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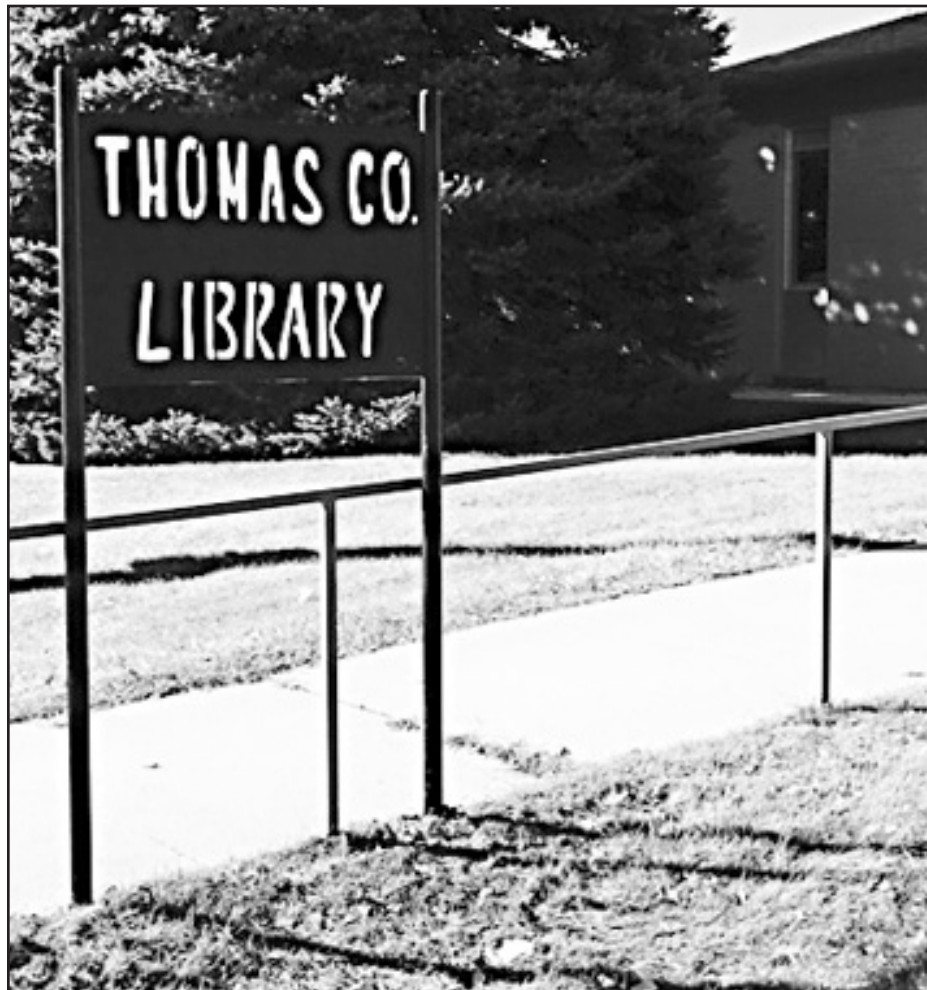
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New Signage At Library



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The new sign installed on the east side of the Thomas County Library in Thedford. The sign was made by Jim Mills of Thedford.

The Thomas County Library received a new sign for the east side of the building. The sign was made by Jim Mills of Thedford.

Jim donated all the materials and his labor and Pearson Inc. donated the powder coating that will protect the sign.

"The library had an old wooden sign just north of the door on the east side. The trees were getting so large and the wood, over time had been weathered. It was falling down. The new sign will be visible to the travelers going down Highway 2 and to people driving around Thedford," said library director Marcy Andersen.

The new sign says Thomas County Library on both sides so it will be visible to all traffic, and being constructed out of metal it should last a very long time.

"A huge thank you to Jim and Kim Mills, and Pearson's for their donation to the library, it looks great!"

The Thomas County Library hours are Monday 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., and Friday 1:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come look at the sign and stop in at the library and check out the new books that are arriving daily.

Thomas winner of Custer Public Power drawing

Public Power week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity that is locally grown and locally owned. Custer Public Power of Broken Bow celebrated Public Power Week, October 1 through the 7, 2017 by holding special events in the area.

Custer Public Power was established in 1944, and is dedicated to providing electrical power to rural Nebraska.

The gift bags given in Sargent, Callaway, Broken Bow, Thedford, and Stapleton were filled with items that promoted Nebraska as the only state that is 100% public power and also offered many energy efficient tips.

Andrea Thomas was one of many who registered at the Thomas County Library during Public Power Week. Winners at other Custer outpost towns were: Gail Slagle,



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Andrea Thomas pictured at the Thomas County Library with the prize she won in the Custer Public Power drawing.

Sargent; Brynn Eggleston, Callaway; Terry Jones, Broken Bow; and Melanie Wonch, Stapleton.

Custer Public Power was established in 1944 and is

dedicated to providing electrical power to rural Nebraska. They take pride in the fact that their employees are your family, friends and neighbors.

