

Roseberry Honored With Quilt Of Valor

James Roseberry of Dunning was honored February 16, 2025, during a quilt presentation for his service in the United States Navy. The presentation took place at the Sandhills Community Church in Dunning. Members of the 'Quilt of Valor Foundation' presented a quilt in recognition of his service to God and Country, the name of the quilt pattern and a semblance of his life's dedication to his church, community and country.

Emory Haynes, Service officer for Veterans in the Blaine County area, shared Jim's military record of service and enlightened those in attendance to many details of duty and vessels in the Navy 65 years ago.

Vickie Webb and Libby Burk proudly wrapped the quilt of valor around the shoulders of Jim Roseberry, thanking him for his service and sacrifice to our country. Mini flags were handed out to those in attendance as a symbol of thanks to all our men and women who served and are serving our nation. Special thanks to 'The Quilts of Valor Foundation' for creating a group of quilters to extend gratitude to veterans since 2004. Over 403,000 quilts have been given across the nation.



James Roseberry of Dunning, is pictured with the Quilt of Valor that Libby Burk, left, and Vickie Webb draped over his shoulders during a ceremony at the Sandhills Community Church in Dunning.

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Goes Elected Region VII Vice President of the Federation of State Beef Councils

Seedstock Producer From Odell

Mark Goes of Odell, Nebraska, was elected Region VII vice president of the Federation of State Beef Councils during CattleCon 2025, held Feb. 4-6, in San Antonio, Texas. Goes will represent Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota during his three-year term.

The vision of the Federation of State Beef Councils is to build beef demand by inspiring, unifying and supporting an effective and coordinated state and national Checkoff partnership. It provides a voice for producers and qualified state beef councils (QSBCs) to collectively give direction to the Beef Checkoff.

"Serving as Region VII Federation vice president allows me to further my lifelong goal of positively impacting the beef industry," said Goes. "I hope my practicality and ability to see the big picture help bring fellow producers to the table to guide the work of the Federation and the Beef Checkoff."

Among other duties, the regional vice president works closely with state beef councils, coordinates regional activities, facilitates Federation Division regional elections and champions Checkoff efforts within the region,



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especially state beef council engagement in the Federation.

A fifth-generation cattle producer, Goes and his wife, Patty, own and operate M&P Gelbvieh Seedstock, marketing breeding sires and females across the United States. With a focus on conserving natural resources, Goes utilizes a grazing management system that encourages regeneration of the tallgrass prairie in southeastern Nebraska. A committed volunteer, Goes has served in a variety of leadership roles for local, state and national organizations including the Nebraska Beef Council, Nebraska Cattlemen and the American Gelbvieh Foundation.

For more information about the work of the Federation of State Beef Councils and the Beef Checkoff, visit www.beef-board.org.

Local Students Place At Inter-High Day



Thedford Public Schools

Thedford students competing were, back row, l-r: Dom Rowse, Whitley Rasmussen, Tate Johnston, Aydyn Hall, Maurice Robinson, Carson Cooksley, Ethan Rabou, Clint Colburn, Tyson Hickman, Brady Haake, James Reiser, Aidan Bryant and Mrs. Andersen. Front row, l-r: Haylee Dimmitt, Katen Licking, Kloeey DeNaeyer, Auyreon Robinson, Brooklynn DeNaeyer, Karley Haake, Abby Peden, Lindsey McIntosh, and Laney Dahlberg.

North Platte Community College's 56th annual Inter-High Day lured in 373 students from 14 area high schools Thursday, February 13.

They competed for scholarships and other prizes while taking tests in everything from art, accounting and criminal justice to auto body, welding and diesel technology. The scholastic contest was spread across both of NPCC's campuses.

Schools earned points based on how well their students placed in the academic divisions. The top three point earning schools received a plaque and a \$500 scholarship to award to a student of their choice.

Individual first place winners received a medal, a \$500 scholarship and three credit hours of summer tuition to the college. Second and third place recipients earned medals as well as three credit hours of summer tuition.

based prizes related to their test areas.

