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TACF Fundraising Banquet draws large crowd, bidders



JAMIE TAYLOR PHOTO

Banquet-goers make their way through the banquet line. The prime rib meal included baked potatoes and cheesy green beans and was prepared by Sandhills Corral with board members providing a wide variety of salads.

The Thedford Area Community Foundation Fundraising Banquet was held Saturday, November 18, at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, with a crowd of 200 people attending to enjoy the evening. Many favorable comments were heard about the meal prepared by the Sandhills Corral, consisting of prime rib, baked potatoes, and cheesy green beans. Board members made a variety of salads. Cookies were placed at each plate with a note of appreciation for those present.

Lynn Gumb was the auc-

ioneer. He always provides the audience with humor and fun jabs at those he knows. The crowd bid on several items, door prizes were drawn and distributed, and balloons were sold with their merchandise going to new owners.

Nebraska-local trivia was played with willing people signing up on their arrival. There were four teams of three drawn and the fun began. Team members got to buzz in with their answers. If they did not get the answer correct, the crowd was able to guess. After

eliminating teams, Jacey Nutter, Michelle Nutter McIntosh, and Brad Pokorny were deemed the winners and each received two pizza certificates for their efforts.

Cailyn Jameson and Marlee Taylor orchestrated the quiz bowl for contestants.

Some items this year included an assortment of guns, two loads of pellets or cake, two tons of mineral, a 6' x 12' trailer that tips to unload, a glider made by the Rath family, an oil painting from Roberta Barnes, a hunting and fishing trip to

Michigan for a week to be enjoyed by 20 people, baler and tractor repair, two diesel maintenance, six meals provided by Grocery Cart, a dozen beautiful floral arrangements made and donated by Velma and Allen Ewoldt, and seven prime ribs from Cash-Wa.

Board members feel blessed and offer their appreciation to area businesses, and businesses in North Platte, Valentine and Broken Bow, who do-

nated some incredible items to the cause. What's even more amazing is the locals who attended and purchased these items without hesitation. The board also says thank you to those who came to enjoy the good food and are contributing to the cause.

There will be some bills that need to be paid, but it looks like a successful and fun evening. A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way.



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Andrea Thomas, Shaley Scranton, and Marissa Lempka compete in the quiz bowl during the TACF Banquet.



Marcy Andersen (standing) is taking bids during the live action. Seated are Marian Nutter and Marie Gumb.



Stanley Pettit, John Warren and Cole and John Seeley look on as the live auction takes place during the TACF Banquet.

ICON Prepares For Twelfth Annual Meeting

Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON) will be hosting their Twelfth Annual Meeting in Valentine, NE, on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Niobrara Lodge.

The day starts at 10 a.m. with registration. At 11 a.m. The ICON Board of Directors will conduct an annual business meeting and invites any members to participate, which will be followed by a noon luncheon, served at the Lodge.

Afternoon activities will begin with a Legislative Round Table aimed at discussing what's happening in the legislature at 1 p.m. A presentation by Omaha attorney David Domina at 2:30 p.m. will cover the property tax crisis in Nebraska and possible remedies for tax reform.

ICON's annual meeting will be a strong discus-

sion event for Nebraska's Property Tax issue. It is important for Nebraskans to have affordable taxes no matter what business or line of work. ICON represents cattlemen in the livestock industry, working for affordable taxes making their bottom line more acceptable, but all Nebraskans need tax reform.

ICON welcomes everyone to join them in this discussion.

R-Calf USA vice-president Mike Schultz will speak about issues which plague today's cattle industry at 4 p.m. An auction for the Jim Hanna Memorial Scholarship will end the annual meeting.

Registration for the 2017 ICON Convention Registration is \$50 and includes the noon

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Free training for Thedford EMS

Emergency medical service providers and nurses from the area, working with the University of Nebraska Medical Center Simulation in Motion Nebraska program (SIM-NE), recently conducted emergency medical training on Monday, November 13 for the Thedford Fire & Rescue, which hosted the training.

The free training was conducted with a 44-foot-long, customized truck that provided a mobile, real-life training experience designed to enhance life-saving skills for those in rural areas. The trucks were launched in June to be stationed in Scottsbluff, Norfolk, Kearney and Lincoln, with the actual training taking place in surrounding rural communities.

Bringing training to those associated with rural emergency medical service agencies and rural critical access hospitals in the home location rather than having learners travel to larger cities for training has been shown to be very effective.

This allows the simulations to be team-based as learners train side-by-side with the people they normally work with during a response.

The customized trucks, funded by a \$5.5 million grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, feature dual slide-out room extensions, a simulated emergency room and ambulance, as well as high-tech, computerized mannequins that talk, breathe, have heartbeats, and can react to medications and other actions of the learners.

Each mobile unit is outfitted with supplies to recreate a realistic environment for learners, including supplies, pre-programmed computerized medical and trauma scenarios; monitors that display vital signs of patient simulators; audio and video recording/playback capabilities and mock drugs.

The grant will fund the program operation for three years with 100 percent funding in the first year, 66 percent funding in the second year and 33 percent funding in the third year. Private funding, partnerships, fee for services, and state and federal grants will be sought to sustain the project during and after the grant funding period ending in 2018.

Rural emergency medical service agencies and rural critical access hospitals may request training by calling 402-559-4863.



ROBERT MILLS PHOTO

This picture shows (left to right) Jim Mills, Heather Carnes, Pat Neben, and Gordon Needs working on a patient with a barbed wire cut to the neck. Instructor Tim Mason is also shown.



WADE NEBEN PHOTO

The SIM-NE truck with one of the Thedford ambulances.