

Tedd Teahon is new Bessey District Ranger

Jack Isaacs, Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands (NNFG) Forest Supervisor announced October 30, 2023, that Tedd Teahon has been selected as the new Bessey District Ranger.

Teahon is a lifetime resident of the Dunning, NE area. He was raised on a Red Angus ranch that he and his wife Julie have operated since 2006. They stay busy with two children, Charlise and Thatcher.

Tedd started his US Forest Service career in 1997 as a seasonal Range Technician and continued to work in this capacity at the main office in Chadron for two years.

From 1999 and 2000, Teahon worked on the Black Hills National Forest as a Forestry Technician on a type 6 Fire Engine, moving up to Fire Engine Captain in Halsey, NE in 2001.

Teahon's exemplary firefighting and organizational skills were noted in 2013 as he was promoted to Zone Fire Management Officer, (ZFMO).

Throughout his career Tedd has successfully completed multiple fire assignments all over the United States, earning himself multiple awards.

Tedd is excited for the



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advancement in his US Forest Service career to the leadership position as the Bessey District Ranger.

Tedd states, "When I'm not working at the Forest or on the ranch, I am usually at one of my kids

sporting events or coaching a sporting event."

His leadership skills are well recognized within the communities as he serves as the school board president and in multiple other groups.

Helping our area senior citizens



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The annual Senior Citizen Action Day was held Thursday, October 26, in Thedford. The Thedford High School 7-12 graders split into groups to help the local senior citizens get their properties in order for the coming winter season. There were gutters to clean, leaves to rake, wood was stacked and sticks were picked up for residents.

Pictured above hauling out a large load of leaves from a Thedford area resident's yard are l-r: Dom Rowse, Mariah Osienger, Jacie Hamilton, Brandon Goshorn, Trey Osienger, Dayle Haake, Brady Dahlberg, Raymond Cronk, Chris Eggert, Clinton Albertus and Jared Burk.



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James Reiser, Natalie Deines and Katen Licking are putting their rakes to good use to help pick-up leaves before the winter weather hits.



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Getting the job done above are l-r: Laney Dahlberg, Abby Peden, Jaylen Dimmitt, Jordyn DeNaeyer, Maurice Robinson, Arena Fetty and Cecilia Benscoter.



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A large group of students helping stack wood for SCAD pictured above, l-r: Arena Fetty, Natalie Deines, Jaylen Dimmitt, Dayle Haake, Grace Johnston, LaTajanae Robinson, Zeb Wilde and Jacob Reiser.

Award winning



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Natalie Deineses winning entry of the Northern Painted Turtle in Quilling in observance of Nebraska Reptile Month.

October was Nebraska Reptile Month. To celebrate Nebraska Game and Parks hosted their annual K-12 art contest.

Nebraska students in grades K-12 submitted their original work of a Nebraska native reptile between September 5-October 18, 2023.

Students could use any medium to create their art.

Each student that submits their entry received some reptile "swag". To learn more about Nebraska's native reptile species, or for inspiration for artwork visit: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/learn/nebraska-wildlife/nebraska-animals/reptiles-and-amphibians/reptiles-of-nebraska/outdoornebraska.gov/reptiles>

More than 230 artwork submissions were received this year from Nebraska K-12 students across the state. Staff voted on submissions by grade category.

Thanks to everyone who submitted artwork. Nebraska Reptile Month has been a complete success in bringing awareness to the native Nebraska reptiles and the many benefits they bring to the ecosystem and to Ne-



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Whitley Rasmussen's rattlesnake entry.

braska citizens.

Thedford student, Natalie Deines received first place in the 9-12th grade division with her Northern Painted Turtle done

in Quilling. Whitley Rasmussen, in her first year of art, tried Quilling a rattlesnake and received third place honors in the 9-12th grade division.

TACF Banquet

Saturday, November 18

Plan now to attend the annual Thedford Area Community Foundation fundraiser banquet at the Thomas County Fairgrounds east of Thedford. There will be a live and silent auction, prime rib dinner, and cash bar.