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Amos Chosen For Aspiring Young Cattlemen’s Program

The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic (NCC) celebrated its 28th annual event February 16-24, 2019 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney. The beef industry has changed since the inception of the Classic in 1991. The obvious change being the number of production sales held today and the different marketing options available to cattlemen. Over the last 28 years, the NCC has grown into much more than a cattle show and sale. The Classic now includes events that entertain, educate and provide “face-to-face” networking for cattlemen of all ages.

With the beef industry changing rapidly, the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic identifies the need to bring together the knowledge and experience of an accomplished cattleman with a young cattleman working to grow his or her own cow herd. “It is with great excitement they announced a new program, the Aspiring Young Cattlemen of the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic,” said Ronette Bush-Heinrich, Classic Manager.

The Aspiring Young Cattlemen of the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic (AYC) is a mentoring program bringing cattlemen together with the next generation. This program will allow youth the opportunity to develop a relationship with a successful cattleman that raises registered cattle. Cattlemen will be providing the “foundation” of this experience for youth. These cattlemen are actively marketing their seedstock to other producers utilizing a variety of

different methods.

Successful cattlemen today do not all participate in “show ring” events. The limiting factor for most is the labor to participate in “off the ranch” activities that would include showing and displaying their seedstock. This is where youth participating in this program can bring their energy, desire to show, and passion to be a part of the Beef Industry. This program is about much more than the show ring. The AYC of the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic will bring educational opportunities including learning about Breed Associations, Genetic Data, Breeding Options and a variety of Marketing Tools. The yearlong program will include ranch tours, educational meetings and volunteering to help with production sales.

The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic introduced the Aspiring Young Cattlemen program at the 2019 event. The event was a part of the “Grand Finale” activities at Supreme Row on Friday evening, February 22. The NCC invited a breeder from each breed to be a part of the event. Breeders are committing to partner with a youth on a heifer for one year. Over 30 youth completed an application in hopes of being selected for one of 10 spots in the program. They also participated in an interview during the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic.

The youth and breeders were introduced during the 2019 Supreme Row. Youth will take the heifer home and prepare to



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are the AYC youth and their mentors. Pictured back row, l-r: Dutch Dethlefs, Marion Dethlefs, Lauren Ibach Miller, Pat Daigger, John Daigger, Willie Alber, Afton Alber, Loren Vogler, Willy Alder, Charlie Hunt, Barb Ohlrichs, Kristian Rennert and Becky Rennert. Front row, l-r: Owen Stallbaumer, Megan Amos, Gracie Pinckney, Abby Scholz, Jacob Odea, Heath Keiser, Hunter Borg, Savannah Peterson, Katrina Beel and Samantha Tucker.

bring her back to the 2020 Classic as a bred heifer. The Classic Management will monitor and visit youth twice throughout the year to make sure their heifer is on track to be showcased at the 2020 Classic.

The Aspiring Young Cattlemen program of the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic is just one of the new ways they continue to invest in future leaders. The Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic also provides scholarships to FFA chapters and youth that purchase steers and heifers at the Classic sales.

Youth who were chosen for the program were: Abby Scholz, 15, Loomis; Hunter Borg, 17, Waco; Gracie Pinckney, 16, Burwell; Samantha Tucker, Smith Center, Kansas; Megan Amos, 15, Stapleton; Katrina Beel, Ainsworth; Jacob Odea, 16, Indianola; Owen Stallbaumer, Callaway; Heath Keiser, 17, Gothenburg; Savannah Peterson, 17, Gothenburg.

Breeders partnering with the youth are: Angus - Dethlefs Angus Ranch, Ravenna; Red Angus - Daigger/Orr Red Angus, North Platte; Simmental - Vogler Cattle Co,

Ashland; Limousin - Hunt Limousin Ranch, Oxford; Polled Hereford - S&S Polled Herefords, Guide Rock; Chiania - OHL/Wayne & Barb Ohlrichs, Norfolk; Charolais - Rennert Ranch, Elm Creek; Maine Anjou - TB Farms/WL Cattle, Sumner; Gelbvieh - Overmiller Gelbvieh, Smith Center, Kansas; Horned Hereford - Upstream Ranch, Taylor.

Megan Amos is the daughter of Jim and Kennetha Amos and is active in the family ranch, Lovitt-Amos Charolais at Stapleton. She is a freshman at Stapleton High School where she is active

in volleyball, One-Acts, basketball, speech, golf and Quiz Bowl. She is a charter member of the Stapleton FFA program and she is also a member of band and choir. Megan was recently elected as a junior board of director on the Stapleton Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of St. John’s Catholic Church, Nebraska Junior Charolais and Limousin Associations and a NCC Beef Ambassador. She is also very active in 4-H and volunteering and a UNL Next Chapter Program member.

Thedford FFA Welders Statebound

Thedford FFA competed in the District 9 Career Development Event held February 27 at Mid Plains Community College in North Platte.

The Thedford Chapter qualified one team of welders to the state competition to be held in Lincoln April 3, 4 and 5, 2019.

Cauy Pokorny, a senior at Thedford High School, won the district competition in GMAW welding.

Lex Wilde, also a Thedford senior, earned a red ribbon and the team placed third, earning a red ribbon in the district collectively. Thedford High School Senior, Chase Haake was also part of the qualifying team.

This is the first time that the boys have qualified for state. Cauy, Lex and Chase have been working at Pearson’s Manufacturing, east of Thedford, welding and honing their skills to help them in this competition.



THEDFORD SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Thedford High School Welding Team has qualified for the 2019 State FFA Competition in Lincoln in April. Welding team members, l-r: Cauy Pokorny, Lex Wilde and Chase Haake, qualified for state at the District 9 Career Development event held at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte on February 27.

Environmental Science Alum Accepted into Nebraska Water Leaders Academy

Cay Ewoldt has been accepted as a participant in Class IX of the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy, a one-year program that educates participants about the vital role of rivers, streams and aquifers play in the economic substantiality of the state.

Ewoldt, son of Allen and the late Mary Ewoldt, is a native of Stapleton.

Ewoldt earned a bachelor’s degree in 2007 in Environmental Science at Doane College in Crete. He is an agriculture section supervisor for the Ne-

braska Department of Environmental Quality.

Sponsored by the Nebraska State Irrigation Association, Academy sessions feature classroom as well as field trip experiences presented by acknowledged experts in leadership and natural resource topics held at locations across the state. The Water Leaders Academy is partially funded through a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and more than 25 other organizations and individuals.

Town Hall with Sen. Brewer
Friday, March 8 - 4:00 P.M.
Uncle Bucks Lodge, Brewster, NE

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- Upper Loup NRD Notice Of Public Hearing
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Aksarben Foundation now accepting applications for 2019 Farm Family Awards

The Aksarben Foundation, along with Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, announces that applications for the Nebraska Pioneer Farm and Nebraska Heritage Farm Awards are being accepted now through May 5, 2019. These awards recognize Nebraska farm families who have consecutively held ownership of land in the same family for at least

100 years (Pioneer) or 150 years (Heritage), respectively.

“We look forward to recognizing and awarding these Nebraska farm families each year. The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by these families is a testament to the strong Nebraska values that set our state apart and have been making Aksarben proud, for over 120 years,” said Sandra Reding, Aksarben

Foundation President.

Partnering with Aksarben in sponsoring these awards each year, Nebraska Farm Bureau President Steve Nelson has said, “Nebraska Farm Bureau is proud to help sponsor these farm family awards. Nebraska Farm Bureau’s heritage and continuous mission is to serve Nebraska farm and

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