

Junk Jaunt is unusual shopping experience

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The annual meeting of Junk Jaunt was held Saturday, March 9 at The Spur in Dunning.

Directors, town coordinators and interested persons attended.

Discussion was held about the shopping experience of the 350-mile journey throughout central Nebraska.

Dozens of submitted information slips from shoppers were read and taken into consideration. Overall, the shoppers "Love the Hunt!" of special items found along the route. People come from many different states and many miles for the unique shopping and food offered.

The program for the meeting was by Stacie Roblyer, the new JJ general coordinator. Linda Teahon, President of the Sandhills Journey National Scenic Byway and Tammy Hendrickson coordinator of the Custer County Museum at Broken Bow.

Information about the 21st annual Junk Jaunt being held September 27, 28 & 29, also known as "Nebraska's Original Long-Distance Yard Sale" can be found at www.junkjaunt.com

Directors this year are Stacie Roblyer, General Coordinator from Burwell; Barb Pellor, Anselmo; Denis Klausen, Boelus; Tami Thompson, Sargent; Darcie Stark, Hazard; Shelly Albrecht of Brewster; and Dianne Wiberg, retiring coordinator from Ord.



The Junk Jaunt board pictured above, front row, l-r: Stacie Roblyer, General Coordinator from Burwell; Barb Pellor, Anselmo; and Denis Klausen, Boelus. Back row, l-r: Tami Thompson, Sargent; Darcie Stark, Hazard; Shelly Albrecht of Brewster; and Dianne Wiberg, retiring coordinator from Ord.

MPCC Rodeo Team Members Awarded Kiplinger Scholarships



COURTESY

Four Mid-Plains Community College Rodeo Team members were recognized with Tom and Alice Kiplinger Foundation Scholarships Saturday at the Kiplinger Arena in McCook. Pictured left to right are: MPCC Timed Event Coach Keeley Vaughan, MPCC Rodeo Team members Ryan Shepherd, Jace Richter, Whitney Jennings and Kapeka Alcain as well as Chad Vancampen, representing the foundation.

Four members of the Mid-Plains Community College Rodeo Team have been awarded \$1,250 scholarships from the Kiplinger Foundation.

They are: Jace Richter, of Ogallala; Ryan Shepherd, of North Platte; Whitney Jennings, of Seneca, and Kapeka Alcain, of Kealakekua,

Hawaii.

The athletes were recognized Saturday during the team's annual spring fundraiser rodeo at the Kiplinger Arena in McCook.

Selection for the Tom and Alice Kiplinger Foundation Scholarship was based upon fall semester

GPA, a written essay, input from the rodeo team coaches and the Red Willow County fair board manager's recommendation.

Imagination Library Expanding To Blaine, Logan & Thomas Counties

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The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is expanding beyond Custer County to include Blaine, Logan and Thomas counties. This is a non-profit organization that gives free books every month to children under the age of five.

The Central Nebraska Interact's Dolly Imagination Library was started last year in Custer County. Eli Rogers of Arnold was instrumental in helping get the project off the ground.

"So many kids joined the program and we had enough donations that we decided we could extend it over three more counties," Eli said. "We want everyone in these three counties to know free books are available to them."

You may sign up by visiting <https://imaginationlibrary.com/> and follow their steps using NECentralNebraska as your county name.

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project you may write a check and send it to



Arnold Community Foundation, 405 N Haskell Street, Arnold, NE 69120 and write Dolly Parton Imagination Library on the memo line.

Dolly Parton launched her Imagination Library in 1995 in Sevier County, Tennessee, where she was born and raised. Inspired by her own father's inability to read or write, she determined

there had to be a way to help children fall in love with books. The program sent free books to children from birth to age five and helped inspire a love of reading in the lives of the children in the mountains of her youth.

With over 200 million free, age-appropriate books mailed to date, Dolly's Imagination Library is just getting started, and there seems to be no slowing down in sight.

Please take advantage of this wonderful way to share books with your child under the age of five and sign up today.

Life Center Holding Annual Spring Pancake Supper

The Thedford Life Center is holding its annual spring pancake supper on March 22 from 5-7:00. The Life Center has been on the Main Street in Thedford since November of 2002. We are amazed by the continued support of our community! The Center runs by donations and the generosity of Amazing Grace Church who allows us to use this space.

There is coffee week-day mornings and every afternoon. Pool is played in the back room and there is always a puzzle in progress. Carry-in dinners are held the first and third Tuesday of each month. Come in and join us.

MNAC Conference Basketball Teams Announced

The Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference 2023-2024 All-Conference Boys Basketball teams have been announced. Those listed on each team, their grade and schools are:

FIRST TEAM
South Loup - Trey Connell, senior; Cache Gracey, senior; Sandhills-Thedford - Kyle Cox, junior; Brady Dahlberg, senior
Twin Loup - Quincey Ryker, senior
Mullen - Kyle Finney, senior

SECOND TEAM
Brady - Shawn McBride, senior; Riley Shrink, senior

Sandhills Valley - Leyton Connell, junior
Anselmo-Merna - Quinten Myers, senior; Colin Cooksley, senior
Sandhills/Thedford - Maurice Robinson, sophomores

HONORABLE MENTION
Anselmo-Merna - Dane Duryea
Anselmo-Merna,

freshman

Arthur County - Kane Delatour, junior
Mullen - Ethan Hardin, senior

South Loup - Conner Paulsen, sophomore
Sandhills-Thedford - Aydyn Hall, junior
Sandhills Valley - Cooper Layher, senior; Kyle Kramer, junior
Twin Loup - Luqman Harris, freshmen

The Mid-Nebraska Activities Conference 2023-2024 All-Conference Girls Basketball teams have been announced. Those listed on each team, their grade and schools are:

FIRST TEAM
Sandhills-Thedford - Dayle Haake, senior; Jaylen Dimmitt, senior
South Loup - Bryn Schwarz, senior
Anselmo-Merna - Makenna Miller, junior
Arthur County - Jaedin Johns, senior
Brady - Payton Stieneke, sophomore
SECOND TEAM

Anselmo-Merna - Rhia-nen Myers, sophomore
Mullen - Hayley Donohoe, sophomore
Sandhills-Thedford - Laney Dahlberg, sophomore; Karley Haake, junior

Twin Loup - Cassidy Grint, senior
Brady - Taryn Stearns, junior

HONORABLE MENTION

Mullen - Peyton Paxton, junior; Erika Massey, Mullen, senior

Arthur County - Laynee Ohm, senior; Ava Wenzel, freshman; Rylan Swanson, sophomore
Sandhills/Thedford - Arena Fetty, senior

Brady - Lydia McGown, sophomore
Twin Loup - Miranda Olson, junior; Madison Glidden, junior; Ragan Mauler, junior

Anselmo-Merna - Riley Marsh, senior; Shayleigh Coleman, sophomore
Sandhills Valley - Briley Kramer, freshman

Easter Bunny Coming To Town



The annual Thedford Area Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Thomas County Courthouse Lawn in Thedford. The Easter bunny will make an appearance at 2:00 p.m. and all area children are invited to attend.

Blood Drive

The Thedford Scholarship Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Thedford High School Old Gym.

This will be the final senior blood drive of the school year, so be sure to support the students.