Thedford Fire Hall Arboretum Update

Last fall the 2020 Grant Goodwin Memorial Dist.
trict a landscape grant to provide the bare ground sur-
rounding the new Thedford Fire and Rural Fire Hall. Project plans call for a 10,000 sq. ft. living lab for students of
the Natural Resources Department. The Village of
Thedford, the Nebraska Natural Resources NRBD, the Nebraska Forest Service, the Nebraska Statewide, as well as the Nebraska En-
vironmental Trust. To receive the green funds there are program rules that must be fol-
lowed. The rules include: Establishing green Team, partnering with a landowner, and at least 50% of the funding must be matched by both paid and donated goods and services.

There are three main project goals. The first is to educate youth and the general public. In-
form and show different types of trees, shrubs, and plants, as well as management practices. The mul-
ting, fertilizing, weeding, watering, and living lab for students of re-
search, and conservation. The living lab as the goal is the conservation of soil, water, and energy. The Arboretum will vis-
ually show the benefits of planting trees and shrubs as a conservation prac-

tice. Plantings will reduce run-
off, aid in wind con-
trol, and can be used to help with water recharge. Hardwoods will aid in
shading the building in our months having energy needs. Native
perennials and shrubs will be a good habitat and food source for wildlife such as pollinators, birds, insects, and small mam-
imals. A water efficient drip line will be installed along with natural mulch materials to help with
water conservation. The living lab ex-

search is the third goal. We believe this project will assist in research to identify species of plants that grow best in the sandhills and will show the options that the public has for conserva-
tion vegetation in their landscapes. Know-
ing the top species for our area will take less work and resources to grow and will save money problems with in-
sert, diseases and changing weather patterns. An additional benefit of the
living lab is the community with an a-
esthetically pleasing place for people to visit and enjoy. It has been noted that “green space” is im-
portant for the physical, spiritual and emotional health of individuals. A lot of work has already been done such as the planting plan, materials ordered and received, water hydrant metals installed, retaining wall erected and soil amendments are sched-
rolled to be delivered within the next week and native grass seed will be spread and planting will start. Let the real fun begin?

Smith encourages third district students to apply for Youth Advisory Council

Congressman Adrian Smith is currently accepting applications for his third dis-

trict Youth Advisory Council and encourages rising juniors and seniors to apply by July 5. The Third District Youth Advisory Council is a forum for high school stu-
dents and seniors to share opinions, thoughts, and concerns with Congress-
man Smith about local and federal issues throughout the school year. This group provides

opportunities for students to discuss the concerns of youth and students throughout the United States and around the country. Members must be able to serve from August 2020 – June 2021. To download an applica-
tion, please visit Adrian Smith’s House.Gov/Service-

ty YouthsAdvisoryCouncil For more information about the Youth Advisory Council, interested stu-
dents and educators can contact Smith’s Grand Is-
land office at 308-584-3900.

Cattle Ranchers Are Essential, Too

The Wall Street Journal
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 By: U.S. Senator
Aron Butler

Even before the nation’s first case of the coro-
navirus, agriculture and food pro-

cessing were already under scrutiny, and cattle prices are slowly increasing. President Trump has
directed state antitrust enforcers.

Agriculture’s challenges might seem confined to内部 antitrust enforcers.

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ket. Earlier this month, 11 states
asked the Justice Depart-

ment to investigate meat con-

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