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Let The Adventure Begin At The Library



The theme for the summer reading program for 2024 is "Adventures Begin at Your Library". The theme is picked every year by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Marcy Andersen returned to the Thomas County Library on April 1, 2024.

"I am very excited about the theme for the Summer Reading program and have some very fun things planned.

The kids will be learning about space, the ocean, camping adventures, and the wild-west." The library has also purchased adventure books for the kids to come and check out.

Summer reading pro-

gram dates are June 5, 12, 18, and 26. Again this year as in the past, there will be three different age groups. The preschool through kindergarten will be from 1:00 - 1:30, 1st through 3rd grade from 2:00 - 2:45, and 4th through 6th grade from 3:30 - 4:15.

"I am looking for some jr. high or high school students to help. If you are interested please contact me at the library."

The phone number is 308-645-2237.

Please call the library and let Marcy know ASAP if your child will be attending summer reading program so that she will have enough supplies for all attendees.

"I am working on some

other fun summer activities for July. It's so hard to plan water activities so I might just post something on facebook a few days ahead of time, that the kids can come to the library and we will have some fun water games! I like to play in the water as much as the kids do, especially when it's hot out. I would love to see the kids in the library this summer reading books, playing with the toys, or using the computers."

Please like the Thomas County Library on facebook, or call the library at 308-645-2237 to have Marcy notify you of things happening at the library.

New Interim Pastor At Bethel Assembly Of God

The Bethel Assembly of God Church in Thedford welcomes Charitie Sandoz as the new interim pastor. Pastor Charitie is originally from St. Paul, Nebraska. She graduated from Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota, and recently completed graduate school.

After serving as children and outreach pastor and associate pastor in Spearfish, South Dakota, Pastor Charitie said the need opened up for a pastor in Thedford and she wants to be a blessing here and help people in this area.

"My family is originally from a rural community and being in the Sandhills and a ranching area feels more like home to me," Pastor Charitie said. "I am excited to see what God is going to do in this church."

Pastor Charitie's parents, Dwight and Nadine Sandoz, partnered with Trinity Bible College Graduate School in Ellendale, North Dakota, to develop a Master of Arts in Rural Ministry program. They launched Rural Advancement with the focus on training and educational resources for rural pastors and churches to advance the gospel. Pastor Charitie has one sister and five brothers.



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She will be living in the Thedford parsonage three days a week and also work in other locations while continuing her research project.

Pastor Charitie's hobbies include outdoor activities, art and music.

Pastor Ron and Cindy Masten, who pastored the

Bethel Assembly of God Church for a number of years, have semi-retired and moved to Arkansas to be closer to children and grandchildren. They were also to complete a mission trip after leaving Thedford.

Alumni Banquet June 15



See You
Sat., June 15

The annual Thedford High School Alumni Banquet is set to be held Saturday, June 15, 2024. The west doors of the high school will open at 4:00 p.m. for registration and social hour.

The theme this year is "High School Sock Hop" The honor classes are ending in 4 and starting this year after 40 years since graduation.

A choice of prime rib, chicken or pork will be served for dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will be door prizes.

There is a raffle for two tickets to the Nebraska vs.

Illinois football game on Friday, September 20. Please note the change of date from Saturday.

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each for two seats. Proceeds going to the senior scholarship fund and will be drawn the night of the alumni banquet.

For more information contact Bill Hardy at 402-362-5330, Alee Tucker, 620-668-0044, Cathy Williams, 308-547-2355, or Connie Elliott, 308-645-9059. Raffle tickets can be purchased that night or from the committee prior to the banquet.

Equestrian campground to open at Ft. Robinson

The \$1.2 million expansion of the Mare Barn Campground at Fort Robinson State Park is scheduled to open this week, bolstering the northwestern Nebraska attraction's reputation as the state's premier destination for those traveling with horses.

Donita Morava, a superintendent at the park, said the 24 new sites and new horse pens at the west end of the park's main complex will open May 24 if no snags occur as contractors finalize electrical work.

The new sites, which doubled the campground's previous capacity, provide hook-ups for 50-amp electricity, water and sewer. They are all paved and long enough to accommodate a truck and trailer. Three of the new sites are designed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We still need to add some trees and get the grass to grow, but the sites are ready for people to camp on them," she

said.

Half of the campground's sites are available for reservation, while the other half are first-come, first-served. To reserve the sites, people may visit the "Make a Reservation" link at OutdoorNebraska.gov.

The 30 new pens near the campground are expected to be popular with visitors who want a place to put horses during their stay. The 20-by-24-foot open-air pens complement the historical Mare Barn Complex, which was renovated in 2020.

Morava said the pens have long been requested by visitors, as some horses aren't used to being indoors, especially in hot weather. This gives visitors an option.

The Mare Barn offers stalls in 20,000 square feet of space over a 300-yard-long footprint in the shape of a C. It originally housed the broodmares when Fort Robinson

Teams Selected For 2024 West Nebraska All-Star Football Game

Players have been selected for the East and West teams for the 46th annual West Nebraska All-Star Football Game. Selected athletes were nominated by their respective high school coaches and selected by the All-Star coaches to participate.

The 2024 West Nebraska All-Star Football Game

will be played Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Bearcat Stadium at 11:00 am MDT.

A portion of the proceeds from the West Nebraska All-Star Games benefit local organizations.

