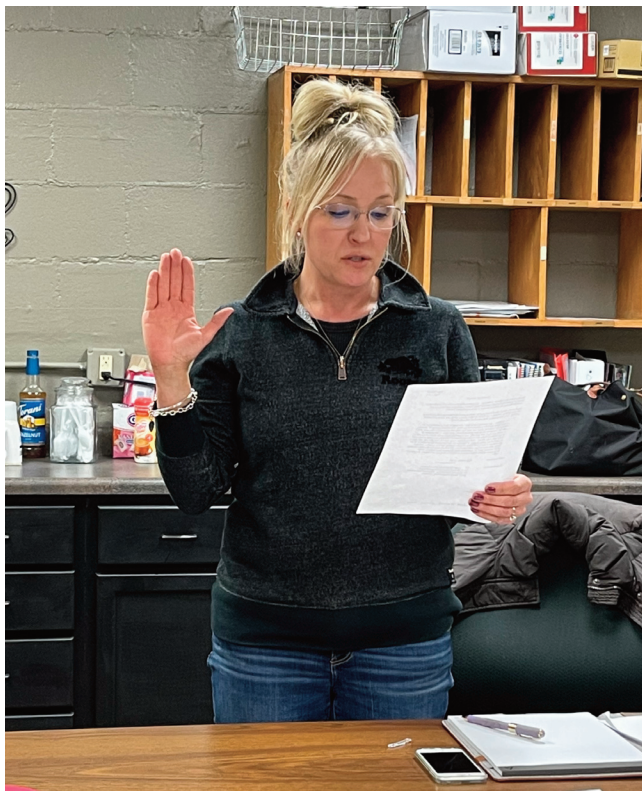


New School Board Member Sworn In

During the regular meeting of the Thedford Public Schools Board of Education on January 17, Alison Werner, newly elected board member was sworn in by Superintendent Dahlberg and began her four year term. Werner was elected by residents of the School District during the General Election in November.

Officers were also elected at this meeting for the 2023 year. Officers are: Bridget Licking, president; Jay Jones, vice president; Spencer Burk, secretary; and Dixie Hoffman, treasurer.

Committee assignments were made as follows: Americanism & Textbook, Curriculum and Instruction Committee - Licking, Hoffman and Werner; Negotiations - Hoffman, Jones and Licking; Board



THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTO

Alison Werner was sworn in as the new school board member at the January 17 meeting.

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THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thedford Public School school board members pictured above, l-r: Jay Jones, Spencer Burk, Matt Blackford, Alison Werner, Bridget Licking and Dixie Hoffman.

Local Working Group Meeting Planned

A Local Working Group that provides advice on the priorities for many U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs will meet

Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m. CT at the Upper Loup NRD in Thedford. In the event of cancellations due to severe weather, the meeting will be held Thursday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm CT. The public is encouraged to attend and express their natural resource concerns.

Ideas generated from the public will help the U.S. Department of Agriculture tailor their natural resource programs to meet the needs identified locally.

Membership on the Local Working Group includes Federal, State, County, Tribal or local government representatives according to Leah Carson, district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) whose agency guides the Local Working Group.

"The Local Working Group recommends to the NRCS State Conservationist how conservation programs like the Envi-

ronmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), or Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) would be used most effectively in their area. This recommendation can include special target areas, cost share rates on conservation programs, which conservation practices should have cost assistance, or how many dollars could be needed," Carson said.

This work group allows local input into how Federal dollars are spent, she said. Typically, Nebraska NRCS obligates anywhere between \$45 million to over \$75 million dollars to farmers and ranchers statewide through NRCS conservation programs. These programs helped landowners and operator make natural resource improvements to their land, water, or wildlife. This funding was allocated according to the priorities set by the Local Working Group.

Nominations Being Taken For New 4-H Awards Program

Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for a new awards program to recognize the outstanding contributions of 4-H volunteers across the state.

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Awards honors adult and youth volunteers, as well as and

multi-generational families, who have provided meaningful contributions to Nebraska 4-H. One Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award and One Emerging Adult Volunteer Award

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Sharpshooters Wrap-Up Season



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The Sandhills Thedford Sharpshooters (STS 4-H Club) recently finished their first season of shooting. Nicholas Werner coached the shooters and they practiced each Monday after school at The American Legion. There were two practices each Monday so that all shooters could have a chance to practice. They all look forward to next year's season and the coaches hope to see all the kids back again plus some new faces.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our sponsors and supporters, who made this all possible.

Pictured are the club members, front row, l-r: Clyde Zimmerman, Hudson Werner, Malachi McLeod, Bronc Reiser, and Mary Licking. Middle row, l-r: Piper Hanson, Hayden Hoffman, Gabe Vogt, Emerson Pettit and Kennedy Hoffman. Third row, l-r: Haxton Hoffman, Rana Zimmerman, Grit Licking, Cinch Reiser and Brayden Hickman. Back row, Coach Nicholas Werner.

Not pictured: Ariata Scott.

Wiring Class To Be Offered In Broken Bow

Andy Gibbons will teach a class about Basic Household Electrical Wiring March 16 through April 6 in Broken Bow.

Sessions will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Mid-Plains Community College Broken Bow Campus.

Gibbons is an electrician and the owner of Gibbons Electric in Ansley.

His class will teach peo-

ple about basic home electricity - including parts of electrical circuits, tools and their uses and how to safely install and troubleshoot various components.

The class fee is \$35.

Those interested in attending are asked to sign up ahead of time at bceregister.mpcc.edu or by calling the campus at (308) 872-5259.

Thomas County Airport Named 2022 Airport of the Year

The Thomas County Airport was named the State of Nebraska NDOT - Division of Aeronautics "2022 Airport of the Year."

The award was presented to the members of the Thomas County Airport Authority during the annual banquet in Kearney.

Members of the Thomas County Airport Authority are Jack Johnston, Roy Licking, Ron Masten, Herb Hall, and Tim Maseberg.

The airport features a 4,400 runway that recently underwent reconstruction of the runway, taxiways, turnarounds, and apron, along with numerous other upgrades and improvements.

A plaque and framed poster was presented by Ann Richard, Director of the Division of Aeronautics, Nebraska Department of Transportation, pictured above with Jack Johnston and Ron Masten, right, representing the Thomas County Airport Authority at the Kearney meeting.

