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Theford Jr. Rodeo goes off without a hitch

Organizers report entries filled by mid-April this year

It was hot with almost no wind, but the Theford Junior Rodeo went on as planned. Entries filled mid-April this year.

Dawn Haake, secretary, reports she is planning to keep the rodeo going three more years and then step down from the job. Anyone interested in taking over may call her and she will teach them the ropes.

All-around buckles were donated by Wayne and Roxanne Eatinger, Family Medicine Associates, Flying A Cattle Company, Art Leetch-AL Silencer Chutes, Loup 2 Loup Road Race, and Pearson Livestock.

Complete results on the day:

0-6 Age Division

0-6 Girls Sheep Riding: The sheep won. No qualified rides.

0-6 Girls Goats: 1. Josey Wells; 2. Olivia Doggett; 3. Breckn Doggett; 4. Kamden Fattig; 5. Bristol Fink; 6. Penny Boeser; 7. Paislee Call; 8. Kendall Phipps.

0-6 Girls Poles: 1. Misti Parker; 2. Olivia Doggett; 3. Abigail Cole; 4. Georgie Potter; 5. Paislee Call; 6. Ava Barthel; 7. Bristol Fink; 8. Kamden Fattig.

0-6 Girls Barrels: 1. Olivia Doggett; 2. Josey Wells; 3. Kamden Fattig; 4. Paislee Call; 5. Abigail Cole; 6. Ava Barthel; 7. Lilly Soper; 8. Penny Boeser.

0-6 Boys Sheep Riding: 1. Trig Boeser; 2. Casey Abbott; 3. Jonathan Cole; 4. Keene Taylor.

0-6 Boys Goats: 1. Trig Boeser; 2. Rate Peterson; 3. Jonathan Cole; 4. Quinton Boeser; 5. Sawyer Schemper; 6. Keene Taylor; 7. Gavin Connell; 8. Colt Wells.

0-6 Boys Poles: 1. Gavin Connell; 2. Trig Boeser; 3. Sawyer Schemper; 4. Quinton Boeser; 5. Hunter Knoll; 6. Rate Peterson.

0-6 Boys Barrels: 1. Trig Boeser; 2. Quinton Boeser; 3. Gavin Connell; 4. Rate Peterson; 5. Jonathan Cole; 6. Colt Wells; 7. Sawyer Schemper; 8. Hunter Knoll.

7-10 Age Division

7-10 Girls Steer Riding: 1. Sophia Schemper.

7-10 Girls Goats: 1. Ella Warren; 2. Ava Hadin; 3. Brynne McCully; 4. Shaylee Milleson; 5. Kennedy Greenough; 6. Emerson Thorberg; 7. Emaley Cole; 8. Paityn Sheffield.

7-10 Girls Poles: 1. Sophia Schemper; 2. Paityn Sheffield; 3. Shaylee Milleson; 4. Josie Kursave; 5. Ava Hadin; 6. Tatum Connell; 7. Emaley Cole; 8. Marisa Wykert.

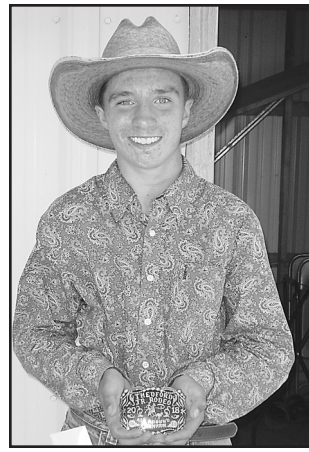
7-10 Girls Barrels: 1. Sophia Schemper; 2. Gracey Rodocker; 3. Ava Hadin; 4. Paityn Sheffield; 5. Shaylee Milleson; 6. Josie Kursave; 7. Aubrey Blackburn; 8. Kenlee Fattig.

7-10 Boys Goats: 1. Owen Littau; 2. Korbin Druery; 3. Coter Johnston; 4. Stetson Brendt; 5. Dawson Cole; 6. Braxten Barner; 7. Tate Koubek; 8. Lane Hardin.

7-10 Boys Poles: 1. Peyton Saner; 2. Quinten Jones; 3. Dawson Cole; 4. Braxten Barner; 5. Korbin Druery; 6.



Ashlyn Henderson
11-14 Girls
All-Around



Cooper Phillipps
11-14 Boys
All-Around



Sophia Schemper
7-10 Girls
All-Around



Dawson Cole
7-10 Boys
All-Around

Owen Littau; 7. Lane Hardin; 8. Isaak Ohm.

7-10 Boys Barrels: 1. Dawson Cole; 2. Peyton Saner; 3. Owen Littau; 4. Quinten Jones; 5. Braxten Barner; 6. Korbin Druery; 7. Prent Parker; 8. Lane Hardin.

11-14 Age Division

11-14 Girls Goats: 1. Kinley Greenough; 2. Ashlyn Henderson; 3. Emma Warren; 4. Whitney Jennings; 5. Tenley Rasmussen; 6. Shayda Vaughn; 7. Emma Ohm; 8. Ali Vaughn.

11-14 Girls Poles: 1. Sabrina Schemper; 2. Sydney Fletcher; 3. Whitney Jennings; 4. Sierra Cain; 5. Ali Vaughn; 6. Tenley Rasmussen; 7. Tessa Barthel; 8. Kayley Paitz.

11-14 Girls Barrels: 1. Sabrina Schemper; 2. Ashlyn Henderson; 3. Peyton Paxton; 4. Sydney Fletcher; 5. Karley Haake; 6. Whitney Jennings; 7. Gracey Taylor; 8. Ali Vaughn.

