

Local 4-H'ers Give Back To 4-Legged Friends

Paws-itive Partners members received donations of pet items Friday, March 21, from the Thedford Achievers 4-H Club. The club, made up of kindergarten to eighth grade students, had assembled individual baskets for dogs and cats. Baskets were presented to Paws-itive Partners to be given to pets going into foster homes.

Four-H leader Jacey Anderson, explained, "I wanted to offer a community service project to the kids and do something kind for others. Since I have a connection with Paws-itive Partners and our club has lots of interest in animals, I offered this workshop as a project." Anderson, an avid dog owner, previously fostered a dog for Paws-itive Partners.

Eventually, the seriously injured dog recovered from his injuries and was later adopted by Anderson and her husband. "This 4-H proj-

ect was a way for kids to purchase items for dogs and cats faced with an unknown situation. It was great to see the kids' kindness shine through during their planning and shopping for the pets. They are all very compassionate girls and they had so much fun doing this," Anderson said.

Items provided by the members included food, bowls, blankets, toys, dog leashes, cat litter, and more. Additionally, each girl wrote a personal note to the foster family and dog or cat receiving a basket. One colorful note read, "Dear foster family, I hope you have a good time with your dog. I hope these items help." Another note read, "Puppies and dogs like this one here are special and no two are the same. Like a snowflake. And a human. We remember to treat them as if they are fragile, in which they are."



Pictured with the items they collected for donation are, back row, l-r: Emerson Pettit, Chandler Pettit, Piper Hanson and 4-H Leader, Jacey Anderson holding her dog Skipper. Front row, l-r: Ariata Scott, Ry-Dell Scott, dog, Flynn, and Ellie Hanson.

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Cherry County Republican Convention

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Cherry County's Republican party held a very successful convention Saturday, March 23, at the Niobrara Lodge. A meet and greet was held in the lobby, where Tony Tangwall, candidate for NE's 43rd District; Lt. Col. Ret. John Glen Weaver, candidate for US Senate; John Walz candidate for House of Representatives-District 3; a representative for Deb Fischer; Shane Daniels, candidate for Cherry County Commissioner; Byron Burdick and James Ward, candidates for Valentine school board, all visited with fellow Republicans.

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. Cathy Morris,

Cherry County GOP chairwoman, welcomed the crowd of 90, with 48 of them being registered delegates. After the invocation, presentation of the Colors by the American Legion, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, the Keynote speaker, Tom Brewer, was introduced.

Senator Brewer updated the group on several legislative bills and thanked everyone for their support, input and dedication to him, his bills and his staff, for the past eight years. It was an emotional farewell for many there, including Senator Brewer. He will be missed. He received applause throughout the speech and a standing ovation at the conclusion.

Officers elected for the

next two years: Catherine Morris, Chair; Craig Miles, Vice Chair; Secretary, Joy Miles; and Treasurer, Shirley Schuman.

Central Committee Members elected were Catherine Morris, Gary Morris, Craig Miles, Joy Miles, Jim Lambley, Twyla Gallino, Byron Burdick, Gary McLeod, Ann Warren, Carolyn Semin, Shirley Schuman, Elaine Bokoskie, Louie Day, and Wayne Eatinger.

Elected as delegates to the State Convention, which takes place in Lincoln, May 18 were Craig Miles and Jim Lambley. Alternates are Joy Miles and Catherine Morris.

GOP candidates, local and state, were given approximately 4-5 minutes to speak. Those who spoke were: Byron Bur-



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Pictured above are the Executive Officers and Delegates to the State GOP Convention, l-r: Shirley Schuman - Cherry County GOP Treasurer; Catherine Morris - Cherry County GOP Chair and alternate delegate; Craig Miles - Cherry County GOP Vice Chair and delegate; Jim Lambley - delegate; Fanchon Blythe - State/National Committee Woman from Lancaster County; and Joy Miles - Cherry County GOP Secretary and alternate delegate.

Prom Royalty

Hollywood Night was the theme of the 2023 Sandhills/Thedford Prom, held Saturday, March 16 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds near Thedford.

Dayle Haake, daughter of Tony and Jane Haake of Thedford was crowned Prom Queen. Coby Higgins, the son of Jake and Crystal Higgins of Thedford was crowned king during the evening festivities.

The prom was put on by the Sandhills and Thedford junior classes and the banquet was attended by the juniors and seniors of each school and their dates. The Grand March was held prior to the dance and the public was invited to attend.

The dance followed the Grand March for grades 9-12 for both schools.

Bridget Licking of With Love Photography took class group and individual couple pictures at her studio on Walnut Street in Thedford prior to the festivities getting underway.

Class pictures can be found inside on page 9.



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dick and James Ward for Valentine School Board, Shane Daniels for County Commissioner, John Glen Weaver for US Senate, John Walz for House of Representatives, Adrian Smith (via pre-recorded video) for House of Representatives, and a representative for Senator Deb Fischer, who is seeking re-election to the Senate.

Cathy Morris is to be congratulated for an extremely well organized and thorough meeting. Also to be commended are those of the Central Committee and helpers, who assisted with reviewing and updating the Cherry County Constitution, writing By-laws, assisting at County Fairs, reaching out to local Re-

publicans to educate and register 81 as delegates, assisting with campaigns, and planning and setting up the County Convention. It is our goal to become active and functioning Republicans in our local, state and federal governments. Together we can make a difference and Make America Great Again.

Grand Island Council of Catholic Women To Meet In Broken Bow

"Igniting Holiness in Ordinary Families" will be the theme for the upcoming Grand Island Council of Catholic Women's annual Spring Assembly to be held April 15 and 16 at the Broken Bow Cobblestone Hotel. Join us for two days of inspirational speakers, Mass with the Bishop, fun, door prizes, and a style show.

In promoting holiness in our family life, we are bringing Katie Sciba from Omaha, who is an international speaker, retreat writer, and an award winning columnist to our assembly to speak on spiritual intimacy with Jesus, marriage and family.

Our other speaker is Father Phan from Crete, who relates his story of living in a non-christian family and yet feeling the call to be a priest at a young age. It is a fascinating story and you can find Father Phan on FB with his beloved dog presenting "Devotions with Daisy".

The assembly will prove to be worth your time to come and be with us. We have special room rates at the Cobblestone Hotel by calling 308-767-2060. You can register on FB or online gidccw.com for one day, two days, or just the Monday night meal and speaker. Hope to see you there.