

Thedford Area Community Foundation awards over \$237,000 in grants since 2005

The Thedford Area Community Foundation is making an impact in the Thedford area. They have awarded \$21,463 in grants since 2002, awarded \$22,000 in scholarships since 2015, and have awarded a total of \$237,680 in grants since 2005. Scholarship recipients in 2023 were Seth Scranton, Cylee Jameson, and Drew McIntosh.

Impact grant making includes:

- Thedford Rural Fire Department pagers, radios, and 1,500 gallon drop tank as a secondary water source.
- Halsey Rural Fire Department equipment for front of truck to check heat and remote control for fire apparatus.
- Thedford Airport Authority upgrades including installation of Jet A distribution
- Thedford Golf Association help with sprinkler system.
- Thomas County Ag Society entertainment for fair activities.
- Thomas County Historical Museum - Little Girls Lost Day feed.
- Herbaugh Memorial fishing tournament annual donation for prizes.
- S-T Knights Sharpshooters assistance with funds to get the club started again.
- Thedford Youth Baseball/Softball received electrical for the batting cage and concession stand.
- Thedford Rescue Squad received a Stryker Power Load.
- Village of Halsey, new heat and a/c unit for the community building.
- Upper Loup NRD, AV equipment upgrades.
- Club volleyball uniforms
- Thomas County Ag Society, pavilion.
- Seneca Auditorium, sidewalk, heat and a/c unit.
- Thedford community electronic marquee.

If you desire to leave a legacy and give to the Thedford Area Community Foundation fund or any other charitable organization, there are many different ways to accomplish that desire. Thedford's affiliation with Nebraska Community Foundation means the foundation is equipped to accept contributions of cash as well as livestock, grain, stock, appreciated property, retirement assets, and more. Contact Jana Jensen at janajensen@nebcomm-found.org or call her at 308-588-6299 for more information.

The Thedford Area Community Foundation is pleased to give recognition to the late RH Eatinger, a Sandhills historian. People always knew he had answers to their questions and he had a fantastic memory, was well read, and very generous.

During his life, RH gave sizable donations to the United Church of Christ, the Thomas County Museum, the Thedford Cemetery, and also to the Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund. He wanted to be part of progress in the community and for this, and many other reasons, he was very well respected and liked.

RH took an interest in people and their projects

and would join them in their endeavors. He really enjoyed preparing meals on his grill and he would share his cooking talents at reunions, branding, and weddings. According to his obituary, "RH looked forward to each and every one of these outings because he loved the interaction with the people he met."

In May 2022, RH passed away, but his legacy will long be felt thanks to a gift left to the Thedford Area Community Foundation Fund. TACFF is beyond grateful and thankful that he chose to invest in our community for years to come.

Thomas County's 10-year transfer of wealth is approximately \$86 million. If 5% was captured to benefit the communities in Thomas County that would be \$4 million.

To find out how to gift just 5% of your estate to benefit your hometown visit www.fivetothrive.net. org to read more about the transfer of wealth and how this abundance is already making a difference in dozens of Nebraska hometowns and the enormous potential that exists in the county you care about most.

Leading the Thedford Area Community Founda-



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TACFF leadership pictured, l-r: Jamie Taylor, Orrin Schaeffer, Marcy Andersen, and Jay Jones.

tion are Orrin Schaeffer, chair; Marcy Andersen, vice chair; Jay Jones, secretary; Jamie Taylor, treasurer; and BJ Thomas, Rose Gift, Russell Licking, Richard Jameson, Shirley McIntosh, Dixie Hoffman, and Chad Sutton.

Special Guests On Hand For Annual Easter Egg Hunt



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The Halsey-Purdum Service Club sponsored the annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8 at the Sandhills Grade School parking lot in Halsey. Approximately 140 children attended the event with four age groups hunting for eggs.

Special guest Smokey Bear stopped by for the breakfast and brought his very good friend the Easter Bunny so they could say hello to all the children.

Wayne Rodocker was also on hand with Wayne's Train, and enjoyed giving rides to the area kids.

The Halsey-Purdum Service Club wants to thank all those who donated and attended the hunt and a special shout-out to Smokey and the Easter Bunny for visiting with the children during the hunt. They couldn't have had such a successful day if it wasn't for everyone involved.

Thedford Lumber & Supply Grand Opening

Dave Masek purchased Neal Lumber from Tim Neal earlier this year. He has renamed it Thedford Lumber and Supply.

A grand opening will be held Thursday, April 20th from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m..

Everyone is invited to come and see the new look, browse the new items and meet Mike, the store's mascot and greeter. Refreshments will be served.



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The late RH Eatinger was a Sandhills historian and was very generous in various ways to Thomas County.

Teahon Selected To Attend Cornhusker Girls State

Charlsie Teahon of Dunning has been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls State June 4-10, 2023, on the campus of the University in Lincoln. Teahon was selected by the American Brewster Legion Auxiliary #323 and will study local, county, and state government processes in this nonpartisan political leaving experience. Every spring, the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides approximately 25,000 young women with a hands-on educational opportunity designed to instruct tomorrow's leaders in the privileges and duties of responsible citizenship.

Delegates receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mythical political parties. Then they campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and preform their prescribed duties. Citizens not elected to office are given appointments and will attend meeting with the offices of their elected or appointed counterparts in actual state, county and city governments.

Two outstanding citizens, known as "senators"



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are selected at each of the 50 Girls State sessions held across the country to represent their state at American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nations held in Washington D.C. in July.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest

patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 850,000, local Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide. The Auxiliary's mission to serve veterans, their families, and their communities is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and Nations Headquarters.

Teahon is a Junior at Sandhills Public Schools and participates in volleyball, basketball and track. She is also a member is American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nations held in Washington D.C. in July. FBLA. She is the daughter of Tedd and Julie Teahon of Dunning

2023 Thomas County Fair Parade Theme Announced

Thedford Service Club is pleased to announce the organization has selected "Fun in the Sun" as the 2023 Thomas County Fair parade theme. Jamie Parker will receive a \$20.00 club certificate to be used at Thedford Service Club business.

There were 16 parade theme suggestions to choose from this year. Cay Ewoldt, president said it was a tough decision and there were 16 to choose from.

"We wanted one with plenty of float ideas," Ewoldt said.

The parade will be held Saturday, July 29, and with the many Thomas County Fair activities planned by the Ag Society and Service Club there will be plenty of "Fun in the Sun" the last week of July 2023.