11-14 Girls Breakaway: 1. Emma Ohm; 2. Emma Warren; 3. Ashlyn Henderson.

11-14 Boys Steer Riding: 1. Jett Sjeklocha.

11-14 Boys Goats: 1. Cooper Phillipps; 2. Garrett Harms; 3. Brodey Hund; 4. Jackson Wykert; 5. Cayson Johnston; 6. Grady Gorwill; 7. Eli Paxton; 8. Cooper Kursave.

11-14 Boys Poles: 1. Cayson Johnston; 2. Brady Haake; 3. Cooper Phillipps; 4. Garrett Harms; 5. Owen Thorberg; 6. Jackson Wykert; 7. Brodey Hund; 8. Dawson Doggett.

11-14 Boys Barrels: 1. Garrett Harms; 2. Cooper Phillipps; 3. Jackson Wykert; 4. Dawson Doggett; 5. Tate Johnston; 6. Eli Paxton; 7. Grady Gorwill; 8. Brady Haake.

11-14 Boys Breakaway: 1. Coy Johnston; 2. Owen



Olivia Doggett
0-6 Girls
All-Around



Trig Boeser
0-6 Boys
All-Around

Thorberg; 5. Jaxton Starr; 4. Eli Paxton; 5. Jackson Wykert; 6. Cayson Johnston.

Team Roping: 1. Shayda Vaughn and Tim Vaughn; 2. Dean Tidyman and Jaxton Starr; 3. Dusty Paxton and Eli Paxton; 4. Cayston Johnston and Jason Johnston; 5. Jason Johnston and Coy Johnston.

All Around Winners

0-6 Girls All-Around: Olivia Doggett
0-6 Boys All-Around: Trig Boeser
7-10 Girls All-Around: Sophia Schemper
7-10 Boys All-Around: Dawson Cole
11-14 Girls All-Around: Ashlyn Henderson
11-14 Boys All-Around: Cooper Phillipps

Dueling pianos coming to Thomas County Fair

Where will you be Saturday night, July 28?

Hopefully, you will be part of the huge crowd situated in the pavilion located at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. That's where the action will be, as the dueling pianos lay the groundwork for great entertainment.

You can enjoy any genre of music and they will gladly play your requests. However, if someone tosses a larger bill on one of the pianos, they immediately cancel your tune and play a new request.

This is something the Theford Area Community Foundation board

has wanted to do for several years, and this year, there was a gap in activities after the barbecue. The time seemed right.

This is a really fun activity that any age person can enjoy. We hope many people will come out for the enjoyable evening.

New Medicare cards arriving in mailboxes

Social Security numbers removed for identity protection

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is mailing new Medicare cards to protect the safety and security of people with Medicare benefits. The new Medicare cards no longer contain a person's Social Security number, but rather a unique, randomly-assigned Medicare number that protects the identities of people with Medicare reduces fraud and offers better safeguards of important health and financial information.

"Removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards is one of the many ways CMS is committed to putting patients first and improving the consumer healthcare experience," said Jeff Hinson, Regional Administrator for Regions 7 and 8. "This change not only protects Medicare patients from fraud, but also safeguards taxpayer dollars by making it harder for criminals to use Social Security numbers to falsely bill Medicare for care services and benefits that were never performed."

Work on this important initiative was made possible by the enactment of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act

of 2015 (MACRA). CMS began mailing the new Medicare cards to people who currently have Medicare benefits in Nebraska this week. Additionally, people who are new to Medicare in Nebraska started to receive their new Medicare cards in April along with others across the country when the mailing first began. As soon as people receive their new Medicare card, they should safely and securely destroy their old Medicare card and keep their new Medicare number confidential. Our current mailing strategy allows us to complete the mailings of new cards to all people with Medicare, both new and current enrollees, over the next year.

The new Medicare card will not change any of the program benefits and services that eligible people enrolled in Medicare receive. People with Medicare and their caregivers can visit medicare.gov/newcard to find out when new Medicare cards will be mailed to their area. They can also sign up for email notifications about the new card mailing and check the status in their state.

Healthcare providers,

suppliers and people with Medicare will be able to use secure look up tools that allow quick access to the new Medicare numbers when needed. There will also be a 21-month transition period for healthcare providers and suppliers to use either the former Social Security-based Medicare number or the new Medicare number to ensure a seamless transition.

As the new Medicare cards are being mailed, people with Medicare should look out for scams and follow these tips:

- Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare number or other personal information so you can obtain your new Medicare card.
- Don't pay for your new Medicare card. It's free. If anyone calls or approaches you and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam.
- Guard your card. When you get your new card, safeguard it like you would health insurance or credit cards.

- Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

State changes to follow sales tax ruling

RILEY HERCHENBACH

You may have heard recently that the U.S. Supreme Court reached a decision that affects how states can levy sales taxes on purchases made from out-of-state online retailers. In South Dakota vs. Wayfair, justices ruled by a 5-4 vote that the State of

South Dakota correctly implemented its sales tax on these goods.

But what does the Wayfair decision mean for Nebraska and the rest of the country?

First, sales tax on internet sales is not a new tax. In theory, taxpayers are supposed to pay use tax on any taxable item for

which the sales tax isn't collected at the point of sale, even in another state. In Nebraska, this option appears on annual income tax returns but is rarely used.

Currently, 31 states attempt to levy sales tax when online businesses

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News Briefs

Theford Art Gallery will feature open show art entries the entire month of July, including the Thomas County Fair which ends Sunday, July 29.

The Theford Art Guild worked with the Art and Gift Gallery in North Platte and brought art from the Nebraskaland Day show. Be sure to stop in at the Gallery.