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Local newspapers bring home NPA awards

For the sixth year, *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News* and *Thomas County Herald* received awards at the 2019 Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. More than 3,500 separate entries, representing nine dailies and 69 weeklies, were judged by members of the Louisiana Press Association.

The Enterprise took second place in the Class A Advertising Campaign in the Class A Weekly category with the Dynamic Insurance ad series by Marcia Hora. Third place was awarded in Breaking News Photography with "Weather Phenomenon" by Marcia Hora and Kendra Cutler. *The Enterprise* also received third place in the Agricultural Advertisement category

with "Creative Printers Salutes Ag Producers," by Marcia Hora.

The *Thomas County Herald* received second place in the Class A Weekly Reader Interaction Contest with "Babies of 2017" by Marcia Hora and Kendra Cutler. The *Herald* was awarded third place in the Class A Weekly Advertising Campaign with the Sandhills Dental campaign by Marcia Hora.

Terrie Baker, general manager of the *Grand Island Independent* was elected president of the Nebraska Press Association and installed at the NPA convention held April 5-6 in Kearney. Amy Johnson, publisher of the *Springview Herald*, was elected vice-president, and Kevin Peterson, publisher of the *Wayne Herald*, treasurer.

Nathan Arneal, publisher of the *North Bend Eagle* was elected president of the Nebraska Press Advertising Service/One Press. Randy Sadd, co-publisher of the *Doniphan Herald* will be vice president.

Continuing their terms on One Press are Vickie Hrbanek, advertising manager of the *Norfolk Daily News*; Marcia Hora, publisher of *The Stapleton Enterprise/McPherson County News* and *Thomas County Herald*; and Dee Klein, publisher of the *North Platte Telegraph*. New to the One Press board is Lynell Morgan, co-publisher of the *Elgin Review*.

The NPA membership includes 164 weekly and daily newspapers. It was founded in 1873.

Prom Royalty Crowned



JAMIE TAYLOR

The Sandhills/Thedford Prom was held Saturday, March 20, at the 4-H Lodge in the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. Juniors from both schools spent Friday decorating the downstairs and upstairs of the lodge. This year's theme was "Candy Land."

Cauy Pokorny, son of Brad and Paula Pokorny of Stapleton, was crowned prom king for Thedford High School and crowned queen was Morgan Rines-tine, daughter of Darren and Angie Rines-tine and Wendy and Guido DelRe.

Sandhills and Thedford High School students celebrated prom, Saturday, March 30, at the 4-H Lodge in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey. Juniors from both of the schools had spent Friday decorating the downstairs and upstairs of the lodge. This year's theme was Candyland and it was a very colorful and whimsical event.

Photographer, Kellie Carr Augustine from KC Creation and her spouse started taking photos of

classes and couples at 5:15 p.m. and finished in time for the banquet. The meal was prepared by head cook, Jody Swisher, with some assistants. Brisket, twice-baked potatoes, chef salad, peach cobbler ala mode, Shirley Temples, and Roy Rogers were served by Tenley Rasmussen, Brooke Milam, Makayla Osienger, Dayle Haake, Braydon Guggenmos, Emily Leach, Taylor Weber, and Colinn Winklebauer.

Following the meal, class wills and prophecies were read. The students even had some very funny wills for Mrs. Gift. The queen, Morgan Rines-tine, and the king, Cauy Pokorny, were crowned before leading the Grand March.

The DJ was none other than Ben Masten. He did an excellent job providing all venues of music and keeping everyone out on the dance floor. Prom 2019 was a fun, light-hearted occasion and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Disaster Relief Funds aiding farmers & ranchers



JUSTIN MENSNIK, NORTH BEND

An aerial shot of flood waters in North Bend on March 15, 2019. As Nebraskans work to recover, they should be on guard for suspicious activity involving potential fraud, scam artists and other criminals who prey on disaster survivors. Dishonest pleas for donations may come by phone, email, letter or face-to-face. Residents should verify legitimate solicitations by asking for the charity's exact name, street address, phone number and website address, then phone the organization directly. Residents should not pay donations with cash and should request a receipt with the organization's name, street address and phone number.

With recent storms and significant flooding impacting much of the state, Nebraska Corn is thankful for the outpouring of support at the local and national levels and said there are still opportunities for farmers to help in relief efforts.

During their next visit to

their local grain elevators, farmers can donate proceeds from their grain sales to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund or the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. At the farmers' discretion, grain elevators across the state will be able to collect

and disperse the donations to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation or the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Both of these disaster assistance programs are designed to help local farmers and

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Thedford Annual Alumni Banquet June 15

The Thedford Annual Alumni is going to be held this year on June 15, 2019. The theme for this year's banquet is "Remember When." This is a time to renew acquaintances, to provide an annual gathering of Alumni from Thedford High School, and to support the school.

We will be meeting in the West Gym in Thedford with the doors opening at 5:00 p.m. CT with registration and a social hour. Dinner will follow at 6:00 p.m., catered by the Double T. The busi-

ness meeting and a fun-filled time will be held, followed by another social hour and photos being taken.

The Honor Classes will be starting with 1929 graduates and all classes ending in 9.

This will be the 62nd Annual Alumni which was started by the 1957 graduating class. That banquet was followed by a dance with the popular band "Blue Baron."

The Alumni is giving a scholarship to a 2019 graduate from Thedford

High School. Applications will be at the High School for graduates to fill out. The recipient will be chosen by the Alumni Committee.

There will be door prizes. If anyone wishes to donate a door prize, it will be welcomed.

Additional information: thedford alumni.org; e-mail: thedfordalumni@gmail.com, Bill Hardy 402-362-5330, Mary Alice Curtis 308-228-2260 or Connie Elliott 308-645-9059.

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Spring Tea At Hall Church

Hall Church will hold their ladies tea, Monday, April 22, beginning with a salad luncheon at 6:30 p.m. Becky Wolfenden of Mullen is the guest speaker. Hall Church is located 11 miles north of Ringgold.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thedford Service Club will sponsor their annual Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m. CT on the Thomas County Courthouse lawn. Please be there and ready to go by 1:45 p.m. Age groups will be divided up and sent to their areas.

Please join us for Rosalea Gift's Retirement Celebration Sunday, April 28 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thedford High School Old Gymnasium