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Cattlemen brave cold to celebrate

TERRI LICKING

Mullen – The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Sandhills Affiliate (NCSA) held their annual “Winter Ball” on New Year’s Eve at the new Hooker County Community Center on the fairgrounds west of Mullen.

“We previously always had it in February at the Lodge at the State 4-H Camp in the forest near Halsey. This always seemed to conflict with the Valentine, Nebraska “Heart City Bull Bash.” We decided to give it a new date and new location. The cold temperatures kept many home I’m sure,” Frank Utter of Brewster, President of the NCSA said.

One hundred fifty members and friends did brave the extreme cold to enjoy a great prime rib supper provided by Chuckwagon ‘n Jug Catering. Greg and Dawn Mallory of Mullen. The Butcher Block, Doug Deibler of Mullen, provided the meat.

NCSA also hosts a ranch tour in the fall and a golf outing at the Dismal River Golf Club south of Mullen in June. Sponsorships cover the year’s worth of activities for the NCSA.

“They appreciate a one-time visit from us, and we could not do what we do without them. We are so thankful for their back-



Pictured l-r: Nebraska Cattlemen Region 2 vice chair for member services - Brenda Masek, NCSA board members - John Kraye, Kelly Kennedy, Miles Mundorf, Eric Schipporeit, Dan Wachter, Tessa Quittner, Adam Zutavern and Frank Utter. Troy Saner was the absent board member and is not pictured.

ing,” said Tess Quittner, Secretary of the NCSA from Halsey.

Sponsors include Harsh Mercantile and Western Nebraska Bank, Purdum; Daniels Manufacturing, Ainsworth; Dismal River Golf Club and First State Bank of Mullen; Zoetis, Minert-Simonson Angus, Dunning; Sandhill Oil of Thedford, Valentine and Hyannis; Farm Credit Services, Broken Bow; West Plains Bank of Ainsworth; Assman Im-

plement, Merck Animal Health, Burwell Livestock Market, Miles Livestock Services and Genex, Brownlee; Ainsworth Motors, Schumacher Vet Clinic, Ideal Realty, Bow Tax & Accounting, Inc., Monaghan Ranch, V Bar Trailer Sales and Vitalix/Travis Schauda, Broken Bow; Clark Trucking, AL Ranch, Halsey and Broken Bow Animal Hospital.

In addition to board members, Utter and Quit-

tner, others present and helping throughout the night were Dan Wacker and Kelly Kennedy, Purdum; Adam Zutavern, Dunning; John Kraye and Miles Mundorf, Mullen; and absent member was Troy Saner.

The night also included a silent auction, as well as a live auction, which was called by Evan Hewett, a junior at Sandhills High School. The auctions help fund scholarships for seniors from the three high schools in the NCSA area.

Brenda Masek of Purdum, NCSA past president, vice chair of members services for Region 2, gave an overview of 2017, including President Trump’s overturning of the WOTUS (Waters of the U.S.), and the return of 1.3 million acres of land in Utah back to local control the previous

president designated as Bears Ears National Monument. Cattle prices are up from last year. The number one priority in this year’s legislature is finding property tax relief. Masek also congratulated producers and donors who have brought Nebraska beef back into hot lunch programs at the three NCSA’s schools – Mullen, Sandhills at Dunning, and Thedford. Marcia Wales, cook at Sandhills, stood and personally thanked cattlemen for enhancing their hot lunch.

“It is so great to know where the beef we serve comes from – right here at home.”

The Sheila Greenland Band played after the dinner and auction – bringing in the New Year with great country music.

Full service feed store

TERRI LICKING

Time is money in any job, especially agriculture. Josh Call of Thedford realized that in September, 2017. Call had sold feed from his home for seven years and when the opportunity arose to expand his business and his offerings – he took it. Thedford did not have a feed store. The closest is in Mullen, 30 miles away to the west. There are other ranchers who also sell feed from their ranch home, but Call is the one who brought the feed to town. Neal Lumber in town sells salt, but no feed or mineral.

