

Improvements at Thomas Co. Fairgrounds enjoyed during fair activities

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In the small, but quaint Thedford community there has been some exciting changes being made at the fairgrounds.

It has been a joint effort financially from the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation and the Thedford Area Community Foundation to update the Thomas County Fairgrounds. The updates include replanking the original bleachers from wood to aluminum, adding three grain bin shades, an underground sprinkler system and seating in the courtyard area.

There have been many local businesses and volunteers who have rallied behind this update to make the vision a reality.

It was approved by the Thomas County Fair Board and made possible by The Galen/Wade Neben Family, The Bill/Terry Elliott Family, the Neiman Trust, Triple G Redimix, Sandhill Oil, Thedford Lumber & Supply, the Russell Licking family, Thedford FFA, Thomas County Achievers 4-H club, individuals/ranches who purchased picnic tables and benches and numerous community volunteers.

The Thomas County Fair Board would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who made this much needed renovation possible



The new picnic tables and enclosures were put to good use during the 2023 Thomas County Fair. Individuals enjoyed the shade during the extremely hot weather conditions and the green grass was pleasant and inviting. The area was topped off with the American flag flying in the breeze.

Summer Reading Program Concludes

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The Thomas County library was busy with fun the week of June 10 to June 13. Twenty-nine participants joined in the Summer Reading Program. Each child received a free book to take home.

Each day started with a story relating to kindness, friendship, or just having fun. There was also a craft activity and games.

Activities included, making friendship bracelets and necklaces, tie-dying shirts and kerchiefs, and decorating cookies to share with local businesses.

Cookies were delivered to local businesses on Thursday. Cookie plates were presented to the Courthouse staff, Security First Bank, Call's Garage, The Life Center, Thedford Post Office,

UCC Church at Thedford, Dollar General, Custer Public Power, the Upper Loup NRD Office, Western NE Bank, Sargent Insurance Agency, Country Salon, Midwest Partitions, Roy Licking Construction, Thedford Lumber & Supply, and Anthem Coffee.

The Library Board wants to thank Gretchen Anderson for leading the summer reading program and Marci Andersen for the donation of books so each child had a book to take home. A big thank you also to Jordyn DeNaeyer and Lagan Endsley for volunteering to help with the activities.

There is plenty of time left this summer for you and your child to visit the Thomas County Library or the Bookmobile sites to check out books for reading and enjoying the summer season.



Makenzy DeNaeyer delivering cookies to Alicia Clark at Anthem Cafe. The cookies contained a note that read: "Be kind - enjoy this treat of kindness from the Thomas County Library Summer Reading Program - two-year-old through sixth grade. We hope to spread some kindness to everyone you meet."



A volunteer reads a book to a couple participants during the Summer Reading Program.



Fourth through sixth graders making friendship jewelry during the Summer Reading Program at the Thomas County Library.



Summer Reading Program participants in the Kindergarten through third grade group tie-dying T-shirts and hankerchiefs during the afternoon.