

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation/Bob & Susan Childers fund awards grant



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The Thedford Golf Association has been in existence for 23 years and has come a long way in that time. Our nine hole course is not only supported and enjoyed by the local and area members, we host several tournaments and are having people playing from far and near. With the airport improvements, we are also hoping that people will fly in and play the course and see what all Thedford has to offer.

The Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation/Bob and Susan Childers Fund awarded the Thedford

Golf Association \$7,000 to help purchase two used green mowers. We really appreciate this grant, as it paid for almost half of our purchase. The greens are mowed daily, and this equipment will help us maintain the greens and to be able to keep the course looking good so it will attract people from other communities to come see Thedford and the Sandhills.

We would also like to say “thanks” to the Thedford Area Community Foundation and the Loup 2 Loup for their support by awarding us with grant money. Grant money from these funds have helped us update our watering system, put in a

new cart shed, provide additional rental carts, and help with fertilizer expense. All these items are essential and help us continue to provide a beautiful course where families and friends can enjoy and have a fun time.

We also will be fulfilling a “Magic Moment” for a family this summer from Omaha, who loves to golf, but has had some difficult times. We are honored that the “Magic Moment” committee heard about our course and reached out to us.

Again, without the support of our members, volunteer help and the organizations above, we would not be able to offer such a nice course.

State Poster Contest Winners Announced



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Piper Hanson is pictured above with the winning poster she entered in the Conservation District Poster Contest.

Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities. That was the theme in which participants needed to communicate through their artwork for the National Association of Conservation District's Poster Contest. The Upper Loup

Natural Resource District chose three students' posters from this District contest to compete at the state level competition.

Those individuals were Piper Hanson, second grade; Harper Zutavern, fourth grade; and Ember

Chavez, seventh grade.

Piper Hanson was the winner of the second and third grade category at the state competition in the contest. Her poster will be sent on to the national competition.

Republican gubernatorial candidate makes Thedford stop

Marcia Hora

Logan County GOP hosted a “meet and greet” at the Hen House Café in Stapleton, Tuesday, January 11, as Jim Pillen, Republican candidate for governor made a local tour stop.

Pillen said he is a conservative Republican who grew up on a farm in Platte County, Nebraska, and raised hogs with his father. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from UN-L and earned a doctor of veterinary science from Kansas State. In 1983 he and his wife returned to Nebraska and opened a small animal practice and swine consulting practice. He and his father continued raising hogs on a dirt lot on their home farm, before starting Pillen Family Farms and DNA Genetics. The multigenerational family-run business now has a team of over 1,100 members.

Pillen said he has basic core beliefs – do what is right, do the best you can, and treat others the way you want to be treated.

“I grew up under the guidance of my father who believed in hard work and the value of a dollar,” Pillen said. “Government spends too much money and it needs to shrink. Governor Ricketts has done a good job of being fiscally conservative, but we can do even better.”

He also said he decided to make a political run because he believes in the people of the state.

“My father instilled in me there are givers and takers. I believe in public service and I believe this is the right time for me to give back to the state.”

Pillen who was a defensive football star for the Huskers in the 1970's said Coach Tom Osborne taught him there is no



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Jim Pillen, Republican candidate for governor, was in Stapleton last week for an informal meet and greet with local constituents. Pillen said Nebraska represents the best of America as he outlined his grass roots campaign. He is pictured visiting with Shaylee and Susanne Jones before making a stop later that morning in Thedford.

such thing as staying the same. You get better or you get worse.

“Working together we can make our state even better. I believe in this state and our hard-working people,” he said.

Pillen said there are four reasons he is running for governor – kids, taxes, agriculture and values.

“Cattle and corn are king in Nebraska and having spent my entire life in agriculture, we know ag needs a strong voice. We have to sell our products to the world.”

Pillen's life is defined by faith and family.

He is fully committed to K-12 education in Nebraska and believes schools should continue to reflect commonsense Nebraska values. He believes the mission in education is to prepare children for the future and not introduce political ideology.

Serving on the Nebraska

Board of Regents, Pillen is the only regent in the United States who brought a resolution to prevent the imposition of Critical Race Theory on NU campuses. He also stands with thousands of Nebraska parents in opposing the proposed State Board of Education “health standards,” which sexualize students and supplant parental values with a radical view.

He said he is proudly prolife, believes in limiting growth in government spending, and stands with law enforcement. He supports agriculture and the assault against it and overreach by the federal government. He also defends the right to keep and bear arms.

Pillen took questions from those in attendance and said he would continue to support veterans.

“Without them we would be a different coun-

try,” Pillen said. “I will always stand with our veterans.”

When asked about the increasing property taxes he said he believes the entire state now understands that property taxes are too high. Even those living in the eastern part of the state realize if rural Nebraska doesn't do well the entire state has a problem.

“The school aid formula is so complicated that very few people understand it. There are 244 school districts in the state and 157 of those districts get no state aid. It is unfair and it makes no sense. That has got to change.”

When asked about the R-Project transmission line, Pillen said he believes Nebraskans need to continue to have reliable sources of power that in-

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Thedford Service Club Reorganizes for new year

Marcia Hora

Thedford Service Club met Monday, January 3, at the Thedford Life Center for a reorganizational meeting for the 2022 year.

Election of officers remained the same as in 2021 with Jay Jones, president; Nancy Schott, vice president; Shannon Ahlstrom, treasurer; and Terri Licking, secretary.

A recap of Thedford's Old Fashioned Christmas held Thursday, December 2, was discussed. Most agreed this was the best one yet and there were over 24 vendors. Discussion centered around changes that could be made to improve the event even more for next year. Phil Kuenle is donating his lighted wire deer to next year's festivities and these could be placed by the tree.

Christmas yard of the week winners were Dan and Jemma DeNaeyer, first place; Alice and Dan Hodges, second; Jerry Linn, third; Dave and

Karol Young, fourth; and Cody Buesing, fifth. All winners received \$50.00 in club certificates.

Members voted to donate \$50.00 to the Thedford Life Center as their yearly contribution.

Easter is April 17 and it was suggested Thedford and Halsey work together. Thedford would help them with their Easter egg hunt and Sandhills Day and Halsey would help with the Thomas County Fair.

Dues are now payable and are \$100.00 and checks may be made to Thedford Service Club and given to Shannon Ahlstrom or mailed to her at P.O. Box 58, Thedford, NE 69166. If you would like to assist the group in any way in 2022 you may contact Jay Jones, president. All help is needed and greatly appreciated.

The next meeting was set for Monday, February 7 at the Sandhills Corral with a dutch treat meal at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Bruns files to run for legislature

Marcia Hora

Chris Bruns, Lincoln County Commissioner and conservative candidate for Nebraska Legislature in District 42, made his campaign official, Friday, January 7.

At a morning meeting with Secretary of State Bob Evnen, Bruns completed his paperwork and paid the fee to run for office. Chris was joined by his wife, Ashley, who he considers his biggest supporter.

“Ashley and I have been

looking forward to officially filing for office today for months,” Bruns said. “As a Marine Corps veteran, I learned the true meaning of leadership and teamwork. As a rancher, I deeply care about the ag community and rural Nebraska. And as a father, I want to keep Nebraska the best place on earth to live, work, and raise a family. As the next Senator from District 42, I will defend Nebraska's taxpayers, fight for our fu-

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