

Taking over the grocery business

Many older owners struggle with what to do with their business when they retire. It is a growing concern in all segments across the state. What will become of their life's work?

For Allen and Velma Ewoldt the answer came when Allen's son, Cay, decided to carry on and become the fourth generation in the grocery and meat cutting business.

Cay and Stephanie Ewoldt have moved to Thedford to begin the transition process of becoming the new store owners of Ewoldt's Grocery.

Cay grew up in Stapleton and is a graduate of Stapleton High School, when his parents, Allen and the late Mary Ewoldt, owned the store in Stapleton. Cay's great-grandparents, Henry and Mable Ewoldt, moved to Stapleton in April of 1932 to work for Wells Cash Store. The Ewoldt's eventually purchased the Heldenbrand Hotel and operated

the business, along with their son Alfred and wife Clara. They eventually had more emphasis on meat processing. Allen came into the business in 1974 and in 2001 he purchased the store in Thedford. In 2007 he sold the Stapleton business to Bob Burns.

Since purchasing the Thedford store, Allen and Velma have expanded the grocery line and meat section, adding new coolers and several upgrades.

Cay graduated from Doane College in 2007 with a degree in environmental sciences. He previously worked for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and was the supervisor for a waste water permitting program, working with towns and industries with their discharges to surface waters. His program was also responsible for permitting all livestock operations across the state in the way of feedlots, hog operations, chicken operations, and livestock related con-

centrated operations.

Cay is the grandson of Harold and Mary Joedeman and Alfred and Clara Ewoldt, all of Stapleton.

Stephanie grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a Division I swimmer at Northern Iowa and received her masters degree in counseling from Grace University in Omaha. She previously owned her own mental health practice, Ewoldt Counseling Services in Lincoln.

Cay and Steph are excited to be a part of the Thedford community. They enjoy being outdoors and playing games with friends.

Cay also owns Sandhill River Trips that is operated out of Ewoldt's Grocery. The business provides tubing, tanking, and kayak trips down the Middle Loup River in the scenic Sandhills of Nebraska.

Another successful Middle Loup River Challenge was recently completed with 62 paddlers on the river, including a two-time world champion.



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Key Candidates Coming To West Central NE

Republican nominees for statewide offices will be speaking in North Platte on Sunday, October 2, during a multi-county event scheduled from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus, 3201 S. Jeffers.

Area residents are invited to attend this event to meet candidates from state and district races and hear from Congressman Adrian Smith, Jim Pillen, nominee for Governor; Bob Evnen, nominee for Secretary of State; Mike Hilgers nominee for Attorney General; and John Murante, nominee for State Treasurer.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to visit directly with district candidates.

Legislative candidates include: Senator Dave Murman (LD 38), Senator Mike Jacobson and Chris Bruns (LD 42), and Teresa Ibach (LD 44).

Republican nominee for Public Service Commission, Kevin Stocker will be attending. Kathy Wilmot, candidate for University Regent, and Elizabeth Tegmeier, candidate for Nebraska State



Board of Education, will be in attendance. NPPD District Director Bill Hoyt and candidate David Gale will also be available.

The event is hosted by the Republican party from the following counties: Arthur, Chase, Cherry, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Furnas, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow and Thomas.

Organizers of the event

Halloween Comes To Nebraska State Parks

State park areas are wonderful places to celebrate Halloween in Nebraska with many hosting family-friendly activities on weekends in October. Plan your opportunity for fun at these nine park locations.

Remember: A park entry permit is required of each vehicle entering a state park area. Get yours at OutdoorNebraska.gov or at the park entry booth.

Jack O Lantern World at Mahoney through October

Mahoney State Park near Ashland introduces its newest fall attraction: Jack O' Lantern World. From Sept. 30-Oct. 30, thousands of jack o' lanterns carved by 50 artisans will be on display along a three-fourths mile walk.

