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Summer Reading Gets Underway With A Whole Lot Of Kindness



COURTESY PHOTOS

Thedford area preschool-aged children working on their rocks for the "The Kindness Project." Ten children were in attendance for the first day on July 11.

The Summer Reading Program on Wednesdays has kicked off at the Thomas County Library in Thedford.

The preschool group saw 10 children in attendance on Wednesday, July 11. The book, "Being Kind," by Janine Amos was read and then everyone headed outside to pick out a rock for their next activity, "The Kindness Project."

The Kindness Project was started by a gal who was walking on the beach after going through a difficult time in her life. She saw a heart-shaped rock on the ground and picked it up. She said she found so much encouragement from it she decided she wanted to encourage others. She began finding rocks and writing encouraging words on them and placing them around town for random people to pick up and find, with hopes of putting some kindness into their day. Children will be taking rocks around town and placing them for someone to come across and read their messages. Rocks were painted and the day ended with a game of color tag. The preschool event runs from 1:30-2:00 on Wednesdays at the library.

The K-3rd grade group had 15 "kiddos" show up for the first summer reading program Wednesday. They started by reading, "The Berenstain Bears and the Bully" by Stan and Jan Berenstain. The Kindness Rock project was discussed and ways we can be kind to others. Rocks were collected and painted and the day ended with color tag. The K-3rd graders are meeting Wednesdays from 2:30 until 3:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The 4th grade through sixth graders began with seven kids. The book, "Kindness



Mrs. Dawn Bryant reads "The Berenstain Bears and the Bully" to the Kindergarten through third grade group of children.



The oldest group, the fourth through sixth graders, also enjoyed visiting around the table while painting rocks. The rocks will be taken around town and placed for people to find.

Counts," by storyteller Bryan Smith was enjoyed. This book is all about random acts of kindness. The 4th through 6th graders watched The Kindness Project video to see what this is all about. Rocks were collected and painted with positive words on them like, "You've got this!" and "Smile," in hopes of whomever picks it up will smile! Ways random acts of kindness could be incorporated at school were discussed, along with how we should do at least one random act of kindness each day. The 4th through 6th grade group will have their next summer reading program on Wednesday from 3:45 until 4:30 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

The Thomas County Library welcomed a new librarian this year - Mrs. Kim Mills. The Summer Reading Program is a great time to come in and meet her if you haven't already. She is learning the ropes of the Summer Reading Program, with the help of Miss Gretchen Mak and Mrs. Dawn Bryant.

For more information on the library or the summer reading program, call Kim or one of the other library staff, at 308-645-2237.

THS Alumni gather in June

VERLA HAMILTON

The annual Thedford High School Alumni Banquet was held Saturday, June 16, 2018, at Thedford High School. Dinner was prepared and catered by Reta Teahon of Halsey and served by Ariel Bryant, Hannah Pearson, and Jared Inman, members of the Family, Community, Career, Leadership of America organization (FCCLA) under the direction of Rosalea Gift. Myra Essman, Cameron Carr and Sierra Carr, grandchildren of Rosalea and Leon Gift and Marilyn and Bill Essman also helped serve the meal and beverages.

Rosa Lee Hamilton provided dinner music by playing several songs on the keyboard. After dinner, Brenda (Kramer) Cohn, who grew up in the Stapleton area, played the guitar and sang several songs.

Presiding at the program and meeting was Jan Mason Lehmkuhl (1968). Jan's father was Richard Mason who was superintendent for two years in the sixties.

Verla Hamilton gave the secretary/treasurer's report. New officers were elected: Connie Elliott, president; Mary Curtis, vice president; and Willis (Bill) Hardy, secretary.

The following people read the names of the honor class members: Esther Robinson Crawford, 1948; Marilyn Blauvelt Ackerman, 1958; Roger Figard, 1968; Bev

(See THS Alumni page 10)



COURTESY PHOTO

Esther (Robinson) Crawford, the only living member of the Class of 1948 reads the list of names of her fellow classmates.

Fish & Wildlife to Host Public Meeting on R-Project Transmission Line

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will host a public meeting to obtain input regarding the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources as the result of Nebraska Public Power District's 225-mile-long R-Project Transmission Line in Nebraska. Specifically, public input is sought about ways to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for potential impacts pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act.

Information about the meeting is as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Express and Suites North Platte

Address: 300 Holiday Frontage Rd, North Platte,

NE 69101

The meeting will be informal and structured as a question and answer session in order to facilitate interaction with the public. Comments can be submitted at the meeting and will also be accepted via U.S. mail or hand-delivery to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9325 South Alda Road, Wood River, Nebraska 68883.

Some of Daham's racing photos may be viewed at nebraskalife.com.

The 18th annual Sandhills Open Road Challenge will take place August 9, 10, and 11. See poster in this issue for a complete schedule of events.

SORC featured in Nebraska Life

AJ Daham explores Nebraska with an inherent sense of adventure and pair of Canon cameras. His photos appear in every *Nebraska Life* magazine, and for the first time, he has written a story for the publication.

What better topic to write about than the Sandhills Open Road Challenge. Entitled "Racing Through the Sandhills," Daham starts his story by visiting the Loup 2 Loup, before venturing to the shootout, and SORC.

One of the first cars he spotted at the mandatory safety inspection at the farm of Robbi Smith, west of Arnold, was the silver Cobra, number 75, driven by Doug DeMots of Aurora, Colorado.

Daham interviewed Wayne Hora of

Stapleton, and was intrigued by the red 1990 ZR1 Corvette with an unusual sticker that read, "SORC Lifer." Hora told him each star represents a year he has raced in the SORC. Hora has been in every event at every SORC since its inception in 2001.

Daham's complete story can be seen by picking up the July/August 2018 *Nebraska Life* magazine that also features Lincoln's Sunken Gardens, the anniversary of the Oregon Trail, and the return of Trumpeter swans to Nebraska.

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The Sandhills High School FBLA will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Dunning Open Bible Church. See complete story inside this issue on page 10.