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## TACF Banquet set for November 17

Thedford Area Community Foundation board members have been gathering items for the annual fundraiser set for Saturday, November 17, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Happy hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the prime rib meal will be prepared and served by the crew at the Sandhill's Corral at 6:30 p.m.

The largest item donated to date has been a hay feeder that can be used for horses or cattle. There will also be feed bunks and a bale feeder. There will be tools for the

handyman. Something that will appeal to almost anyone will be the "design your own product," that the new business, Green Machine, CNC is offering. The high school industrial tech classes will let you design your sign and students will use the new plasma cutter, with Pearson's color coating it, in the color of your choice. In addition, they will have a couple of neat items they plan to bring to the fundraiser.

Other offerings include:  
- A great Christmas pres-

ent for a youngster is a .22 with scope.  
- Cornhusker fans will want to take Husker items home.  
- Randy Andersen is offering one-day use of his skid steer. Who doesn't have a project in mind that the skid steer would make a lot easier?  
- Bootleg Brewers is offering a 2-night stay for eight.  
- Artwork to spruce up a room will be available and Velma Ewoldt is bringing some beautiful floral arrangements.

- Linda Egle will have ornaments to add to your collection.  
- A bigger and better version of last year's "quiz bowl" is being planned and competitive contestants are encouraged to be on hand and ready to show their skills.  
- Tickets for the TACFF banquet are \$40.00 per person and may be obtained by contacting board members, Marcy Andersen, Shirley McIntosh, Dixie Hoffman, Rosalea Gift, Jay Jones, or B.J. Thomas.



Pictured are some of the many items up for auction!



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## Dawes County 4-H Royalty

Terri Licking

Dawes County 4-H'ers vote at their year-end awards banquet to select members who are high school seniors as their royalty. This year's queen was Hailey Watson, 17-year-old daughter of Boone and Nadene Huffman, Chadron, and Jake and Sarah Watson, Grand Island. Richard and Deb Watson, Grand Island are her grandparents, as are Wayne and Terri Licking, Thedford. Mabel Rodocker, Halsey is her great-grandmother.

Those wishing to be considered had to submit a photo, and a short bio, plus be present that night. Hailey's bio follows: Hailey Watson-Huffman has been an active member of the 4-H program since she was eight years old. Horses are her favorite, pigs are an easy

money-maker, but growing and showing market beef has been the greatest experience and the most challenging project she has done. 4-H has helped instill a great work ethic, keen eye, forever friendships and a desire to continue her education in the ag industry. As her final year approaches she will continue to enjoy 4-H as a member of the Junior Leaders. Hailey looks forward to mentoring her younger siblings who will take over the show ring when she is gone. Hailey appreciates the lifelong lessons she has gained by being a 4-H member. Thank you to everyone who has helped her along the way.

Chosen king was Clark Riesen, son of Clayton and Julie Riesen of Chadron. Congratulations to these two outstanding 4-Hers who always strived to "make the best better".



NADENE HUFFMAN PHOTO

**Hailey Watson, granddaughter of Wayne and Terri Licking of Thedford, was crowned the 2018 Dawes County 4-H Queen at their recent banquet.**



Herald Readers!

## Thomas County Election Returns

Thomas County Clerk, Lorissa Hartman, reports a good turnout for the 2018 General Election conducted Tuesday, November 6. There were 350 out of 505 registered voters casting their ballots. Of this number 242 went to the polls and 108 early voted.

Spencer Burk launched a write-in campaign for Thedford Public School Board of Education and successfully was elected to the board.

Incumbent officials ran unopposed and were re-elected to their positions. John Seeley and James Purdum were elected Thomas County Commissioners (at large). Complete election returns:

**U.S. SENATOR**  
 Deb Fischer, R .....291  
 Jane Raybould, D .....36  
 Jim Schultz, L .....11  
**CONGRESS DISTRICT 3**  
 Adrian Smith, R .....311  
 Paul Theobald, D .....34  
**GOVERNOR**  
 Pete Ricketts, R .....300  
 Bob Krist, D .....44  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Bob Evnen, R .....285  
 Spencer Danner, D .....29  
**STATE TREASURER**  
 John Murante, R .....282  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
 Doug Peterson, R .....281  
**AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

Charlie Janssen, R .....271  
 Jane Skinner, D .....37  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
 Kurt Dam  
 Arganbright, R .....244  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
 Lorissa Hartman, R .....308  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
 Andrea Thomas, R .....322  
**COUNTY SHERIFF**  
 Gary J. Eng, R .....295  
**COMMISSIONER**  
 John Seeley, R .....272  
 James Purdum, R .....208  
 Norma J. Butler, L .....132  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Robin R. Stevens .....220  
**JUDGE JULIE A. MARTIN**  
 Yes .....185  
 No .....48  
**JUDGE JAMES M. FITZGERALD**  
 Yes .....176  
 No .....51  
**MPCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
 Cynthia Duncan .....219  
**UPPER LOUP NRD DISTRICT 3**  
 Chris M. Higgins .....291  
**UPPER LOUP NRD AT LARGE**  
 Bobbie Jo Christensen .....125  
 Patrick Wright .....139  
**CPPD BOARD OF DIR. AT LARGE**  
 Tom Roberts .....211  
 John P. Blakeman .....216  
 Lloyd H. Ramsey .....219  
**NPPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DT. 5**  
 Thomas Hoff .....78  
 Charlie Kennedy .....167  
**ESU #10 BOARD**

Patrick Osmond .....41  
**THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
 6 Year Term  
 Ron Masten .....268  
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 Steven Reed .....228  
**THEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD**  
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 Dixie L. Hoffman .....248  
 Steve J. Ahlstrom .....205  
 Spencer Burk (Write-In) .....151  
 Tyler Lee .....129  
 Joni Warren (Write-In) .....37  
 Kendra Johnston .....1  
 Adam Clark .....1  
 BJ Thomas .....1  
 Jay Jones .....3  
**MULLEN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
 Liza Simonson .....26  
 Jason Coble .....19  
 Bryan A. Starr .....27  
**SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
 Steven Bass .....20  
 Jeff Martindale .....26  
 Reed C. Larsen .....41  
 Caleb Jensen .....35  
 Rick McFadden .....35  
**VILLAGE OF THEDFORD**  
 Phil L. Kuenle .....82  
 Albert Fisher .....80  
 Darren Rinesstine .....75  
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### News Briefs

Local school districts in cooperation with ESU 16 are sponsoring an opportunity for parents of preschool children to participate in Child Find Screenings. This fall screening will be made available in each school district at the request of parents.

Children between the ages of five and twenty-one who reside in Thomas county may be referred to the school's Student Assistance Team. Further information is available at your local school district.