

Thedford Students Participate In “Intro To Life” In Valentine



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Members of the Thedford Public Schools sophomore class attended the “Intro To Life” event in Valentine. Those attending were, back row, l-r: Jacob Reiser, Brady Dahlberg, Dayle Haake, Zeb Wilde, Coby Higgins and Brayden Schaefer. Front row, l-r: Joey Kissel, Chris Eggert, Lola Rowse, Natasha Thomas, LaTajanae Robinson and Brodie Stengel.

All of the Thedford High School sophomores participated in “Intro To Life” in Valentine, Wednesday, March 30, with other area sophomores.

They were given careers and completed a budget after discussing choices on thirteen finance topics including housing, groceries, insurance and transportation with an expert in that area.

There were police officers giving “tickets” and counselors checking budgets. Along with budgets, there were several life skill stations, including auto care, pet care, sewing a button, writing thank you notes, interview skills, and several more.

Students all took the Clifton Strengthfinder and learned about their strengths. It was a busy and very educational day. Several sophomores said “life is expensive” and “I need a better job.”



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Students are pictured above at one of the many booths learning about life’s expenses and trying to budget for the things they want and need.

Jameson Signs Letter Of Intent To Play Basketball



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Cylee Jameson, a senior at Thedford High School, recently signed her letter of intent to play basketball at Concordia University. She is pictured above signing the letter. Her high school basketball coach, Josh Deines is pictured at left. Jameson is the daughter of Richard and Tammi Jameson, who are also pictured with her.

ACE Camp Pairs Natural Resources With Summer Fun

Whether it’s a reptile wrapped around a wrist or a cool splash in the Middle Loup River, Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE) has something to offer this summer. Nebraska’s Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) are now accepting registrations for ACE Camp June 26-29, 2022, at

the State 4-H Youth Camp near Halsey, Nebraska.

Nebraska’s 23 NRDs encourage middle school students interested in the outdoors to sign up for this educational, action-packed camp. To qualify, students should have completed sixth, seventh or eighth grade in the 2021-2022 school year.

The four-day adventure camp provides students an opportunity to dive into different hands-on activities with a natural resources focus. Sessions educate youth on Nebraska’s water resources, wildlife, soil, trees, range

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Thedford Residents Among Those To Receive Fiber-Optic Internet

Consolidated Companies, Inc. is deploying fiber-optic internet to over 1,600 customer locations in the communities of Eustis, Hyannis, Madrid, Maywood, Mullen, Thedford and Wallace.

Consolidated was awarded \$970,000 in Broadband Bridge Grants to help offset the cost of construction.

“During the next 18 months, Consolidated plans to invest over \$7 million in fiber optic up-

grades,” reported Brian Thompson Vice President of External Relations. “The improved internet speed and reliability that fiber optics provides is a game-changer for our communities in terms of economic development, remote learning, telehealth and telework,” Thompson said.

“The Nebraska Legislature and Governor Ricketts created this grant program to make building high quality fiber optic broadband net-

works a reality in rural Nebraska towns. Our communities are not considered to be big markets, but they are extremely important to Consolidated and the people we serve,” Thompson stated.

Once completed in early 2023, customers in the project areas will have access to internet speeds of up to 1 gig. Pricing and packages can be found at <https://nebnet.net/> or by contacting Consolidated customer service at 800-742-7464.

Superheroes of the Sandhills, April 10

The Superheroes of the Sandhills cancer fundraiser is set for Sunday, April 10, 2022 at Thedford High School. The events begin at 1:00 p.m. with check-in at the track for the Egg-cellent Adventure 5k run and kids fun run mile.

Wristbands will be provided to all participating in any event and may also be purchased for \$1.00. There are multiple designs to choose from. Enter to win \$100.00 with every \$5.00 or more donation. Donations can

be made directly at Security First Bank.