Local athletes Rhett McCadden and Zeb Wilde are included on the east football roster. They join

players from North Platte, Gothenburg, Cozad, Broken Bow, McCook, Lexington, South Loup, Hi-Line, Loomis, Ainsworth, Alma, Medicine Valley, Twin Loup and Holdrege. They will be coached by Brandon Johnsen of Alma and Assistant coaches are Joe Boehler, Alma; Scott Johnsen, Medicine Valley;

Tye Spies, Loomis.

Mullen football players, Chase Gracey and Ethan Hardin will play on the west roster. Coaches for the west team are: Head Coach, Nick Kuxhausen, Mitchell. He is assisted by Trey Allison, Scottsbluff; David Becker, Mitchell and Joshua Dean, Hemingford.

Schrunk & Whitaker All-Around Cowboy & Cowgirl At Thedford High School

The annual Thedford High School Rodeo was held Saturday, May 18 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds near Thedford. Sutton Schrunk of Valentine was the All-Around Cowboy for the day. Cash Cooper of Kilgore was the runner-up.

Aubree Whitaker of Newman Grove was All-Around Cowgirl with Laynee Ohm of Hyannis as the runner-up.

Complete results of the local competitors and the top ten in each event are:

Tie Down Roping - 1. Kaddo Schrunk, Pender, 11.850; 2. Luke Mean, Norfolk, 12.080; 3. Taylor Drueke, Sutherland, 12.100; 4. Owen Littau, Newport, 14.410; 5. Jace Rosentreader, Lexington, 15.130; 6. Cazen Coffman-Smith, Milburn, 16.560; 7. JT Lantis, Hershey, 17.140; 8. Colton Leach, Dunning, 17.170; 9. Zachary Miller, Callaway, 17.850; 10. Tyler McCauley, Pender, 18.030; Cayson Johnston, Stapleton, 18.540

Team Roping - 1. Teige Whetham, Morrill and Cash Cooper, Kilgore, 8.340; 2. Ty Stevens, and Parker Freouf, Bartlett, 9.020; 3. Jackson Wykert, Grant and Taylor Drueke, Sutherland, 9.270; 4. Evan Richter, and Jaden Fanning, Ogallala, 9.470; 5. Tate Johnston, Thedford and JT Lantis, Hershey, 11.580; 6. Remi Wells, and Korbin Druery, Central City,

13.080; 7. Cooper Fay, and Hesston Fay, Valentine, 15.500; 9. Cooper Neal, Amherst and Jess Fanning, Benkelman, 17.240; 10. Madison Merritt, Maywood and Clancy Jo Brown, North Platte, 18.030

Steer Wrestling - 1. Cazen Coffman-Smith, Milburn, 5.470; 2. Wyatt Reichenberg, Harrisburg, 6.630; 3. Jacob Fanning, Ogallala, 7.070; 4. Dawson Doggett, Callaway, 9.410; 5. Jaden Fanning, Ogallala, 9.960; 6. Elijah Steck-Nelson, Wayne, 11.470; 7. Cayson Johnston, Stapleton, 12.700

Saddle Broncs - 1. Sutton Schrunk, Valentine, 66; 2. Cooper Fay, Valentine, 59; 3. Everett Blackburn, O'Neill, 56; 4. Ethan Oberg, Farnam, 43

Pole Bending - 1. Maci Harrington, Bassett, 21.042; 2. Regan McIntyre, Grand Island, 21.207; 3. Clancy Jo Brown, North Platte, 21.685; 4. Bailey Bell, North Platte, 21.700; 5. Callie Olson, Bloomfield, 21.750; 6. Shaylee Milleson, Dunning, 21.858; 7. Hadley Shrewsbury, Alliance, 21.909; 8. Emerson McIntyre, Grand Island, 22.049; 9. Annie Hawkins, Arthur, 22.155; 10. Rylan Swanson, Arthur, 22.191; Jimi Fletcher, Arnold, 22.493; Kora Winkelbauer, Brewster, 22.531; Karley Haake, Thedford, 24.734; Kinley Crow, Hershey,

27.776; Adeline Hill, Stapleton, 28.481

Goat Tying - 1. Lysie Lancaster, Hastings, 8.420; 2. Reagan McIntyre, Grand Island, 8.680; 3. Laynee Ohm, Hyannis, 8.920; 4. Terrin Barthel, Ainsworth, 9.660; 5. Laney Hoier, Herman, 9.920; 6. Gracie Kaup, Stuart, 10.030; 7. Callie Olson, Bloomfield, 10.370; 8. Ryan Eilers, Lemoyne, 10.840; 9. Emerson McIntyre, Grand Island, 10.970; 10. Ella Switzer, Burwell, 11.400; Jimi Fletcher, Arnold, 12.320; Karley Haake, Thedford, 12.650; Klaire Ward, North Platte, 13.030; Adeline Hill, Stapleton, 21.030

Girl's Cutting - 1. Gracyn Hicks, Burwell, 72; 2. Remi Wells, Central City, 71; 3. Allyx Forre, Newman Grove, 70; 4. Haylea Miller, Merna, 69; 5. Ava Smith, Pender, 67; 6. Carsyn McBride, Kearney, 66; 7. Peyton Fisher, Hershey and Gracie Pearson, Hershey, 65; 9. Klaire Ward, North Platte, 64; 10. Ali Vaughn, Hershey, 60

Bull Riding - 1. Sutton Schrunk, Valentine, 77

Breakaway Roping - 1. Laynee Ohm, Hyannis, 2.440; 2. Aubree Whitaker, Newman Grove, 2.970; 3. Tatum Reid, Crawford, 3.000 and Blaise Lange, Harrison, 3.00; 5. Jacie Naprstek, Gothenburg, 3.360; 6. Brooke Forre, Newman,