Keep Loup Basin Beautiful Bicycle Recycle & Safety Program Gives New Life to Bikes

Old, broken, unwanted bicycles are receiving a new chance at life through the Bicycle Recycle & Safety Program offered by Keep Loup Basin Beautiful (KLBB). Bicycles donated or rescued for the program get a face lift thanks to Gary Hughes of Lincoln, NE.

Mr. Hughes and wife, Lynne, visit Burwell regularly to visit family, Ben, Amy & Breon Hughes, and the bicycles collected in between visits travel back to Lincoln with them. It is in Mr. Hughes' "workshop" where he performs his magic, making them ride-able again. Mr. Hughes takes parts from bicycles that are unfixable and uses them to refurbish those that just need some T.L.C. "Some bicycles do not need much of anything other than cleaned up" states Mr. Hughes. Following their time with Mr. Hughes the bicycles travel to the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln where any youth who would like a bike, but cannot afford one, are offered the opportunity to call one their own.

"Gary has always been a 'fixer' and 'creator' ever since I have known him and this was a perfect project to ask him to be a part of," states his daughter-in-law, Amy Hughes,



COURTESY PHOTO

Gary Hughes pictured with some of the bikes recycled through the Bicycle Recycle & Safety Program offered by Keep Loup Basin Beautiful.

KLBB Project Coordinator. "We (KLBB) are lucky he said, Yes!"

KLBB is honored to have such a great volunteer take time and have the passion to refurbish and gift such a great gift to those in need. Thank you Gary Hughes for the passion you have to help put a smile on a one person's face. You are one-in-a-million sir!!!

Keep Loup Basin Beautiful (KLBB) is grant-funded through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and Keep America Beautiful; and is a project of the Loup Basin

RC&D Council that promotes litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and beautification. KLBB serves thirteen counties in central and north-central Nebraska. For more information about KLBB's education programs, email KLBB at info@keeploupbasinbeautiful.org, visit www.keeploupbasinbeautiful.org, or like them on Facebook. Contact the Loup Basin RC&D office (308)-546-3393 or stop by the office at the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway Interpretive Center, 350 South Highway 11 Burwell, Nebraska.

Are Noxious Weeds A Problem For You? Let Upper Loup NRD Help

The legal description of a noxious weed is any plant designated by a Federal, State or county government as injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife or property. More commonly they are defined as a plant that grows out of place and is competitive, persistent, and pernicious.

Regardless of which weed you are trying to manage it's important to continue yearly management as skipping a year can cause the noxious weed to re-infest rapidly. Persistence is the key to any successful weed control program.

In Nebraska you are legally required to control noxious weeds on your property. The common

noxious weeds on the Nebraska State list include: plumeless thistle, musk thistle, diffuse knapweed, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife and saltcedar. Fortunately, not all of these weeds are found in our District. To help with the battle those found in our area (leafy spurge, Canada thistle, musk thistle) the Upper Loup Natural Resources District provides cost share funds for BOTH fall and spring treatment to landowners in the NRD area. Funds are available to cover 45% of the cost of approved chemicals up to \$400 per landowner.

Not sure if you have noxious weeds on your property? Read more on our

website or download an application at 222.upperloupnrd.org to learn more about them.

Halloween Extravaganza Set For October 31

A Halloween Extravaganza will be hosted Tuesday, October 31 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas County Fairgrounds east of Thedford. It will be sponsored by the Thomas County 4-H Achievers club and all ages are welcome.

Games, treats and a free will donation chili bar will be featured.

Come and support your local 4-H Club and have a little fun while doing it!

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U.S. Beef Cattle Production Journey: The Destination Is Up To Us

Featuring: Dr. Dan Thomson, DVM

The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition and Nebraska Extension are bringing Dr. Dan Thomson, a third-generation bovine veterinarian and host of a nationally aired veterinary television show in its seventh season on RFD TV entitled "Doc Talk" to Nebraska. Dr. Dan Thomson will be at eight locations across Nebraska.

Topics will include:
• Understanding the One Beef concept and beef retailer objectives
• How communication

between segments can improve profitability
• Future trends in beef cattle health and well-being management
• Preparing cattle for a change of address

Dates and Locations:
Monday, November 13, 2017 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT) Albion, Casey's Center, Boone County Fairgrounds, contact Steve Pritchard, Nebraska Extension in Boone and Nance Counties, 402-395-2158; 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT) Broken Bow, Broken Bow Country Club, contact Troy Walz, Nebraska Extension in Custer County, 308-872-6831.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MT) Gudmundsen Sandhills Lab near Whitman, contact Bethany Johnston, Nebraska Extension in Central Sandhills Area, 308-645-2267 or bjohnton3@unl.edu.; 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT) Chadron, Chadron State College, Student Center, contact Jack Arterburn, Nebraska Extension in Dawes County, 308-452-3373.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (MT) Sidney, Cheyenne Co. 4-H Building, contact Aaron Berger, Nebraska Extension in (Continued on page 8)