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Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy has been helping special needs individuals in the Nebraska Panhandle enjoy the benefits and fun of horseback riding for the last ten years. At Buckboard, services provided include therapeutic equine-assisted activities and pleasure horseback riding to disabled children and adults. Buckboard was organized in 1998 with the goal of providing all special needs individuals, young and old, with the opportunity to experience the healing power of therapeutic riding. So far, hundreds of individuals and families from the Nebraska Panhandle have been assisted through this unique combination of therapy and riding.

Recently, three quilts, handcrafted by 90-year-old Mary Dickerson were donated to Buckboard in order to hold a fundraising raffle. The raffle was a great success thanks in part to its sponsors: First State Bank of Scottsbluff, Tree House Interiors, TierOne Bank, and Panhandle Resource Conservation & Development, Inc. Buckboard raised \$1,425.40 through the raffle, and that is all due to the support of these great organizations, as well as the individuals who bought and sold tickets. The winners were drawn during the Scotts Bluff County Fair, on Saturday, August 9. The three winners were: Sarah Taylor of Mitchell, Joe Kruce of Lusk, WY, and Gladys Nichols of Melbeta. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks again to everyone who made this raffle such a great success!

If you would like more information on the services Buckboard provides, or would like to assist this worthy organization, please contact Kathy Gatch at 308-783-2319 or visit www.buckboard.panhandlercd.com.