Register now at Superheroes of the Sandhills website: <https://www.weebly.com/app/frontdoor/signin?path=login#/> or contact Cylee Jameson, 308-539-5041; Bec Ray, 308-645-7116; Jamie Taylor, 308-645-7291; Jane Haake, 308-636-6032; or Andrew Christen, 308-880-1228.

A complete schedule of Easter themed events:

1:15 to 2:00 p.m. - Start EGG-Cellent Adventure 5k Run and Kids Fun Run

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2:00 - 6:00 p.m. - 3v3 Basketball Tournament in New Gym

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Four Square Volleyball in Old Gym

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Card Games to play in Library
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Kids Superhero Carnival and Games

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Bingo in the Old Gym, \$1.00 per card

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Soups will be served to the public so come enjoy with a free will donation.

Continued Support For Fischer’s Updated Cattle Market Reform Bill

Several national and Nebraska agriculture organizations have emphasized their support for U.S. Senator Deb Fischer’s (R-Neb.) updated Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act. Sen. Fischer, who is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, introduced the new version of the bill this week with Sens. Grassley (R-Iowa), Tester (D-Mont.), and Wyden (D-Ore.).

“Thank you to Senators Fischer, Grassley, Tester, and Wyden for their relentless pursuit to advance legislation that strengthens the bottom line of the U.S. cattle producer. There has never been this much momentum for industry change, both in the countryside and in the Capitol. USCA stands with county, state, and national producer associations across the U.S. in supporting mandatory cash trade minimums – a concept that is also supported by the majority of Senate Agriculture Committee members...” said U.S. Cattlemen’s Association (USCA) President Brooke Miller.

“Rampant consolidation in the cattle industry has made pricing in the cattle market increasingly opaque. Fair and competitive markets rely on price discovery and transparency. For farmers and ranchers to bargain effectively with packers, they need access to reliable, accurate pricing information. This bill would shed light on the market and

bring about greater fairness. NFU thanks Senators Tester, Grassley, Fischer, and Wyden for their continued leadership on this issue. The bill improves upon the version from November 2021, and we encourage swift action by the Senate and House on this legislation,” said National Farmers Union (NFU) President Rob Larew.

“Nebraska Farm Bureau and the farm and ranch families we represent continue to thank Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer for her leadership in helping to provide needed reforms to Nebraska’s cattle industry. The complexities and controversies surrounding the way cattle are marketed within the United States cannot be understated. However, as with every issue she champions, Sen. Fischer remains steadfast in her commitment to do what’s right for farmers, ranchers, and all Nebraskans. NEFB remains committed to working with Senator Fischer to provide additional cattle market transparency and price discovery,” said Nebraska Farm Bureau (NEFB) President Mark McHargue.

“Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) strongly supports Senators Fischer, Grassley, Tester, and Wyden’s updated Cattle Market Reform Bill. This negotiated bipartisan bill represents an historic opportunity to substantially improve and reform beef markets. It will increase

beef market competition, transparency, the volume of mandatory price reporting data, cash market sales, penalties for packer violations, and establishes a cattle contract library. NeFU supports all those critical beef market reform provisions. We strongly urge the Senate Agriculture Committee and Congress to take full advantage of the bipartisan momentum that exists to restore competition in beef markets. The current non-competitive system is systematically squeezing multi-generational family businesses out of business. We thank Senator Fischer for her hard work, tenacity, and leadership. Beef production is the largest source of farm income in Nebraska, and is critical to the future of our state,” said Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) President John Hansen.

“Price discovery is a public good. Negotiated market participants invest time and resources to discover fed cattle prices for their respective regions and the entire industry. Until price discovery participation is better valued at all points in the supply chain, live cattle market price negotiation will continue to decrease until there is little to no negotiated trade left and outside markets will have to be relied upon for price determination. We thank Senator Fischer for her continued work and dedi-

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American Red Cross Blood Drive
Wed., April 13, 2012 - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., THS Old Gym