

It’s not so spooky, but oh so fun



Skip and Morgan Hecox and Linda with their chicken booth, complete with a nest.

Stapleton Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Tricked Out Trunk event was well attended and there were eight trunks on Halloween evening, Tuesday, October 31.

The Todd and Addie Schaeffer trunk was the first place winner and will receive \$25.00 in Chamber bucks.

Other entries this year included the Duane McClain family with the Nebraska Land Brokers trailer, Community First Bank, Marlena Gray family, Sandhills Equine, LLC and South Loup Seed – Skip and Morgan Hecox and Linda, Kim Howell, Logan County Library, and the Tutorial School group from Arnold.



The Todd Schaeffer family and their Barbie booth, Community First Bank employees, and Carol Burgess pass out candy at the annual ‘Trunk or Treat’ event held in Stapleton, Tuesday, October 31. The Schaeffer family won the best tricked out trunk award.

Thedford building ‘coming back to life’

Marcia Hora

Destined to a fate that has overcome many buildings in the Sandhills, the former Cowpoke Hotel is being brought back to life by the Hoffman family of Thedford. After purchasing the brick building in 2022 from Scott Philpot, and with the help of Roy Licking and Arnold Albrecht, the Hoffman’s dream of resurrecting the former hotel and hospital into a functional and historic place for their bull sale buyers is becoming a reality.

“The building was in very bad shape. If it hadn’t been for Roy and Albrecht none of this would have been possible.” Kaycee Orr-Hoffman said as she gave a tour to show what has transpired over the summer.

The interior was gutted and new windows, outside doors, plumbing, wiring, and heating and air installed. Repair has started on the plaster and lath. This required removing carpeting that had been glued to the walls. There will also be a drop-in tin type ceiling in the main floor area. Original “cowboy” wallpaper will be kept in the new game room and the installation of a functional kitchen with island is next on the list. Five bedrooms upstairs will have

themed rooms named after major livestock shows including Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City and Ft. Worth. Large black and white photos will adorn the walls and the original wood floors are being refinished. Some laminate will be installed in high traffic areas, but the Hoffmans are intent on keeping much of the building as original as possible.

Possibly the biggest undertaking has been the grinding out of 1/2 inch of mortar between each and every brick and re-mortering the entire exterior of the two story building.

“I know Scott did not want to part with the building as it has been in the Philpot family since the 1970’s,” Kaycee said. “There is a lot of family history and attachment that comes with a building like this. We are grateful that we were able to make the purchase and retain a big part of Thedford’s history. The beautiful antiques will remain in the building and be on display.”

Built in 1914 by Jim Weaver, the building has served as a hotel and hospital. Jim and Ora Weaver moved to the area to be near Ora’s elderly parents, William and Catherine Starr, who acquired 640 acres under the Kincaid Act. Jim eventually

ran a restaurant in Thedford in an old building that was later replaced by Figard’s Store. He built a new building just south of the old Figard Store and the second floor was originally the quarters of the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge. The Modern Woodmen insignia appears in the upper front of the building in old photos.

The Weavers sold their home in west Thedford to the Hanks family and put hotel rooms and living

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Jared Trimble, Paxton Bierman, and Lily Peterson man the booth created by the Tutorial School group from Arnold and helped kids create “Good News” bracelets.

The best of the best



STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Stapleton Junior Chamber members conducted the annual Halloween costume contest at Stapleton Public Schools on Tuesday, October 31. Each class paraded around the gym and the best costume from each class received Chamber bucks. This year’s winners were, l-r: Pre-school, Cade Kramer; Kindergarten, Bria Boeser; First Grade, Cole Higgins; Second Grade, Brekyn Stumpf; Third Grade, Jhett Peterson; Fourth Grade, Joei Stewart; Fifth Grade, Baily Weems; and Sixth Grade, Bella Howard. *More Halloween pictures on pages 8 & 9 inside.*

Be Merry & Bright

Be Merry and Bright in Stapleton and wrap up all your Christmas shopping, Saturday, November 18. The annual Christmas event and open houses will include a craft fair from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Stapleton Community Center.

Participants in open houses will be Country Envy, Creative Printers, The Feed Bunk, Herbie’s Speakeasy, Sublime Boutique, Brush Fire Studio and Symbolik Permanent Jewelry, Frey’s General Store, Stapleton Cooperative Market & Deli, Kimber’s and Diane Knievel with NuSkin & Pharmanex.

Chamber Bucks Blitz will begin November 18 and receipts will be drawn up to \$500.00 on December 18 at 11:00 a.m. Save your cash receipts from Chamber businesses, write your name and phone number on the back of your receipts and deposit in boxes located at local businesses. You win the value of your drawn receipt.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
21	84	41	0
22	70	41	0
23	64	35	0
24	76	38	0
25	52	44	0
26	51	35	.05
27	36	15	.06

Fog was observed October 25 and October 26.



Annual Christmas Around Town
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