Results were as follows:

Division Results:

Top Schools Division I

First - North Platte

Second - Hershey

Third - Sutherland

Top Schools Division II

First - Callaway

Second - Arnold

Third - Wallace

Top School Division III

First - Stapleton

Second - McPherson County

Third - Thedford

Academic categories:

Accounting

First - Bryce Bode, Hershey; Second - Madilynn Mullen, Paxton; Third - Leyton Connell, McPherson County

Art

First - Madisyn Hill, North Platte; Second - Cora Bogardus, McCook; Third - Hannah Huff, McCook

Biological Science

First - Xavier Pieper, St. Patrick's; Second - Coltan Clouse, Stapleton; Third - Ashly Denney, Callaway

Business

Communications

First - Porter Connick, St. Patrick's; Second -

Gracie Pearson, Sutherland; Third - Bryce Bode, Hershey

Chemistry

First - Asher Strecker, North Platte; Second - Uotong Haidle, Callaway; Third - Rhoshykee Bruns, Stapleton

Criminal Justice

First - Saije Phelps, McPherson County; Second - Brody Lytle, McCook; Third - Bella Giacalone, McCook

Dramatic Arts/Theater (11th-12th grades)

First - Emmeline Lucas, Maxwell; Second - Cheney Dishman, Callaway; Third - Braxton Songster, North Platte

Dramatic Arts/Theater (9th-10th grades)

First - Finnley Eickhoff, North Platte; Second - Isabella Frazier, North Platte; Third - Genevieve Lucas, Maxwell

Graphic Design

First - Chloe Schaeffer, Stapleton; Second - Jozi Edgington, Callaway; Third - Taylor Hanna-Miles, Arnold

Health Occupations

First - Mallory McConnell, Wallace; Second - Reese Erbert, Sutherland; Third - Natalie Wiezorek, St. Patrick's

Information Technology

First - Aidan Bryant, Thedford; Second - Logan Fletcher, Hershey; Third - Josie Christensen, Arnold

Introduction to Business

First - Bradley Hanson, Wallace; Second - Jaydon Parker, Hershey; Third - Max Hanson, Wallace

Mathematics

First - Ryleigh Hanson, Wallace; Second - Cheney Dishman, Callaway; Third - Abby Renner, McCook

Medical Terminology

First - Realta Leach, Arnold; Second - Mackenzie Bruns, North Platte; Third - Lauren Marchlewski, North Platte

Music

First - Piper Strasburg, Arnold; Second - Bennett Korensky, St. Patrick's; Third - Blaise Moerke, North Platte

Music Theory and Ear Training

First - Rhett Edelman, Hershey; Second - Katie Abbott, Hershey; Third - Uotong Haidle, Callaway

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NPCC Facts

First - Julyssa Miller,

Maxwell; Second - Ella Janas, North Platte; Third - Jenna Miller, Maxwell

Personal Finance

First - Bo Brennan, Callaway; Second - Chloe Schaeffer, Stapleton; Third - Kyle Kramer, Stapleton

Poetry Writing

First - Rachel Leetch, Arnold; Second - Kepler Spurgin, Paxton; Third - Mason Sutton, Sandhills

Prose Writing

First - Miah Fox, Paxton; Second - Morgan Krajewski, Sutherland; Third - Kendall McClintock, Wallace

Sociology

First - Tucker Housman, Stapleton; Second - Dawson Mason, Callaway; Third - Madison Haddow, Hershey

Applied Technology: Auto Body

First - Megan Miller, McCook; Second - Josiah DeBuc, Hershey; Third - Charlie Koch, Hershey

Automotive

First - William Anderson, McPherson County; Second - Stetson Schroder, North Platte;

Third - Braxton Anderson, Callaway

Building Construction Team

First - Sutherland; Second - McCook; Third - Stapleton

Diesel Mechanics

First - Charlie Koch, Hershey; Second - William Anderson, McPherson County; Third - Carter Wood, Callaway

Electrical

First - Lane Heil, North Platte; Second - Dakota Cook, Cozad; Third - Kyle Kramer, Stapleton

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

First - Dakota Cook, Cozad; Second - Titus Freeman, Cozad; Third - Cohle Sullivan, North Platte

Welding Division I

First - Lane Heil, North Platte; Second - Ethan Rabou, Thedford; Third - Landon Gilbert, North Platte

Welding Division II

First - Noah Kammerer, Sutherland; Second - Felix Alfayo, Wauneta-Palisade; Third - Brody Green, Arnold

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Notes From Your Central Sandhills Area Extension Office

Here are a few updates from your Nebraska Extension office serving Blaine, Thomas, Hooker, and Grant counties.

Spring into 4-H Judging!

A training series for 4-H project judges will take place in April 2025:

Thursday, April 10th (5:30 - 6:30 pm CST): Introduction to Judging 4-H Projects

Audience: Adults interested in learning about judging 4-H projects at county and state fairs.

Topics: Ensuring interview judging is a positive experience, the role of Positive Youth Development in the judging process and more!

Monday, April 14th (5:30 - 7:00 pm CST): 4-H Visual Arts & Foods Judges Training

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