring her parent's home, Donal and Pauline Clouse, on the family ranch outside of Purdum. Knowing a young, single man does not want his mother around all the time, she rents a house in Dunning to be near her summer job of haying for Dan and Shirley Carson, as well as helping at the Sandhills Heritage Museum. The new museum opened this summer in Dunning.

Linda's photography also includes horses, cattle and queens. She has been to many pageants, assisting several through their year's reign. Photographing the Longhorns at Fort Robinson near Chadron has been her special love.

"I've named them. I've been around them enough they are no longer skittish of me or my camera. I have won several awards taking pictures of Brando, now deceased. He was beautiful."



Jennifer Rice judges a show at Thedford Art Gallery in April.

Security First Bank hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Thedford Art Gallery is open when you see the red and white feather flag outside.

If you are coming to Thedford and would like to see Jennifer's art, and all the original art on display, please do not hesitate to call Tam at 308-645-7341, Paula at 308-645-2401, or Helen at 308-645-2489. Call in advance or email Terri at 308-645-2436, twlicking@gmail.com. She will make sure the door is open for your visit.

We are blessed with some talented artists in our area. Jennifer and Linda are just two that enhance the beauty of our community through their art. Take time to see for yourself.

Thedford Art Gallery Announces Winners

The Thedford Art Gallery had 64 entries in their annual art and photo show this past month; seven of those were youth.

Winners received cash prizes thanks to the generous donations from Sandhill Oil, Security 1st Bank, Call's Garage & Rancher's Automotive, Neal Lumber and Ewoldt's Grocery, all of Thedford; Harsh Mercantile and Western NE Bank of Purdum.

Adult Art

Best of Show: "Fire & Ice," acrylic, Dave Dorsey, Valentine.

1st Place: Cherry Co. Valley, pencil, Kyle Hoyt, Mullen.

2nd Place: White Ladies in the Sun, watercolor, Hedda Matheson, Valentine.

3rd Place: Shea and Me, self portrait, pencil w/her cat, Shaylee

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New Thedford Fire Hall nearing completion



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Workers pour concrete at the new Thedford Fire Hall in early August. A walk-through was recently completed by firemen and EMT's and the hall is expected to be completed the first part of September.

Completion is nearing on the new 133' x 60' fire hall at Thedford.

The Thedford Rural Fire Protection District Board reviewed and approved the preliminary floor plan for the building in 2015, and Tony and Sandy Booth of Thedford donated the land for the building project. Work began in March of this year.

Masek Construction of Purdum has served as general contractor for the project. A walk-through was recently conducted by firemen and EMT's.

The final phase will include installation of lockers, cabinets, inside finish work, and transferring equipment from the former fire hall.

The new building will house the necessary space to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the

Thedford area. The space is built to efficiently serve the National Forest at Halsey, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, and emergency medical services to the Halsey and Purdum fire districts.

The building includes five bays for the fire department. Four of the bays will have fire trucks parked end-to-end with the fifth bay designated for a service bay and room for possible future expansion. The rescue side will have two bays for the existing ambulances and the center of the building will have an office and communications room, two restrooms, and a 22' x 38' meeting and training room.

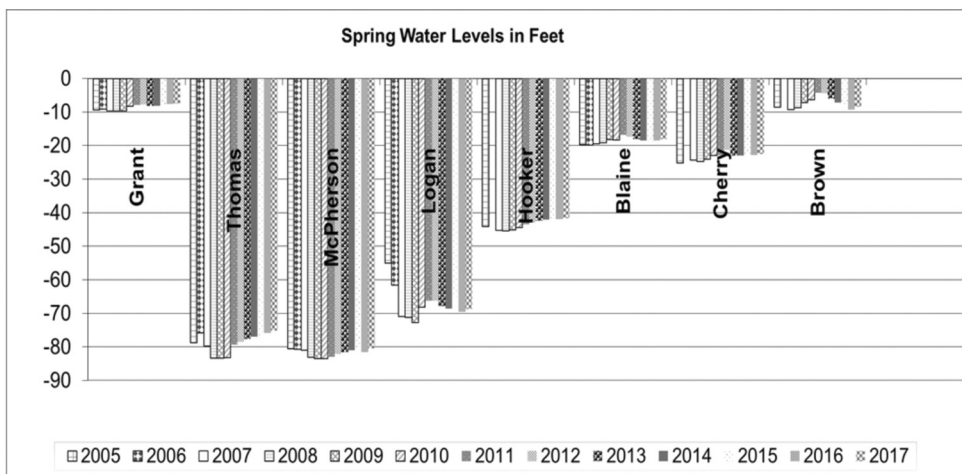
It is hoped the new building will be ready for use in September.

S-T announces Homecoming

Sandhills-Thedford has announced 2017 Homecoming plans. The Knights will be playing North Central in football action, Friday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Dunning for their Homecoming game. Cross Country will be September

9 at Broken Bow at 10:00 a.m. The Lady Knights will compete in the Seven Valleys Volleyball Tournament at Callaway, Saturday, September 9. The tournament will get underway at 9:30 a.m.

The Amazing Resource Under Our Feet



Everyone has recently been staring at the sky in amazement at a natural resource we all usually take for granted. But what about the one beneath our feet? Groundwater. The Upper Loup NRD takes great care to protect groundwater quality as well as quantity to make sure there is safe, useable water for the next generation.

One way the ULNRD protects groundwater quality is by issuing chemigation permits and inspecting all chemigation systems to make sure they are not, in any way, releasing chemicals back into the groundwater. The district also provides cost share to help with well decommissioning to prevent contaminants from entering the groundwater through old unused wells.

The Upper Loup NRD conducts domestic well quality checks to insure the safety of residents in the district. These checks test for nitrate-nitrogen which is especially harmful to infants, pregnant

women, nursing mothers, and the elderly. If you would like your well tested just give us a call at the office. Also by special request, we can test for bacteria such as coliform which causes gastrointestinal problems.

The ULNRD also provides cost share for drip wells to insure no excess oil leaks into the groundwater from over oiling irrigation wells. We are very lucky in our area to have few water quality problems.

The Upper Loup NRD is also always measuring groundwater quantity in our area. The district has a network of over 100 observation wells to monitor static groundwater level changes. The district is also implementing flow meters on all irrigation wells to help monitor the districts usage to make sure and not overuse the water available to us. Cost share for groundwater moisture sensors are also available to producers in our district.

Monitoring groundwater levels and trends are one of the factors the Board of Directors reviews when deciding whether to allow new irrigated acres in the district. Acres are only usually approved if there are no significant changes in groundwater levels from previous years use. This year the board has decided to allow new acres for 2018. There will be 2,500 acres available throughout the district. To apply for these acres please call our office or stop in for more info. Applications are due September 31st.

So, while you are still in awe from the solar eclipse, don't forget about the immense resource we are so lucky to have beneath our feet here in the Sandhills. And don't forget the Upper Loup NRD is looking out for that resources safety. For more info contact us at 308-645-2250 or ulnrd@upperloupnrd.org or visit our website upperloupnrd.org!

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