

Easter egg hunts bring out the kids



The annual Halsey Easter Egg Hunt was a bit chilly, but the excitement of hunting the colorful eggs was enjoyed by the children, as well as the adults that watched.



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Katen Licking assists CoBurn Morrison with the Easter egg hunt on the Thomas County Courthouse lawn.



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Wayne Rodocker brought his barrel train to Halsey and gave rides ahead of the hunt. The children look forward to the rides.



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Karen Swisher from Swisher Haying designed a wonderful Easter display of bale art to welcome visitors to town.

Annual Easter egg hunts were held on Saturday, April 16 in Halsey and Thedford for area children to enjoy.

The Halsey community welcomed many children on a chilly morning. Area businesses and individuals donated Easter baskets to help bring a little Easter cheer to the children. A large crowd was on hand and many of the youth enjoyed a ride with Wayne Rodocker on his

barrel train.

Thedford area children congregated on the Thomas County Courthouse lawn in the afternoon to enjoy hunting eggs. The children enjoyed the warm and sunny afternoon and had a great time finding the many eggs that were hidden by volunteers.

Both communities had great turnouts and plans for next year's hunt are already underway.



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Sandhills Corral On 2022 Nebraska Beef Passport

2022 Nebraska Beef Passport Program Offers new Digital Format

After a successful launch of the Nebraska Beef Passport in 2021, the Nebraska Beef Council has announced that the 2022 Beef Passports are now available for pre-order. The campaign officially begins May 1, 2022 featuring over 40 restaurants from across the state that serve outstanding beef.

The program, funded by Nebraska beef producers through their Beef Check-off, urges people to visit participating restaurants where they can order their favorite beef menu items, earn stamps, and be entered to win prizes. The goal of the program is to highlight Nebraska's beef industry while encouraging beef meal purchases at local restaurants throughout the state.

"We had a tremendous response last year and we're looking forward to even more participation as we expand the program," said Adam Wegner, director of marketing for the Nebraska Beef Council. "A few of the changes this year include



some new restaurant locations, more prize opportunities, and the addition of a mobile friendly passport. This program provides a great opportunity to visit different places throughout the state and enjoy some of the best beef Nebraska has to offer."

Nebraska Beef Passports are free and can be obtained at www.GoodLifeGreatSteaks.org or from any of the participating restaurants. Each earned stamp qualifies as an entry into the drawing for one of two beef bundle give-a-ways valued at \$250 each. Additional prizes will be awarded to partic-

ipants who reach milestones of five, ten or 30 stamps as well as a special prize drawing for acquiring digital stamps.

Beef Passport holders are encouraged to join the Good Life Great Steaks Nebraska Beef Passport group on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest news and special offers. Members can gain access to additional information about the featured restaurants, share their photos and experiences with other members, and even become eligible to win additional prizes. The final date to collect stamps is September 30, 2022.

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Thedford is one of the local restaurants included on the passport for 2022.

Other area restraurants are:

Hyannis Hotel in Hyannis
Kinkaidier Brewing Company - Broken Bow and Grand Island
Ole's Big Game Steakhouse & Lounge, Paxton
Peppermill Restaurant, Valentine
The Cedar Room, North Platte

For additional information, visit www.GoodLifeGreatSteaks.org or contact the Nebraska Beef Council office at 1-800-421-5326.

Thedford area children enjoyed a sunny afternoon on Saturday, April 16 to hunt for Easter eggs on the Thomas County Courthouse lawn.

Getting Enrolled



COURTESY

Central Sandhills Area Extension held a 4-H Enrollment meeting on Thursday, April 21, at the Bethel Church in Thedford. Shaniya Albertus was on hand to help Thomas County youth with any enrollment questions. The 4-H'ers also made a craft item while at the meeting.

Important dates coming up at the Central Sandhills Area Office include: June 15 - 4-H Online Enrollment and YQCA Certification; July 1 - Fair Entries and Livestock and Horse Id's due; July 25 - Thomas & Blaine County Style Revue; July 26 - Thomas & Blaine Horse Show and Thomas County Small Animal Show; July 27 - Thomas County Livestock Show; July 28 - Thomas County Static Entries; July 1 - Fair Entries and Livestock and Horse Id's due; August 2 - Blaine County Static Entries; August 4 - Blaine County Livestock Show; August 4 - Blaine County Small Animal Show.