

Summer Reading Program Highlights



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Summer Reading program participants with the shirts they made the first day, l-r: Bronc Reiser, Cinch Reiser, and Jordyn DeNaeyer.

The Thomas County Library hosted the annual Summer Reading Program from June 6-10. This year's theme was "Oceans of Possibilities."

Day one of the program, participants learned about the importance of recycling and an activity involving recycling t-shirts into tote bags and personalizing and deco-

rating them.

Day two consisted of learning about jelly fish, as well as creating a hanging jellyfish while the older participants took a class on knot tying.

Wednesdays learning opportunity was all about pollution prevention and how pollution ends up in rivers, lakes, and groundwater. The children also

used hands on demonstration and brainstorming on how to clean up resources once they have been polluted.

Thursdays experience focused on how oysters clean the environment through filtration and create beautiful pearls in the process. The youth then made personalized bracelets with an under-



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More of the shirt recycling front row, l-r: Mariah Rinestine and Colt Smith. Back row, l-r: Hunter Purdum, Shania Rinestine, Elsa Walker and Makenzy DeNaeyer.

water theme.

The final day wrapped up with the chance to create a unique geocache that will be placed at a later date and an outing, hiking to find two local geocaches.

The Thomas County Library would like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered, and donated to this years

"Ocean of Possibilities" Summer Reading Program.

Volunteers included Jordyn and Kloey DeNaeyer, and Chandler and Emerson Pettit. Lindsay Hanson donated Girl Scout cookies for the event.

The Summer Reading Challenge has also gotten underway and is in full swing. The challenge

began on June 6 and readers can read and track their reading for the summer ending on August 11.

Three prizes will be awarded for most books read, most minutes read and the final prize will be for most complete report on books with only one

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Locals Exhibit At Conference Show

Dorsey Chosen Best Of Show At ANAC Conference

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The Association of Nebraska Art Clubs (ANAC) conference ended June 11 where 289 pieces of art from 38 clubs were featured. Twenty-five were awarded "Best of Show" and "Award of Excellence" winners and will be featured in a year-long ANAC Traveling show. O'Neill will host the exhibition from June 12 to July 18.

Four award winners were photos and three of them were from the Thedford Art Guild.

Megan Licking won an "Award of Excellence" on her bull photo titled "Snot Today." Her photo "Reflections," featuring a tree reflecting in a pond at sunset and Terri Licking's "Nebraska Pre-Storm Sky" received honorable mentions.

Other winners from this area included:

Best of Show: David Dorsey, Sand Painters, Valentine, acrylic, "Watermelon." Judge Mary Binford Miller, Wichita, Kansas said as soon as she turned the corner and saw the piece she knew it would be her "Best of Show."

Other Award of Excel-



Mary Binford Miller, judge, stands with Best of Show winner, David Dorsey, Valentine, and his acrylic, "Watermelon" at the Friday night banquet.

lence winners were:

Daniel Smith, Arrow Artists, oil, "Garlicado." Sue Perez, North Platte Art Guild, colored pencil, "Stormy City."

Patsy Smith, Platter Painters Art Club, water media, "Enchanted Fortress."

Other Honorable Mention winners from the

area:

Ron Meyer, North Platte Art Guild, wood carving, "Cody."

From Prairie 7 Club, headquarters, Dunning, two members received three honorable mentions. Julie Kleeb, Broken Bow, received an honorable mention on her mixed media, "Paisley."

"This was a piece totally out of my norm," Kleeb said.

Roberta Barnes, Halsey, did two different oil paintings, different views both titled, "Morning Glow."

David Dorsey received an honorable mention on his acrylic titled, "The River of Her Soul."

For full results and to

see when the ANAC Traveling show is in your area, go to www.nebraskaartclubs.org/2022-anac-art-show



Three of the five pieces of art entered by members of the Thedford Art Guild were selected as winners at the ANAC Conference show.

Halsey/Purdum Service Club plans July 2nd celebration

Everyone is invited to the annual "Sandhills Days" celebration set for Saturday, July 2, in Halsey.

The celebration has been hosted by many local residents working together to join surrounding area residents for 74 years to host a community event that joins local families for a day of food, fun and fireworks.

A taco bar lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Sunshine Chapter Order of the Eastern Star from Thedford will be hosting the lunch. The famous barbecue supper will feature beef, buffalo and pork sandwiches that will be slow cooked on giant smokers. After the meal there will be an auction of

the left over roasts for you to take home and freeze to eat during the long haying season.

Kids games will go on throughout the afternoon and include a turtle race (bring our own turtle), chicken Bingo, water limbo, putt putt golf cake walk, candy drop and Wayne's train rides. The Bingo games in the community building are a great way to cool off. A cornhole tournament will be conducted in the afternoon with the championship game to be held after the barbecue.

The Pam Rodocker Me-

morial Duck Race will be conducted after the meat auction, but duck numbers are sold all day before the race.

The fireworks show will begin at dusk and this has grown to be one of the largest displays around.

With a fully electronic show, the fireworks display will not disappoint. The Volunteer Fire Departments of Halsey and Purdum on site, you can trust they have everything under control.

Be sure to be in Halsey for a great celebration on July 2.



Committee members, seated l-r: Nicole Hoffmann, Mullen Art Center; Mary Smith, Callaway, representing Arrow Artists; Betty Carlson, North Loup, Artissimos; and Sue Dowse, chairperson, Comstock, Vissi d'etre Club. Back row, l-r: Tresa Haney, Oconto, representing Prairie 7 Club, Dunning; Darwin Hunt, Comstock, Vissi'd Arte Club and Terri Licking, Thedford Art Guild. Broken Bow's Mid-Plains campus was the site of the 57th ANAC Conference.

Have a Happy & Safe
4th of July