JAC Feed, LLC is a full-service feed store connected by a couple of doors to Haake 5, one of the two gas stations just east of town. The previous business in this building was an auto repair shop with big garage doors on the east end.

“It fit the bill for what I wanted to do,” Call said.

The space allows him to have on hand pallets of MasterHand Milling range cubes from Lexington, as well as protein lick tubs, salt in bags and blocks and minerals.

“We can custom mix any mineral to fit the rancher’s needs. I am the salesperson, working with a nutritionist. Right now I have eight different minerals on hand,” Call said. The only heat in his store is in the small-enclosed office area where he and his staff can talk business with customers in a comfortable environment. His customers are not only from the local radius, but also include Kearney and Grand Island.

Prior to becoming a businessman in blue jeans, Call did the professional rodeo circuit. He rode bulls and day work for area ranchers when he was home. His younger brother, Zac, is a professional bullfighter. Zac



TERRI LICKING PHOTOS

Pictured above, l-r: Josh Call, visits with Jerry Warren, Mullen and Shaylee Morrison, in the comfort of the office on a cold winter day.

just finished competing in the PBR in Vegas. Josh has given up riding bulls. The bulls he now works with are mainly for beef production and not riding.

He does not do this alone as he still likes to ‘cowboy up’ and help his customers and others on the back of a horse whenever or whatever they need help with. His help at the store is provided by Tess Chytka, wife of Bridger Chytka, Thedford’s Ag and FFA instructor, and Shalee Paxton Morrison, who ranches east of Thedford with her husband Steven on Shalee’s home ranch.

“We are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Monday through Friday. If I am not here one of the ladies will be. Our phone number is 308-645-2299. Check out our Facebook page, JAC Feed, LLC. I didn’t do it, Shalee did. She is a professional photographer as well as a dog and horse trainer.”

East of his feed store, rising above the horizon are the bulk feed bins and a certified truck scale north of Highway 2. No need to cross the railroad tracks and the old wooden bridge. If you need to weight your truck or pickup and trailer, go to JAC feed for the key and pricing.

JAC Feed, LLC carries feed for cattle, horses, dogs, cats and even chickens. There is some horse tack and he hopes to expand that area in the spring if there is enough demand. He also carries some well leathers and windmill rod catchers from Baasch Livestock Equipment at Cairo.

“Surprisingly, those rod catchers have not stayed in here for long. We continue to brainstorm items a rancher may need ASAP can help both of us in the long run.”

This was made evident even more so when the bulk bins on a local ranch ran empty. With 15” of snow made it impossible to get feed trucks in for a few days. A cow going hungry was not an option. The same range cubes from the rancher’s bulk bins could be purchased in bulk in sacks at JAC Feed. The rancher brought his feed pickup in, Call helped him dump the cubes in his feeder, and loaded a few more bags to complete the full circuit, and all the cows were fed. Happy customer, happy cows, happy business owner – proving indeed that time is money and JAC Feed, LLC of Thedford is saving both.



Range cubes for MasterHand Milling, Lexington and lick tubs awaits hungry cows at JAC Feed, LLC near Thedford.



Some of the silent auction items up for bid included several bouquets of roses, and a hand made breast collar made by Kat Kennedy, wife of NCSA board member, Kelly Kennedy. Brenda Masek and Sallie Atkins looking over the items.

2018 Bull Bash People’s Choice Quilt Show

Please bring your quilts, of any size, antique or modern, all styles are welcome, to the Bull Bash Quilt Show to help us celebrate the amazing talent in our area. Beginners, or more advanced, we wish to highlight the great heritage of quilting that runs through the fabric of our pioneer lifestyle.

There will be a People’s Choice Quilt Show Saturday, February 10, 2018, 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. CT at Nelson Furniture on Main Street in Valentine,

NE. We will be honoring Carolyn Wickett with a show within a show this year. Carolyn has been a member of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild for 22 years and is a very fine quilter. Be sure to come and see this exceptional collection of quilts. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., but you can bring your quilt in anytime during the day. There will be no entry fees with prizes of first-\$25, second-\$15 and third-\$10 place in cham-
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