The walk, featuring intricately carved, lighted pumpkins, is designed to be an incredible experience to celebrate Halloween, art, nature and fall. Gather friends and family to experience this one-of-a-kind whimsical experience.

Tickets are required; get yours at TheJackOLanternWorld.com/omaha. Ticket-holders should arrive 15 minutes before their selected start time.

For more information, call the park at 402-944-2523 or Peter at Jack O' Lantern World at 224-757-5425.

Indian Cave SP to host 27th Haunted Hollow

Bring the family to Indian Cave State Park for three weekends of Halloween-themed fun in October with the 27th Annual Haunted Hollow.

Haunted hayrack rides, trick-or-treating, outdoor movies, scavenger hunt, pumpkin rolling, craft market and campsite-decorating contest are all on tap to keep everyone entertained Oct. 7-8, Oct. 14-15 and Oct. 21-22.

For more details, visit the calendar event listing at calendar.outdoornebraska.gov.

Ponca SP will host Halloweenfest Oct. 8, Oct. 15

Enjoy the season of Halloween at Ponca State Park by coming to the 24th annual Hallowfest on Oct. 8 and Oct. 15.

Activities include crafts, pumpkin-rolling contest, pumpkin-carving contest, haunted drive and campground-decorating contest.

Call the park at 402-755-2284 for more information.

Johnson Lake Halloween Haunt set for Oct. 8

Johnson Lake State Recreation Area will host pumpkin painting and a campsite-decorating contest Oct. 8 during the Johnson Lake Halloween Haunt.

The pumpkin painting will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Area C. Campsite decoration judging will begin at 6 p.m. at the main campground, with prizes going to the top three finishers. Trunk or treating will take place from 3-5 p.m. in the boat parking area.

Calamus Pumpkin Carvers Event set for Oct. 15

It is all about pumpkins at Calamus State Recreation Area on Oct. 15.

The Calamus Pumpkin Carvers Event, from 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m., will include pumpkin carving, games with prizes, downhill pumpkin rolling derby, food, campsite decorating, trick-or-treating and lighted pumpkin displays.

For more details, visit the event listing in the calendar at calendar.outdoornebraska.gov.

Branched Oak SRA to host Spooktacular on Oct. 15

Spend a day with the family Oct. 15 enjoying Spooktacular at Branched Oak State Recreation Area.

Middle Oak Creek Campground will host this event, which will include a pumpkin-rolling contest, pumpkin carving, costume contest, campsite decorating, trick-or-treating, haunted trail and haunted hayrack ride.

For more details, visit the calendar event listing

at calendar.outdoornebraska.gov.

Enjoy Halloween campsite decorating, trick-or-treating at Fremont Lakes SRA

Get into the Halloween spirit at Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area on Oct. 15 with family-friendly activities.

Campers may decorate their campsites in a Halloween theme. Then, from 5-7 p.m., children may trick-or-treat in the campground with the decoration judging takes place.

For more information, call the park at 402-727-2922.

Halloween in the Hollow is Oct. 22

Come out to Ash Hollow State Historical Park and celebrate Halloween in the Hollow on Oct. 22 from 2-6 p.m. Mountain time.

There will be kids' games, s'mores, pumpkin picking and decorating, a scavenger hunt, hayrack rides and a costume contest, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Trunk or Treat will be sponsored by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission conservation officers, area emergency medical services and law enforcement, with their vehicles available to view.

Direct event questions to tamara.cooper@nebraska.gov.

Wildcat Hills to host Howl in the Hills hike

Experience the Wildcat Hills like never before - at night! Discover all the creatures that make Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area their home during the Howl in the Hills hike Oct. 22.

This .57-mile hike begins at 7 p.m. Mountain time. Hikers should bring a flashlight, hiking shoes and a sense of adventure.

Register by Oct. 6 by calling 308-436-3777.

Celebrate Halloween at Red Willow Oct. 28-30

Stay at Red Willow

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