

Something For Everyone At County Fair

Larry & Betty Jameson 2018 Parade Grand Marshals

There was something for everyone at the 2018 Thomas County Fair held Tuesday, July 24 – Sunday, July 29, in Thedford.

Four-H'ers started off the week with the horse and small animal show. The livestock show on Wednesday was delayed because of rain. This was followed by the shooting sports competition.

Open class and 4-H entries were taken Thursday and Friday's activities began at 1:00 p.m. with slack rodeo events.

Mid-Nebraska Tractor Pullers, Bruce and Cindy Ash of Arcadia, brought their pedal tractors. There were approximately 50 pullers, youth and adults, testing their leg strength. The day concluded with another round of rodeo, and a hamburger/brat supper at the Thedford Golf Course. The night golf was cancelled due to the threat of rain and lightning.

Saturday started off with youth and their adult sponsors heading to good fishing spots and a breakfast of biscuits and gravy at the Life Center.



Larry and Betty Jameson, lifetime residents of Thomas County, served as grand marshals of this year's "Anything Goes" fair parade on Saturday, July 28.

All activities moved out to the fairgrounds following the parade. Events there included NE Putt-Putt golf, water inflatables from North Platte, and small wading pools for toddlers. There were close to 50 turtles entered in races and the Historical Society lunch stand was a successful fundraiser. Bingo and an antique tractor pull rounded out Saturday's activities.

Approximately 600 people enjoyed the annual

pit-roasted beef barbecue Saturday evening, and Mark Nutter, who also assisted with the turtle races, called the 4-H livestock auction.

Dueling Pianos, sponsored by the Thedford Area Community Foundation and the Thomas County Visitor's Committee, was the highlight of the evening.

A pancake breakfast by the American Legion and Auxiliary and community church service on the

courthouse square in spite of the threat of rain on Sunday morning closed out the fair.

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Hope McIntosh, 5-year-old daughter of Chad and Michelle McIntosh, tries her luck in the pedal tractor pull.

Grocer turns navigator

Father-son team to compete in Loup 2 Loup



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Allen Ewoldt will leave his meat cutting and grocery business behind for a day as he will turn navigator for his son, Cam, in the Loup 2 Loup race being held today on the Halsey-Purdum road.

Two Ewoldt's will be able to check off items on their bucket lists. Allen and his son, Cam, have wanted to drive in the Sandhills Open Road Race for quite some time. Everything aligned perfectly and the two will participate in the Loup 2 Loup on Thursday, August 9. Cam will be the driver, and Allen, the navigator, on this father-son team.

The Loup 2 Loup course is approximately 21 miles, and is comprised of a north and south leg between Halsey and Purdum.

"Dad's been wanting to do the L2L since they started that portion of the race," Cam said. "He's been asking me every year when we are going to do it and this year it worked out. We are both looking forward to it."

Cam has been attending SORC events as a spectator and really enjoys them.

"Seeing all the different cars and talking to the owners about them and how they modified them



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Cam Ewoldt will be driving the 1973 Cuda he has built into a restomod.

is always interesting," he added.

Cam has been "into" cars since high school. He had several old project cars that he worked on while he was dating his then future wife, Teddi Moran, who also lived in Stapleton.

"About 14 years ago I was able to find a '73 Cuda and built it into a restomod. I really like the idea of taking the styling and body lines of a 40-50-year-old muscle car and adding in modern performance upgrades to the suspension and drive

train. Things like updated rack and pinion steering, large disc brakes, coil over suspensions, and over-drive transmissions, along with a strong engine can help these older cars drive more like newer performance vehicles," Cam said. "There are a lot of aftermarket options out there now that allow the muscle car era enthusiast to get into more motorsport events like SORC or autocross."

Cam and Teddi live in Blair. Cam has worked in

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Preserve the Sandhills took first place honors in the fair parade. Second place went to Bethel Assembly of God Church. There was a tie for third place between the Thomas County Achievers 4-H Club and Thedford FFA Chapter.

Pearson Brings Home Gold

Hannah Pearson left Thedford, Wednesday, June 26, in pursuit of another gold medal. Hannah was headed to Atlanta, Georgia to the National FCCLA competition.

Hannah is no stranger to this competition as she has gone to nationals every year since 7th grade. She was competing this year in Career Investigation, and she was excited to be talking to judges about her career plans upon leaving high school and graduating from college. Hannah plans to pursue a career where she will be a cattle event planner.

Her favorite breed of cattle is Herefords, and Hannah has spent considerable time job shadowing, helping with cattle shows, as well as participating in all the events at the Nebraska and National Hereford Conventions. Hannah has her own Hereford cattle and she enjoys showing them.

It was exciting to be in the midst of 7,500 FCCLA members and advisers at the grand opening. Speakers included Johnny "Cupcakes" Earle and the CEO of Chick-fil-A, Dan Cathy. Johnny "Cupcakes" Earle started a small business and it grew by leaps



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Hannah Pearson stands on the steps of Swan House during her trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to compete in the National FCCLA competition.

and bounds in the craziest fashion. He actually sells T-shirts and not baked goods. Research him on the computer as it is an odd business, but very profitable. The CEO of Chick-fil-A gave a very inspiring speech and encouraged students to follow their dreams and pursue them until they get what they want out of life.

Hannah and her sponsor, Mrs. Gift, were able to enjoy sight seeing in Atlanta. They viewed the Swan house, a beautiful home built by a wealthy

couple in 1928. It is beautifully furnished and located next to their farm headquarters. Inmans who had acquired wealth from transportation, banking, and real estate, commissioned the home.

They also toured a huge aquarium where dolphins perform with their trainers riding on their backs. They sampled Cokes from 100 plus countries at the Coke Museum showing the history of Coke, the neat icons, pictures, and advertising

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