

Hoffman Ranch Receives “2018 Best Of The Barn”

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After wrapping up another American Royal, we'd like to highlight a livestock operation that is a big time player in the cattle industry. The 2018 Best of the Barns Best Purebred Operation winner, Hoffman Ranch had some major success this weekend after taking home the title of Grand Champion Hereford Bull with H Montgomery 7437 ET.

Just like any successful business or operation, it begins with an idea followed by passion and a goal to make it successful for the years to come through hard and good times.

“Denny Hoffman, the patriarch, began his journey in the 1950’s with a 4-H project in Redmond, Oregon,” said Kayce,



Jason’s wife. “Denny and Dixie purchased their first ranch in McArthur, CA and Denny worked his

way up the ranks to get where we are today.” Upon graduating from college Jason moved

home from Kansas State University to enhance his family’s herd. To be able to mass-produce high-quality cattle has been through embryo transfer which has helped us grow our herd, she said.

“We relocated to Thedford, NE to get more central and live in God’s own cow country, Kayce said. “The growth has been a family effort with each person working together to reach our common goal.”

“Hoffman Ranch started very small and conservative in McArthur, CA running about 150 head of Herefords,” said Kayce. “After we relocated to Nebraska we have expanded our herd to Hereford, Angus, and SimAngus, running over 1000 head of cattle along with having two sales a year. Our female sale is the last Monday in September and the bull sale is the third Friday in February.”

We never had any idea that our operation would have grown as quickly as it has. We have taken advantage of every opportunity that has come our way and have truly been blessed by relocating to the Nebraska Sandhills, she said.

“Denny and Jason were born with a passion to do this and they don’t know anything else,” said Kayce. “I truly believe God has put them on this earth to be cowmen.”

“We are excited to raise our kids in the cattle business and watch them grow into responsible, hardworking young adults who have knowledge in the ranching busi-

ness,” said Kayce. At this present time, we significantly have the best staff we have ever had and excited to see what we can do as a team in the future.”

“It was quite an honor to have that many votes throughout the industry. We were amazed that many people even knew who Hoffman Ranch is, said Kayce. “The youth involved in agriculture is more important than ever and we hope we can have a positive influence on their being as they become adults. We hope we treat people the way we have been treated throughout the years.”

SCAD Changed To November 7

The Senior Citizen Action Day, which was scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, was postponed due to weather. The SCAD has been changed to Thursday, No-

vember 7. Staff and students from Thedford High School will be going around town to help individuals with their fall yard clean-up needs.

Flag Retirement Ceremony To Be Held November 10

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Post #230 will hold a flag retirement ceremony and lunch on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at the legion building in Thedford.

The American Legion Post #230 is providing a free will donation lunch to celebrate 100 years of the American Legion and American Legion Auxil-

iary. Following the lunch, the Legion will perform a flag retirement ceremony. If you have a tattered and/or old flag, please bring it and join them for the proper disposal in this solemn ceremony.

There will also be raffle tickets available for a hog raffle. The tickets are \$20.00 and the drawing will be held January 12, 2020.

15 days and counting.... TACF Fundraiser/Banquet

By the time most of you get your *Thomas County Herald*, there will be 15 days until the annual Thedford Area Community Foundation fundraiser scheduled for November 23rd. The days are rushing by and the board members are working fast and furious to collect items for the auction, finalize plans for entertainment, and sell tickets. Some of the items gathered so far include mirrors and a gun rack for ATV’s, a wrench set, a tackle box, a John Deere toy chopper, orthopedic shoe inserts, and a floor jack.

For people who are interested in food items: Macke’s Grocery Store has donated a gift certificate, Orscheln’s donated an ice cream maker, and the Grocery Cart donated twelve 10 pound tubes of Certified Angus Beef. Kimber’s and Pizza Hut are giving pizzas and coupons.

There’s also a two-nights stay for eight in a cabin donated by Bootleg Brewers, a one-night stay at Cobblestone Inn, and

Kinkaider’s is donating a \$100 gift card to be used at any of their locations. Glidden’s are offering tanking for 8 people.

Decorators will enjoy the wall hangings, wreaths, and fall decorations that have been donated. For those who want to be “in the know”, the *Thomas County Herald* editor has given three one-year subscriptions.

TACF Board members appreciate the mineral being donated by Manning Feeds and Harsh Mercantile. We are working on trips families and friends. Stay tuned for more information later.

For those that enjoy game shows, the crowd will have the opportunity to play and to win some money, but how much? Rules are being discussed. This should be an entertaining part of the program.

Just a reminder as to the times, the place, and access to tickets. The happy hour starts at the Thomas County Fairgrounds at 5:30 p.m. C.S.T., the prime rib dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. C.S.T., and the auction will start after the meal.

There will be a free-will babysitting service provided by Mrs. Courtney Benscoter and students at the high school. Children may be brought to the FCS room (located on the southwest corner of the building) at 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. and will need to be picked up at 11:00 p.m. C.S.T. They will be fed supper.



H Montgomery 7437 ET, Grand Champion Hereford Bull at the American Royal Show held in Kansas City. One of the many champions produced by Hoffman Ranch.

Knights End Season 8-1



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Members of the 2019 Sandhills-Thedford High School football team pictured above are back row, l-r: Matthew Dailey, Connor Cooksley, Brayton Branich, Kaden Haake, Reed McFadden, Brayden Guggenmos, Tyson Stengel, Andrew Furrow, Lan Wilde, Colinn Winkelbauer, Dane Pokorny, Reece Zutavern, Drew McIntosh, Gavin Barela and Parker Ballenger. Front row, l-r: Trae Hickman, Seth Scranton, Dylan Lister, Coy Johnson, Bryan Zutavern (3 Seniors), Anthony Benscoter and Grant Ahlstrom. Not Pictured: Coach Josh Deines, Coach Tyson Cox, Coach Andrew Christen.

The Knights ended their season at home in the Class D2 State Football playoffs, when they lost to the Mullen Broncos, 12-18. The Knights finished their regular season undefeated, which was a first for the co-op.

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